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MILLIS SAYS COOS BAY MAY HAVE ROAD

New steamer service and a railway project for Coos Bay were subjects that took C. J. Millis, superintendent of the Harriman steamship line between this port and Coos Bay, to San Francisco for a month. He returned yesterday morning.

Mr. Millis' conference with leading Harriman officials in San Francisco involved the placing, if necessary, of a steamship service between Coos Bay and San Francisco, and the early construction of a railroad into that place to connect with the main Southern Pacific line running between Portland and San Francisco. Mr. Millis seemed to avoid discussing the railroad project for Coos Bay, but admitted that the enterprise is receiving serious consideration.

"We are not ready yet to make definite announcement concerning the time of commencing work on the road," said Mr. Millis at the Imperial Hotel yesterday.

"Is the project a certainty?" he was asked.

"Well, we hope something will be done at an early date in that regard, but we are not ready to announce definite plans at present," he said.—Oregonian.

WORKMEN REMODELING CIRCUIT COURT ROOM

Contractor Perham has a force of several men busy this week remodeling the upper floor of the court house.

Two new rooms, 16x16 feet, have been cut out of the east end of the main court room; one a jury room and the other a private room for the judge. A 12x12 foot skylight is being put in the center of the ceiling of the court room, prism glass being used in the ceiling and wire glass in the roof.

The side entrance to the court room is to be closed and the main doorway will be in the extreme rear of the room. A vestibule is being built at this entrance.

The outside doorway to the old jury room has been closed and the entrance is now inside the court room, and the partition between it and the waiting room are being made sound-proof, as are also the walls of the new jury room.

A corridor four and one-half feet wide has been taken off the office of the County superintendent leading to a door in the east end of the court room, to be used by persons having business inside the railing. The room on the opposite side of the corridor is for the convenience of attorneys. The superintendent's office is much smaller than formerly, but double doors connect it with the attorneys' room, allowing the two to be thrown into one large room when examinations are in progress.

The rooms will be re-tinted, the woodwork re-finished, four new lavatories and toilets added, a telephone booth installed on the second floor, and a new chandelier for lighting the court room will be put in.

Geo. W. Martin, an old resident here who moved out to Lane county last summer, is in town this week making arrangements to move back to Coos county. Mr. Martin says he likes Coos county and Coos county people best.

J. B. and W. H. Meyers were in from Lee Wednesday, bringing a wildcat and a panther skin on which they received bounties. A bounty of \$10 for the county and \$10 for the state was received for the panther. This animal came down from the mountains, during the snow in January, and is said to have grown fat on Mast Bros' sheep.

CONTRACTS AWARDED AT COUNTY COURT SESSION

The county court last week awarded the contract for building a new ferry scow for the Coquille ferry. It is to have ventilators, four air compartments and have the posts battened to sides. The price is \$475 and is to be completed April 1. E. G. Perham also bid on the work.

E. G. Perham was awarded the contract for improvements in the upper story of the court house, the bid being \$1620. An additional \$375 is allowed for putting in the skylight, and the work is to be completed April 15. Mr. Perham was the only bidder.

Wiley & Schroeder were awarded the contract for plumbing and changing the heating arrangements, \$498 being their bid.

The court purchased a 10-ton Monarch road roller, the contract for same going to the Beach Manufacturing company for \$3,000, delivered at Myrtle Point. The county was allowed \$300 for the old road roller, to apply on the purchase price of the new.

Thomas Boone was appointed supervisor of road district No. 11 until a successor should be appointed and duly qualified.

RAILROAD LANDS NOT TO BE RESTORED TO ENTRY

The following letter from the Department of the Interior was recently received by the Roseburg land office and was printed in the News. It is thought that the same ruling will apply in the Southern Pacific and Southern Oregon land grant cases:

Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., March 3, 1911

Register and Receiver, Roseburg, Oregon, Sirs:

In accordance with departmental instructions of February 14, 1911, in the matter of the suit instituted by the government against the Oregon and California Railroad Company et al., to obtain a judicial declaration of forfeiture of the company's grant, you are hereby directed to advise all applicants and inquirers for lands involved in the pending litigation that in the event a decision favorable to the government is rendered, upon the demurrer heretofore argued and submitted, the lands will not thereby be restored to settlement and entry, because under the rules of the department, lands covered by outstanding patents, or other claims of record, are not subject to other disposition until, under the authority of this office, notation of the cancellation of the outstanding claim is made on the records of the local land office. It is deemed advisable that you furnish the press with notice of this action as a matter of news, but without expense to the government.

Similar letters have been sent to the other land offices of the districts in which lands affected by the suit are located.

Very respectfully,

(signed) S. V. Proudht,

Assistant Commissioner

Board of Law Review, by W. B. Pugh.

It appears that a good many people have gained the impression that as soon as the demurrer is decided the land office will accept filing on the 2,300,000 acres of unsold O. & C. lands. It is the purpose of the government to correct this impression, and to that end this letter has been sent to the land office.

The demurrer mentioned in the letter has been argued and the decision of Judge Wolverson is expected at any time. Last fall the government gave him an assistant in order that he might devote his entire time to the consideration of the O. & C. case and therefore his decision is expected now at a very early date.

It is only during the past year or two that the government has under-

PAMPHLETS TO BE THE FINEST OBTAINABLE

The second regular meeting of the commercial club occurred Monday night in the temporary quarters of the club, President R. H. Mast, presiding.

Most of the evening was devoted to a general discussion of matters looking to the growth and development of Coquille and the Coquille valley.

The bridge site came up again, and several who advocated the Ferry street site previously, stated that they would be willing to accept the site recommended by the county court in order to facilitate matters. Attorneys present gave it as their opinion that no delay would be necessary in case of condemnation proceedings were instituted, as the matter to be adjudicated after the verdict would be only as to the amount of damages.

The idea had prevailed among the members that possession of property for building purposes could not be obtained until the final decision of the courts.

The committee on advertising reported that nothing definite had been done in getting out advertising matter. It was the sense of the meeting that a first-class pamphlet be published, and that no expense should be spared in compiling material and insuring mechanical perfection. While the committee is having this pamphlet published a small folder will be gotten out for immediate use, as Secretary Leneve is badly in need of printed matter to use in answering inquiries.

After the commercial club adjourned, a quorum of the old chamber of commerce being present, a meeting was called by Judge Sperry and the money remaining in the treasury of that organization was voted to be turned over to the Coquille Commercial Club for advertising purposes. The sum in the treasury is said to be in the neighborhood of \$80 or \$90.

The next regular meeting of the commercial club will be March 27.

TIMBERS FOR MILL BROUGHT FROM BAY

Six carloads of timbers for the Coquille Lumber company mill had been received Wednesday, four of which had been unloaded.

Only one carload of timbers remains to be brought over. It is intended to begin raising the framework of the mill the last of this week, but the machinery will not be brought over from the Reynolds mill until the sidetrack has been put in.

S. M. Nosler installed a new four-horse-power gasoline hoisting engine in his warehouse this week, and as soon as his track is put down will be ready for business. He also intends to put in gravel and coal bunkers for the convenience of those who handle gravel and coal.

taken to cancel patents and restore the lands to the public domain. During this period a number of patents have been cancelled and the lands opened for entry. Besides the O. & C. case there are a number of cases pending in the federal courts wherein the government is taking steps to have a number of patents cancelled. After a patent is cancelled by the court it generally takes two or three months to have proper entries and notations made at Washington and the lands thrown open to entry.

It has been the policy of the government not to publish a notice giving the date when lands cancelled by the courts are subject to entry, and therefore the only way in which a person can know when they can file on such lands is by watching the local land office records.

FIELD TIMBER CO SEEKS TO STOP ROAD LEVY

A complaint was filed in the circuit court yesterday by the Field Timber company, of Jackson, Mich., in which it seeks to have set aside the six-mill special road tax levied by the voters of road district No. 11.

The complaint alleges irregularities in the election December 24, 1910, when the tax was voted in the district, in that there were 26 ballots cast when there were only 24 legal voters.

It also alleges that there were 13 votes for and 12 against the levy, and one blank, and that one of those voting for the levy was not a property owner.

The company states that it owns section 24, township 26 south range 11 west of the Willamette meridian, and 7,000 acres of other timber lands.

It is thought that this is a concerted move on the part of all the timber owners to knock out the road levy, the Field company acting for the balance.

PETITION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS READY

The following petition for street improvements was drawn up by the committee in accordance with the instructions of the meeting of property owners March 4, and will be circulated in a few days:

To the Honorable City Council of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon:

We the undersigned persons owning property adjoining and abutting upon the streets hereinafter named, hereby petition your honorable body and ask that the streets lying adjacent to and along, or in front of, said property be improved in the following manner to wit:

Said streets shall be graded; after the same are graded sewer pipes of sufficient size and capacity shall be laid, and said streets, commencing at the property line, shall be paved for a distance of eight feet; sidewalks of standard concrete formation shall be laid along each side of said streets six feet in width; the next eight feet shall be paved, and at the outside of the parking there shall be a standard concrete curb; the next nine feet smoothed, but left with dirt surface and the center of said streets shall have a road way eighteen feet in width of bitulithic or other hard surfaced pavement as good.

The streets hereinbefore mentioned are as follows:

First, Second, Third and Fourth in the Elliott and Notley additions; Elliott, Henry, Coulter, Heath, Beach, and Collier between the south line of Elliott addition and the north line of Fourth; Division and Maple in the Notley addition between the south line of First and the north line of Fourth; Hall, Taylor and Moulton in the Elliott addition between the south line of Fourth and the north line of Second, all in the City of Coquille, Coos county, Oregon.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

BANCROFT

J. C. Strong came up from Myrtle Point Sunday to get the rest of his things from the ranch.

The weather has been so favorable for work that many of the farmers have their plowing about done.

Several families on Myrtle Creek have the la grippe since the mild weather set in.

H. G. Cameron and son Todd are spending a few days with W. A. Fish and family, until Mr. C. gets better of his lameness.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crunk, Sr., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Albert Rice and trying a change of air for the benefit of their health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Appleton made a trip to the South Fork last week to bring over the household goods necessary for a short stay on the home ranch.

F. C. True made a business trip to Bandon Monday.

DISTRICT NO. 11 REPORT ON COUNTY ROADS

The following report by Supervisor T. N. Boone, of road district No. 11, will be of interest to Herald readers. The report shows more than half of the district already improved. Following is the report:

On the Coos Bay wagon road there are 3,300 yards of plank road in good condition; two miles and 1170 yards of plank in fair condition; 1068 yards of gravel road in fair condition; 538 yards of gravel in poor condition; 390 yards of punching in fair condition.

Three bridges, one 24, one 34 and one 26 feet in length, all in good condition; four bridges, one 48, one 53 and one 36 feet, all in poor condition; one bridge, span 100 feet, approach 129 feet in length, in good condition.

On the Fairview-Coquille road there are three and three-fourths miles of planking in good condition, and one bridge in good condition.

On the Fairview-Lee road there is one mile of dirt road in fair condition; 175 yards of punching in fair condition. One bridge, 86-foot span and 100-foot approach, poor condition.

On the upper North Fork road there are two miles and 1200 yards of plank roads in good condition and two and one-half miles of earth roads in poor condition. Five bridges, 31, 15, 23, 34 and 44 feet in length, all good; four bridges, 34, 21, 10 and 15 feet in length, condition poor; five miles of earth road in fair condition.

Total number of improved roads as follows:

Eight miles and 4130 feet of planking.

Three thousand fifteen feet of punching.

One thousand sixty-eight feet of gravel.

Eight miles and 2934 feet of earth road.

Total length of road 18.07 miles.

Second Piano Recital.

The second of the series of four prize piano concerts will be given by Prof. Henry's pupils at the Seenic on Friday evening, March 24. An excellent program, consisting of piano solos, duets, violin solos and orchestra and vocal selections, will be arranged and the occasion will no doubt be a rare treat to music lovers. A couple of moving picture films will also be given after the music part of the program.

Each admission ticket entitles the purchaser to a certain number of votes, which may be cast for any pupil for whom the holder desires to vote. A great deal of enthusiasm has already developed at Myrtle Point, and Coquille people should turn out in order to keep the piano here as well as to enjoy the recital. A large number of Myrtle Point people are planning to attend the concert here.

500 CLUB ENTERTAINED AT SLAGLE HOME

Mrs. Fred Slagle entertained the members of the Five Hundred club Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Ward Gage, of Riverton.

Several of the members of the club were not present, but enough guests were invited for four tables.

The rules of the club were suspended and a prize was given. Mrs. D. D. Pierce being the winner.

Salad, wafers, cream cake and coffee were served.

F. S. Dow made a short business visit in Coquille Wednesday. Mr. Dow has purchased the first auto delivery truck to be used on the bay, and will use the same in connection with his wholesale business.

TWO TEACHERS RESIGN; MISS MILLER IS HIRED

Two teachers in the city schools, Miss Lulu M. Porter and Mrs. Ella Porter, have handed in their resignations to the school board, and the same were duly accepted by the board at a meeting Tuesday evening.

Miss Porter, it is understood, resigned on account of poor health, and Mrs. Porter in order to be with her daughter. Miss Porter is teaching in the high school and Mrs. Porter in the eighth grade.

Miss Maud Miller, of Eugene, has been secured to teach in the high school next year, but the board has not as yet hired a teacher for the eighth grade. Miss Miller is a graduate of the state university at Eugene and has had several years experience in teaching.

The school board has the applications of teachers for the other grades under consideration, and expect to be ready to hire all the teachers for next year in a short time.

LOGGER KILLED WHEN ASLEEP ON THE TRACK

Supposed to have been asleep on the track while intoxicated, John Glenn, a logger employed at the Smith-Powers camp No. 2, was killed Saturday evening by a work train. The wheels passed over his chest.

Glenn, who in company with two other loggers had spent Saturday afternoon in Marshfield, was said to have been badly intoxicated. Late in the afternoon they started to walk back to camp, the other two leaving Glenn to come on alone.

It is supposed that he went to sleep on the track while in a stupor. As the engine was pushing several cars ahead there was no chance for the engineer to see him. The train was brought to a stop after a brakeman felt the car pass over the man.

Deceased was about 40 years old, and has no relatives in the west.

Pioneer Lady Passes Away.

Death relieved Mrs. Abigail Elliott of her sufferings, Tuesday afternoon, at the home of her grandson, George Elliott, at Eastside, aged 81 years, 4 months and 21 days. Deceased had been in failing health for many months and the end was not unexpected. She passed away surrounded by many relatives, who had ever been present at her bedside to administer to her every want. Deceased was a native of Ohio, her maiden name being Sapp.

In that state she was married to Hiram Elliott, who departed this life a number of years ago. With her husband she crossed the plains in '49, locating in Douglas county, and coming to Coos bay in 1864. Ten children, six of whom are living were the fruits of their union. Her death is mourned by numerous relatives and friends. The children who survive her are William Elliott, of Langlois, Curry county, and Mrs. Alice Gall, Milton, Fred, Frank and Edward Elliott, of Coos County. The funeral is being conducted this afternoon and the remains will be laid to rest in Odd Fellows' cemetery in this city.—Sun.

To Support Old Maids.

St. Paul, March 11. Designing to use the money collected for the support of indigent spinsters, the Minnesota legislature is seriously considering a bill to impose a tax of \$5 annually upon all male persons above the age of 30 years who are unmarried, or who cannot prove that they are persons of such moral character as to be unfit for matrimony. According to the provisions of the bill, it will be in force from and after February 28, 1912.

Dr. G. W. Leslie, osteopathic physician, Eldorado block, Front street, Marshfield, Ore.

TWENTY-ONE BIRTHS AND 11 DEATHS

Vital statistics for February show 11 deaths, 21 births and eight marriages in the county. Following is the record of deaths as reported, date of death and place of residence:

Erminia Disher, Feb. 8, Bandon.
D. Gant, Feb. 10, Rural.
Henry G. Hathaway, Feb. 10, Coquille.
Infant son of J. A. Noyes, Feb. 11, Eastside.
Philo Northrup, Feb. 13, Myrtle Point.
John Turner, Feb. 14, Riverton.
Ella Strom, Feb. 17, Bandon.
Christopher Ledgerwood, Feb. 19, Bandon.
Andrew Holm, Feb. 24, 10 miles southwest of Marshfield.
Henry Baldwin, Feb. 26, Bandon.

David Smith, Feb. 28, Coquille. Following are the births.

Wm. C. Hyden and wife, Marshfield, Feb. 1, girl.
R. P. Harrington and wife, Marshfield, Feb. 1, boy.
A. J. Kjelland and wife, North Bend, Feb. 4, girl.
Raphael Biasca and wife, Arago, Feb. 4, girl.
Ray Dean and wife, Coquille, Feb. 5, boy.
Wm. Perry and wife, Bandon, Feb. 5, boy.
Jas. Wages and wife, Eastside, Feb. 6, girl.
W. B. Wright and wife, Kentuck Slough, Feb. 9, girl.
I. W. Panter and wife, Myrtle Point, Feb. 11, boy.
D. Davis and wife, Myrtle Point, Feb. 11, boy.
August Schroeder and wife, Myrtle Point, Feb. 12, girl.
Geo. Button and wife, Bandon, Feb. 19, girl.
L. M. Roberts and wife, Coquille, Feb. 21, girl.
Frank Morgan and wife, Bandon, Feb. 23, girl.
Dan R. Lewis and wife, Myrtle Point, Feb. 29, girl.
Norris C. Morgan and wife, Daniel Creek, Feb. 27, boy.
Geo. E. Miller and wife, Bandon, Feb. 28, girl.

ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF MRS. C. J. FUHRMAN

Mrs. Stewart Lyons entertained in honor of Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman, Friday, March 10.

The house was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape, jonquils and potted hyacinths.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent in doing needlework.

Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, coffee and cake were served.

The following guests were present: Mesdames J. A. Lamb, Fay Jones, Edward Lorenz, Allen Collier, H. N. Lorenz, Ray Watson, Fred Slagle, Chas. Gage, Dave Dollar, L. P. Maury, R. S. Knowlton, J. S. Lawrence, W. H. Lyons, Alf. Johnson, E. E. Johnson, W. C. Laird, Wm. Candlin, Geo. Peoples, Tom Dimmick, Geo. Lorenz, Chas. Evelyn, Bert Folsom, Ed. Gallier, Jas. Thompson, D. D. Pierce, M. O. Hawkins, Bert Gould, Oliver Sanford, Cal Slagle, W. C. Owen, E. M. Lyons, C. J. Fuhrman; Misses Effie Collier, Mabel Wilson, and Mary Davenport.

Raab Re-elected.

The school board at North Bend held a special election last Saturday to allow the voters to decide whether or not A. G. Raab should be retained as superintendent of the North Bend schools for another year. The election resulted in a vote of 110 to 96 in favor of retaining Supt. Raab.

If your suit is not right you have no right to take it. Jeff D. Wilson.