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WILL THEY GET IT?

Again the people of Coos Bay are exerting themselves to obtain an appropriation for jetty construction. They set their mark at $1,000,000 this time. They ought to have it, but will they get it? Not so you would notice it. And it is their own fault. They have the dismal abortion called a "bar dredge" saddled upon them, and tney will get no million dollar jetty appropriation until the engineers are brought to the point of acknowledging that the dredge CAN NOT do the work. That time is not yet. One Colonel Roessler, formerly in charge of this district (with his headquarters in Portland) recommended the bar dredge, and "professional ethics" in the service has prohibited his successors from doing or saying or recommending anything that might cast a reflection on the infallible wisdom of a fellow engineer. The engineers who have succeeded Roessler have varied from extreme doubt of the efficacy of a bar dredge at Coos Bay to absolute conviction that it would prove a failure. Yet they have felt constrained to go through with the expensive farce and "give it a trial."

This influence, to protect the engineering reputation for never doing a fool thing, has been so strong that it has extended beyond the confines of the engineering department and has made itself felt among the people of Coos Bay themselves The argument has been used that they are dependent on the friendly favor of the engineers for their future improvements, and that they must not do or say anything to cast any reflection on "the department."

Captain McGenn, of the steamer Breakwater, has felt that influence and has endeavored to speak kindly of the dredge. The Coos Bay News, whose editor knows more about the Coos Bay bar and its needs than any other landlubber living, has been brought to handle the dredge with softly padded gloves. It has even spoken in a strain of mild hopefulness of the work of the dredge—a piece of self stultification of which we never thought Gus Bennet would be guilty.

Since the above was in type the news comes that Peter Loggie and Hugh McLain, who went to Portland as a committee to secure the endorsement of the engineers for an appropriation of $1,000,000 were successful, and that the engineers have endorsed the request. How did they do it? This is the most interesting and instructive part of it and bears out what has been said above. The North Bend Harbor says:

In making their arguments before the engineers, the committee showed plainly that they were for the dredge and wanted it maintained here. They showed that to make a success of the dredge, it was necessary to protect the channel with a jetty, so that as the dredge clears the channel, its work will not be refilled by the tides and storms which daily wash in tons and tons of sand, faster than it is possible to keep it cleared away.

The jetty, you see, is asked for merely as an auxiliary to the dredge. It is necessary to "protect" the channel with a jetty, so that the little scratches made by the dredge will not be obliterated by the next heavy surf that rolls in. All honor to the great heads of Hugh McLain and Peter Loggie or whoever evolved this argument. It is a dandy and it is the only one that had a ghost of a show of accomplishing the object. It says in effect, to the engineers' department: "Of course your dredge is all right. It can make a channel to beat the band. The devil of it is that the first storm that comes up fills the channel all up again. Now we want a jetty to 'protect' the channel that your honorable dredge makes." Taken strictly at its face value, the engineers can endorse that without stultifying themselves, and The Herald opines that they are almighty glad to do it. If the jetty be constructed, it will not only "protect" the channel dug by the dredge but it will go farther and make a channel itself. By directing the force of the outgoing tides it will wash out to sea more sand in one day than the dredge could remove in a month, and it will always be on the job, night and day, fair weather and foul. It will never rest until it has opened a channel of certain width and depth. If that channel be filled by a storm the jetty will begin, with the next outgoing tide the work of clearing it. In the meantime the dredge can go out when the weather will permit and cart away a few tons of sand and get the credit for the whole business.

It is a good scheme. May it prove successful, and may Congress be accommodating enough to make the appropriation without asking too many embarrassing questions about the dredge.

Many papers are condemning the law, recently declared constitutional by the supreme court, for the closing of cigar stores, groceries and other retail stores on Sunday, while drug stores, theatres and certain other places may be kept open. This law is merely a piece of the blue law legislation of which we will undoubtedly see much more in the future. The attempt to make people good by forbidding them to do anything which anyone may consider evil has been in the process of being tried out since the awn of history. Its effectivenessd can best be estimated by looking around you. The trouble with most reformers is that their idea of reform stops at the forbidding of that of which they do not approve. They forget that the majority of humans are restless people who demand some kind of recreation or amusement for their leisure hours. Amusement or recreation of some kind they will have. When you make one kind impossible they will seek another.

Idle men will congregate for companionship The appeal of the saloon is not so much for the booze that is dispensed there as for the good fellowship which there exists. Yet few of the prohibitionists and abolishers of the saloon ever think of providing some substitute place. The back room of a cigar store is usually a sort of poor man's club; a lounging place where an idle evening or afternoon can be pleasantly passed among companions of somewhat similar tastes, who "meet upon the level and part upon the square." The law for the Sunday closing of cigar stores is undoubtedly aimed at these back rooms and lounging places. Has anyone heard of a suggestion for the providing of some other lounging places as a substitute? Apparently the idea is that if all men are prevented from doing the things that we do not approve of they will necessarily be obliged to do the things that we think they ought to do. After all when the men are driven to the street as the only place to spend Sunday, possibly they will then be obliged to go to church. But will they?

Mining Development of Substantial Kind

Chas. Walker returned last week from a visit to Curry county. He visited the scene of operations of the San Francisco company which bought the Divilbliss mine, where he looked over the work being done, and he is strongly impressed with the idea that it means big things for the Sixes mining region.

The mine is located some five or six miles above the bridge where the road from Bandon to Port Orford crosses the Sixes The company has about 200 acres of old river gravel bed which it is proposed to work by hydraulic process. To obtain the water they have gone about four miles from the mine and constructed a large dam for impounding the water of a creek. There they built a sawmill with a capacity of about 12,000 feet a day, for the purpose of sawing out lumber for the flume and other construction. The flume is now being built and something like half a mile has been completed. It is being constructed in the most substantial manner and at large expense, much blasting and trestle construction being necessary The water will be led to a point above the mine, and from there piped down with plenty of head for hydraulic work

Some thirty or forty men are at work, and an effort is being made to have the flume completed before the heavy rains commence, and the members of the company have high hopes that the winter's work will bear out the expectations on which their plans are founded. If this prove to be the outcome it will mean much to the Sixes country, to Curry county and to all this section of Oregon. There is on the Sixes river a large area of old river bottom like that where the present work is going on. The gold is undoubtedly there, and the practicability of getting it needs only to be demonstrated to lead to the establishment of a great mining center at our doors.

The main point that impressed Mr. Walker was not the statistics and details, but the expensive and substantial character of the work being done He says it looks like a California or Arizona proposition, indicating that the possibilities of the Sixes region have at last received recognition from mining men of the larger kind. The company is putting its own money into the development work and no stock has been offered for sale. impression among the prospectors and miners of the Sixes is that the new company will find what it is after, and the Divilbliss brothers say that there is no doubt of it Nothing equals a mining proposition for quick development of a country, and it looks now as though the Sixes region were at last coming into its own.

Return From Valley

J. W. Leneveand wife returned Thursday night from a ten days' trip out in the valley. They went as far as Portland, going by the Pacific Highway and returning by the same route They found the roads in good condition from Roseburg to Portland, with the exception of the heavy dust in some places.

They report seeing D F. Dean, former owner of the Herald, and wife, Mr. Dean is at Harrisburg, where he is in the newspaper business, and his wife has a confectionery store at Halsey They also saw C. O. Dryden and Ray Dean, old residents of this place, now living at Harrisburg. They say the old Coos Bay wagon road is very rough and slippery on account of the recent rain storm which they came through. Mr. Leneve took his gun along with hopes of killing a deer, but the only thing "shootable" within the law they saw on the trip was a couple of big copper headed rattle snakes. The Ford car ran perfect all the trip, not even a puncture being recorded. This was rather a remarkable record, and likely an automobile couldn't have accomplished it, but with a Ford it was dead easy. While in Portland they visited with Mrs. Wm. Hall, former telephone operator at this place, who now resides at Portland.

The Collier Luncheon.

Quite the most delightful event of the past week was the 1:30 p. m. luncheon given by Mrs. J. A. Collier to the members of the "500" club and a few invited guests. The dining room was beautiful with decorations of purple and white asters, and a delicious four-course luncheon was served by Mrs. Collier, who was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Currie. After lunch "500" was played at five tables and the guests enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Those present were: Mesdames Lowe, Sherwood, Sinclair, Harlocker, F. Slagle, Lamb Howard, Longston, Barton, D. D. Pierce, Evland, H. Pierce, Tyriel, Dimmick, Robison, Strang, H. A. Young, Williams, Currie and Collier.

East Fo[illegible] Items

Mr. Berry, of Stockton, Cal., went out Friday with 71 head of calves and 2 cows.

Lloyd Leatherman is filling silos. His engine blower and cutter do good work.

Mr. Strickland, late of Marshfield, has rented the Minard place.

Mr. and Mrs Copple and family, of Marshfield, came out in their car to Cherry creek Sunday, the 19th, for a day's outing.

Will Rose, of Coquille, came up Sunday for his father, Mrs. Rose and Mrs Sterling, who have been having a good time camping on the East Fork.

The improvements being made at the county hospital and farm are something worthwhile. The new house for Mr. and Mrs. McLoud and family gives them a chance to feel that they have something like a home while they are making a home for others. The cottages for aged married couples is a thought for the unfortunate on the part of the county court that the people appreciate and approve

If the county court would get a few head of purebred cows of some one of the dairy breeds, and a purebred bull of the same breed, the bull to be a top-notcher as to his lines of breeding, a herd of dairy cattle could be grown, the off-puing of which would benefit the whole county. The same with hogs The way Mr. McCloud takes care of the stock on the place now is evidence of what he could do if he had purebred stock to handle and a chance to raise top-notchers.

Those who think they think the county clerk's office is slack in business may get salve for their minds from figures. The amount received during the year 1914 was $8.898 99; the amount expended during the year 1914 was $9.467.66. Of the amount expended $972 50 was paid for having old plats that were becoming dim redrafted; that should not be figured in as office expense for that year any more than the painting of that part of the court house walls which inclose the clerk's office should be figured in as office expense. As a matter of fact, the clerk's office for 1914 was $403 83 ahead of the hounds. From Jan. 1 to Aug 31, 1915, the office has taken in $5,725.87. If any one thinks the money has not been turned over to the treasurer let him ask the treasurer.

Something more than two years ago we had a cow hide, which, when dry, weighed 20 pounds by our steelyards and spring scales. We were offered $2 50 on the ranch and would not take the offer for it was worth $3. Sent it to Coquille and got $2 for it. This spring we had a beef hide weighing 22 pounds. Took it to Marshfield and was offered 15c a pound Nothing doing. Sent it to Portland, charges 55c, and received a check for $5 72.

Anyone who has hides to sell should do a little figuring and then do a little thinking.

R. A. EASTON.

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"Two Years Before the Mast."

THE DIGNITY OF THE OYSTER.

H. F. Moore, Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries at Washington, has written a very interesting history of "Oysters: The Food that has not 'gone up.'" Mr. Moore tells us that the earliest American settlers subsisted largely upon oysters, and that the Indians along the coast were scientific enough to prepare them in the dry or smoked state, which enabled them to barter them in the interior of the country. On the Damariscotta River in Maine, where not a single oyster is to be found, there is a mound containing 7,000,000 bushels of shells. The natural oyster beds were threatened with destruction and this resulted in "oyster culture," which has developed until about one half of the oysters produced in this country, and nearly two-thirds of the value of the product, are derived from artificial beds. In 1911 planters spread 17,000,000 bushels of young oysters, shells and gravel over their 500,000 acres of oyster farms; and they harvested a crop of over 15,000,000 bushels of oysters, worth to them approximately $10,000,000.

Notice of Executors Sale of Real Property at Private Sale

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a certain order of the county court of Coos County, Oregon, sitting as a court for the transaction of probate business, made and entered upon the 9th day of August, 1915, in the Matter of the estate of Sarah J. Ferry, deceased, the undersigned, executor of said estate, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash or in part for cash and the remainder on credit as hereinafter stated, in one parcel, and subject to confirmation or resale by the county court, from and after the 28th day of October, 1915, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Sarah J. Ferry, deceased, at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law or otherwise, acquired other than or in addition to that of the said deceased, at the time of her death, in and to all that certain real property described as follows, towit: The north one-half of the northwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 25, township 29 south, range 12 west of the Willamette Meridian in Coos County, State of Oregon.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash; or $500 in cash on the day of the sale and the remainder to be evidenced by a promissory note dated said day of sale due on or before one year from date, drawing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, interest payable annually, with provision for attorney fees in event suit or action is instituted to collect same or any portion thereof, said note to be secured by a mortgage upon said property above described with usual terms and conditions.

WILLIAM FLOYD
Executor of Estate of
9-28-5t Sarah J. Ferry, Deceased.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Coos State of Oregon, dated the 9th day of September 1915, in a certain action in the Circuit Court for said County and State, wherein C. M. Caton as Paintiff recovered judgment against A. H. Olson for the sum of Eighty-four and 36-100 dollars with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from Oct. 19, 1910, and the sum of twenty-two and 90-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from Oct. 1st, 1913, and twenty-five dollars Attorney fee and costs and disbursements taxed at Sixteen and 30-100 dollars, on the 10th day of February, 1915

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 16th day of October, 1915, at the front door of the County Court House in Coquille in said County at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

The west one-half of the northeast one-quarter, section twelve, township twenty-four, south, range thirteen west of Willamette meridian in Coos county, Oregon. Taken and levied upon as the property of he said A. H Olson or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of plaintiff and against said defendant with interest thereon, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

Alfred Johnson Jr.,
Sheriff.
Dated at Coquille, Oregon, Sept. 11th
9-14-5t