

FINE AUTOS THAT RUN ON SIDEWALKS

NORTH BEND CITY FATHERS BELIEVE IN RIGHTS OF PEDESTRIANS—PLAN REGRADING OF STREETS.

Owners of automobiles who hereafter drive their machine on North Bend sidewalks will be subject to a maximum fine of \$50 according to an ordinance passed by the city fathers at their meeting of last evening. Grading of McPherson, Mead and Virginia streets were authorized by the Council and will be carried out as soon as City Engineer Kavanaugh has completed his plans.

Frequent reports came to the Councilmen that autoists have been speeding along the 10-foot board sidewalk of Marion street on the other side of Pony Slough. Pedestrians were kept in constant danger of being "batted" off the walk by the "coal oil buggies." The old city ordinance regarding traffic passing over sidewalks was made in the days previous to the advent of automobiles in North Bend, hence had no part in prohibiting them. The ordinance passed last evening will take care of the trouble anywhere in the city.

To Grade Streets.
Partial plans were submitted by Mr. Kavanaugh for the regrading of Virginia avenue to the Pony Slough bridge the regulation street width of 80 feet. In the same project Mead street will be graded 40 feet wide for three blocks and McPherson street is to be graded 80 feet wide from Virginia to Washington and from there the other two blocks to Main street will be 46 feet wide.

At the next meeting of the Council, two weeks from last evening, the City Engineer will have the plans and specifications complete and it is expected work will commence on the streets immediately thereafter.

Need Storm Sewer on Sherman
The necessity of a storm sewer on Sherman avenue before the laying of the pavement was emphasized last evening by the Councilmen. Mr. Hollister declared that the present drain on that street would not be adequate to carry away the entire surface drainage from the pavement.

It was pointed out that this sewer must be laid some time this spring, ahead of the paving to be done during the early summer. Some of the city fathers believed the idea best, of sending out laterals for drainage from Sherman to Sheridan where the sewers are big enough to take care of the surplus water. No definite action was taken on this project, but it will be brought up at the next meeting.

To Open Paving Bids.
Paving plans for Sherman avenue will be opened at the next regular meeting of the Council. Having accepted a bid the Council will then decide what material will be used in the paving and it is expected the contracts will be let during the latter part of May.

CREDITORS FIGHT BANKRUPTCY CLAIM

TWO PORTLAND CONCERNS FIGHT FOR TRUSTEE IN MURPHY-WESTERBERG BANKRUPTCY CASE.

For two days a lively fight has been going on in the office of C. A. Schibredre between the representative of two Portland credit associations for the appointing of a trustee in the Murphy-Westerberg bankruptcy case, each one striving to get their claims to take precedence over those of the other association. Sidney Teiser is here representing the Merchants' Protective Association and H. R. Dewart, the Credit Men's Association, both of Portland. With the claims in each association equal there naturally has resulted a deadlock in the voting for trustee, and the fight has waged for the throwing out of some claims and thereby giving one side the advantage and the appointment of a trustee.

As a partnership affair the debts of Murphy-Westerberg amount to \$10,676.86 and the assets, the goods contained in the three stores and their fixtures, aggregate \$7,958.74. The personal debts of Mr. Murphy amount to \$3,990 and his assets \$730, while the personal debts of F. E. Westerberg are \$3,850.74, and the assets \$725.

Trustee R. L. Sabin, of the Bandon Dry Goods Company will open bids on the stock March 15.

SETTLE TROUBLES THROUGH DIVORCE

WALTER OLDLAND SEEKS DIVORCE. WIFE CONTESTS—BOTH ACCUSE OTHER OF INFIDELITY.

Matrimonial troubles of Walter Oldland and his wife, Mrs. Hazel Oldland, aged 15 years, were aired in Judge Coke's office today when the husband came seeking a divorce from his girl wife of the grounds of adultery and her alleged refusal to live with him. Charges as serious were made in reply by the wife and most of the day was spent in the examination of the witnesses of both sides.

Since their marriage last October there has been trouble in the Oldland family, witnesses testified. The husband, who is 27 years of age, stated that soon after the ceremony his wife left him and refused to return. He testified that she went out with other men and told others she married him for a "meal ticket." A climax came a few days ago when the father, W. C. Mason, filed suit against Walter Oldland for some 31 weeks board and lodging for Mrs. Oldland when she went back home.

Leo Edwards, a former bell-hop at the Chandler said on the witness stand that Mrs. Oldland often came there and asked for Richard Preston, also a former bell-hop, that she went out with him often. One night in January, he testified, the husband of Mrs. Oldland went with him (Edwards) to Preston's room where Richard Preston then showed love letters purporting to be from Mrs. Oldland. The relations between the men was friendly at the time, said Edwards.

Floyd Mason, brother of Mrs. Oldland, stated that the husband had made arrangements at one time to sell his property that he and his wife might move to a new country, and that then the wife refused to go. One time in November, he said, Mrs. Oldland came to town with the intention of going to Mercy Hospital and, changing her mind, was found several days later by the father in a tent in North Marshfield.

But Mrs. Oldland had her innings when she came on the stand and testified that she had been going with her husband when she was 14 years of age and that their relations at that time were immoral and also that since her marriage he has given her not more than \$41 in cash and clothes and has failed to provide a home for her.

The wife also told the judge that Oldland took her marriage license away from her and her wedding ring and that he induced her to sign some papers which she later found to be bills of sales on property signing away her share. "Then he laughed at me," she said. Part of her testimony was unprintable, accusing her husband in strong terms of sharing attentions with another woman in Portland.

Henry Schmitz and his wife, Mabel Schmitz, sister of Mrs. Oldland, were witnesses this morning. They said that the girl wife refused to live with her husband, Attorney Hodge, of Stoll & Hodge, is appearing for the plaintiff, and C. I. Reigard and R. O. Graves for the defendant.

AMONG THE SICK

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grinold is quite sick at her home and is under the care of a physician.

Mrs. W. F. McEldowney is confined to her home on account of sickness but is reported better today.

Mrs. John Peterson, who underwent an operation at Mercy Hospital a few days ago is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. W. F. McEldowney who has been quite sick is reported much improved.

Gets Myrtle Stock.—E. B. Van Arman, known as "Sure Shot Van" is spending a few days on the Bay with Don Gardiner and other friends and incidentally boosting for the Winchester Repeating Arms Company for whom he travels all over the country. Just now the European war is taking much of their output but they are still boosting the game in the United States. While here, Mr. Van Arman secured a fine piece of Myrtle which he will send back to the factory to be made into a special stock for his trapshooting gun. Sheriff Johnson has the Winchester gun which won the prize at the Lewis and Clarke exposition and has a fine myrtle stock on it. Yesterday they had a shoot at Coquille and are planning a trapshoot here.

PORT TO BE HELD LIABLE FOR FILL

JUDGE COKE REFUSES TO GRANT TRANSFERENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR MILL SLOUGH FILL TO CITY.

APPEAL FILED IN MILL SLOUGH CASE
Attorney C. R. Peck, of the Port of Coos Bay today filed an appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court from the decision of the District Court which held the Port jointly responsible with the city of Marshfield for perpetually keeping open the Mill Slough drain. The Port accepted the court's decree hold the Port responsible with the city for the repair of the drain box but it insists that when the drain is cleared and put in working order that the city and not the Port, should maintain it.

Argument by the Port of Coos Bay to quash the injunction making them permanently liable with the city for the Mill Slough fill was of no avail when late yesterday afternoon Judge Coke quashed the motion. The only recourse now left for the Port is to appeal to the Supreme Court of the state.

With the opening of the drain box complete, according to the report of the Port engineers, the Commissioners believed that they should be relieved of any further responsibility in the case. They contended that in the first place they were liable for the negligence in constructing the drain box, but that now this has been put in good order, working as good as it possibly could and therefore the work of the Port is complete and their part of the contract should be brought to a close.

To this argument John D. Goss, City Attorney, objected stating the city is in no position to shoulder the entire responsibility for the fill.

As a witness for the city A. B. Gidley, engineer, testified that tide gates are not working properly and that this is at present impeding the drainage of the Slough.

The Port contended that the drain box is working according to the plans and specifications first provided. D. L. Buckingham, former city engineer, testified to this fact, but in making his decision Judge Coke held that the property owners are not getting the proper drainage and that until they are the question of shifting responsibility could not be properly taken up, and hence the permanent mandatory injunction will continue to hold.

FINDS VALUABLE BRICK MATERIAL

A. R. FOXLEY LEASING THREE BLOCKS ON EIGHTH STREET; PLANNING MANUFACTURE OF BRICK IN BIG LOTS.

Three blocks on Eighth street in Ferndale have been leased by A. R. Foxley for the manufacture of brick. Samples of the shale sent to the Oregon Agricultural College and also to experts in the East have come back with the accompanying statements that the formation is especially well-fitted for brick, according to Mr. Foxley.

He is planning now on the erection of a plant on the new location and will probably form a company to finance the project. It is estimated that at least \$10,000 will be necessary, half of this going for the purchase of machinery.

Estimates of the amount of shale available is said to be for about about one hundred million brick. At the present time brick on Coos Bay sell for about \$12 a thousand, though the California price is less than this owing to the prevalence of brick clays in that state.

The lands which are being leased are located along the deepest section of the Eighth street fill and on the west side of the street, having a depth of about 30 feet that could be worked. The property is owned mostly by the Planagan and Nasburg estates.

Mr. Foxley states that he has had 15 years experience in the manufacture of brick and that last summer he was superintendent of a brick concern in Eugene before he came to Coos Bay.

The project has interested the committee on industries of the Chamber of Commerce and at the present they are looking into the prospects for the disposition of the product after it is once made. It is believed that the market on Coos Bay would not be extensive enough at this time, but that markets outside must also be secured.

BROKEN FLANGE CAUSE OF WRECK

FREIGHT CARS OF MIXED PASSENGER TRAIN LEAVE TRACK NEAR HENRYVILLE—TRAFFIC IS HELD UP.

To a broken flange on a loaded lumber car is attributed a bad wreck on the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern near Henryville yesterday afternoon when three freight cars of the mixed passenger train ran off the track and traffic was delayed until early this morning, the train from Myrtle Point not coming through at all yesterday afternoon. It arrived here this morning at about 4 o'clock.

Clyde Collier, foreman of the wrecking crew with helpers, left here on a special train late in the afternoon, accompanied by Superintendent W. F. Miller, and work was commenced soon after in getting the freight cars back onto the track. This was made more arduous because the lumber had to be removed piece by piece from the loaded car.

By a Smith-Powers train sent down from Myrtle Point the afternoon passengers from here were taken on through to their destinations last night at the end of the line. Last evening before midnight a return passenger train left Myrtle Point, remaining over in Coquille until three o'clock this morning when it came on through to Marshfield.

MOOSE LODGE TO MAKE CAMPAIGN

NOMINATES OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR—SEEK MORE MEMBERS AND PLAN TO BUILD LODGE HOME.

At a meeting of the Marshfield Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose last evening, nominations for the annual election of officers were made, plans perfected for a membership and building campaign which will make the organization one of the largest on the Bay and give it its own home.

The following are the officers nominated:
Dictator—Dr. E. E. Straw.
Vice-Dictator—F. M. Parsons.
Prelate—F. G. Horton.
Treasurer—Geo. Gettings.
Trustee—J. F. Telander.
Inside Guard—Wm. Sullivan.
Outside Guard—Albert Rider.

A request was made on the Grand Lodge for a dispensation for the membership campaign. The meeting was well attended and all were enthusiastic over the plans. The lodge recently purchased the northeast corner of Elrod and Second, and there it is proposed to build the home.

GIVES FATHER CHILD

Mr. Redfield of North Bend Secures Little Daughter After Struggle

Seeking to secure possession of his three year old little girl who was being boarded out by the mother with Mrs. Wm. Mobley of Millicoma, Mr. Redfield, husband of "Babe" Dixon who took poison several days ago and now seeks a divorce from him, took possession of the child, though not before the mother had sought to restrain him. The little girl was taken to North Bend by the father. The mother gave him an order to get the child but Mrs. Mobley doubted it. Later the mother claimed Redfield forced her to give the order. Finally he agreed not to oppose her application for a divorce and she gave him the child.

LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Wed Today.—Boyd Arnott of Coos-ton, who left last week for San Francisco, and Miss Alice Potter are to be married today. They will return to the Bay soon to make their home.

Change in Law.—Under the new Oregon educational regulations, applicants for teachers' certificates are not required to pass an examination in physical geography. Physiology is made a compulsory branch and all applicants must pass the test in it.

Takes Fawn.—Deputy Game Warden Thomas has taken the fawn belonging to the Ross family in North Marshfield, and will probably send it to the state game farm. The fawn endangered a number of children by its antics and Mr. Thomas took it up to prevent trouble.

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WATERFRONT NEWS

At six in the morning the steam schooner Carlos will leave down for San Francisco, carrying a lumber cargo and passengers. The agents here do not know definitely that she will return, but it was understood when she first came that there is a good possibility of her being retained on the run during the spring and summer.

Reports are that the Nann Smith will be in from San Francisco some time tomorrow morning as she left the South on Tuesday. The vessel has just been in dry dock for her annual inspection.

This evening the George W. Elder is due to arrive in from Eureka and to leave at 7:30 tomorrow morning for Portland.

Visits Bay.—Dr. J. L. Masson, of Myrtle Point came over today for a few days' stay. He went to Coos City to inspect some stock on the Watson ranch, but will return tonight to meet Mrs. Masson, who is returning on the Elder from Eureka, where she was called by the illness of her father.

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