

### POSTAL BUSINESS INCREASES HERE

MARSHFIELD POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW MARKED INCREASE OVER SAME MONTH LAST YEAR—SAVING DEPOSITS ALSO INCREASE.

The Postoffice receipts, which are generally the best barometer of business conditions indicate that Marshfield is enjoying a steady increase in business. The total receipts of the Marshfield Postoffice during February were \$288.65 against \$1147.82 for the same month of last year, an increase of \$859.17. This increase is considered very good, especially when there was an abnormal business in connection with the year.

Not only did the general business of the Postoffice show an increase, but the postal savings also showed a material gain. For the first time, the savings deposited in the Marshfield Postoffice exceeded \$30,000, the total now being \$40,377.00.

Postmaster Curtis is highly gratified over the increase.

### LOCALS TO PLAY 'RUBBER' FRIDAY

INDEPENDENT BALL TOSSING FIVE TO MEET COUNTY SEAT QUINSET IN THIRD GAME OF SERIES HERE.

As the local climax of a successful basketball season the Marshfield Independents this evening will meet the Coquille Independents for the "rubber," each team having previously won a game. The eighth and last contest in the local high school series will be staged next Wednesday evening in North Bend, and on the outcome of this will the championship chances for the locals be based.

In Coquille about two weeks ago the local Independents were vanquished 27 to 19 in a game that was fast and exciting, with plenty of ginger in spite of the score. Here, some time previous to that, the Marshfield Independents had held up their lead of the county by sending the five from the county seat home with the small end of the score.

Since the season opened early in January, the local Independents have lost but one game, though some of the county teams have given the quintet a close rub and a hard go for the money.

According to the present "dope," the Marshfield High School now heads the teams of the county league by a small majority in the percentage column. Throughout the season Coach Niles' proteges have shown a good fighting spirit, many times "gum-shoeling" up on their adversaries in the last few minutes of play. They have shown a tendency toward clean ball and have been gentlemanly in their playing.

North Bend, holding the lower end of the column during most of the season, has shown a surprising upturn toward the last. They defeated Bandon in a fast game. That they will have a close deal for the locals on next Wednesday night is assumed, according to the hints coming here from the neighboring camp.

Should Marshfield happen to tuck away another victory on her last game, she will brush out ahead of Myrtle Point and Coquille in the championship race.

The Independents have no agreement that they will play a certain number of games and close the season. The men are expecting at least two more contests before the spring athletics gain the spotlight. The line-up of the Independents for tomorrow evening will be: Fisher, center; Niles and Oils, forwards; Buffington and Morrow, guards.

On Saturday night the Coquille High School is slated to play with the Oerding brothers at the county seat. There are seven brothers, all of them fast players and now they have organized their own basketball team to meet all comers.

### QUESTION FOR THE DAY

Have you paid your taxes?

There is a Central Avenue man who thinks he is a popular fellow because he is quite a favorite with himself.

Times want ads bring results.

### CARELESS FIRING ENDANGERS LIVES

COMPLAINTS FROM BUNKER HILL SAY WEAPON WELDERS FIRE IN BRUSH NEAR DWELLINGS.

Protruding shooting through the brush in Bunker Hill close to dwellings has frightened many of the citizens living there and now they ask what steps can be taken against careless weapon welders.

Bunker Hill is not within the city limits, therefore the ordinances of Marshfield are not applicable, according to J. C. Kendall, being located outside the city Bunker Hill is within the jurisdiction of the county authorities under the state law.

There is a section of the state law that makes the careless discharge of firearms a misdemeanor, says Mr. Kendall, and therefore a warrant can be sworn out before any justice of the peace for the arrest of any person so implicated who can also be arrested by a constable as well as a Sheriff or his deputies.

This would make it possible for a warrant to be sworn out here before Justice of the Peace C. L. Pennock and the warrant could be served by Constable Cox.

One mother has written that several times runs have been fired off close to where her little children have been at play, often barely missing them. The underbrush, she says, often screens off any view of a house or of persons and bullets come firing unaimed that they are putting others in danger.

### ORATORS CONTEST FOR CLASS HONORS

MISS RUTH COWAN WINS FIRST PLACE AND ETHEL JOSEPHSON SECOND IN JUNIOR ORATORICAL TRYOUT.

Two girls and two boys were chosen by the judges last evening in the Junior class tryout at the high school auditorium. Ruth Cowan was given first place and Ethel Josephson, second place from among the girls, while Tom Watters won first and Ray Davis second in the boys' selection. The judges were Miss Gladys Graham, Mrs. R. H. Corey and J. T. Brand. There were many who attended the exercises. The program was as follows: Dora Brown, "The Heart of Old Hirkory"; Esther Asplund, "The Swan Song"; Ethel Josephson, "The Governor's Last Leave"; Alice Mathison, "Emily Lou's Valentine"; Nellie Warwick, "The Fiddle Told"; Ruth Cowan, "Laddie"; Edward Bolt, "Extract from the Bunker Hill oration"; Tom Watter, "Spartacus to the Gladiators"; Erik Storgard, "The Death of La Fayette"; Ray Davis, "The Alternative."

### BANDON CASE TO COME UP SHORTLY

DETECTIVE MITCHELL SAYS THERE WILL BE SOME NEW SENSATIONS—SON BORN TO RUBY SIMPSON-NOSLER.

On Wednesday a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nosler in Coquille, according to Detective W. J. Mitchell, who was here yesterday. He expects that the Coach-Treadgold cases will be taken up again soon and believes there will be some more very interesting developments for the April grand jury and Circuit Court to unravel. Mrs. Nosler was Miss Ruby Simpson, of Bandon, and first known for her part in ousting Joe Coach from the saloon business in Bandon on the grounds that he gave liquor to minor girls, of which she was one. For a month the girl lived at Eastport with her sister Loretta and was married to "Pug" Nosler just before the hearing of Coach, Mitchell, Nosler and Herron on a kidnapping charge.

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### COUNTY TO BUY STEAM SHOVEL

MAY TAKE OVER E. G. PERRHAM'S OUTFIT—NIGHT FERRY SERVICE TO EASTSIDE AFTER APRIL 1—ROAD WORK

County Commissioner Armstrong who is here from Bandon is figuring with E. G. Perrham on purchasing the steam shovel engine and dump car outfit for the county to reduce the cost of road work. If a reasonable price is obtained on the outfit, Mr. Armstrong will probably recommend its purchase.

Mr. Armstrong intimated that the services of P. M. Lewis as county roadmaster will be dispensed with when the commissioners meet April 7. Commissioner Dement and Mr. Armstrong are said to be opposed to him and while Judge Watson first supported the roadmaster, it is said that he has declared that he will not support anyone who is not in harmony with the rest of the officials.

Under Supervisor Clinton of the county rock quarry near Coquille, it costs between eighty cents and \$1 per yard to get out the rock. The cost of transporting rock is about \$1 for two miles. The county pays fifty cents per yard freight on shipments to Marshfield, making it rather expensive.

### May Settle Case

It is said that the county has offered Mr. Rubl, who sustained the loss of a hand by an accident in the rock quarry last fall, \$500 to settle his case. He wants \$2250. The county has sort of pensioned him, giving him a job as nightwatch at the quarry at \$2.50 per day. If he does not settle the case the county will fight it and dispend with his service.

Sometime ago an employe of the rock quarry who was discharged sent a letter to the county court threatening to dynamite the rock crusher. He said he had stolen two boxes of powder from the quarry and would use it. The powder was found missing and since then Rubl has been acting as night watch.

Night ferry service between Marshfield and Eastside will be started April 1 according to G. J. Armstrong, County Commissioner, who was here today looking over the road to Sunset Bay. The gasoline boat Signal has been hired at \$100 a month for the service and will probably run from 7:30 until 11:30 p. m., though Mr. Armstrong suggested that no definite schedule can be arranged until it is known what will be needed. This will be tried to start with and may be changed to meet the convenience of the passengers.

With the opening of the night ferry service across the Bay the Eastsiders now declare they will have the long-looked for chance of coming to Marshfield in the evenings knowing they can return home without staying here all night, which has been the custom of the past. The Transit now makes the run, starting at 6:45 in the morning and continuing up until 6:30 in the evening.

### Open Sunset Bay Road.

With George Perkins, road supervisor, Mr. Armstrong today went over the Sunset Bay road, preparatory to the work that will put it in good condition for the spring and summer travel. This highway will be repaired as soon as possible and at the next meeting of the County Court, April 7, the contract will be let for the repairing of the South Inlet bridge.

### Put Off Deputy Question.

Pending the arrival of a remonstrance to the appointment of a deputy prosecuting attorney for this side of the county, said Mr. Armstrong, the Commissioners left the question unsettled. Also, he said, Mr. Liljeqvist has not entirely given up the idea of coming to Marshfield, and if he does, this will be another phase of the question.

### Take Up Summer Work.

Practically \$20,000 is to be spent this summer, said the Commissioner, on the new road building between here and Coquille. A great share of this amount comes from regular road assessments in each district touched.

Work is to be commenced soon on the township road between Bandon and the Curry County line. About \$15,000 will be expended on this project, said Mr. Armstrong.

### AT THE HOTELS

Chandler Hotel: W. A. Barr, Corvallis; W. E. Best, Bandon; H. T. Holden, Portland; H. E. McKinna, Coquille; H. Willingham, Coquille; G. J. Armstrong, Bandon; George N. Taylor, Portland; W. E. Eggleston, San Francisco; Andrew Greer, Duluth, Minn.; F. G. Leslie, Coquille; Hall S. Lusk, Portland; George Harris, Portland; W. B. Schuffele and wife, Waterman, Tex.

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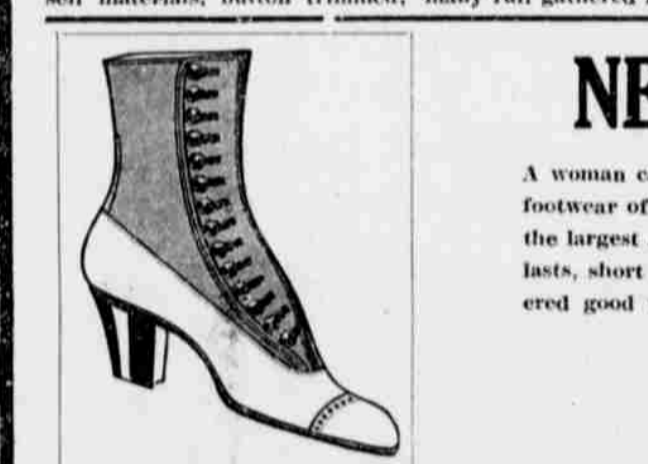
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