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The answer to the conundrum in last week's issue is: "He never saw his equal."

Reedsport is preparing to invest \$70,000 in street improvements during the coming season.

The present year started out with a better hymenal record than usual in Coos county. Twenty-two marriage licenses were issued and only nine couples divorced during the month of January.

Washington's birthday occurs on Sunday this year so the Monday following will be celebrated and will be a school holiday in this county except for a short session of an hour and a half in the morning devoted to exercises appropriate for the day.

Unoccupied fields in Marinette county, Wisconsin, will be sowed to buckwheat this summer and the crop fed to prairie chickens in the winter by members and officers of the Isaak Walton League at Marinette and the Marinette county conservation clubs.

The new carload rate on cheese from Myrtle Point, Coquille and Coos Bay to Fresno, Los Angeles and intermediate points has just been fixed at \$1.25 per cwt. This will be effective about the time the shipping season begins, on March 5. This rate is for carload lots of 36,000 pounds, and is a considerable reduction from the rates heretofore in effect.

The National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation now has a membership of over 800,000 organized dairymen, stretching across the country from New England to the Pacific Coast. This organization is urging more protection against New Zealand, Australia, and Argentina dairy products, where strongest competition is developing and which cannot be coped with under present tariff duties, because of the low standard of wage and living in those countries.

Only a few years ago the state of Idaho sold fine timber as low as 25 cents per 1000 feet and was glad to get the money. Recently the state sold white pine stumpage for \$13 per thousand and the land has to be scientifically logged and the waste cleared up to make it a permanent state forest. Another similar sale was made for \$9.95 per thousand. An \$11 sale was reported four years ago, but this \$13 sale is believed to top all lumber prices in American history.—Bend Press.

Last spring a number of farmers who had for years marketed their products through the regular trade channels of Chicago, and who had become discouraged with the small profits left them after the horde of middle interests had taken toll, got together and started their own retail store on the waterfront. And in the first season they sold \$35,000 worth of their products. Now these farmers are organizing and are arranging for a chain of producer-to-consumer depots across the city. They declare that the middle concerns take so much from their products that they have been forced to direct selling in self defense.

**WGE TO THE RUM-RUNNER**  
Captain M. P. Jensen, of the coast guard station at Charleston, has a brand new boat of 50 horse power, capable of only the service known what speed. The craft is probably a rum chaser, but Captain Jensen scouted the idea when announcement was made that Coos Bay was to have one. The boat arrived this week and as suitable weather occurs, will be tried out by the coast guard crew and woe betide the rum runner who tries to put anything over the Coos Bay bar without consulting the coast guard, and if they do that, then they are gone. Nobody knows what the coast guard instructions are with regard to search and seizure, but they

have been known to go over foreign boats rather thoroughly before they entered this port. Although no rum runners have been known to enter here from British Columbia, there may have been traffic, but in the future they must be careful in this territory.—Coos Bay Harbor.

### THE ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY

A recent Astoria press dispatch has the following about the progress being made at the north end of the Roosevelt highway:

The Roosevelt highway in Clatsop county will be completed during 1925 as result of the vote of the county taxpayers, when they inserted on item of \$33,333.333 in the county tax levy for the first of the three payments which the county will make to the state highway commission in co-operating for the completion of the highway.

The approval of the levy came as result of a general swing toward the project. The motion making the levy was made and seconded by men who had previously opposed it bitterly.

The Roosevelt highway will be improved on a permanent basis along the general line of the present road from Seaside to Tillamook. As result of the favorable action on this levy, it is understood that the county court will use all available funds for pushing the construction of the permanent road south along Cannon Beach, so that ultimately there will be a road conforming to state highway standards paralleling the beach to Nehalem bay, as well as the highway running up to Necanicum river and down the north fork of the Nehalem river.

### 1925 OUTLOOK PROMISING

In its review of business conditions in different sections of the nation, or that extensive part of it, served by the Byllesby companies, while speaking of the excellent outlook in the Pacific northwest, which is served by the Mountain States Power company, the Byllesby Monthly News, in its last issue, says:

In the Willamette Valley, Oregon, the fruit crop was the best in years, and commanded satisfactory prices. Residence building in Eugene was extensive; at Corvallis, an office building, hotel, and extensive additions to the University are contemplated for 1925; Albany built more new homes than the last three years combined.

In the Coos Bay division, the Federal Government will spend \$1,000,000 on improvements to harbor facilities; the lumber industry promises great strides already many of the sawmills are planning on double shifts in order to handle the anticipated volume of business.

All in all, the outlook for 1925 is more than promising, and unless all signs fail, the coming year will be the most prosperous in the history of the Pacific Northwest.

Speaking of customer ownership of its securities this Monthly says, "It is estimated that there are now more than two million, five hundred thousand owners of securities in these companies.

"The utilities are not interested in getting a few of their customers to subscribe to large amounts of their capital stock; they want, rather, a very large number of customers with proportionately smaller holdings. The year 1925 will, no doubt, see an increasing number of users of gas and electric, telephone and street railway services attracted by the inherent investment qualities of the securities of these industries, which will bring nearer to accomplishment true ownership by the public."

### WHERE TO INVEST

Under the head of "Caveat Empor," meaning, "Let the Buyer Look Out," the Saturday Evening Post has the following good advice to investors:

Not every investor has an equally good chance of making money in a given field. It is not at all unlikely that our prosperous citizens of foreign birth may venture into the European field and do well if they confine their investments to governments and districts they know all about and concerning which they are constantly receiving advices from old-country relatives.

The average native-born American has no such advantages, and his chances of selecting securities well and wisely are not nearly so large.

After all, is the game worth the candle when a local telephone company or gas company is glad to pay six per cent for funds with which to finance extensions and replacements? Why send to Ruritania American-earned cash that will work almost as profitably and quite as safely within ten or twenty miles of home, in the hands of men whose records can be learned over the telephone and whose management can be checked annually, or perhaps quarterly, by means of printed reports that can be had for the asking? Or why ignore the demands for local mortgage money

when it can be so easily and so safely put out at interest? Why overlook local industries? Some of the best managed and most prosperous manufacturing concerns in the country have plants in small cities or towns; and those who live near them often have valuable opportunities to observe unwonted activity long before increased output is reflected in rising stock prices on the exchanges.

The foregoing advice is good for local investors here, who are now able to get more than six per cent on home telephone stock as well as stock in an electric light and power company that not only covers the Pacific Northwest but is affiliated with other companies having plants in three-fourths of the United States.

### 8,000 HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE IT

The ambition on the part of American girls to learn more about the scientific management of their homes is reflected in the great number of home service departments with their lectures, cooking classes and radio talks which have been installed during the past year.

Nearly 8,000 high schools in this country now give courses in domestic science, with a total enrollment of about 400,000 girls and 3,000 boys. This compares with only 1,350 schools ten years ago. The enrollment of girls taking these courses in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the elementary schools approximates 3,700,000. This means that there are well over 4,100,000 children of school age learning how to cook and keep house according to the most modern principles.

### MEXICAN ILLITERACY

According to the 1910 census, taken in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, there were 54,105 women who could read and write; 2,581 women who could read, but were unable to write; 80,901 women could neither read nor write; and the number of girls under fourteen years of age who could neither read nor write was 69,901. Leading educators in Mexico state that since that census in 1910 the per cent of illiteracy has been lessened by half.

### Coast Development League

At a special meeting held jointly by the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce and the Port of Port Orford, in Sabin's store Tuesday evening, Louis L. Knapp, who represented this Port District at the Harbor conference in Portland, made a public report of his work there as a delegate.

In a very interesting talk Mr. Knapp told in detail the object and the accomplishments of this first joint Harbor meeting where all the ports of Northern California, Oregon and Washington joined their forces in a united effort and drafted a memorial to Congress, urging the Federal Government to immediately take steps to develop to the greatest practical depth all the coast harbors to make available cheap water transportation for billions of feet of ripe and over-ripe timber that should be cut into lumber and distributed to the markets of the south, and middle west and the east through cheap carriers by way of the Panama canal.

It was shown at this conference that over one-half of the timber tributary to these harbors was government-owned, and paid no taxes, and also that 80 per cent of the timber in the coast forest reserves is ripe and ready for cutting.

At this Conference a permanent organization was formed, known as the Northwest Pacific Port Development League.—Bandon World.

### Letter From W. E. Cleghorn

Writing from Elston, Mo., under date of Jan. 26, W. E. Cleghorn, who used to be one of our citizens, says: Editor Sentinel:—Will you please put a few lines in your paper regarding my mother, Mrs. Phoebe Steely, as she has quite a few relatives there. She was taken sick New Year's day and has been very ill, but she is a little better now. The doctor thinks she is improving very slowly and that if no complications set in, she will get up.

That is why my wife and I are here. They wired us to come and we arrived here Saturday noon at 2:30 and found her a little better. She is 82 years old and, of course, her age is against her. She had something like the flu and it has left her heart weak.

The weather is very cold here and it is snowing. Respectfully yours, W. E. Cleghorn.

### Stray Logs

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### Episcopal Convention

The Rev. A. W. Bell, Vicar in charge of the Coos Bay Mission Churches, has returned from Portland and will hold services in St. James' Church next Sunday evening. He gives us the following:

The 37th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Oregon opened in that part of the Cathedral buildings uninjured by the earthquake on Wednesday morning, Jan. 28th, at 10 a. m. It was preceded by the service of The Holy Communion, the Bishop of the diocese, Right Rev. Walter T. Sumner, D. D., being the Celebrant, the very Rev. H. M. Ramsey, D. D., Gospeller, and the Rev. A. W. Bell, Epistoller. There was a large delegation of laymen as well as clergy. As this is the legislative body of the Church, considerable business was done, chief of which was the adoption of the plan of a year ago, viz., the centralizing of the work in the hands of the Bishop and a council, thus doing away with "Boards" and "Committees" as heretofore. The council was elected by the delegates at this convention.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Thos. Jenkins, late Rector of St. David's, Portland, now in charge of McMinnville and Tillamook, as Educational Secretary. He will give half his time visiting the Sunday Schools of the diocese at the invitation of the Rectors and Vicars, in making suggestions and giving information in the line of religious instructions, wherever it is helpful.

The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary always have their annual gathering at the same time as the convention in another building and the day before the convention opens is held a corporate communion service for all delegates, Guilds and Woman's Auxiliaries, with a special sermon for them. This service was held Tuesday morning, Jan. 27th, in Trinity Church and the special preacher was the Right Rev. William F. Remington, D. D. Bishop of Eastern Oregon. It was attended by over 500 women besides many clergy and laymen. The business sessions were held in St. Mark's Church.

Complimentary to Rt. Rev. W. T. Sumner on his 10th anniversary as Bishop of Oregon, a banquet was held on the evening of Jan. 28th in the Portland Hotel, when over 500 guests sat down. The Toastmaster was Dr. S. E. Joseph, Treasurer of "The Good Samaritan" Hospital. Among the speakers were Bishops Remington and Sumner, Mr. Blaine Ramsey, Mr. Dean Vincent and Mrs. Wilson Johnston, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese. The convention was the best attended in many years, a fine spirit pervaded it and much constructive work was accomplished.

Mr. Bell's field was represented in the convention by Mr. Winfield Foster, of Bandon, and Mrs. Foster was a delegate not only from St. John's Guild, Bandon, but represented the Southwestern Deanery in the Woman's Auxiliary. Mr. Bell has invited the Rev. Dr. Jenkins to visit the Sunday Schools of his mission field at the earliest possible time, and he hopes much good will result.

The Bishop in his annual address to the convention made public recognition of the work done in the Coos Bay district "under the efficient administration of the Vicar."

### Visitors Speak at High School

Mrs. K. W. Jameson, Dean of Women at the Oregon Agricultural College, gave a very interesting address before the student body last Thursday.

Her topic was the value of an education, and her text was from Van Dyke's famous poem: "To think without confusion clearly, To act from honest motives purely, To love your fellow men sincerely, To trust in God and Heaven securely."

She showed that no one of these points mentioned was sufficient by itself, but that to make a good citizen one must acquire them all. After her address she talked to the Senior girls and helped them with plans for a club which they are organizing.

Mr. E. F. Carleton, of the Extension Division of the University of Oregon, is visiting the schools in the state and talked Monday to the seniors of this high school. He advised them not to pick a college because their friends attend there but to go to the one that best prepared them for the particular branch of work they wished to follow. He obtained information from them concerning the college which they expect to attend and in what courses they are interested, so that he might send literature to them on those subjects.—Coquille High Times.

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