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No. 1, O. R. C.  
Meets in this place every first and third Tuesday in each month. All members in good standing are cordially invited.  
A. T. Lillie, Commander.

**A. R. R. TO COOS BAY.**  
It might surprise many people of this county, if actual work was begun this season on a branch road from the O. & C. road at Roseburg to Coos bay; yet such a thing is among the possibilities. A gentleman, than whom none is better posted, and who, we understand, is interested largely in railroads, writes us from San Francisco under date of April 1st, as follows: "I am informed it is the intention of the Oregon & California R. R. Co. to run out from Roseburg to Coos bay one of these days. The improved condition of Coos bay has attracted their attention, and they are extending their lines everywhere to control business, and that looks to me like a road which they would like to have, especially since that bay has improved so much. The question is, will it prove a permanent condition of things? I would like your views on that subject. Some say, now, that it is a better bar than the mouth of the Columbia.

Since our opinion is asked in regard to the permanency of the improved condition of Coos bay as a harbor, we cheerfully answer that it is not only sure to remain as good as it is at present, but with every dollar spent in the direction of the work already under way there by the government it will continue to improve. As to its being as good a harbor as that of the Columbia river, it is decidedly better; the average depth of water on the bar there the last year or so, and since the last government work was done, in feet, has been away up in the twenties. And, too, when all the harbors along the coast were closed up, Coos bay retained its usual depth, being such as to admit of the largest steamers. One of the harbors we might mention as being closed, and that for several weeks at one time last winter, is that of Humboldt bay, whither a line of railroad from the main line of the C. & O. is now being surveyed. In view of the latter fact we have the utmost faith in what the gentleman referred to above, has to say. It is only surprising that the opportunity has not been availed of before by this company, or that it is still open for them to do so. It is quite evident that the opening offered here will not remain tenantless long. It is only because it is not known that it has remained as long as has unoccupied. The unfinished transcontinental lines heading toward this coast would only be too glad to know the best harbor between the Straits of Fuca and San Francisco bay, and that so centrally situated was unoccupied by a railroad. In view of these facts, then, it were not so surprising, after all, if the O. & C. should see fit to run a branch line down to Coos.

**Coals to Newcastle.**  
San Francisco, April 1.—The San Francisco wheat market is in an anomalous condition. There is considerable wheat in the state and there are large transactions in wheat options daily at the call board but no wheat is changing hands. Shippers are not buying because they claim the price is at least \$2 per ton above the Liverpool market even at £1 freight for ships. As long as this condition of things exists the wheat export trade for the season is at an end.

Millers affirm they cannot get a new dollar for an old one by buying wheat here at present. As a result of this state of affairs it is said one of the local millers has ordered from Kansas 200 car loads of wheat which he expects to turn into flour with a difference of seventy-five cents per barrel against California wheat at the present prices. Some Kansas wheat is now on the way here. This statement reads like sending coal to Newcastle.

While we have had much pretty weather since February, March will be remembered as a showery month.

**A Wagon Road.**  
The following well-timed article appeared in last week's Roseburg Review: Editor Review:—There has appeared from time to time in our local papers articles extolling (very truthfully too) the climate, productions of the soil, and the great wealth that exists in the timber, coal and minerals, which are known to be within Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, inviting capital to utilize, but when men arrive seeking homes and locations for investments, they are surprised to find no way to visit this territory except on foot, and few guides to be found, therefore go away believing we have humbugged them. There are no roads but one, the Coos bay wagon road, crossing the Coast Range mountains, the dividing line between the counties mentioned. The easiest and often the quickest way from Roseburg to Coos bay is by way of Portland and San Francisco, a distance of over thirteen hundred miles. This should not be so, as the distance from Roseburg to Empire City is only seventy-five miles by C. B. W. R. which is often impassible except on foot. A good wagon road can be built down the middle fork of the Coquille river to Myrtle Point, a distance of sixty miles from Roseburg of which there are only twenty-six miles to build, nine miles in Douglas county. Coos county has heretofore expended much money and labor on this route and a small outlay on the part of Douglas would enable us to make a road that we could drive a team and wagon to the coast this fall.

**A Friend To Roads.**  
**Those Backsets.**  
West Virginia has just made the greatest Prohibition fight on record. The Constitutional Amendment measure passed the House by a vote of 55 to 10, but was lost in the Senate for lack of one vote to complete the two-thirds, the vote standing 17 ayes to 8 nays. The liquor men who had fought and killed it, retired to rest on their laurels, when a bomb burst in the shape of a bill for "prohibition straight," "House Bill No. 82 prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and drinks within the state of West Virginia." All sort of filibustering and tricks were resorted to defeat it, even to shutting off the gas, and leaving the House in utter darkness; but the Home forces were brave and true, their leaders wise, and the measure passed the House by 37 ayes to 20 nays. And now comes this dispatch: "Joy to the old Mountain State! Prohibitory Amendment carries! House 55 to 10; Senate 20 to 9." As showing the prohibition temper of the House while the struggle was going on, one member remarked: "I verily believe that if a bill was introduced to hang a man for taking a drink it would go right through under a suspension of the rules." — Union Signal.

A just measure is sought in the bridge to cross the South Coquille just at its junction with Middle fork, at Mrs. Hoffman's place. This was formerly the crossing for the whole upper river country, and is at an eligible place. During over half the year, the river at that point is not fordable, and the balance of the year it is attended with more or less danger. Its special claims to eligibility are that the country round about there is the most extensively farmed of any in the county; that it is on the direct route from Port Orford and Curry county to the Umpqua valley, and the interior of the state. By all means it should be granted.

The rich E. J. Baldwin is booming the promising town of Arcadia, Cal., he having commenced a \$500,000 hotel there, and put in water works at an expense of \$150,000. This is the kind of work to make a city.

**OUR NEIGHBORS.**  
(Coos Bay News.)  
The new steamer, building at North Bend, is being planked.  
The late raise in coal in San Francisco has caused a corresponding raise in the Coos bayites.  
A letter from San Francisco says that Charley Daley knocked his man out in good shape, winning the purse of \$500.  
Sam. Montgomery, an old resident of North Bend, died on Sunday, aged 71 years. He was a spur-maker by trade, and a native of Warren, Knox county, Maine. The funeral took place at Empire, Monday, Rev. W. Lund officiating. The tug Fearless made a special trip from North Bend on the occasion.  
Supt. A. J. Sherwood, assisted by D. L. Rood and A. B. Camp, examined applicants for teacher's certificates at the academy on Wednesday and Thursday last. Misses Lottie Vanderburg, Tillie Volkmar, Nettie Mais and Emma Stauff passed very creditable examinations and were awarded first-grade certificates, and three second-grade certificates were also granted. The applicants were all pupils of Mr. Rood, and their success reflects great credit on the ability and painstaking efforts of the teacher.  
Wm. Johnson, the expert, who has been examining the sandstone quarry and works at Port Blacklock, arrived in town last week on his way back to the city. It is very probable that work will be resumed at the quarry within a few weeks. The company owning the works now is solid financially, and as there is a good demand for the stone, which is of superior quality, there is no reason why the exports from that source should not rank as a leading industry. We understand it is the intention to use steamers in shipping the stone from Port Blacklock.

(Gold Beach Gazette.)  
Curry county is rich in minerals, and no county on the coast offers a better field for the energetic prospector.  
Road Supervisor Dewey has purchased the lumber and will shortly commence the construction of three badly needed bridges between Indian creek and Jerry's flat.  
This is about the first spring that potatoes have been plentifully offered at 1 1/2 cts. sacked up. Heretofore they have always been very scarce this time of year. A little fresh butter is offered at 25 cents but there is as yet no demand.  
Many and various rumors are afloat as to what will be done by the Blacklock Sandstone Co. this year. Railroad to Port Orford, two steamers for Port Blacklock, etc., etc., are among the things reported but only so much seems certain that the company will certainly attempt in some way to market some of their stone. There is no other undertaking in our vicinity which occupies so large a share of the public attention.  
Thus far no dairying has been done on the hill ranges, but this year M. Shoemaker and C. Langlois adjoining land owners, will join forces and milk for butter. Butter made off the hill ranges is sweeter and richer than is made off the low flats. It is safe to predict satisfactory results. Whenever a wagon road shall have been built through the hills from here towards Myrtle Point, it will open up a large and valuable country for dairying. In merely letting cattle run on the ranges without milking, it is difficult to keep them from getting too wild, but dairying does away with all that. Used to being handled from calf the dairystock is easy to keep gentle.  
Frank Clarno was made the victim of a piece of malicious mischief week before last. Having purchased the Frantz Nordburg house, in Squaw valley, he proceeded to move on the place, by haul-

ing a load of his household goods over and placing them in the house. He returned to Jerry's Flat, and the next day took over another load, when he was surprised to find that some accommodating individual had removed his property from the house and carefully stacked it outside before setting fire to the house, which was burned to ashes.

**The Timber Interest.**  
There is a big boom in lumber, and it is quite evident that the boom has come to stay. The completion of the numerous transcontinental railroad lines of late is the main reason for this, but there are others also, among which might be mentioned the great building boom in California. Coos county will share largely in the coming prosperity, for already men are here hunting timber lands having a knowledge of what is coming. In California the timber is mostly worked out and now we are to come in for recognition as never before. It is only a short time till even Oregon timber, as well as that of Washington, will be scarce with our present rate of building up. This ought to infuse new life into the average Coosite. As an evidence of low timber is being sought, we quote from a Eureka, Cal., dispatch of April 1st, as follows:  
All those big Eastern lumbermen that have centered in and around San Francisco for the last two or three months, have been up in Humboldt county lately and created a furore in timber circles. Some Michigan men have had agents here for a year and a half locating and buying uplands. There is now little government land left to take up in this country. They are paying all the way from ten to twenty-five dollars per acre for redwood and other timber lands.

A meeting of lumber dealers was held yesterday, and the price of lumber was discussed. The fact the demand largely exceeds the supply was referred to. It is understood that there is to be a further advance in rates during the coming month. The boom in Southern California is having a marked effect in the price of all kinds of building material, and the lumber trade has been largely benefited thereby.

**Dona Items.**  
Ed. HERALD:—"Yours I Remain" made a stake up Salmon river, and has now settled on Yankee Run creek, instead of Elk creek.  
School district No. 48 has no teacher at this date.  
38 or 40 head of beef cattle passed over the Coos bay road en route for Portland, via Roseburg. B. Agee bought said cattle from T. Sheridan. Also the John Levar cattle passed over the road having been purchased by J. Young. Coos can boast of some fine cattle.  
Hands are now working on the Coos bay road, repairing it for wagons. The toll-gate has been moved to J. C. McCulloch's stage station in Brewster valley.  
J. Young is buying cattle in Coos and Curry counties.  
Quite a drove of horses passed en route for Port Orford to be used in carrying U. S. mail.  
T. Johnson is in the lead as canvasser for books.  
"Rah! for prohibition! let one and all say by their vote, No rum! that the evil now throughout the land may diminish speedily."  
Parties from Benton county will soon commence work opening up their mine, which they and J. Sturdivant located last summer.  
Anza.

Send five cents in stamps to F. T. Merrill, 145 Fifth St. Portland, Or., for a copy of the 16 page paper, "The Oregon Cyclist" and Illustrated Catalogues, of leading American made Bicycles.

**Pleasant Valley Items.**  
Mr. Editor:—As our "miniature Paradise" has not been represented in your valuable paper for some time, I thought a few items from the undersigned would not be unwelcome.

The happiest man in Pleasant Valley is the possessor of two sons-in-law, both of whom hold the lucrative positions of school director, and, by the way, while I think of it, I wish to impart a little information which may be of interest to your numerous readers, especially those whose painful duty it is to select and employ teachers for our public schools.  
Our district dads have made the very important discovery (don't ask any questions in regard to this, as particulars cannot be given until a patent is obtained) that teachers are divided into two classes.  
The first, or better class, are those that have, among other accomplishments, a grown daughter to assist "in the management of affairs." It has been found that a teacher thus provided not only wins the affection of his pupils, but is sure to find an easy road to the hearts of the directors.  
The second class is of course composed of all qualified teachers, minus the above named additional qualification. Both of these classes were represented by the applicants for our summer school; but the directors consulting the interests of the district (?), or their own individual interests, took the man with the girl; thus giving notice that during their administration, at least, no cheap "chuckle headed teacher" need apply.  
Mrs. Duniway once said, "That women run the government." We don't know how that is but we have learned that their influence over man is remarkable.

The "pile camp," established by Mr. Marshall, is running on full time. His contract calls for seven hundred piles for the government works at the mouth of the river.  
A young professor from near Coquille City has established quite a reputation in this vicinity as a croup doctor. So far, he has cured every case for which he has prescribed. For further information enquire of J. R., his authorized agent for the river.  
"Handy Andy" has returned to his home here, bringing an immens horn, which he blows till his eyes protrude like boiled beans on a restaurant platter.  
Old Brudder Bones, Pleasant Valley, April 1st.

**Good Maxims.**  
Maintain dignity without the appearance of pride.  
Persevere against discouragement.  
Keep your temper.  
Be punctual and methodical in business and never procrastinate.  
Preserve self-possession, and do not be talked out of conviction.  
Never be in an unfitting hurry.  
Rise early and be an economist of time.  
Practice strict temperance.  
Manner is something with everybody, and every thing with some.  
Be guarded in discourse, attentive and slow to speak.  
Never acquiesce in immoral or pernicious opinions.  
Be not forward to assign reasons to those who have no right to ask.  
Think nothing in conduct unimportant or indifferent.  
Live within your income; be ever saving; avoid as much as possible either borrowing or lending.  
Often times the blackness which we believe we see in others is only our own shadow.—American Art Printer.  
For seven years a New Hampshire man made a circuit of half a mile twice per day rather than pass a powderhouse. The other day he learned that it had been empty for eight years. Take care of your ignorance, and your wisdom will take care of itself.