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There are several printing presses in Washington, D. C., on which money is printed. All negotiations looking to the installation of one of these presses in the Herald office have so far been without avail. Therefore, in order to meet his own obligations with actual money the editor has to get some that is made elsewhere. We have been sending out notices to delinquent subscribers, and will ask the recipients of these notices to kindly bear in mind the statement made above.

A USELESS DISCUSSION

In the interest of free discussion the Herald recently republished the M. C. Miller interview which appeared in the Marshfield Record advocating the old Coos Bay wagon road as the proper route for a hard surface road from this county to the railroad. In this issue we publish another article from a resident of the country tapped by the old road, making the same plea. While the Herald does this in the interest of fair play and so that the friends of the old road can not say that the have been denied admission to the newspapers, yet it seems that a discussion of the relative merits of the two routes is now entirely useless, for several reasons. One good reason is that the whole matter has been heretofore thrashed out and the Good Roads advocates of the county have settled on the Middle fork route as the right one to be improved. The plan at present does not contemplate building to the Douglas county line with the funds which it is hoped to raise at this time, but it is well settled that eventually that will be the route on which a hard surface road will be built. To waste energy now in a fight over the two routes would only delay the game without any possibility of a change of route. The friends of the Middle fork route would under no circumstances consent to a change, and they are strong enough to defeat any proposition looking to a change to the Coos Bay wagon road route.

Another reason is that the Middle fork route is so far superior to the other that there is no chance for convincing argument in favor of the old road. This is said with regret, for the present editor of this paper has always been a friend of the old road. In former years he has put up the best fight he was capable of in favor of the old road as the route over which the Coos Bay mail should be carried. That was an entirely different proposition. The road is 30 miles shorter than the other, and when both were in an equally distressing state of repair; while the Middle fork road followed its present maniacal grade which made it as much of a mountain road as the other; when the mail was carried together by the use of horses and half of the year by pack horses; then the mail starting from Roseburg could reach Marshfield as quickly over the old road as it could reach Myrtle Point over the Middle fork, in the latter case being still 30 miles from its destination, then this thirty mile difference was all in favor of the old road.

But in the matter of a hard surface route on the best available grade we have a different story. Starting from Marshfield by the longer route, there is but one low divide of some 50 feet elevation, at the isthmus, to cross between Marshfield and Camas valley in Douglas county. That a good grade can be found between Myrtle Point and Camas there can be no possible question, for the route follows the river all the way. Between the waters of the Coquille and the Umpqua there is then a divide to cross, but by no wild freak of the imagination could any one fancy it to compare in elevation with the

pass by which the Coos Bay wagon road crosses the Coast Range. That the railroad surveyors have found less than a one per cent grade over the Camas mountain shows conclusively that the easy grade is there.

On the other hand, starting from Marshfield on the Coos Bay wagon road route a water level can be found for about twelve miles only. The route is "across country," and a divide of considerable height must be crossed between Sumner and Fairview. Then, with a few miles of level ground in the valley of the North fork, another divide must be crossed, only to come down to the level of the East fork for a few miles more and then commence the climb into Brewster valley. In that beautiful little valley a few miles of level ground is found and then the climb to get over the Coast range commences. It is possible that fair grades may be found, but they will be grades and a stupendous climb must be made; the elevation must be crossed, and every ton lifted one foot requires so much power, whether horse or gasoline. Further, the elevation of the pass causes the road to be completely blocked with snow at times when the road on the lower level is open.

By no feat of engineering can the Coos Bay wagon road avoid crossing the several divides named above and climbing over the Coast Range at the expense of much costly and time-consuming effort. The Middle fork route can be laid on a grade that will make it practically level nearly all the way.

Taking all this into consideration, it is easily seen that the old road is out of the question. This is a case where "the longest way around is the shortest way home." With the advent of the railroad which will reach Coos Bay before the proposed road can be built, the mail route will leave both the Coos Bay wagon road and the Middle fork routes, and horse-drawn stages will be seen thereon no more, forever. The traffic to be accommodated will be of a different kind, and it is no slur at old Dobbin to say that it will be propelled mostly by gasoline power. Any automobilist will tell you that he can travel 110 miles more quickly and cheaply over a level road than he can go 70 miles over mountains. The same is true in regard to horse-drawn vehicles, though it may not be quite so well understood.

But perhaps the most fatal defect of Mr. Easton's plan is that he makes no provision for, and seems to have forgotten entirely, the traffic between Coos Bay and the two towns of the upper river, Coquille and Myrtle Point, as well as that between the two last named towns. Traffic between this city and the Bay would have to go via Fairview, practically ten miles out of the way and crossing two divides, instead of taking a direct waterlevel route to Marshfield. Myrtle Point people could go up the East fork to Dora and then cross two divides on their way to the Bay, instead of coming through this city on a level road many miles shorter. Even that involves the construction of hard surface roads from Myrtle Point to Dora and from Coquille to Fairview. Both these roads are included in Mr. Easton's plan but he neglects to figure on the cost of their construction. As these two roads are a vital part of Mr. Easton's plan, it is only proper to say that the distance from Fairview to Coquille is but little if any greater than that from Coquille to Fairview, and the people of Fairview can connect with a trunk line at Coquille as easily as the people of Coquille can connect with his line at Fairview. The same is true of Myrtle Point and the East fork. And while it might be convenient for the people of Dora to have a hard surface road direct to Marshfield and another direct to Myrtle Point, still it hardly seems as though that consideration would outweigh the consequent inconvenience to the somewhat larger population of the more thickly settled portions of the county.

In fact, the construction of a good road on the Coos Bay wagon road route would give an outlet, not the best, to the interior of the state, but it would not be even a start toward a system of county roads. It would be in no sense a trunk line for such a system and it would accommodate but a negligible percentage of the interior traffic of the county. It would leave the road from Marshfield to Coquille and Myrtle Point to still be constructed as the main stem to any possible system of

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county roads. So, after devoting the greater part of this issue to the subject, we will say: "What's the use to talk about it?"

Methodist Christmas Program

A large and appreciative audience attended the Christmas exercises at the Methodist church last Tuesday evening. The church was beautifully decorated and lighted and the program was admirably carried out, all the children going through their parts in a manner creditable to themselves and their instructors. A choir and orchestra furnished excellent music, and a beautiful tree held gifts and the usual bags of sweets and nuts for young and old. Santa Claus was present and assisted the children in a little play, in which there was an opportunity for showing the real Christmas spirit. The program closed with an address by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Bryan.

University Lecturer Here

Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bandon have been placed upon the schedule of the Extension Division of the University of Oregon for some of the most popular offerings in the way of public appearances the University has ever put out. Prof. A. F. Reddie is here to give a series of dramatic readings in the Coos county towns. His itinerary includes Marshfield, Dec. 29; North Bend, Dec. 30; Coquille, Dec. 31; Myrtle Point, January 1; and Bandon, January 2. All extension lectures are free.

Professor Reddie has earned at the University the reputation of being an interpretive reader of great power and subtlety, and a course of readings given by him this fall has attracted ever increasing audiences. At the University he has been using the most modern dramatists, Shaw, Galsworthy, Brieux and others, but the list for the Coos County trip has not been made out. One request calls for an interpretation of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar at Marshfield.

(Since the above advance notice was sent out from the University the dates have been changed, and Professor Reddie will appear at Coquille on Thursday evening Jan. 1st, when he will give, by request, his dramatization of David Copperfield, one of his best programs. The scenic theater has been secured for this entertainment, and instead of the program being free, as intended by the University, an admission of 20 cents for adults and 10 cents for children will be charged, the proceeds, after the expense of the theater and Prof. Reddie's hotel bill here being deducted, going for the benefit of the high school.

Late in January, Dr. Clifton Freeman Hodge, the famous swat-they biologist from Clark University will visit the county towns. Dr.

Hodge's specialty is "civic biology," the science of a cleaner healthier and more profitable community life through the scientific regulation of pest and parasites, birds, beasts and fish, both harmful and helpful. He is partly under the state game commission and partly under the University.

Myrtle Point Pointers

Messrs. Harry and Tom Guerin took their departure via Roseburg on the 26th for Oakland Cal. to visit their parents and other relatives living there.

F. E. Southmayd's family had a Christmas tree on the 24th and a Christmas dinner the day following. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Lewellen, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bryant and little daughter Isabel were over night guests spending Xmas with them. His parents were unable to go on account of Mr. Southmayd's illness.

Those who attended the two performances of the Myrtle Club Minstrels enjoyed the show very much but as you had a chance to see them in Coquille you can judge for yourselves.

All four churches, the Presbyterian, M. E., Christians and Latter Day Saints had fine programs and trees on Xmas Eve. The Saints was decorated in a very unique manner, being not one but many trees all over the church making a regular grove and all were decorated beautifully. One tableau "Santa's visit" was enacted by a tiny tot whose acting was certainly perfect.

Ray F. Garrett and Miss Rose H. Chandler were married at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Thos. Barklow on December 22 and took the eight o'clock stage the same evening for California where they will visit at Long Beach and other Southern California points.

Mr. A. Graham, an aged resident of our town met with a serious accident on Wednesday, the 24th. He went down on the morning train to see Dr. Straw, who has been doctoring him. He boarded the afternoon train to return home but fainted and fell from the car platform just before the train started. He was taken to Mercy Hospital where it was found he had hurt his hip so he cannot stand at all. He was removed home the 26 and is reported some better this morning.

Dr. S. C. Endicott and family, and Mrs. C. Johnson his sister, came up from Bandon to spend Xmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Endicott.

OBSERVER

SUNDAY SERVICES IN COQUILLE CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Frank H. Adams, Pastor.

M. E. Church
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursdays at 7:30 p. m. C. H. BRYAN, Pastor.

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Corner Third and Hall streets.
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Subject: lesson sermon, "God."
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Wednesday evening meeting 8:00

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Sunday school at 10 a. m.
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T. B. McDonald, Minister

Fishtrap and Vicinity

Well, Christmas has come and gone, and as a natural result, nearly every house contains an assortment of broken tops, toys, etc., that gladdened the eyes and hearts of the little tots a few days previous.

Misses Hazel Radabaugh and Belva Pingleton are at home for the two weeks vacation.

Rev. Mrs. Dora Young held services at the Willowdale U. B. church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Elton Robbins (nee Miss Luda Krantz) and family spent Christmas with her father and brothers, at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McAdams of Coquille have been visiting for the past week at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Miller, taking in the Christmas festivities with them.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Clinton also spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Geo. Halter and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robison.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Knight of Catching creek have been visiting Mrs. Knight's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tenn Robison for several days, returning home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Collier also spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robison.

Lester Larue went to Bandon last Tuesday, spending Christmas with his father and returning home Saturday. He reports his mother and little sister as having reached their destination near Los Angeles safely. Mrs. Larue is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Saffell, near that place, (instead of her sister, as stated before).

Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller spent Christmas with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hemmick.

The Christmas tree given by the Willowdale Sunday School, under the management of the young people of the S. S. was a decided success. A very nice program was rendered, and although the inclemency of the weather kept many at home who would otherwise have attended, there was a very good attendance. The young people deserve a great deal of praise and commendation for the way in which they entered into the preparations, both in the program and trimming and decorating the tree and church, and for their work in cleaning the church afterwards, and we heartily congratulate them on their success, and thank them for the enjoyment afforded.

Rev. Mrs. Dora Young came up from Johnson last Wednesday, taking in the Christmas tree at the Willowdale U. B. church, and also taking Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fish and remaining up over the Sabbath. Mr. and Mrs. Albee and daughter, Miss Maud, and Mr. Hodge and son Harley also took Christmas dinner with Mr. and

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This notice is given pursuant to order of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Bandon.
J. E. MORTON,
Secretary of the Port of Bandon.
12-2-31

Notice of Final Settlement
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account in the matter of the administration of the Estate of Ole Samuelson, deceased, and that the County Court for Coos County, Oregon has set the 24th day of December, 1913, as the day and the County Court Room at the County Court House, Coquille, Coos County, Oregon as the place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate. Dated this 24th day of November, 1913.

OLE LUND
Executor of the estate and of the last Will and Testament of Ole Samuelson, deceased.
11-25-51

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County
Mary Hart, Plaintiff,
vs.
George E. Hart, Defendant.
SUMMONS.
To George E. Hart, the above named defendant.
In the Name of the State of Oregon you are hereby notified that you are required to appear in the above entitled Court and answer the complaint on file against you in the above entitled action within six weeks from the 23rd day of December, 1913, and if you fail so to appear and answer on or before the 3rd day of February, 1914, the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, and will take judgment against you for a decree dissolving and annulling the marriage contract now existing between you and plaintiff

and for her costs and disbursements herein.
Service of this summons is made by publication in pursuance of an order of the Honorable J. G. Morrow, presiding Circuit Judge of Coos County, Oregon, dated the 20th day of December, 1913, and directing that the same be published once a week for six successive weeks in the Herald, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon.
12-23-7t C. F. MCKNIGHT,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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