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COOS BAY IS STILL CUT OFF

Meet and Snow Storm Isolates Community for a Long Time

HEAVY SNOW FALLS Continuation of Blizzard Here With Bad Storms Raging in the East

LARGE AREA AFFECTED About an Inch of Snow on Coos Bay With Several Feet in Mountains is Reported - Mail Also Delayed

As a result of a continuation of the worst winter storm Coos Bay is still isolated from the rest of the world. The long distance phone has been able to get through the messages via Gardiner, Florence and Eugene, but although a strenuous effort has been made all to get through some telegraphic news that way, nothing was reported up to four o'clock today.

It is uncertain when the Western Union will be able to restore wire service via Roseburg. Parties who are in from Myrtle Point say it may be nearly a week before the long distance phone line between Myrtle Point and Roseburg is in working order.

Parties from Myrtle Point say the snow was several feet deep in Camas Valley.

Wire Goes Down This afternoon, the long distance line between here and Gardiner went down, but it is hoped to restore service again soon. With this the only means of communication, there is a rush of business.

Operators of the Coos and Curry Telephone Company via Gardiner and through to Eugene, found their laborers heavy ones from Saturday afternoon until today.

Operators Stay on Job. The operators, Misses Ora Gram and Ruby Smith, at Gardiner, kept on the job until 12:30 Sunday morning and through several hours yesterday, returning in the evening to send messages through until 1:30 this morning.

ICE IN COLUMBIA RIVER NAVIGATION HAMPERED BY INTENSE COLD WEATHER

Snow and Freezing Temperature Cause Vessels to Tie Up Near Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—River conditions were far from improving following the snow storm, and masters of steamers on the Lower Columbia River run said the snow appeared to freeze soon after it struck the water, adding to large cakes of ice already running above St. Helens.

On the Middle Columbia the steamer Tahoma, of the People's Transportation Company, is frozen solidly in the ice near Cape Horn. She was on her way to Portland and could not be reached at Cascade Locks in time to warn Captain Nelson that the river was blocked at Cape Horn, where the steamer Dalles City was compelled to turn back.

Passengers were sent across the ice to the Oregon side and reached here by train.

Matt Sanders, Portland agent for the line, was advised by long-distance telephone of the predicament of the Tahoma and was told that she had fuel and food aboard, so those of the crew needed to stand by can be cared for.

Steamers plying between Portland and Camas managed to get through yesterday without material trouble. Captain Babbidge, of the gasoline carrier Efin, arriving from the lower river said there was much ice running between the mouth of the Willamette and St. Helens, with numerous large cakes that the vessel avoided.

SAVED BY PRIVATE LINE Rogue River Wire Cut Off by Electric Storm

(Special to The Times) WEDDERBURN, Ore., Jan. 10.—The private telephone line maintained by the Wedderburn Trading Company saved southern Curry county from being entirely cut off from telephone communication with every point on the north of Gold Beach. A severe storm struck Rogue river and unusual for this locality there was thunder and lightning. The telephone wire of the Coos and Curry Company was broken and went into the river but Manager Bishel at Gold Beach connected up over the Wedderburn Trading Company line from Gold Beach to Wedderburn and thereby maintained communication.

The telephone company's line will be repaired within the next day or two. During the electric storm many of the telephones in the neighborhood of Brookings were burned out.

YOUTHS HARD TRIP ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 10.—Delayed on account of a heavy fall of snow on the Coast Range Mountains E. C. Wiley, Stuart Norton, Irving Barklow and Irving Watson, students at the Oregon Agricultural College, arrived here this afternoon after a three days' walk from Coquille, Coos County.

HAD A HEAVY SNOW MANY VICTIMS OF LA GRIPPE

SLEIGHS IN GENERAL USE IN PORTLAND TRAFFIC Street Car Lines Badly Hampered—All Northwest Visited by Worst Storm of Winter

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Portland during the past few days has experienced the most rigid winter weather it has known in some years. Street car traffic has been impeded and shipping, wire service and train service have been interfered with.

Deliverymen who were lucky enough to have bobbeds at hand made good use of them in their deliveries. Even the downtown streets were passable to this particular sort of vehicle, and many deliverymen transferred their wagon boxes from wheels to runners to take advantage of the easier mode of traction.

A number of cutters appeared on the streets of the suburbs, and sleighing and coasting were forms of recreation enjoyed by many.

Clearing of snow from the sidewalks around Portland residences was a general occupation. Many improvised hand snow plows were in evidence in all parts of the city.

VESSEL HUGS SHORE Big Portland Boat Comes Close to Coos Bay

Not a vessel crossed the bar of Coos Bay Sunday. This was not because they could not cross but because it happened that there was none to come in or go out. As a matter of fact the bar was not in bad condition, even though the weather was severe.

TOO MUCH FOR LOGGERS Jack McDonald Says Blue Ridge Tigers Rest

A foot or two of snow melting into mushy slush is too much for the Blue Ridge Tigers. At least that is what Jack McDonald, the boss of the Daniels Creek camp thinks about it. He says the boys don't mind working in the rain or snow but that they might just as well jump into the bay as work the way things are now up at Daniels Creek.

5-INCH SNOW SAVES CROPS Bumper Yield Is Expected by Farmers Near The Dalles

HAD TO PAY BILL ATTACKED BY MAN NO CHANCE TO GET JETTY NOW

COUNTY JUDGE WATSON WOULD DICTATE ALL APPOINTMENTS

Forgot to Notify All County Officers and Made to Dig Back on Mistake—Absence Bothers Some (Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 10.—Coos County officials who have been highly indignant over County Judge Watson's proposal to dictate all their appointments of clerks and employees are laughing over a bad mistake that the County Judge got caught in.

Just what led Judge Watson to assume that he has the appointment of all deputies, clerks, etc., of all the county offices is hard for the other county officers to figure, unless it is that he wishes to use it in building up a political machine.

Where County Erred It seems that Judge Watson came to the decision some time ago. Whether he sent out notices to the county officers is not known and it may be that he thought that they would know by telepathy, intuition or some other means that he was the dictator.

Well, anyway, when the county office bills came in for December, the County Court refused to allow the salary account of Mr. Schow, who was appointed deputy assessor by T. J. Thrift to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. O. Hawkins, who assumed charge of the Title Guarantee and Abstract Company's office here last month.

Mr. Thrift saw the account marked not allowed, he immediately went to see Judge Watson. In answer to his query, Judge Watson said, "The County Court has made a ruling that all appointments must be first approved by the Court and it was not done in this case."

I have had no notice of any such ruling," retorted T. J. Thrift. "Mr. Schow is a competent man and I had to have help. If the county court does not allow his salary, there is another way of collecting it."

Immediately Judge Watson dropped down a peg or two and the allowance was later made.

Might Delay Business County officials are wondering if the new rule is to be enforced what they are to do in the absence of the county court. Judge Watson has just returned after a several weeks absence in Portland in case of need during his absence, they are wondering if county affairs will have to wait on the pleasure of his return.

May Go North It is understood that Mr. Watson is considering a plan to go to Portland and associate himself with his uncle, A. M. Crawford, former attorney general of Oregon, in the practice of law. Mr. Watson has told friends that the offer is very good and he dislikes to pass it up.

NO CHANCE TO GET JETTY NOW

Congressman Hawley Says U. S. Engineers Refuse Coos Bay Project

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—Representative Hawley was advised by the Chief of Engineers that no new project for the improvement of Coos Bay will be recommended to Congress until the local engineer can determine the permanency of the channel dredged during the past season.

The engineers report that the dredge work of last Summer gave Coos Bay a wider and deeper channel than it ever had before, and if this can be reasonably maintained in the face of severe Winter storms it is intimated that future appropriations for Coos Bay will be expended in dredging, rather than for jetty construction. It will be several months before a Coos Bay report can be submitted to Congress.

PHONE LINE DEAL

COOS AND CURRY MAY ABSORB COQUILLE VALLEY LINES Directors of Coquille Valley Company Meeting at Coquille Today to Consider the Deal.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 10.—A meeting of the directors of the Coquille Valley Telephone Company is being held here today to consider a plan for selling its lines to the Coos & Curry Telephone Company, Chas. Hall, of the Coos & Curry Company, is here from Marshfield to negotiate with them.

Whether the deal will assume a definite nature this afternoon is not certain, but any way the ratification of over 400 stockholders will have to be secured.

President Hall, of the Coos and Curry Company was desirous of purchasing the Coquille exchange and merging it with the Coos and Curry Exchange, but he was not overly anxious to secure the balance of the lines and the Myrtle Point exchange.

Some time ago the Coos & Curry Company sold its Myrtle Point exchange to the Coquille Valley company, as it felt that there wasn't room enough for two rival exchanges there.

DELAY SUNDAY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF LAW ENJOINED UNTIL NOVEMBER

WILL APPEAL CASE

RULING ON CONTRACT QUESTION AFFECTS EVIDENCE IN TRIAL

Would Not Permit Testimony As To Reasonableness of Charge Tax Notice (Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 10.—The jury in the case of the Coos Bay Times vs. Coos County, brought in a verdict in favor of the county late Saturday night. The case, it was announced, will be immediately appealed to the Oregon Supreme court.

In the trial in circuit court, Judge Skipworth's ruling confined the evidence simply to the question of whether or not there was a definite contract for a rate of three or five cents per line and did not permit evidence as to whether five cents per line was a reasonable charge.

Judge Watson, County Commissioners Dement and Armstrong testified that they had made a ruling first January that only three cents per line was to be paid for publishing the delinquent tax list. County Clerk Watson and Deputy County Clerk Osmundson testified similarly.

They admitted that The Times had protested this ruling and had notified them that the list would not be published for less than five cents per line and that there had been numerous hearings on it. Furthermore they admitted that the final entry of the County Court's decree that three cents was all that would be paid was not made under December 4, several months after the list had been published.

Times' Claim Proven It was shown that after 'me Times refused to accept the business for less than five cents per line, the list was sent to The Times and published with the understanding that five cents per line was to be paid for it. Sheriff Johnson testified that when the first delinquent taxes were paid in, he had charged the delinquents at the rate of five cents per line.

Furthermore after The Times' bill was presented to the county court and the allowance cut from five to three cents per line, it was shown that The Times had refused to accept the reduced rate.

Employees on Jury One of the peculiar things in the trial of the case was that several county roadmasters, employees of the county court which was contesting the bill, were included in the venire for the jury. Three of these were rejected by the three preemptory challenges permitted but others had to be accepted. In rejecting these, C. R. Peck, attorney for The Times, held that employees of the county court could not pass unbiased judgment but despite this three roadmasters were allowed to sit on the jury.

Many Are Interested The case involves the question of the right of the county court to fix a rate, regardless of the reasonableness of it, for county printing and consequently involves every county in the state. It will be carried to the Supreme Court on that point and an early ruling is expected.

Dr. D. C. Vaughn, Dentist, Room 26, First National Bank building. Dr. Leslie, Osteopath, Marshfield

HEATING STOVES at reduced prices. Pioneer Hardware Co.

ASK FOR DIVORCES Mrs. Bliven Sues Former Proprietor of Marshfield Turkish Baths—Lenet Family Troubles

Several divorce cases were filed in circuit court the past week. Among them was the suit of Mrs. Luena Bliven vs. Lorenzo Bliven of the Marshfield Turkish baths. She charges him with desertion, cruelty, etc. Bliven left here a month ago or so and his present whereabouts are unknown.

Another local divorce case is that of Thomas Lenet vs. Clara E. Lenet of Ferndale.

The cases filed in circuit court the past week were: Charlotte L. Terry vs. J. R. Fitzgerald. Luella Bliven vs. Lorenzo Bliven. Suit for divorce.

O. C. Baker vs. O. D. Kephart, Geo. Goodrum, Coos Bay Iron Works and E. I. Chandler. W. G. Hamlin vs. J. E. Hamlin. Suit for divorce.

Amelia Volz vs. The Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., a California corporation. Amelia Volz vs. John T. McGuire. Electa M. Rice vs. Hubert J. Rice. Suit for divorce.

Thomas Lenet vs. Clara E. Lenet. Suit for divorce. Libby Coal, \$5.00 ton. Phone 72.

WIRE DAMAGE BIG Storm Caused Trouble All Along the Outside Lines

The storm caused considerable wire damage in this part of the state. The local telephone company had no losses on their lines excepting the breaking of the wire at Rogue river in Curry county which was caused by an electric storm. The Pacific States company, however, with which the local company connects from Myrtle Point east to Roseburg, must have had some expensive damage in the mountains. From all accounts that can be received from there the wires were badly broken down.

The damage to the Western Union was largely outside of the county in the mountains, and east of the Coast range. A telephone message last night stated that there was a mass of wire on the eastern slope of the coast range which must have been broken in a dozen places. These wire troubles are not confined to Coos Bay. The same conditions are reported along the Willamette Valley as far as can be learned.