

# R. B. NEFF KILLS A. J. WITTMANN

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gun in time to save himself and attacked him and took the gun away from him. At the time Walker did not know that Neff had killed Wittmann and after disarming him allowed him to go.

It is believed that Neff armed himself again before fleeing to the timber. The empty shells found near Wittmann's body are the same as those used in the gun Walker took away from Neff so there is no question about Neff having done the shooting.

**Fears Are Felt.**  
There is much uneasiness felt in the neighborhood because Neff seems to have held a grudge against others and armed and hidden as he is it is realized that he may at any time attack others from under cover. As Neff is armed and is desperate it is thought that there will be a fight before he can be captured.

**Will Continue Search.**  
The posse last night made a thorough search through the thick brush and timber but returned this morning without having found any traces of the man. The search will be continued as there will be no feeling of security in the locality until Neff is apprehended.

**Officers Notified.**  
The incident created great excitement about the northern part of the county. A deputy sheriff of Curry County was at Bandon at the time and being notified went at once to Lakeport and Sheriff Bailey at Gold Beach was notified. With posse out and everyone alarmed it is not believed that Neff can make his escape entirely and must eventually give himself up as he could not stay indefinitely in the timber wilds.

**Town Historic One.**  
Lakeport, where the tragedy occurred, is a few miles below Langlois, and is located on Flores Lake, a short distance from the ocean beach. It is the town which was started by real estate promoters some years ago and was widely advertised. Many persons came there from other parts of the state to locate at the new town. A saw mill was built there and a \$10,000 hotel erected but the company failed and the harbor improvements which were contemplated proved to be impractical and were never made and many lost. For a time a number of those who lived there suffered considerably because of the failure of the place and Lakeport became a dead town. A few families have been residing there but they have been for the most part engaging in farming of some line.

**Good Place to Hide.**  
There is a large amount of level land in that locality but just back of the place there is a thick growth of small timber and underbrush and somewhere in this large area it is supposed that Neff is hiding himself.

**WILL HOLD PLACE**

**Prof. Quigley to Return to Bandon Schools**  
The Bandon Western World says: The recent report that a Marshfield instructor would take the place of Harold Quigley on the local high school staff the coming year, is without foundation according to members of the school board. Prof. Quigley had accepted an offer from the board before leaving on his vacation and not having heard from him to the contrary there is no reason to believe that he will not be here for the opening of school. Mr. Quigley is an efficient instructor and made a wonderful showing as director of athletics last year. His return will be the source of much satisfaction on the part of patrons and students.

**THREE BADLY BURNED**  
McMINNVILLE, Ore., Aug. 16.—Enveloped in flames when a five gallon can of gasoline exploded in their home, Homer Phillips, aged 33, his wife, aged 26, and daughter, aged 7, are in a serious condition today from the burns they sustained. Practically all of the skin was seared from Mrs. Phillips' body.

**RECTOR TRANSFERRED**  
PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 16.—Rev. Father John Dargan, for many years rector of the St. Mary's Catholic church here, has been transferred to the Jesuit college at Seattle, where he will be an instructor. It was announced today. Father Dargan will assume his new position next week.

**BIG WOOL SHIPMENT**  
Forty thousand pounds of wool was shipped south on the Elizabeth by E. B. Thrift of Langlois. It represents the southern Coos and northern Curry clip.—Bandon World.

# FOR ONE SYSTEM

RAILROAD COMMISSION OPPOSES TWO PHONE EXCHANGES

Evidence Submitted on Application of Coquille Valley Company to Raise its Rates—Postponed

(Special to The Times.)  
COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 16.—The hearing before the Public Service Commission of the State of Oregon of the Coquille Valley Telephone company for permission to increase their rates was heard at the court house, Frank J. Miller was the only member of the commission present and he will take the transcript of the testimony offered to Salem where the case will be reviewed and acted upon by the entire commission.

W. C. Chase conducted the case for the telephone company, and A. T. Morrison, C. J. Fahrman and S. M. Noller, a committee from the Business Men's association, were present to submit the resolution for the association. The increase asked by the company was not a uniform one, but varied for the different classes of service rendered.

**Favors One System**  
At the close of the taking of testimony, Mr. Miller expressed himself in regard to the matter of two telephone systems in a town the size of Coquille in very forcible terms and declared it was an imposition and entirely unwarranted for two companies to attempt to make a profit out of public utilities here where one system would be ample for all purposes, and that he thought a consolidation of the systems should be effected.

The testimony showed that the Coquille Valley line had made a net profit the past year of about \$1,900. This, however, allowed nothing for depreciation, which figured at the low rate of 6 per cent for depreciation, amounts to about \$2,300 a year which entirely wipes out the apparent profit and leaves a deficit.

The application of the Coos-Curry company for an increase, after they have installed a central-energy system in the Coquille exchange, came up at 10 o'clock this morning and at noon was adjourned until after the first of November when the hearing will be continued in Salem.

**PIONEER ON VISIT**  
JULIUS LARSON OF MARSHFIELD TELLS OF EARLY DAYS

Gives Out Interview in Portland on Experiences Many Years Ago—Settled on Coos Bay in 1862.

The Portland Telegram prints the following with a picture of Julius Larson: "Julius Larson, the oldest member of Marshfield lodge, No. 1160, B. P. O. E., and one of the oldest and most prominent citizens and pioneers of the Coos Bay country, with his wife, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harry C. Hunter, 1967 Grant avenue north. Mr. Larson is 73 years of age, and although he has pioneered practically all his life and has worked hard early and late, he is hale and hearty as a young man and considers himself still one of the boys.

"He came to Oregon in 1862 and settled near Marshfield. Three years later he returned to Norway, his native land, for his 'girl,' and brought her to his home in this country as his wife. They are the parents of eight children, two boys and six girls. The couple are making big preparations for the celebration of their golden wedding next February.

"For many years Mr. Larson has been one of the prominent farmers and business men of Marshfield. In addition to owning one of the finest farms in that section, he operates two droves.

"We are looking forward to big things in our section of the state with the completion of the railroad, which now is under construction from Eugene," he said. "It will bring many more people to the Coos Bay country and at the same time additional capital. Heretofore many who would have come to Marshfield refrained from doing so on account of the ocean trip."

"Mr. and Mrs. Larson in September will go for a trip to San Francisco to visit the exposition.

# SHIPPING NEWS

## MANY SAIL NORTH KILBURN IN TODAY

BREAKWATER LEAVES SUNDAY FOR PORTLAND

Has Miscellaneous Shipment, Including Big Shipment of Coal for Portland—Magrann Next Trip

The Breakwater sailed yesterday morning for Portland with a fair list of passengers and a good cargo of coal. This was the second large shipment of coal, taking 150 tons of sacked coal and about 200 tons of loose coal. This came from the Beaver Hill mine and was for the Southern Pacific shops at Portland.

Among those sailing on the Breakwater were: Axel Redberg, C. B. Previt, Mrs. Brinkley, Vernon Brinkley, Gladys Brinkley, Violet Brinkley, Geo. Treaner, Mrs. B. E. Green, Mrs. E. M. Dryer, Mrs. C. H. Hale and Infant, Father Wallace, Mrs. Dandson, N. Dandson, Miss Tieton, Mr. Tieton, Geo. Thomsen, John Foster, Parker Sears, W. C. Sears, Miss Mary Mudgett, Mrs. Jas. A. Shaw, Gertrude Shaw, Miss Anderson, E. F. Wier, L. H. Keating, Mrs. L. H. Keating, Father Marr, Father Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Myers.

**YELLOWSTONE SAILS**  
Steamer Yellowstone sailed yesterday morning for San Francisco with a cargo of lumber from the North Bend Lumber Company plant. She crossed the bar at 11:45 a. m.

# NOT TO BUILD NOW

NATRON CUT OFF ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC YET UNFINISHED

President Sproule Says Reason is That Hostility to Railroad Keeps Back Money

Hostile legislation and public sentiment is given by President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific as the reason why the railroad cannot raise the money to complete the Natron cutoff. This is told in a letter to the new Portland Chamber of Commerce which made appeal to the railroad company that the work be finished. Mr. Sproule's letter to the commercial body follows:

"Construction on the projected railway line connecting Klamath Falls with Natron has been discontinued because we cannot raise the money to finish it. Under existing conditions we cannot make a showing of earnings that would justify the millions necessary to complete the line. When anyone and everyone can attack railroad rates, state and interstate, with public approval of the scaling down of railroad rates and disapproval of the maintenance of railroad revenues, the railroads have little foundation left upon which to borrow money, because the rates of the present give no promise for the revenues of the future.

**Conditions Must Change**  
"Until investments in railroads, which are made from the savings of the people at large, become secure and inviting, it is not likely that railroad construction in this country can be resumed, and least of all on the Pacific coast, where such construction is needed most. People will not place their money in these distant fields of operation unless the disposition of the people and the governments gives those people reasonable assurance that their money is secure and the return on it attractive enough to warrant its investment far away from their home. Pacific coast states are distant from the centers of population where the money accumulates.

**People Mistrust**  
"These states need development; yet they have for some years been the most radical in their attitude toward the railroads, which the people from whom we might expect to borrow money cannot understand and sincerely mistrust. "With respect to the whole subject, I am very sorry, and it is a source of regret to the directors and officers of this company that we have been unable to complete the project the Klamath people have at heart, but we do not control the conditions; they control us. We have money already invested in the line in question and naturally would desire to complete the project if we could, so as to accomplish the purposes of the investment already made."

**DAIRYMEN DANCE**  
Many were in attendance at the second annual dance of the dairymen's associations of this part of the valley given at the Oaks Pavilion last Saturday evening. In the prize waits the first prizes were awarded to Miss A. Carry and Sylvester Jones. The second prizes went to Miss Blinn and "Dutch" Clinton.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

ARRIVES FROM PORTLAND EARLY THIS MORNING

Sails This Afternoon for San Francisco with Capacity Passenger List—Nice Trip Down Coast

The F. A. Kilburn arrived in early this morning from Portland after a nice trip down the coast, no choppy seas or fog impeding her progress. She had a big cargo, including a large consignment of peaches for the Coos Bay Produce company, a couple of carloads of hay for Haines, an automobile for George Goodrum and miscellaneous freight.

Agent Stuhr had a waiting list for outgoing reservations, her accommodations being taxed to capacity. Among those arriving on her were: A. J. Dupuis, W. A. Cooper, Mrs. R. A. Scott, R. W. Stratton, J. R. Scott, T. J. Murphy, C. D. Horsley, A. J. Teepe, A. B. Teepe, D. M. Teepe, D. C. Cameron, N. Nelson, R. A. Scott.

**Leave on Kilburn**  
The Kilburn was scheduled to sail at one o'clock but was delayed nearly an hour and a half by waiting to load a shipment of butter and cheese that came in on the noon train from Coquille. Among those sailing on her were:

Mrs. J. A. Elam, Miss Elam, S. Adkins, Mrs. Adkins and two children, G. A. Baird, J. Ralston, L. E. Harrington, W. H. Dougherty, Mrs. E. Merchant, Jack Merchant, Miss Eva Phillips, Maud Paul, H. O. Gulovsen, Mrs. H. O. Gulovsen, Estell Wicklund, R. L. Mathews, Mrs. R. L. Mathews, R. Holden, Mrs. Tom Madden, Mrs. Ollie McKay and baby, Mrs. Al. Thrush, Miss Josephine Cordes, Mrs. C. C. Calvert and baby, Gale Calvert, Mary B. Evans, Mrs. F. E. Hague, Miss Russell, Mrs. Butler, John and Joe Butler, L. E. Freedland, Isaac Loiskman, J. Rosenthal, L. A. Johnson, M. L. Frizzo, S. A. Schlueter, Mrs. M. A. Fisk, M. A. Fisk, Miss Carey, Miss Fogley, Miss Mary Kruse, H. H. Jackson, Mrs. H. H. Jackson, Mrs. K. Bressemer, Genevieve Bressemer, Mildred Bressemer, Dorris Bressemer, Miss Grace Williams, Rev. R. E. Browning and wife, C. H. Peterson, Mrs. C. A. Lenwig, Mrs. Walter Baird, Rev. H. H. Hisey and wife, Mrs. M. Savage, Mrs. Carl Mynatt, Harold Savage, H. Lockhart, J. T. McCormac, M. G. Duncan, Milton Lattin, Mrs. M. Lattin, Mrs. Irene Montgomery, H. Litter.

# EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR SIUSLAW WORK

Job to Be Done by Miami Quarry Company Involves a Total of \$176,570

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16.—Involving a total of \$176,570, a contract has been executed between the United States Government, through Major Williams, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., and the Miami Quarry Company, for the completion of the north and south jetties at the entrance to the Siuslaw. The south jetty is to be extended a distance of 330 feet and the north jetty 960 feet, and it is estimated that the project will not be finished until early in 1917.

Originally the Port of Siuslaw Commission constructed 2940 feet of the south jetty, that being in 1910 and 1911, and a contract was awarded by the Corps of Engineers, through which work was finished last season, on 400 feet more of the north jetty, and the south jetty was started. The addition to both jetties is depended upon to deepen the entrance considerably.

**READY FOR FISHING**  
Preparations Being Made for the Catch on Coquille River

The Bandon Recorder says: From the shipments of cans that are arriving for the Co-operative cannery it appears that the fishing season can not be far off. The start of work depends upon the fish themselves but the period of the annual run is expected to begin about the first of next month. The bulk of the fish caught in the Coquille are Chinooks which outnumber the Chinooks five to one. The steelheads which are classed among the lower grade fish on the market are more scarce than the Chinooks. They are esteemed as highly for eating by many people but they do not command the same market price because of the lack of color of their flesh. Instead of being considered a variety of salmon they are classed with the trout.

Their season is much longer in duration than either of the salmon and for this reason they are considered much more plentiful but they are not as numerous as either the Chinook or the silver-side.

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# MANDATE RECEIVED CLOTHING IS HIGHER

ANOTHER STEP TAKEN IN THE O. & C. LAND CASE

Several Outcomes Are Possible as Result of the Action of Next Congress

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16.—The United States supreme court mandate in the Oregon-California land grant cases was received by United States District Attorney Reames. It will be filed next Monday, the next filing day, and the formal decree will be submitted to the local federal court within 10 days after that. The mandate, dated August 7, gives Congress six months in which to determine what shall be done with the 2,300,000 acres of land for which however, the railroad company is to receive \$2.50 an acre.

**Wolverton's Decree**  
Judge Wolverton's decree, from which appeal was made to the supreme court, was that the land was forfeited to the government, and that all applicants and intervenors were without standing in court. The supreme court modified the first clause to give the railroad company an equity of \$2.50 an acre, though giving Congress supervision over it.

**Some Suggestions**  
There are several possible outcomes. One suggestion generally made is that Oregon senators propose to Congress that the government buy the land at the prescribed \$2.50 an acre. Another is that the railroad company sell it at that price to bona fide settlers. A third is that the state of Oregon purchase the land from the railroad at that price. Nothing can be done, however, until Congress acts. In the meantime, Mr. Reames said, the public should be warned against persons representing themselves as filing agents for the land.

**SOLD THEM JOBS**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16.—Alleged to have been selling to working people for substantial sums jobs that did not exist, two men each giving the name of John Snyder, are under arrest today. The authorities believe the men gave the same name through a misunderstanding.

# MYRTLE POINT NEWS

T. R. Billings came from Eden Valley and is spending a week here looking after some business affairs and visiting friends. Mrs. Geo. Sill, who has been visiting at the Whittington home on the South Fork, returned to her home on the lower river. Wednesday, August 25th, is the date of the fourth monthly Farmers' Exchange-Sales Day at Myrtle Point. On that day farmers will bring to town stock, implements, etc., that they may have for sale or exchange.

T. P. McAuley and family of Yamhill, Oregon, who are making a camping trip through the Southwestern Oregon country have arrived here. If he finds a suitable location he may purchase a ranch in Coos county and come to make a home for himself and family. W. E. Lundy and family have arrived home from a month's auto-camping trip, during which they did sightseeing at Crater Lake National Park, at the Frisco Exposition and other places of interest, as well as visiting relatives and friends at various points in California and Oregon.

# CATTLE ARE DROWNED

The Port Orford Tribune says: Dr. J. R. Wetherbe, of the Star ranch, was disappointed last week in rounding up his Holstein heifers, some 200 in all, to find about 15 missing. Investigation disclosed they had been drowned in Floras creek during the high waters of last winter.

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