

NEW SCHOOL OPENS WITH 300 GUESTS

COOS RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL SETS NEW MARK IN EDUCATION OF COUNTRY CHILDREN.

When the doors of the Coos River Consolidated School, at the junction of the North and South Forks of the river, were thrown open ten days ago to the 76 pupils, they were a happy throng. But they were not but happier than the 300 fathers and mothers and guests who gathered at the school Saturday night to aid in the formal opening of a country school that is unique in every respect.

Boats of all sizes and descriptions gathered at the landing, bringing their owners from all parts of the upper country to enjoy the event long planned and looked forward to.

"Well may you be proud of this institution," said County School Superintendent Baker. He had gone over the plans, knew that the building cost close to \$7000; that it has its own water supply, piped fresh from a spring more than a mile away. Also he knew that in the plot there are five acres, 400 feet of which border the river.

There are four large well-lighted class rooms. In addition is a laboratory and two lecture rooms, a library and a storage room, to say nothing of the two large play rooms in the basement for the pupils' use during the rainy days when playing outside is impossible. The direct and indirect steam heating plants are used in the building. B. B. Ostlund, designer and architect, was present at the opening.

For a long time the school board went over plans, figured and figured again. The result is not only satisfactory to themselves, but was expressed by those present Saturday as a credit to the entire district. The members of the school board are H. E. Bessey, chairman, Andrew Stora and Recco Biasca.

There are now enrolled 75 pupils; the school has a capacity for 175. F. A. Gillfillan, principal, presided as master of ceremonies, assisted by the other two teachers, Miss Clara Sprague and Miss Edith McLeod.

The pupils of the grades presented a pleasing program followed by a talk by Superintendent Baker after which the ladies of the Rainbow Club entertained the entire gathering with a delicious banquet and it was not until long toward the midnight hour that the first boats began chugging their way homeward from the landing at the school.

To make of the institution a civic center, a place where the young people may have their societies meet, a place for the mothers to gather and the farmers to hold their grange meetings. This was the advice of Superintendent Baker and he was loudly applauded.

- The following is the program of the evening:
1. Slumber Song Quartette
 2. Norwegian Mountain March Folk Dance
 3. Vocal Solo F. A. Gillfillan
 4. Cobblers' Song Primary Class
 5. Danish Dance of Greeting
 6. Address Supt. R. E. Baker
 7. Blue Waves Quartette
 8. Song, "Daisies," Primary Class
 9. The Rosary Trio
 10. Shoemakers' Dance, Folk Dance
 11. Stars of the Summer Night
 12. Reading Miss Helen Smith
 13. German Clap Dance, Folk Dance
 14. How Can I Leave Thee, Chorus

Among those who were present were: John W. Hill and wife, A. Collier and family, Captain William Bjorqvist, Mrs. Ed Coffelt, Tom and Dorothy Coffelt, George Elliot, Jess Kyle, Harry Jarvis, A. E. Robinson, C. H. Jones, Ralph and William Robertson, Al Smith and family, Frank Rogers and wife, Mr. Storrey, Ed Bunnell, J. K. Childers and family, Freda Holmes, Pearl Childs, Mrs. Childs and daughter, W. J. Wallace and family, Walter Wallace, Evan Hodson and family, William Richards and family, Stanton Richards and family, Ada Clausen, C. H. Dungan and family, Clarence Kurtz, Arthur Matson, Joe Moore, Al Foster, J. A. Smith and family, Robert Hayter, W. F. Hodson, Milton Grant, Reuben Masters, Chester Collier, Vernon Bunnell, Monte Eccles, L. Saunders and family, John Enegren, L. D. Smith and family, Lloyd Cutlip and wife, Representative Barrow, Charles Hagqvist and sons, Mrs. W. L. Worth and family, E. Emmett, Mrs. E. F. Caldwell, Alice and Oscar Carlson, J. Johnson, Guy Cutlip, W. C. Morgan and family, C. E. Ash, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clark, R. C. Coppell, Abe Heuenergard, David Bunch and family, William Black, Mrs. Goodwin and family, Mrs. Eccles and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bodell, Alice and Nettie Hedden, Mrs. J. Dexter, Floyd Coffelt and Christen-

MEXICAN GUNBOAT IS BLOWN UP

Carranza's Navy is Destroyed in Progresso Harbor Yesterday

GUNBOAT BLOWN UP

By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Private advices received here from headquarters of the Ward line in New York, report the blowing up of the Mexican gunboat Progresso, in Progresso harbor yesterday with a loss of 19 of her crew. One hundred and twenty-seven survivors are being taken from the Progresso to Vera Cruz on the Ward liner Morro Castle.

GALVESTON, March 1.—Dispatches reached the Mexican Consulate today telling of an explosion on board the Mexican gunboat Progresso, which resulted in the death of thirty persons, including five women. The explosion occurred yesterday while the gunboat was at Progresso. It was said what was purported to be a barrel of rice was sent on board, in reality was a bomb prepared by persons opposed to Carranza.

OREGON BUILDING BEST ON OUTSIDE

COUNTIES OF STATE SLOW IN SENDING EXHIBITS FOR THE OREGON BUILDING, SAYS MR. HUGH McLAIN.

"Take the Coos and Curry exhibits from the Oregon building and three-fourths of the displays would be gone. The building would be almost empty." Thus spoke Hugh McLain, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who last evening returned from a trip of investigation at the Panama Pacific Exposition.

Failure of other sections of the state to get their displays in the building are giving the state a poor advertisement he states, "and the worst of it is," continued Mr. McLain, "that the outside of the Oregon building is unique; it's a dandy. I don't believe it can be beat. If we would close the doors the structure would be the comment of the crowds that pass there daily. The fact that the Oregon building on its opening day was thoroughly covered by a Portland paper without in any way mentioning the Coos and Curry exhibits is particularly a point of discussion with Mr. McLain, who has come back to find himself Post Master of Marshfield.

With the exhibits from these two counties crowding the doorways at the very entrance of the building, he thought it impossible for anyone to miss seeing them. "We have the best space in the entire structure," said Mr. McLain, "but we must have more woods displays. Send down some samples of Port Orford cedar. That's what they want. They like to take the pieces up in their hands, look at them and see what they are like."

He told of one lady who looked at the myrtle wood samples and asked: "How is it stained?" and she was much surprised when told that was the natural grain of the wood. "That's the way with those visitors, they want to know things the worst way," said Mr. McLain. "It's up to us to give them something to look at."

Concessions granted to elder vendors, peddlers of plates is a travesty on the fair, said Mr. McLain. Some of the best display spaces in the entire building he found occupied by peddlers.

The remainder of the fair he found immensely interesting and well attended every day since the opening.

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BOGUS MONEY MEN HAVE BAD RECORDS

TWO ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS "PRISON BIRDS;" ALL THREE BOUND OVER TO FEDERAL COURT.

Almost 20 years of the life of Z. G. Harshman, alleged counterfeit, has been spent in penitentiaries; J. S. Stevens, formerly of Camp 1, held on the same charge, spent eight years behind the bars at Salem. This is the report brought back by Chief Jack Carter who returned Saturday evening from Portland where with three others he went as a witness before the Federal grand jury. Harshman, Stevens and Baker were bound over to the Federal Court, following the examination, and will be tried some time later.

Immediately after the men were arrested here and the sixth mint of the United States suspended operations, Secret Service Operative W. A. Glover went through the records in his office and at Salem and there dug out the past history of two of these men. Baker, so far as can be ascertained, has never before been charged with crime.

The witnesses called north last week were Chief Carter, J. H. Johnson, Frank Prey and Mrs. Al Thrush. They appeared before the Federal grand jury, told their stories and were closely questioned. When the trial of the men will occur is a matter of conjecture. Judge Robert Bean is now holding court but it may be several months before the case is called on the docket. At that time the witnesses will be recalled to Portland.

Harshman is a small and feeble looking man about 45 years of age. When examined here a hole was found in his scalp. This he explained by saying a tree fell on him in the woods near Yaquina when he was working there some time ago.

W. A. Glover had a new explanation to offer in Portland. The records of the man showed that he was caught in Washington and charged with counterfeiting and spent eight years and four months at McNeill's Island on a ten-year sentence. Out of prison Harshman came down to Troutdale, Oregon, and there aided a gang in holding up a train. In the fight two or three men were killed and Harshman received a shot gun wound in his head.

Stole Cattle.

J. S. Stevens formerly lived in Klamath Falls, and it was from there that he was sent to the penitentiary and served eight years on a charge of cattle stealing, being paroled by Governor West in 1910. The prison record says that Harshman was released at Salem in 1912.

Robert Baker, a foreigner, was a partner to Stevens in the Parolan Dye Works. He is charged with passing a counterfeit 50-cent piece at the Claymore Bar. At least another witness is known who, it is said, will testify that Baker attempted to pass a bogus \$5 gold piece off for \$2.50 in cash.

PEACE CONFERENCE ON IN CHICAGO

Effort to be Made to Terminate Struggle in Europe Silent Too Long.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

CHICAGO, March 1.—The National Peace Conference opened here today for the purpose of adopting a plan by which the sympathy, influence and aid of the American people may be tendered to nations involved in the European war and the cause of early peace promoted. It is attended by peace advocates from all parts of the nation and is held under the auspices of the emergency fund for peace forces. Miss Jane Addams is chairman.

FEAR EIGHT LOST.

Report That Boat of Evelyn Was Lost in North Sea.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Minister Van Dyke at The Hague, cable today an unofficial report that eight of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn, sunk by a mine in the North Sea, had been lost. Yesterday he sent an official report that the missing boat was safe.

ALLAN LINE STEAMSHIP, LEAKING HEADS FOR HALIFAX UNDER HER OWN STEAM

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LIVES ENDANGERED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

GEORGE GOODRUM AND HARRY WELCH FALL INTO MUDFLATS THE LATTER BEING PINNED DOWN.

Geo. Goodrum and Harry Welch had a narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon when a Ford roadster driven by the latter turned off from the elevated road across the bridge of Coal Bank Inlet and fell ten feet to the water-covered mud flats. Goodrum was thrown clear of the car, badly injuring his side, while Welch was pinned beneath the machine and under the water. But for the strenuous work of George Goodrum he probably would have been drowned.

Today both men are bruised and Mr. Goodrum is confined to his bed as the result of his experience. He states that the car was going slow at the time. Welch who had just bought the machine and was learning how to drive, was handling the brakes at the side of the car when it left the roadway crashing through the side railing.

The machine was extricated with little damage to the top.

MRS. A. D. BOONE DIES AT SUMNER

HIGHLY RESPECTED COOS CO. PIONEER SUCCUMBS—IS SURVIVED BY HUSBAND AND SIX CHILDREN.

After several months illness, Mrs. A. D. Boone, aged 67 years, of Sumner, died at her home late Saturday evening. She was buried this morning, Rev. Bassford having officiated, Rev. Bassford having charge of the services.

The deceased leaves a husband, A. D. Boone, and six children. They are Archie Boone, Marshfield; Jan. Boone, Wagner; Mrs. R. Belleu, Bridge; Mrs. N. H. Hanson, Apatort, Washington; Mrs. William Kardell, Marshfield, and Harry Boone, of Sumner.

Was Highly Regarded.

Mrs. Boone's maiden name was Nancy L. Baker and she was born in Jackson County, Mo., January 22, 1848. She had resided in Coos County over forty years and was one of the best known and most highly respected women of Sumner and vicinity, her kind, motherly ways winning the esteem of all with whom she came in contact.

A. D. Boone, her husband, is a great grandson of Daniel Boone, of Kentucky pioneer fame. He was born in Missouri June 3, 1837 and came to Oregon in 1846 and settled at Sumner in June, 1869. He lost one of the mementoes of his historic great grandfather when the Indians stole a compass, which the latter used while he was crossing the plains to Oregon.

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SAYS CANADA IS LOYAL IN WAR

B. O'Rourke of Hibbing, Minn., TELLS OF RECRUITING ACTIVITY IN NORTH—VISITS OLD FRIENDS ON BAY

B. O'Rourke of Hibbing, Minn., is spending a few weeks on the Bay visiting A. H. Powers, H. J. McKeown and other former residents of northern Minnesota. Mr. O'Rourke is the largest individual holder of property in Hibbing and is rated in the millionaire class.

He is an intimate friend of A. H. Powers, the two having been great horse fanciers and for a time drove their own harness horses. Mr. O'Rourke still has a string of harness horses. He and Mr. Powers had not seen each other for more than six years and they have been busy talking over old times on the Iron Range, stories galore being changed of experiences there.

Mr. O'Rourke is an enthusiastic supporter of the Allies in the great European war and he cannot quite understand why A. H. Powers sympathies lean toward the Germans. They have always agreed, even at the time that Mr. O'Rourke was one of the original Bryan supporters and aided in the convention that nominated Bryan.

En route here, he came through Canada and he says that Canada is absolutely united in the support of England in the European fray. There is a great army of recruits being drilled at Winnipeg and other places. En route west he met trainload after trainload of troops en route east to embark for the war. He says that only the flower of Canadian manhood is being accepted at the recruiting offices and thousands are going to the front.

Saturday W. J. Hill took Mr. O'Rourke to Camp One to show him the beauties of the section. He cannot appreciate the hilly country, saying that he had not seen any good farmland since he struck the coast. When told that some of the Coos River ranches were held at \$500 per acre, it was beyond his comprehension. Today he left for Wagner and there will be shown the steam shovels taking out some gold ore with the gravel and dirt. Some of the men getting a few nuggets and some fine gold.

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