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Port Orford.

Mr. Barnes, Supt. of Hume's stock farm, passed through Port Orford last Friday on his way to Coos Bay after Hume's string of thoroughbred horses.

Rev. Geo. H. Roach faced the blizzard storms last Friday rather than disappoint his Port Orford congregation, which he knew was expecting him.

The teams of A. Jamieson, McF. Fitzhugh and Al. Marsh all made successful trips to Bandon for freight and got back Saturday just in time to cross the Sixes bridge as it was finished.

We are pleased to report that Grandmother Zumwalt is able to be around in her usual health and strength. It was feared at first that she was slightly paralyzed, but her speedy recovery precludes that opinion.

George Curry came in from the Rock creek mines last Thursday, and says that the snow was six feet deep on the divide when he left there, and must be over ten feet by this time. The miners have all come out.

Harry Nelson of Bandon, who has been working with the R. R. Surveyors along the coast, passed through Port Orford last week on his way home. It is reported among the surveyors that they will soon commence setting grade stakes, which usually means that construction will soon follow.

The ditch and flumes of the Big Jewel mine were so badly injured by the late big storm that Mr. Charles Jamieson, the Supt., will go back to Minnesota to consult the company before undertaking the expensive repairs. We believe that they will have to put in centrifugal pumps to successfully work the high bars of Sixes river.

Mr. Burnham and wife, who are new comers, were in town on business last Friday night. They have located a homestead on Elephant Rock creek, but have been notified that the place has been filed on as a timber claim, although it is brush land with no timber except a few trees. The swindling timber cruiser is getting in his work all over Curry.

The Cape Arago Light Station was the scene of a very pretty home wedding which took place on Jan. 10th, 1907, when Miss Marie L. Amundson was united in marriage to Mr. Oscar R. Langlois, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Thurston.

The many friends of Ross Sutton will be pleased to learn that he and his old friend and schoolmate, Moray Applegate, have organized in Oakland, California, the Metropolis Improvement Co., incorporated, and are engaged in real estate, building and mill work, and, having leased wharf privileges, are prepared to do contract building and handle lumber on a large scale.

In a letter received from our niece, Mrs. J. G. Walker, we learn that Mr. Walker stood the trip to Bandon splendidly, and that he has been improving in health since his arrival there. They are much pleased with the place.

Supervisor Ellis decided, wisely as the people believe, to put in a 60 foot span on the approach to the Sixes bridge. This will enable drift to run by, and will not be so easily washed out. Fortunately Mr. Neilson was able to furnish all the necessary rods, and no delay was incurred.—Tribune.

Want Bounty on Shags.

Senator Coke and Representative Chase and Ruckliff of this district have been asked to try to put through a bill at this term of the Legislature providing for a bounty of ten cents each for fish-eating shags, instead of five cents as the law now stands.

These birds do great damage to both the salmon and trout by following the schools when on their way to sea and feeding on millions of them. It is the thought of many that if the money was spent in bounty and a little less for raising fish it would be money saved, for if all were saved that are hatched from year to year there would be no need of hatching so many.

During the big storm the Marshfield and Myrtle Point railroad was considerably demoralized. Trains only resumed running through to the point the first of the week.

Unlawful Land Occupancy.

An amended circular has just been issued from the General Land Office respecting the unlawful occupancy of public lands. The circular reads as follows:

It shall be the duty of the special agent on receipt of any charge or complaint or upon information being acquired by him from any source, that an unlawful inclosure is being maintained by any person or persons, association, or corporation, to at once proceed to secure sufficient data, including a description of the lands inclosed, with reasonable certainty, not necessarily by metes and bounds, nor by Governmental subdivisions of surveyed land, but only so that the inclosure may be identified and the person or persons guilty of the violation, as nearly as may be, and by description if the name can not, on reasonable inquiry, be ascertained, and to at once submit such case, with the data thus obtained, to the United States attorney for prosecution.

It shall be the duty of the special agent, and he shall be so instructed, to be alert and vigilant to detect the existence of unlawful inclosures in his district and to proceed in accordance therewith as hereinabove directed, and that he is not to construe his duties as requiring that, before proceeding in the matter of an unlawful inclosure, there must first be filed with him a formal complaint by some person or persons acquainted with the facts, but it shall be his duty, as hereinabove stated, to take the initiative himself.

A correspondent from Prosper to the Sentinel says: About 500 of the stray logs caught behind the Cody mill works during the storm went to sea Sunday morning as the result of the malicious cutting of the boom enclosing them. The dastard so mean as to cut loose the logs of these already heavy losers is too dangerous to society to be allowed at large, and should be apprehended, and drastic measures should be employed to rid the community of him.

Move For Consolidation.

The proposition to consolidate the towns of Marshfield, North Bend and Empire under the name of Coos Bay took definite shape last week by the circulation of petition blanks for a special election to vote on a charter. If the charter carries the consolidation goes into effect, and the first election under the charter would probably be held next December. This petition was drawn up by the representative of the Harbor after consultation with Mayor Simpson and other business men, and it has their approval. It is the belief of the Harbor that every broad minded citizen—the man whose vision is not warped by petty jealousies—will join this movement for consolidation, and by united effort help to spread the fame of greater Coos Bay. North Bend Harbor.

Surveyors Moving This Way.

Engineer Brown and his party of surveyors are still at the Blasco hotel in this city. They are working up Isthmus slough, and go from Marshfield every morning in the launch Meteor.

There is yet a month or two of work before the engineers in this locality. When they have finished here they will go to the main camp near Coquille, and keep on with the work down the coast toward Eureka. It will require probably two years or more to make the survey down the coast. The preliminary survey took up that much time.—Times.

The body of Jack Boone, the young man who was drowned a couple of weeks ago while assisting to break a log jam on the north fork of the Coquille, was recovered last Thursday. It was found a short distance down river from where the accident occurred. The river had been well searched for the body at the time of the drowning, but no trace was found of it, and it was the general belief that it had floated down the stream, and little hope was entertained for ever recovering it.

Some charred mail matter was received from Roseburg Sunday morning. It had been in a fire that destroyed a mail car on the Southern Pacific at Junction City Thursday morning. The engine was taking on oil for fuel when a lighted lantern set the gas in the tank on fire. The top of the tank was blown off, and burning oil was scattered broadcast. The engine and tender were badly damaged and the mail car destroyed. The balance of the train was pulled out of the way by an engine standing on a side track.—Enterprise.

So great a quantity of ice cakes floated down the Columbia river last week that vessels in that stream became thoroughly ice bound, and there was a general tie-up in shipping. Among the boats that could not leave the harbor was the little schooner Berwick, R. D. Hume's Rogue river craft, which was at Portland to be fitted with cold storage.

"Mazook" Anderson, well known in Bandon, took an accidental tumble into Coos bay the other night, and would have drowned had assistance not been close at hand. Mazook is now employed as night watchman at Snyder's Central Hotel, Marshfield.

The Oregonian states that the lumber output of Oregon for 1906 was two billion feet, of which the mills of Multnomah cut 700 millions.

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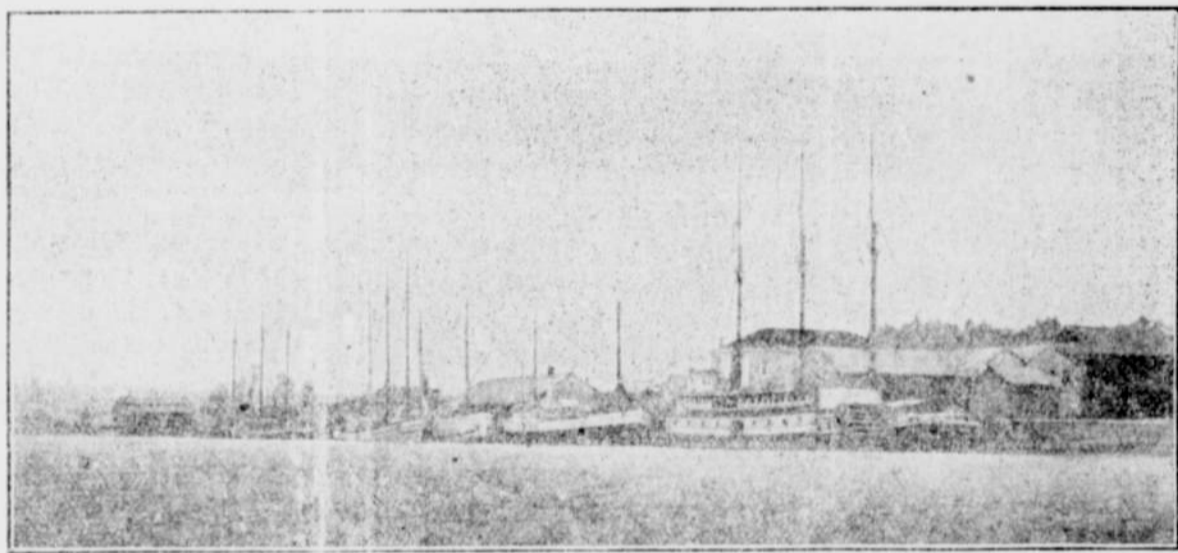


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