

# MORE PINE STREET

## COMPLICATION OVER CONTRACTORS' LIABILITY

### City Attorney Goss Says That Ownership of Entrance to Pine Street is a Real Puzzle

Still more complications have developed in the Pine street matter. One is over the possibility of damage suits resulting from an attempt to grade the street through and under houses and the City Council trying to have the contractors who bid on the work assume the responsibility of these. The other is over the ownership of the lot at the entrance to the street from Market.

The question of liability arose in the discussion of the Council last evening and some one suggested that the city be held from the liability of damage suits by having the contractors assume this. City Attorney Goss said that a clause could be inserted in the contract and specifications transferring the liability to the contractors.

C. R. Peck objected, saying that it was a change in the plans and specifications which the property owners which he represented had not been given a chance to consider. He said that it would increase the cost of their improvement, and they would object.

Mr. Goss said that they could call for two sets of bids, one providing for the contractor to assume the liability and the other to let the responsibility rest with the city. This was agreed to.

### Copple's Way Best.

Mayor Allen wanted to know if there wasn't a cheaper and better way for the city to determine just where the street lines on Pine street are than by the way they are going about it.

City Attorney Goss said that he thought that the plan outlined by Councilman Copple at the outset to have suit begun to eject the people who are alleged to have fenced in part of the street, was the right one. He said this would determine the question and would eliminate the liability of the big work being held up by injunctions, etc.

Councilman Ferguson said that this looked sensible to him as if he was going to build a house, he certainly would want to first know whether he owned the lot and just where the lines of his property are.

Mr. Peck said that his clients would stipulate to be bound by the outcome of any reasonable test suit. Tom Bennett objected to this, saying that the cases of Dr. Tower and Judge Coke might be different from those of Max Timmerman and others.

### Ownership of Lot.

Mayor Allen wanted to know about the ownership of the lot at the entrance to the street, from Market avenue.

This is the property which the advocates of grading and paving Pine street insist belongs to the city through the right of use although it has never been deeded to the city or dedicated as a street.

City Attorney Goss said that the title to the lot was in the Marshfield Realty & Trading Company's name. However, he said that the public had been using the part where the steps have been located so long that they had gained it by right of user.

The balance of the lot he was not sure about. He said that the only one he could find who had any recollection about the ownership was John Bear, who recalled that many years ago C. H. Morehead, manager of E. B. Dean & Company, which then held the property, told Bear that the company did not claim the lot.

Mr. Goss said that he had several times asked C. A. Smith and other officials of the company about the lot but had never received a decisive answer as to whether the company would insist on its rights of ownership. Just now, he said, he thought that Samuel Bloss had the say about the matter and Mr. Bloss was expected here almost anytime.

### FISH PRICES LOW

Poor Prices Are Being Paid on the Umpqua River

The fact that there is no fish war on at the Umpqua river seems to keep down the prices paid there for salmon. The Umpqua Counties news.

This season will be one of the worst seasons for a number of years for the fishermen of the price of fish does not raise. The Estroman countries have bought nearly all of the old stock of the cheapest grades of salmon and have left the market flooded with the better grades. The demand at present is for the very cheapest grades, consequently the fishermen are paid a very small price, which is not the fault of the cannery-man. It is reported that the cannery on the Umpqua intends paying 2 1/2 cents per pound for silver salmon and 12 1/2 cents for silver salmon.

# DISCUSS DANCING

## MATTER TAKEN UP BY NORTH BEND COUNCIL

### Object of Sunday Affairs and Also to the Nature of Dancing Seen

Objections to Sunday dances were brought up at the meeting of the city council of North Bend last night. Some of the councilmen object to any dances of any kind on Sundays while others were more particularly objected to the nature of the dancing. Some time ago the council passed a resolution against "raucous" and dances along that line. There was much talk at the meeting last night about the Sunday dances and the way the young people were dancing but no action was taken.

# MEETING IS SHORT

## NORTH BEND COUNCILMEN IN SESSION LAST NIGHT

### Small Amount of Business Transacted—Paving Contracts Are Approved by Members

At the meeting of the North Bend City Council last evening the contract for the paving of a part of Virginia and McPherson to the Warren Construction Company was approved by the Council and the work will proceed at once. The same action was taken in the case of the planking of Virginia from Monroe West, Anderson, Crockers & Company have the contract for that work.

The City Engineer filed his acceptance of the work on Sherman and Washington and the Council set August 24 as the date for the final acceptance of the work by the Council.

The City Engineer was ordered to put in a weir at Pony Inlet to measure the flow of water in the dry season. The purpose of this is to have some data on the water supply there with the view of future investigations in the matter of supplying the city.

City Attorney Derbyshire said that he had been instructed to prepare an ordinance regulating plumbing, electric lighting and sewers, but that he could not prepare them until he knew what the Council wanted. He was asked to bring before the Council at the next meeting what data in this line he had at hand and the matter will be taken up in detail.

The regular bills against the city were allowed. The discussion of the need of a city hall was brought up again, but nothing was done. This matter has been frequently discussed by the Councilmen lately.

The meeting was a short one as there was not much business to be transacted.

# HAVE A FINE STREET

## NORTH BEND MAKING SPLENDID IMPROVEMENTS

### Sherman Avenue With New Pavement and Sidewalks Makes a Fine Appearance

The paving work and sidewalk building in North Bend is progressing nicely. Sherman avenue with its new pavement makes a fine street as it is wider than any street in any of the Coos county cities and with the new pavement down makes a highly inviting highway.

The sidewalks are now being put in. The city council has ordered that in the business section there shall be no new sidewalks laid that are not concrete. The only property owner that ate exempt from putting down walks are those who own lots on which there are no improvements. In such cases the owners are not forced to lay walks.

The new walk which are being made will extend on both sides of Sherman avenue in front of practically all of the business houses in the main part of town.

The street and sidewalk improvements add greatly to the appearance of the city and Sherman avenue when finished will be a highly imposing street.

# DECIDE ON POLICY

## PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE HAS MADE DEFINITE PLAN

### Secretary Lansing Says He Has Consulted President and Business Will Be Resumed

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—A very definite policy as to Mexico has been agreed upon by the Pan-American Conference, Secretary of State Lansing announced today. The conference adjourned because of a delay in consulting President Wilson about it, he said. "I have consulted the President and the conference will be resumed. Lansing would not disclose the plans of the conference."

# AUTO OVER GRADE

## C. W. CUMBERS HAS ACCIDENT ON NEW GRADE

### Is Badly Scratched Up and Feared Other Injuries But Proceeds—Windshield Broken

C. W. Cumbers, local manager of the Standard Oil Company, had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday when his car went over the grade on the turn into the new stretch of road about six miles from Marshfield. He was bound from Myrtle Point from where he was going to drive to Roseburg to get Mrs. Cumbers, who is returning overland from San Francisco.

His car turned completely over, smashing the windshield. Mr. Cumbers was pretty badly scratched up and complained of internal pain. However, he decided to go ahead to Myrtle Point. Goodrum's service car was taken out by Geo. Haines and others and found that Cumbers' car was not damaged, running all right after it was righted and put back in the road.

The place where Cumbers' car went over is a bad one. Last week E. Rudberg who was working a team belonging to a man named Erickson, went over the grade into the water and for a time feared that the team would be drowned.

# TO REDUCE THE TAX

## PORT COMMISSION FAVORS LOWER ASSESSMENT

### Property Within Proposed Harbor Lines to Be Reduced by Assessor T. J. Thrift

Secretary Henry Sengstacken, of the Port of Coos Bay, has taken up with Assessor Thrift the question of reducing the assessment on the tide flat property within the proposed harbor lines of Coos Bay. This property, it is claimed by the owners, is made unsaleable by the possibility of the Port exercising the rights vested in it for fishing and navigation purposes. They are also in a way barred from improving it.

Mr. Thrift said he would take this into consideration in making the new assessment. Also the lots platted below the low water line and some of which were dredged away by the Seattle in making the channel will be eliminated from the tax rolls.

The Port Commission has tabled a bill from the Coos & Curry Telephone Company for \$18 for damages to the cable across the bay near Glasgow when the Seattle was operating there. Engineer Charleson said that the company was notified in advance and took up the cable and put it back down without any of the dredge force touching it.

# FILLS SEVERAL JOBS

## THEO. BRADLEY TELLS OF CITY MARSHAL'S DUTIES IN EAST

### Roseville, Ill., His Old Home Town, Has Consolidated Many Offices Into One Man's Work.

Marshal Carter, whose multitude of duties has long been a wonder to strangers who were looking into Marshfield city affairs, has a snap beside the City Marshal in Theodore Bradley's old home town, Roseville, Illinois. Roseville is not a real rival of Chicago in size. The last issue of The Times-Citizen has the following in connection with the proceedings of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Roseville Village hall, giving it a snap head:

"F. M. George made application for appointment as city police at \$25 per month to serve from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m."

"An application was also read signed by G. Kidd for appointment as police at a salary of \$25 per month."

"R. W. Tyler addressed the council and stated that he found the work and hours too much for one man, and asked that he be relieved of his night duties. He stated that he would be willing to serve for \$45 per month if he should be relieved of part of his work."

Moved by Vaughan, seconded by Watson, that R. W. Tyler be employed the current month as Marshal, Engineer, water rent collector, street overseer and janitor of city hall, at the sum of \$45 per month, and that F. M. George be employed to act as police and night watch for the sum of \$25 per month. Motion carried, 4 yeas."

# COOS BAY TIMES

## WAR MAPS, TEN CENTS BUY AN UP-TO-MINUTE WAR MAP WHILE THE SUPPLY LASTS

# WATER CASE ON

## BASEBALL SCORES

### (Continued from Page One.)

Guidley thought that its purpose was to guard against a possible reduction in water rates in Marshfield. Mr. Corey said that the water pressure in North Bend was good, being from 55 to 60 pounds with a maximum of 85 pounds. He said it was adequate for fire protection and domestic purposes and greater than in the average town.

Mr. Corey said that the proposed ten-inch main would cost about \$4,482. He said that he previously discussed the cost with City Engineer Cavanaugh of North Bend and thought then that it could be built for \$3,600 but had later found out it would cost more.

### Marshfield Pressure

At the opening of the hearing, City Attorney Goss and Engineer Guidley said that Marshfield had no complaint to make about the pressure now.

So far as the proposed ten-inch main is concerned, they took the view that North Bend was more concerned than Marshfield. The only object to be attained in Marshfield was better fire protection and water service for Ferndale. Now only a two-inch pipe supplies that entire section. It ten-inch main is not put in, a new main on Seventh street would furnish an adequate supply and also enable the installation of a water main on the hill.

### North Bend Complaint

City Attorney Derbyshire, Engineer Cavanaugh and Peter Loggie of North Bend were present. What they wanted was more water and a greater pressure. If the company does not furnish it by the new terminal main, they wanted a larger supply tank put in on the hill, Engineer Cavanaugh thought that the new main would cost about \$3,600 and would increase the pressure about ten pounds.

The present supply tank holds 50,000 gallons and they figure that another one holding 200,000 gallons would be adequate for the present. The Coos Bay Water Company is represented by Attorney McCulloch of Portland, J. H. Flanagan and E. H. Corey are also present.

J. W. Bennett was to be called as a witness but he was reported indisposed at noon.

C. J. Green, the expert of the commission, was also present.

# THE PHILISTINE HAS QUIT PUBLICATION

## Herbert Lockhart, Who Was a Life Member, Receives Notice of Action Taken

The Philistine, the monthly publication which was gotten out by Elbert Hubbard, is discontinued, because of the death of Mr. Hubbard who was one of the victims of the Lusitania. The Philistine could scarcely have been the same without Elbert Hubbard at the head as his personality figured so strongly in the little book. This seems to have been the decision of the heirs.

Herbert Lockhart of this city was one of the "Life Members". This privilege was sold and in consideration thereafter all publications in connection with the Philistine were given. It was a sort of paid up subscription. Mr. Lockhart has received a letter from Elbert Hubbard II, a letter explaining the disposition of the Philistine. A portion of the letter follows:

"With the death of Elbert Hubbard, the Philistine has been discontinued. We will miss the inspiration of the Philistine and we are sure you will miss it. But to discontinue was the logical decision, we believe."

"You have been a Life Member for some years; you have received Roycroft Books and Magazines. You have purchased things from us. You have been a Good Friend. In fact, the relationship between you and Elbert Hubbard was more Friendship than Business. Your arrangement with my Father was for 'Life'; the Torpedo that sank the Lusitania cancelled your subscription."

"May I say to you frankly, as a Friend, believing that you will entirely grasp the situation, that with the death of Elbert Hubbard and the stopping of The Philistine, the obligation of Life Memories seems to have been fulfilled,—and so we close that Set of Books."

# ELEVEN ACCIDENTS

## That is the Number Reported from Coos County

A total of 126 accidents were reported to the state labor commissioner for the week. Of this number eleven were from Coos county as follows:

William P. Matthes, North Bend, eye, injured, railroad operation.

Roy Fuller, Marshfield, foot bruised, sawmill.

John Lipskey, Marshfield, knee cut, logging.

John Bayer, Marshfield, arm strained, sawmill.

Tom Mangles, North Bend, finger cut and bruised, construction.

L. Stannus, North Bend, finger bruised, construction.

E. R. Jones, Marshfield, shoulder bruised, logging.

Arthur T. Miller, Powers, foot bruised and mashed, logging.

Marquis Broyles, Myrtle Point, leg injured, logging.

Mable A. Lang, Marshfield, finger mashed and burned, laundry.

Charles T. Smith, Marshfield, eye injured, iron works.

# BASEBALL SCORES

## PORTLAND DROPS FIRST GAME TO VERNON

### San Francisco Shuts Salt Lake Out and Los Angeles Defeats Oakland in Slugging Match

PERCENTAGES OF COAST LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
San Francisco	67	53	.558
Los Angeles	62	57	.521
Oakland	61	61	.500
Portland	57	58	.496
Vernon	57	66	.463
Salt Lake	54	68	.450

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11.—Portland dropped the first game of the new series at home to Vernon yesterday, 8 to 4. The scores of yesterday were:

Coast League

At Portland	R.	H.	E.
Vernon	8	15	1
Portland	4	8	0

At San Francisco:

Salt Lake	0	5	2
San Francisco	5	10	0

At Los Angeles:

Oakland	7	12	2
Los Angeles	8	15	2

American League

At New York:			
Cleveland	0	New York	2
Cleveland	3	New York	2

At Philadelphia:

Chicago	9		
Philadelphia	4		

At Washington:

Detroit	8		
Washington	2		

At Boston:

St. Louis	3	Boston	2
St. Louis	3	Boston	10

National League

At Pittsburgh:			
New York	2		
Pittsburgh	8		

At Chicago:

Brooklyn	3		
Chicago	1		

At Cincinnati:

Philadelphia, Cincinnati, rain.			
At St. Louis:			
Boston, St. Louis, rain.			

# LEAVE MONEY HERE

## Local Bank Has Accounts of People Long Absent

Cashier R. F. Williams of the Flanagan & Bennett bank has just completed a report showing deposit accounts where the depositor has not made a deposit or withdraw anything within seven years. All of these here are small and unless the depositor or their legal representatives claim the balances soon, the money will revert to the state. His report lists these accounts as follows:

Mr. E. S. Craig, Sacramento Cal., dead, \$1.20; Marian Cuppino, Marshfield, Ore., do not know if dead, \$1.63; P. E. C. Burke, Marshfield, Ore., do not know if dead, \$4.15; Crescent Coal Mine, Marshfield, Ore., do not know if dead, \$6.75; Riverton Lumber Co., Riverton, Ore., do not know if dead, \$4.24.

The Riverton Lumber Company, mentioned above a having a credit of \$4.24 is the firm which formerly operated the old Northwest which is now at the mill on Isthmus Inlet and about the moving of which there has been so much talk. The company also owned the old Chinook which was wrecked here. The firm operated on the Coquille river but failed in business.

# POTATO CROP SMALL

## BLIGHT THIS YEAR HAS CAUSED DAMAGE LOCALLY

### Some of the Farmers Say Yield Will Be Small While Others Fear Failure

The potato crop this year has suffered to a great extent in Coos county on account of a blight which none of the farmers seem to know about or how to check. The blight attacks the leaves of the plant and causes them to wither. In some cases all of the leaves will fall off, leaving only the green stalk, while in some other cases the blight goes down the stem and affects the potatoes.

Some of the farmers say that their crop is ruined while others who have had the blight in their gardens to some extent report that they will have a small crop. It is believed by many that the blight was caused by atmospheric and climatic conditions. There was so much rain in the earlier part of the season and once or twice the wet weather was followed suddenly by hot spells. It is believed that these sudden changes caused the plant trouble.

# Matt L. May

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