

C. C. PRATT EIGHTY YEARS OLD TODAY

WELL-KNOWN MARSHFIELD MAN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY TODAY—ANDERSON WRIGHT, OF SUMNER, WILL SOON BE EIGHTY-TWO.

C. C. Pratt, one of Marshfield's most venerable citizens, is today celebrating his eightieth birthday. He was the recipient of remembrances from the many friends who had recalled that today was his anniversary. Despite his four-score years, he is hale and hearty, active physically and mentally, being as full of life and vigor as many half his age.

Mr. Pratt spent a large portion of his life in Kansas, coming to Coos Bay to make his home with his son, Vince Pratt. Since then, several other members of the family have moved to Coos Bay. Despite his advanced years, he is able to read without glasses. He follows the current news closely, and instead of waiting for The Times delivery boy to bring his paper, he walks to The Times office almost every evening and gets one of the first copies printed.

Summer Pioneer Here. Anderson Wright, another well-known pioneer, will celebrate his eighty-second birthday on March 18. Mr. Wright came down from Sumner today on business. He is still rugged and active. He was born in Indiana but left there when three years old and resided near Oskaloosa, Iowa, for a number of years. He crossed the plains to Oregon in 1847 and later made two trips back. On the last trip his party barely escaped the Indians near Laramie, Wyoming. He came to Marshfield when there was only a house or two in the town. Adam Pershaker having located here a short time before. Mr. Pershaker, who for years has resided on the Coquille and is now one of the largest individual landholders in the county, has recently been making his home in San Francisco.

Mr. Wright is an old member of The Times family, recalling today that he had been a constant reader since its first issue. During all this time he has kept his subscription paid in advance.

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COOS BAY LEADS IN LUMBER TRADE

SHIPPED OVER THREE TIMES AS MUCH LUMBER AS ANY OTHER PORT TO SAN FRANCISCO DURING LAST TWO WEEKS

Coos Bay continues to be the leading source of supply of the San Francisco lumber market, shipping more than three times as much lumber the last weeks of February as any other port on the coast. The following figures are given by the Pioneer Western Lumberman:

Fir and Spruce	
Aberdeen	2,580,000
Astoria	1,250,000
Bandon	510,000
Brookings	300,000
Columbia River	1,650,000
Coos Bay	8,000,000
Eagle Harbor	590,000
Grays Harbor	1,370,000
Pearl Harbor	1,250,000
Portland	682,000
Port Angeles	1,000,000
Port Ludlow	580,000
Empqua	583,000
Willapa	200,000
Total	20,855,000

Redwood	
Eureka	1,425,000
Albion	700,000
Caspar	774,000
Fort Bragg	1,598,000
Mendocino	755,000
Crescent City	320,000
Total	5,582,000

BIG CUT IN RATES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Mar. 9.—An official announcement by the Cunard line reduces the fare for second-class passage across the Atlantic at \$50 on vessels including the Lusitania. The reduction was due to the diversion of traffic from British to American vessels on account of the fear of German submarines.

NOTICE. Dr. J. L. Massoen, veterinary surgeon, will be at the Chandler Hotel and Torrey's stable, Wednesday, March 10, where he may be consulted.

COOS AND CURRY EXHIBITS LARGEST

Best in State Building, Says Geo. M. Hyland—Tells of Other Lesser Exhibits

"The Coos and Curry County exhibits occupy so much space that there is a lameness on the part of some of our friends," writes George M. Hyland, managing secretary of the Oregon Commission, from San Francisco. "They have the best exhibit in the Oregon building," he states in a letter to the Chamber of Commerce.

Such a report, coming from a man who has followed every display put into the state building, is an encouraging one. Steps now are being taken to make the two county displays even better than ever. Types of native woods are being gathered for shipment, together with more pieces of furniture manufactured from the myrtle wood.

Mr. Hyland was written regarding the taking of the Coos Bay Band to the Exposition. He states that he will do his best to have a meeting between J. A. Ward and Mr. Levison, director of music at the Fair.

In a letter just received from J. A. Ward, he points out the absolute necessity of a relief map that may be hung on the wall above the Coos and Curry exhibit, where the crowds passing daily may easily see it. People come so fast, filling through, he says, that there is no time to explain the location of Coos Bay to anywhere near the majority. Only a few can be personally met. With a map, he believes, the people could see for themselves.

Crowds are Enormous. "The Director of Admissions," writes Mr. Ward, "told me that the crowds here were more than equal to those at Chicago and St. Louis combined on the 11th day of their respective expositions. There is no doubt whatever that the attendance will surpass any other exposition of this kind in the country and the fair itself is pre-eminently superior to any other that has ever been held."

Since the opening of the Oregon building Mr. Ward has found himself exceedingly busy, attending to innumerable questions and putting the finishing touches to the two county exhibits.

PLENTY FUNDS TO FINISH CHANNEL

APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 ON HAND, SAYS PORT TREASURER—ASK COUNTY BEAR HALF COST INLET IMPROVEMENT.

There are plenty of funds in the treasury of the Port Commission to complete the dredging of the channel to the bar, according to the statements yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Commissioners. The first week in April is expected to see the finish of the dredging, at which time the Seattle will be moved over onto the Coquille River to continue another project.

Money still remaining in the treasury also includes approximately \$25,000 still to be used for inlet dredging. No definite decision has been given by the Commissioners regarding the purchase of an inlet dredger a matter being urged by delegations from various inlets.

With the farmers on many of the inlets having practically no other roads to market, the Commissioners yesterday stated their belief that on inlet dredging the county should agree to pay at least half the cost of dredging.

This question is to be taken up with the County Court by the Port attorneys, C. R. Peck and J. W. Bennett. The amount of road taxes spent within the territory tributary to the Port during the past year will be found with the view in mind of ascertaining whether or not this side of the county has received its quota of the road appropriations.

A definite arrangement with the County Commissioners regarding inlet improvement is sought. The Port declares itself willing to be held accountable for all inlets up to a certain designated point for which the county shall be held responsible.

Channel Ownership Disputed. Title to all tidelands lying between the harbor lines is in dispute. On part of it, private parties are paying taxes, claiming it as their own. Other parts are owned by the state. The Port attorneys were instructed to look up the law regarding the ownership of tide lands so situated with the view of settling this baffling question for all time to come.

According to the attorneys, this is a point that has never been decided by an Oregon court. They say the case will probably be taken through the Circuit Court to the State Supreme Court for their ruling. It is known that the state owns at least to the low water mark, but the channel lines in some places cross between the low and high water marks.

Treasurer to Make Report. Treasurer Henry Sengstacken was instructed to publish the annual statement of the Port of Coos Bay and together with the attorneys, to prepare a report on the amount of work done and the funds expended since the contract was signed with the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company.

The dredging bill for February, which, minus the 10 per cent kept back each month for the full performance of the work, amounted to \$17,734.81 was paid over. There still remains in the treasury approximately \$15,000 to finish the channel project.

J. T. Brand made a first report on all assessments made in connection with the South Marshfield fill. The Port Commissioners declared themselves satisfied with what has been accomplished in securing the money outstanding and unanimously voted to retain him for another month. According to the report of yesterday there will be at least \$2500 in assessments for which the property owners benefited will have to be sued.

Port to Drain North Arm. Again yesterday E. G. Perham submitted a bid for filling and draining the north arm of Mill Slough, his estimate being \$3000. The Port Commissioners refused the bid and will have the draining done under their own supervision, believing they can do it a great deal cheaper. The cleaning out of the drain box has been completed by Engineer Robert Kollog after several weeks, working with a crew of men both day and night, according to the service of the tide. The north arm must now be drained before the \$1000 from the city becomes available.

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COOSTON STREETS TO COST \$15,000

Eastside Council Votes Improvement—Survey and Grading to be Done Soon

Improvement of Cooston streets, including the grading and planing, amounting to approximately \$15,000 was authorized at the meeting of the Eastside Council last evening. Street grades will be established immediately by Engineer S. B. Cathcart and it is expected actual work will be commenced within a few weeks' time.

This is the first benefit to be derived from the annexation of Cooston and Eastside, and is the realization of the purpose for which the two cities consolidated, the securing of improvements. Previous to the election held in December Cooston residents pointed out that many of the absentee landholders refused to expend money for municipal projects and that the township did not contain enough voters to carry through the projects in spite of the opposition. That the consolidation has had the desired effect is seen by the expenditure authorized last evening.

Sether street is the main thoroughfare in Cooston that is to receive attention, the plan, according to the Councilmen, being to grade and plank the street for almost half a mile. There are several shorter streets that will be included in the project.

Mr. Cathcart, City Engineer of Eastside, was two weeks ago authorized to look into the matter. It was his preliminary bid estimate that was submitted last evening. He believes the cost will be between \$2.25 and \$2.50 a front foot, this to include the survey, the grading and the final planing. The Councilmen state that the work will be taken up immediately and completed this spring.

To Appoint Deputy Assessor W. C. Wenner was last evening recommended to County Assessor Thrift as a deputy Assessor for Eastside. Previous to the meeting the Council state they had an understanding that their recommendation would be favorably acted upon. Dissatisfaction with the county assessment within the city of Eastside has been a point of dissatisfaction and the Councilmen believed that the appointment of a local man as a deputy would result in a more satisfactory assessment.

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DIES IN NOVIA SCOTIA

Father of Dr. Mattie B. Shaw Passes Away Following Stroke of Paralysis—81 Years of Age

Dr. H. M. Shaw this morning received a telegram from his wife at Windsor, Nova Scotia, announcing the death of her father, William V. Brown, aged 81 years. He had been sick in bed for several weeks, following two strokes of paralysis, though up until that time he was quite active.

Four months ago today Mr. Mattie B. Shaw was called east by word from home saying her father was fast failing. She left at once with her two children. They are now in school there and it is probable they and their mother will not return until the close of the school year some time in early June.

The deceased leaves five daughters, three of whom were at his bedside this morning and one son in Seattle. In the early fifties Mr. Brown was in Oregon and Idaho interested then in mining and four years ago he visited southern Oregon with his daughter, wife of Dr. H. M. Shaw.

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