

## Need of a Parcels Post.

Such incidents as that of the Adams Express company dividing up \$24,000,000 among its stockholders is likely to aid the movement for a parcels post, as it should. Congress would have passed a parcels post law long ago except for the influence of the express companies, which, along with other corporations, many members of congress serve, rather than the people at large. The creation of a parcels post system should not be the only step taken to curb the rapacity of the express companies, but the interstate commerce commission, having authority to do so, should investigate the charges of these companies, and reduce them when exorbitant, as they are in a great many if not nearly all cases. The Wall Street Journal mentions a case of the transmission of \$473,500 in gold from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Seattle, by mail, the postage amounting to \$480, because the charge of the express company would have amounted to \$1,580. Many similar cases of all sorts of merchandise might be cited. All other progressive nations have long had a parcels post, because no other national legislature allows such corporations to make or defeat laws to suit themselves, regardless of the interests of the people. It is time the people throughout the country got busy in instructing their representatives in congress to attend to this business.—Journal.

## Notes from the Bay.

Elmer Woolley, aged 27, was shot through the head and instantly killed, on Smith river, a tributary of the Umpqua, last week, by his companion, Wm. McGee, who mistook him for a bear.

The steamer Kilburn has been taken off the Coos Bay route, and we understand is to run between San Francisco and San Pedro. The plant is the only steamer now making regular trips between San Francisco and the bay.

The selling of stock in the proposed electric line to Roseburg is not progressing as fast as friends of the enterprise would wish. The sentiment of the community is strongly in favor of the proposition, but so many other business enterprises demand their attention, that the most important of all, from the standpoint of a great majority of the residents, is not securing the consideration it merits. The proposed electric line would do more to build up this county than any other enterprise, and therefore, from a business point of view, it deserves a hearty support.

A valuable horse belonging to Lester Smith met his death in a very unusual manner yesterday. The animal was to be taken up Coos River on the steamer Alert, but was decidedly opposed to making the trip. After much bucking and kicking, he was finally persuaded to get on board; but he was still in an ugly mood and refused to be quiet. He kicked his way into the hold, then kicked the gauge glasses off the boiler, liberating the steam, and then he kicked the bucket. The escaping steam caused a stampede of the passengers, but no other damage was done, and after repairs were made, the steamer started on her regular trip.—Coos Bay News.

## Oregon and Harriman.

The report of the transportation committee of the development convention at Cottage Grove, last week, is a strong presentation of facts very important to Oregon. Will Mr. Harriman, who is the main object of criticism, give due consideration to the facts set forth? Or will he contemptuously ignore them, and continue to treat the people of this State as if their main purpose in life was to work for him, and Oregon as if it were no more entitled to consideration than a patch of the Sahara desert?

The report of this committee sets forth Oregon's grievances clearly and places the blame for its lack of development where it belongs. It

points straight to Mr. Harriman and says: "Thou art the man." But it resorts to no weakening invective and indulges in no pyrotechnic abuse of corporations or railroads in general. It shows that Oregon has not only been just, but generous, to Mr. Harriman's railroads; that the people of Oregon have been exceedingly patient, until patience has ceased to be a virtue; that while Mr. Harriman has been "milking" Oregon of many millions to aid him in his financial exploits, he has done as little as possible for Oregon, and has repeatedly broken promises that he has made. In a word, while Oregon has been exceeding good to him, he has treated Oregon shamefully and with great injustice and injury. Yet we ask no revenge or reprisals. We want to go on treating his roads not only justly but liberally. We want to enact no harsh laws nor exert any annoying control. We want to be friendly to the railroads and give them good opportunities to make reasonable profits and as far as may be have a free hand.

But we want more railroads, promised railroads, the chance for development that only more railroads will give. We are going to get them, or make Mr. Harriman trouble. This is his territory, south of the Columbia. He claims it, and holds it. We look to him for these needed roads. It won't do to say that nearly all of central and southeastern Oregon is a desert, "not worth scrapping over," for we all know better. It will not do to say that labor and money cannot be obtained. We know this isn't so, either. We are going to get something done, some of those promises fulfilled, or here will be attempts of one kind or another made that will compel Mr. Harriman's attention. We demand more railroads, more transportation facilities, and the opening up of the railroad lands to sale and settlement.

Mr. Harriman may smile scornfully at these demands, believing that he is all-powerful and the people powerless, but times are changing; this will not be so much longer.—Journal.

## Port Orford Notes.

From the Tribune.

Some kind friend left 1/2 gallon of strawberries at the front door of the Tribune home last Saturday, for which grateful act the entire Tribune family are grateful, and duly appreciated the berries.

The Berwick arrived at Port Orford Saturday morning from Portland, having called in at Coos Bay where she took aboard Hon. R. D. Hume and Judge Woodruff. She landed a lot of supplies for our merchants and left at 11 a.m. for Rogue river, Mr. Hume going with her.

Mr. Hilliard, who has been under medical treatment for some weeks at Marshfield, returned by stage Friday and went down to his home at Ophir by next day's stage. His case is an aggravated form of kidney trouble that eventually will require an operation, but which, owing to the uncertainty of such an operation, the doctors advise him to postpone as long as possible.

The Berwick had a lot of yearling Lincoln bucks aboard, which will be used to improve R. D. Hume's flock of sheep. They are very large sheep, but we believe the Oxford Downs would have proved a more desirable cross. Why not some of our large flock owners invest in them and compete with Mr. Hume. The experience would be valuable.

Charles Wilson and his daughter returned to their home at Gold Beach by Monday's stage. His daughter's leg below the knee was operated on by Doctors Mann and Tyler, for necrosis of the bone, caused by an injury received in playing. He says she is recovering rapidly. He also says the Backman girl who was similarly affected underwent the same operation with similar results.

Edward Carey has invented a new device for the use of loggers in the way of a choker hook. Mr. Carey's hook has a device swinging on a pivot, calculated to lock the line fast so that it cannot slip off during a

slack in the haul of a log. It is believed by the inventor that his device will save lots of time, and that at least three logs can be handled where two were disposed of under the old method. Mr. Carey proposes to demonstrate the value of his invention by practical test, and then get the device patented.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

## Father Abuses Little Girl.

The case of Rose Ferrey, Riverton, petitioner for the appointment of a guardian for Bessie Andrews, daughter of Curtis Andrews of Riverton occupied two days at Coquille this week. Miss Ferrey is an aunt of the little girl who is ten years of age, and according to evidence submitted at the trial, the child has been abused and ill-treated in various ways by her father.

The petition was applied for under a new law which passed the Oregon legislature at the last session, providing for rectification of matters of this nature which come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Andrews is a brother-in-law of Miss Ferrey, having married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferrey, of Riverton. Mrs. Ferrey is deceased and the family consists of Bessie and two brothers, aged nine and seven. At the time the service was obtained the family was camping at Coquille. Miss Ferrey and other witnesses were familiar with the fact that there was negligence on the part of Andrews with reference to his family and home, and all this and charges of a more serious nature were brought out in the evidence at the trial.

The case was brought by Deputy District Attorney E. L. C. Farrin before County Judge John F. Hall and a jury of six.

Besides neglect, "cruelty and ill-treatment were proven. One witness stated that the father had kicked the daughter and punished her with a broom handle, inflicting bruises of considerable severity. One of the sons, according to the testimony, was suspended to the wall by a rope tied to his body, while one was beaten so severely that hernia resulted.

It was shown, that a surprising condition of squalor and privation exists in the home Andrews supplies for his children.

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