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OREGON WEATHER

Weather for the Week

Pacific Coast States: Quite frequent rains north and central portions; generally fair south portion; nearly normal temperatures.
Tonight and Tuesday rain. Warmer tonight. Moderate southerly winds.

BEGIN WORK ON HARBOR

Crescent City feels that after years of endeavor, the construction of adequate harbor facilities is now assured. Three years ago the people of the coast community voted to use liberally of their funds to aid the government in the building of the harbor. Friday the first stroke of work was undertaken by the federal authorities, and we of the inland country rejoice with the people of Del Norte county for the building of the harbor is more than a local project. Speaking of the commencement of work, the Triplicate, of Crescent City, has the following:

"The first stroke of actual construction work on the Crescent City breakwater was made this morning when surveyors, under Engineer J. H. Beale, representing Contractor Wm. B. Arndt, commenced the survey for the railroad which is to connect the rock quarries of Lover's Rock and Preston Island with the scene of construction. Among a small assembly of early birds, the first stake was driven by Chairman West Duley, of the county board of supervisors.

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that has been expended in reaching the point as indicated this morning, brings realization of the possible completed harbor project nearer than at any time since its inception. Mr. Beale expressed the view yesterday, that Col. Winslow, district engineer for the United States war department, was favorable and in a position to see the work continued with government funds when the \$200,000 of Del Norte county's money has been expended. He also stated that a crew of 50 men would be employed immediately and that within 60 days the placement of rock would commence.

"Construction will be by means of a railroad extending out over the works as completed and will consist of rock of three sizes, 1,000-pound boulders and 6 and 12-ton pieces laid in place with a crane. It is possible that the first 3,000-foot unit will be completed this summer. The blasting of rock will commence within a few days providing the weather permits."

It seems like the waste of good metal to put those silver buttons in the fish as contemplated by the state fish and game commission. It is now possible to keep absolute tab on the time it takes a fish to get to the upper river districts from the mouth of the stream, for during the fishing season the bulk of the fish that are fortunate enough to escape the nets at the mouth of the river, show the marks of Macleay's nets when they are taken here. That is brand enough to compute time and number and other necessary data.

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CLASSED HIM AS BEGINNER

Retired Sea Captain Evidently Knew Little of "Impressionistic" School of Painting.

"I once engaged board and lodging at the house of a retired New England sea captain," says a New York artist, "and from him I received some sincere advice.

"One day, while I was busy painting, I became aware that the captain was standing behind me, gazing at the canvas over my shoulder.

"How do you like it? I asked.

"Now, it chanced that the captain's house has been without an artist boarder for several years and that I was the first follower of the impressionist school it had ever harbored.

"The old sea dog gazed thoughtfully at the lower right-hand corner of the canvas where I had thrown a mass of parti-colored splashes and blotches. "You're kinder young," said the captain, kindly. "This is your first summer outdoors at it?"

"Yes." "Well, now, see here," resumed the captain. "There's two or three old palettes up in our shed chamber. You get one of those and try out your paints. You'll have to lose that whole corner of your canvas, I'll bet you, and it'll make your picture considerably smaller. I wouldn't do that again if I was you."—Harper's Magazine.

Nickels in London.

A letter in the Times of London points out the advantages England should gain by substituting nickel coins for bronze. To one who has merely visited Switzerland, this proposition requires little argument. In weight, bulk and convenience nickel is unquestionably preferable. With what ease can Swiss 20-centime pieces to the value of, say, 2 shillings, be carried, as compared with 2 shillings' worth of "copper?" And how this reform would lighten the bus conductor's burden! The combined weight of the 20-centime, 10-centime and 5-centime Swiss nickels is, writes the Times correspondent, only 137 grains, against the 515 grains, which 3½ pence weigh. Apropos of this subject, the London chamber of commerce has decided to recommend that the govern-

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Imports of Precious Stones.

The value of the precious stones imported into the United States in the fiscal year that ended recently was greater than it had been in any previous year. Pearls are growing more popular, but because the war interfered with the fisheries they have become so scarce that dealers cannot supply the demand. The South Africa diamond producers are taking advantage of the favorable market to unload the diamonds that they have been accumulating during the war. According to the National City bank of New York half the diamonds in the world are already owned in the United States.—Youth's Companion.

Japan Taking Western Sports.

Japan is offering somewhat of a market for American sporting goods, at the present. Since the end of the war there has been an increased interest in sports, and it may be said of Japan that western games played there are essentially scholastic in nature, baseball being the most popular, with tennis second. The latter named sport has now found favor outside of student circles, and tennis courts are scattered here and there throughout the larger cities.

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