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THE BOARD of engineers recommended the harbor improvements along the coast for the Columbia River only. Their recommendation goes a long way toward securing an appropriation; and while we do not expect 40 feet on the bar, we do want 20 feet, and as all of Oregon's streams excepting the Columbia, were turned down by the engineers, it is up to the people to go after an appropriation themselves.

TEN DOLLARS a month to breathe! That is the way the advertisements of the new combination will read in ten years. All of the trusts, railroad companies and steamship lines, of any consequence, have united into a gigantic merger. Harriman has been almost left out of the combine which is probably fortunate for Oregon, but Hill, Morgan, Rockefeller and Kuhn-Loeb are the king pins who propose to run the thing. This merger, which has been organized, will in the first place, be of great benefit to the whole country, inasmuch as it will immediately quell the financial scare now existing. Probably this combination will have considerable to do in the next campaign, although at present their interests are not mutual with either the Republican or Democratic party. The Gould interests are not in the combination, but eventually must join the combination or be squeezed out. The low prices existing enabled them to buy much stock at a figure never hoped of. The combined interests have ousted Harriman in the deal, and his retirement, of both the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific is expected in a short time.

THE TURBULENT state of finances all over the country are holding the center of the public stage, but what is even more to the interest of the dwellers of the Coquille Valley, is our bar and harbor improvements. The financial difficulties are already smoothing themselves, and in a short time will be known only as an epoch in history, but to us the Coquille River improvements are of a great importance. The Rivers and Harbors Congress meet in Washington next month, and Orvil Dodge has been sent by the commercial bodies of Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point to present our needs in river improvements. He is better able to present these requirements to the proper statesmen who will look judiciously into this matter, than any other man. His trip to Washington last year was extremely fruitful, and he is not only familiar with the local conditions, but has a personal interest in securing an appropriation for further improvements. We will give, in an article in a short time, the statistics of shipping, showing the amount of shipping, and the most needed improvements.

THE THINGS that a country newspaper man has to contend with are by no means few, and many a difficulty could be eliminated by the exercise of a little thought on the part of our subscribers. Last week an individual came into our sanctum loudly defaming the atmosphere with adjectives and cuss words. After the torrid visitor had subsided and the air cleared of brimstone, and incidentally the editor had crawled out from under the stove, we learned that this individual had not been receiving his paper regularly. Before any explanations could be arrived at, our fiery friend had taken his departure, but before leaving consigned the whole outfit to a place where overcoats are never needed. We looked the matter up and found that the subscriber had moved and his paper had not been changed. He had not notified this office, and being at outs with the mystic oracle, we did not know of the change. Some people think we keep their paper

out on purpose. Try to rob them of a thing we are heartily glad to see leave for the post office! If you have any difficulty in securing your paper, notify us, giving the address to which it is sent, and the one to which you want it changed.

THE MONEY situation is rapidly becoming clearer and this will probably be the last week of the Holidays, proclaimed by the Governor. The one essential above all else, confidence, is fast being restored, and there is plenty of money in circulation. Owing to the conservative methods practiced by all banks in Oregon, a hardship has been worked upon our manufacturers and their employes, but it was only temporary. There are calamity howlers who always infest a community, who with their "I told you so's" incite suspicion, and what is more natural than for any one to strive to protect that which he is working daily for, his money. The clearing house certificates have been spread broadcast, many having reached the Coquille Valley, giving a temporary currency and secured by the best of securities, wheat. One which we saw called for five dollars and was secured by seven and a half dollars worth of wheat in the warehouse. Millions are being shipped into this country, and the financial frenzy which came so near to wrecking many of the banks throughout the country, has been averted, and the "hard times" are just as far off as they were before the recent money trouble.

### The Other Side.

The worm will turn eventually and we reprint following a letter of a Minnesota farmer to the editor of his local newspaper, giving another version of the Mail Order evil:

"If the mail order house gets \$1000 out of this county each month that belongs to the home merchants, the fault is with the home merchants themselves. The mail order houses advertise and gives us prices on everything they offer for sale. They tell us what they have and what they want for it. Of course we get soaked once in a while, and if we do we can try some other house. Most of the home merchants who advertise at all, don't quote prices. They neglect to tell us what we want to know—prices. Of course we can go to the store and ask the price of this article and that, but you know how it is—one doesn't know so well what he wants to buy when he gets into a store as when he is at home. And here is where the mail order houses make their hit. They send their advertising matter into our homes and we read it when we haven't anything else to do, and every member of the family who reads their stuff, usually finds something that he or some other member of the family wants, and many orders are made up and sent out at just such times.

"Right here is where the home merchant falls down. If he talked up his business in our homes the same as the mail order houses do, the people would be in to see him the next time they came to town, and in many cases extra trips would be made to get things at once that we wanted until they were brought to our attention.

"The home merchant can save the expense of getting out a catalogue. We people read the home papers more carefully than we do a catalogue, and if the merchant wants to talk business with us let him put his talk in the home papers, and put it in so that we know he means business. The home merchant likely, nine times out of ten, sells his goods as cheap as the mail order houses, and I believe on many things they are much cheaper, but how are we to know it if he does not tell us about it?"

"A merchant must not think that even his best customers know his goods so well that they can tell what he has without being told.

"It is none of my business how the home merchant runs his business, but I don't like to see these roasts in the papers all the time about the fellows who get a little stuff shipped in once in a while and never any thing on the other side. There are always two sides to a question, and I have given you mine. If it is anything to you you can take it."

### Port Orford Notes.

From The Tribune.

Agates by the tens of thousands were thrown up on agate beach last Thursday and Friday, and many people have enjoyed the pleasure of hunting for rare ones.

John R. Miller has bargained the merchandise in his store to Ames S. Johnson, who if the deal is completed, will rent the building and continue the business. They are now busy invoicing the goods. Mr. Miller has not stated what he will do in the future.

The work of surveying the S. P. Coast Railroad route, has in common with all of Harriman's railroad construction on this coast, and elsewhere, been suspended, and Brown's and Mitchell's parties have been ordered to San Francisco, and our local men have returned home, Brown's party going to Coos Bay, and Mitchell's going out to the railroad via Crescent City.

What is it has two eyes but can't see; two ears but can't hear; four feet that can't walk; but yet it can jump as high as Mount Hood? Answer: a dead cat. But, you say, "a dead cat can't jump." Neither can Mount Hood, we reply! Sold again.

It will be pleasing to our people to know that Representative Hawley, has energetically, and intelligently, taken up the creation of a Life Saving Station at Port Orford, and having made a close study of the location here by personal inspection, he agrees with all our sea faring citizens that Nellie's cove is the proper place for its erection, despite the site selected by Captains Munger and Roberts, and he will probably ask a re-examination, in order that Nellie's Cove may have another chance, provided that the government can recede from what has already been done, without unnecessary delay. Hawley's letter to Superintendent Kimball, shows his thorough knowledge of the situation, and we publish Gen. Kimball's reply in order that our readers may understand the present status of the proposed station.

The fact that Treasurer Steele had loaned the Ross Institution Three Hundred and Ninety five Thousand Dollars, at 2 per cent, and now has to endorse state warrants "not paid for want of money," the same to draw 6 per cent interest, raises the presumption that Ross paid some body a premium for such loan. Whatever may be the facts in the case, Mr. Steele must now realize the impolicy of placing all his eggs in one basket.

### Colonist Rates will not be Discontinued.

At a meeting in Chicago lately, representatives of the larger railways systems agreed not to abandon the home-seekers' excursion to the west. Since the passage of the two-cent fare laws in many of the western states there has been talk of discontinuing the rate. For three days the general passenger agents of the larger systems have been in conference here considering the question. There was a minority of the opinion that the rate should be wiped out and regular tariff charged to all. Representatives of the Union, Burlington, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Northwestern and Rock Island said that under no circumstances would they agree to abandon these rates, as they had resulted in building the west.

It was agreed, however, that the home-seekers' rates be slightly advanced after January 1. The maximum advance will be \$5 on each round-trip ticket.

### Trespass Notice.

Any person or persons trespassing upon the Croft Lake ranch, the McClellan and Marshall ranches, will be prosecuted as the law directs, and a reward will be given for information that will lead to the conviction of the guilty parties.

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