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COOS COUNTY MAIL SERVICE

Coos and Curry counties have about 30,000 people within their borders. They are as good citizens of the United States as can be found any where. They are thrifty, hard working, but none are extremely rich, although some have plenty and to spare. But it is not upon the wealth of individuals that we care to dwell here, only the fact that we have 30,000 good thrifty citizens, who pay taxes and help to support the government, and now our worthy post office department at Washington is threatening to cut down our mail service to once a week, unless a bid, such as the department thinks ought to be handed in, is forthcoming.

Now, just what the department thinks would be a fair bid we have not learned, but they say the bids that have been received are out of reason. However, it is doubtful if the authorities know very much about what the actual expense of carrying the mails over the mountains from Roseburg to Coos county would be. Before any drastic steps are taken by the department, that worthy organization should make a very thorough investigation of the situation here and acquaint themselves with what the people are really entitled to.

BETTER FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

President Wilson says the present financial depression is only "psychological," and perhaps he may be right, for there seems to be a general awakening in business circles throughout the east, and it is coming west rapidly.

That there should be no financial depression in the west would seem evident from the fact that a San Francisco paper states that there are over two hundred million dollars on savings deposit in the banks of that city. If the same proportional condition is true of the other coast cities, there is certainly sufficient money to meet all demands and the statement that there is no money in the country is repudiated.

The country this year has as good crops as ever in its history, and taking all things together it would seem that there is no immediate cause for alarm in the financial world and that conditions cannot help but pick up in the very near future.

"NOT TRUE BILLS"

It is the custom for grand juries to report the cases wherein there has been reason to bring alleged law breakers to trial, which is perfectly proper and a step in the path of justice. It is also the custom of grand juries to report the cases wherein they have failed to find any good reason why an arrest should be made. These latter cases are reported under the heading—"Not true bills."

A true bill is an indictment and charge that an offense has been committed and the person specified is guilty. It is this action of the grand jury that sets the machinery of justice, or of the law, in motion. But what is the use of publishing to the world a "not true bill" which does not charge that an offense has been committed, but does indicate that a certain person, as specified in the document, was suspected of crime and to the regret of the grand jury cannot be held because the evidence is not strong enough to support the suspicion?

If a person has fallen under suspicion of the legal authorities, unfortunately and innocently as it may be, and the legal authorities find that their suspicions were unfounded, why rub it in by advertising the conviction that has been established between the accused and the offense which he never committed? It does

not seem to be either fair or necessary.—Portland Telegram.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

The question being discussed as to whether the proposed constitutional amendment for state wide prohibition will be of any effect in closing the saloons in Oregon, assuming that it receives a majority vote at the general election next November. An exchange states that certain well-known lawyers say that it will. The ground on which the claim, that it will not be effective is based, is that it fails to make the selling or manufacture of liquor a crime, also fails to provide any penalty for violating the prohibition law contained in the measure. This feature was pointed out to one of the initiators of the measure and the question was taken up with the members of the committee behind the movement in Portland. Evidently it was decided that the amendment drafted was sufficient as no changes were made. The measure adds Section 35 to Article I of the Constitution, which says: "From and after the 1st of January, 1916, no intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured or sold within the state except for medicinal purposes upon prescription of a licensed physician, or for scientific, sacramental or mechanical purposes." The section is self-executing, and "all provisions of the constitution and laws of this state and of the charters and ordinances of all cities, towns and other municipalities therein, in conflict with the provisions of this section, are hereby repealed." While this paragraph says that the amendment is self-executing, some attorneys say that the self-executing clause means nothing. They ask what will be done in case saloons continue to run after the amendment is adopted, as the amendment provides for on penalties and repeal all other laws in conflict with it. On the other hand, other lawyers contend that the amendment does not repeal the portions of the local option law providing penalties for the sale of liquor in dry territory and they say that these penalties will apply in case the state-wide prohibition amendment is adopted.—Florence West.

TYPICAL RIGHT-OF-WAY STORY

It's a very typical story that comes from Eugene—about a right-of-way suit on the Willamette Pacific line now building from the Siuslaw south to Marshfield. That line goes through the ranch of O. C. Stanwood, a farmer on Maple Creek near Glenda. The right-of-way took a strip through his place aggregating nearly two acres—1.7 to be exact. He was offered \$500 for the land and damage to his place, but evidently thought his claim for damages was a sort of gold mine and began suit for \$5,000.

This suit has just been tried in the Circuit court of Eugene, and on the stand there Mr. Stanwood was forced to admit that he had sworn to a value of \$900 for 160 acres in making his return to the assessor. The jury allowed him \$700 for his claim against the railroad, which will of course net him a good deal less than the \$500 offered. He now says his ranch is worth \$10,000 to him. His case is very much like that of the dog that let go of a big piece of meat to bark at the dog whose reflection he saw in the stream over which he was passing.—Coquille Sentinel.

GOLD BEACH GLOBE MAN

IS A GAME LOSER

The Gold Beach Globe was one of the leaders in the recent recall fight against County Judge Wood, but the Judge was sustained by an overwhelming majority and the Editor Marsters is a good loser as evidenced by the following editorial on his

"Salt River Ride."

"Among the many who make the trip up Salt River, few there are that are close enough observers to record their trip and fewer still are in the mood of every discussing any incident connected therewith. However, as one of the Recorders, notwithstanding the fact that it fell to our lot to make this trip once before, we will frankly admit this was the quickest and best run for our money we ever had. Just how it was all done we will leave for the readers to decide, but when we reached what is known as realization station on upper Salt River we were in such a dazed condition our memory fails to serve us distinctly, but if we remember right, as we went whirling round and around the station, looked back from the source that we had traveled, and saw a crowd of people following in our wake, among whom we recognized Turner, Stannard and Tomman, coming so fast they were fairly gasping for breath. At this juncture we were partly aroused from our slumber by the ringing of the telephone bell. On putting the receiver to our ear we heard this message, "Judge Wood sustained by a large majority." After rubbing our eyes and looking around, learned that we were at Realization Station, Salt River, Oregon. Now dear readers, without any apology for what part we took in this recall election or any ill will towards those who didn't see as we did, we wish to frankly state that we are a game loser, and are willing that the majority may rule and as the majority of people have expressed confidence in Judge Wood, we are willing to let the past bury the past, and only hope that Judge Wood and the other members of the County Court will conduct the affairs of the county in such a way that they will merit the confidence of the people so forcibly expressed."

SIXES RIVER BRIDGE GIVES WAY WHILE LOAD PASSES.

The needle beam on the Sixes river bridge broke last Monday evening and the tension rods were all that prevented the structure from collapsing into the river. Supervisor Marsh went to the scene of the near disaster immediately by auto and this afternoon will have false work up so that travel can be resumed over the bridge. Mr. Marsh reported the bridge at the April term of court as being in need of repairs, and as there are other rotten timbers in the bridge besides the beam that broke it is thought likely that the county will now have it generally overhauled. Jas. Quigley and little son, with a wagon loaded with ties, were crossing the bridge when it broke and commenced to settle. He spoke to the team to stop, but the horses became frightened and with a frenzied effort pulled the load up a steep incline to safety. Had the team stopped, the whole thing would have gone into the river with scarcely a chance for the escape of man or beast.—Port Orford Tribune.

Notice to School Pupils.

A meeting of the Seaside Industrial Club, of which the following are officers, is called for Friday, August 7th, at 2:30, at the old school house. All who are planning exhibits for the fair should be present.

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