

### WATER BONDS ARE PLACED

KEELER BROTHERS OF DENVER, COLORADO, PUT IN BEST BID AND GET THE BONDS.—BID WAS \$49,250.00, MAKING A PREMIUM OF \$750.00.

At the meeting of the city council Wednesday night the bid of Keeler Bros., of Denver, Colo., for the Bandon water bonds, was accepted. The bid was \$49,250, making a premium to the city of \$750.00 as the price to be paid for the water system voted by the people is \$48,500. There is also a fee of \$2,200 to be paid for furnishing blank bonds and additional papers, etc., making the extra cost to the city over and above the premium on the bonds, \$1,450 for getting the entire proposition straightened out. The next step now to be taken is the attorney's for the bond buying company to investigate the Bandon charter, the method and legality of the bonding election, etc., and if everything is found satisfactory the money will be forthcoming. These preliminaries will probably take until about October 1st.

### WANTED TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF BIDS.

Mayor Geo. P. Topping, in an interview with The Recorder, stated he was not in favor of accepting the bid on the water bonds at the council meeting last Wednesday night as he thought a little time should have been taken to consider the proposition. The bidders required \$2,200 in addition to their bid for the purpose of defraying expenses of producing bond blanks, specifications and attorney fees for investigating conditions. Mr. Topping is of the opinion that the Water company should have borne at least part of this expense instead of the city having to bear it all.

### GOVERNOR WEST MAY CALL SPECIAL SESSION

Salem—Governor West has virtually announced that he would ask the legislature to convene in special session on December 1st and pass legislation as to arid lands, the unemployment problem, Summer and Albert Lakes and the Benson and Hyde land fraud cases. The executive made the announcement when the State Desert Land Board, after an all day session, had refused to declare forfeited several irrigation projects which had failed to comply with their contracts with the state, and he qualified it with the statement that conditions might arise which would make him change his mind, but that he could think of none, and that it was extremely probable that the special session would be called.

### LOOKS OVER SURVEY SOUTH FROM EMPIRE

Marshfield Record: William Hood, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific, accompanied by Mrs. Hood and Engineers H. P. Hoey and W. R. Fontaine, reached Marshfield last night shortly before five o'clock and remained on the bay until today noon, when they left on the Simpson launch Koo for the north side of the bay enroute to Gardiner. This forenoon Chief Hood and his engineers went down the coast towards Charleston with maps and records of various sorts. It is supposed they went down there to inspect the proposed line towards Sunset bay and that surveyed two years ago by Engineer George Wolfrom, south from Empire.

John A. Jeffrey of Portland, Democratic nominee for attorney general, was in Bandon Wednesday shaking hands with local Democrats.

"From the Lion's Jaw" a dandy two-part Bison picture at the Orpheum theatre Saturday, August 22.

### LET CONTRACT FOR PAVING

LONGSTON CONSTRUCTION CO. OF COQUILLE IS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.—SAME CO. SECURES CONTRACT FOR LAYING SEWER ON FIRST ST.

The contract for paving First Street from Bandon Avenue to a point 150 feet east of and parallel to Edison Avenue, was let at the council meeting Wednesday night, the successful bidder being the Longston Construction Co., of Coquille. Their bid was \$11,821.32. The net cost to the property owners will be \$12,412.39, the extra being for engineer's work, advertising, etc. This bid was \$161.99 above the engineer's estimate. The contract carries with it the demand for starting the work within a few days. The contract for laying the sewer on First Street was also let to the Longston Construction Co., their bid for the work being \$2,015.24. The net cost of the sewer to the property owners will be \$2,116.00, which is \$433.32 above the engineer's estimate. The sewer work must start at once so it can be gotten out of the way for the paving operations.

### AGED MAN MURDERED AT MARSHFIELD WEDNESDAY

Marshfield Record: William Bruner, of whom The Record had an account yesterday of being missing and found dead, was murdered in the woods on an inlet of Davis slough, his body hidden in the brush and traces of the crime effaced as completely as possible. Coroner Wilson, who went to obtain the body and investigate the case, spent the afternoon on the scene and did not return to Marshfield until about eight o'clock at night. The deed appears to be one of the most cold-blooded murders that has been committed here since Roy Perkins was slain in the little office room of the Eastside ferry slip some three or four years ago, and for which Frank Garrison paid the penalty with his life, after having been granted a re-trial. On the face of the present case there is absolutely no motive forthcoming. William Bruner was shot from one side and the bullet which closed his career must have come from a mortal enemy who had no other object in view than snuffing out his life for some fancied or real wrong. The evidence points to the belief the shooting was done perhaps without meditation and on the spur of the moment, for it was at an open spot and the circumstances about were certain to be plain enough to indicate murder and promise discovery of the body, for the bushes at the bridge were stained with blood and showed it had dripped on them or been smeared while the body was being hidden.

### COOS COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE AT MYRTLE POINT.

The annual Coos County Teacher's Institute will be held at Myrtle Point beginning next Monday, August 24. The institute will be conducted on the summer school plan and will be in charge of the same instructors as last year. Miss Ruby Shearer, supervisor of primary work in the Portland schools, will conduct the primary department; Mr. Gentle, of the State Normal at Monmouth, will have charge of the intermediate department, and Mr. Kirk of the same institution will conduct the High School department. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill will be in attendance as also will County Superintendent Baker.

Germany Will Fight to the Last. Rotterdam—Germany is prepared to fight until the last man capable of bearing arms has been killed. This is the expression of the German government. The war has already cost many German lives, but this has only increased the determination of the Kaiser and his advisors. The nation is calm. Reports of anti-war demonstrations are false.

### Germans Have Taken Brussels

(Long Distance Telephone From the Marshfield Record)  
BRUSSELS, AUG. 21.—THE GERMANS HAVE OCCUPIED BRUSSELS AND HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN THE CITY HALL.  
BERLIN, AUG. 21.—PREPARATIONS FOR A GENERAL BATTLE ALL ALONG THE LINE ARE BEING MADE IN BELGIUM AND THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN AT ANY TIME.

PARIS, AUG. 21.—THE SERBIANS ARE DEFEATING THE AUSTRIANS, WHO ARE FLEEING AND BEING HOTLY PURSUED.

PARIS, AUG. 21.—THE FRENCH ARE HOLDING THEIR OWN IN ALSACE AND FARTHER ON ARE DRIVING THE GERMANS BACK.

WASHINGTON, AUG. 21.—THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SAYS THEY HAVE ABSOLUTE PROOF OF THE INFLATION OF PRICES ON FOOD PRODUCTS AND WILL COMMENCE PROSECUTION AT ONCE.

### APPROVE ORE. AVE. PLANS

COUNCIL AT WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION DECIDES TO OPEN NEW STREET DOWN THE HILL TO INTERSECT WITH WALL STREET

The Oregon Avenue Street proposition came up at the council meeting Wednesday night and in a resolution the specifications of the city engineer were accepted and the street will be opened down the hill to intersect with Wall Street. The specifications call for an 18-foot plank street with wooden curbs and gutters and wood sidewalks.

There was a petition filed with the city recorder just before the meeting asking that the old road be improved. This petition was read and placed on file. It contains the signature of a large number of the property owners along the street and a number of these same signers had also signed a petition that was presented March 5, 1913, asking that the street come down the new route. No plans for improvement of the old street were considered Wednesday, but it is possible that something may be done about it in the future.

### RED CRAIN DRUG COMPANY OPENS UP FOR BUSINESS.

The Red Crain Drug Co. opened their doors for business Wednesday at 1:00 p. m. The new drug store is very neatly arranged. Mr. N. J. Crain, the manager, is one of the best known druggists in this section of Oregon, and the patrons of this store are assured of courteous treatment at all times.

### FILES SUIT AGAINST RIVER BOAT COMPANY

Suit has been filed in the municipal court against the Coquille River Transportation Company for operating the steamer Coquille within the corporate limits of the City of Bandon without proper spark arresters. City Marshal F. A. Holman is the complaining witness and City Attorney G. T. Treadgold will prosecute the case.

### SPEEDWELL ARRIVED YESTERDAY FROM FRISCO.

The Speedwell arrived yesterday with the following passengers: Miss E. Mott, Miss O. Shantz, Mrs. O. Sawyer, Miss Nellie Snyder, Mrs. J. Schneider, J. S. Engleman, R. Rodemeyer, Mrs. E. Ellerby, Claude Moon, J. J. Riley, N. D. Mathews, Geo. E. Cassel, M. Leht's and August Henderson. The Speedwell will take on part of her cargo here and will sail Saturday for North Bend to finish up, and will sail from there Wednesday.

### FIVE DIE IN AUTO SMASH

HEAVY AUTO CARRYING SEVEN PASSENGERS GOES THROUGH BRIDGE ACROSS PONY SLOUGH NEAR MARSHFIELD.—TWO ESCAPE WITH BRUISES.

One of the worst automobile accidents that has ever occurred in this section of Oregon occurred about 5:00 last night when a heavy auto went over the bridge at Pony Slough, near Empire. The car was carrying seven passengers and five of them were hurled to instant death and two were injured.

The dead are: Buford Davis, of Marshfield. Chris Peterson, of Marshfield. James Wasson, of Marshfield. John Mergherson, of South Slough. Mr. Wuerth, of Marshfield. The injured are George Wasson and one other man whose name we did not ascertain.

### HEAD OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DIED WEDNESDAY

Pope Pius X, head of the Roman Catholic church, died at the Vatican in Rome early Tuesday morning. It is stated that grief over the war situation in Europe was the cause of his death. Pope Pius was born June 2, 1855, and was made Pope August 4, 1903.

### PETERSON HOUSE BURNS TO GROUND LAST NIGHT

A house in East Bandon, known as the Cory Stillwell house, but belonging to Mr. Peterson of Riverton, was burned to the ground last night about 9 o'clock last night. The origin of the fire is unknown. There was no one in the house at the time, nor had there been since the night before. The flames were discovered by Ralph Christensen. The chemical engine was started to the scene of the blaze but was upset on First Street and no further attempt to save the house was made. The house was insured.

### FINE PICTURE PROGRAM AT ORPHEUM THEATRE

Saturday night's bill of pictures includes a splendid two-reel Bison feature "From the Lion's Jaws." A fine Thanhouser comedy "Babies Prohibited" and a two reel Rex Drama, "A Heart of the Hills." Sunday night is presented a three part special Warner feature, "A Spy for a Day," a story of the French revolution. "When Bill Proposed," a fine Nestor comedy and "The Old Locket" a beautiful Rex drama. Five thousand feet of pictures each night. Splendid music by Rita Raymond, playing appropriate selections to harmonize with the photo plays. Admission 15c and 10c. A good show and courteous treatment.

### MORE MONEY FOR HOTEL

ABOUT \$1,000 HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS.—PROMOTERS HOPE TO COMMENCE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION IN NEAR FUTURE.

The hotel subscriptions continue to come in. The last addition to the fund is \$500 from T. P. Hanley which was subscribed last night. This brings the amount needed down to about \$1,000 and the committee expects to get that amount raised and everything straightened out so far as finances are concerned by Monday night. Then as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be gone through with the actual work of construction will commence.

### COOLEY CASE COMING UP AT THIS TERM OF COURT

Roseburg, Or.—Witnesses and attorneys in the case of Riley Cooley, charged with the murder of Thomas Van Pelt, in the isolated Chetco district of Curry County, or February 17, 1898, have been summoned to Gold Beach where evidence is being taken by the Grand Jury. Attorney Cardwell, who has been retained to defend the accused, arrived here Tuesday and the work of securing evidence has commenced. The Cooley case is somewhat remarkable for the reason that the defendant's arrest did not occur for 15 years after the alleged crime was committed. At the time Van Pelt was killed Cooley lived on an adjoining ranch in the extreme Southwestern part of Curry County. The Cooley and Van Pelt families had been on unfriendly terms for a long time and when Van Pelt was killed suspicion naturally pointed to the former. Although the Grand Jury of Curry County twice investigated the affair they refused each time to return an indictment charging Cooley with the offense. About a year ago Van Pelt's son who still lives in Curry county, appealed to Governor West for assistance in finding the slayer of his father. Through a special appropriation the Governor procured the services of Stephen Doyle a Spokane detective. Doyle visited Curry County several times and interviewed a number of persons who were living there at the time of the murder. The detective later went to San Francisco where he subsequently arrested Riley Cooley. Cooley was brought here and taken to Curry County later where he was placed under bail in the sum of \$50,000. This amount of bail he furnished without difficulty, a number of the prominent Coos County people going on his bond. Cooley left Curry County shortly after Van Pelt was found dead, and for several years prior to his arrest had been employed in a San Francisco brewery. He has a wife and grown daughter. Detective Doyle declares he has evidence to show that Cooley received \$500 from the cashier of a Spokane bank a few days after the murder occurred. This money Doyle charges was paid Cooley to commit the crime. It is understood the man who was acting cashier of the Spokane bank at the time the money was paid will be an important witness for the state. In the event Cooley is indicted he will be tried some time this month.

### BOYS ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENNESS WEDNESDAY

A wholesale arrest was made Wednesday night when ten young men and boys were taken in on the Bandon wharf near the creamery for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. All were ordered to appear before Municipal Judge Kaurud yesterday morning, and three of them plead guilty and were fined \$10 each. The others plead not guilty and their trials were set for next Monday, when an attempt will be made to find out who sold them liquor. In the meantime Marshal Holman has a part of a keg of beer locked up in the city jail. This was secured from the boys when they were arrested.

### Nation Facing Meat Famine.

Washington, D. C.—Economic experts of the Federal Government are giving the high cost of living problem thoughtful consideration and are investigating the high prices of meat. The Department of Agriculture has just completed a census of the meat producing animals of the United States and finds that there has been a decrease of 4,183,000 head and an increase of \$176,530,000 in value during the past year. On January 1, 1914, the herd numbered 144,507,000, compared with 148,690,000 head a year ago.

### Oregon Farm Wages.

Washington, D. C.—The farm laborers of the Federal Government are of 9 hours and 44 minutes per day, according to a report which has just been issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. More than 27,000 laborers are employed on the farms of Oregon and the average monthly compensation is \$31.90 with board and \$44.50 if the laborer boards himself. These figures relate to the year 1913. The average wage for farm labor in Continental United States is \$19.85 per month with board and \$19.47 without board.

### DEER SEASON NOW CLOSED

GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION TO THAT EFFECT BECAUSE OF GREAT DANGER OF FOREST FIRES.—ORDER TOOK EFFECT MONDAY.

Because of the danger of forest fires, which are so easily started during the dry season, the deer season has been closed until Sept. 1st.

The order became effective last Monday and the game wardens were notified to notify all deer hunters at once, but not to make any arrests until after the notices have been given. If hunters ignore the order the law will be enforced by arrest and fines.

There are several Bandon parties in the wilds of Curry county and other places, and they among other hunters will be sorely disappointed when the word to come home is received.

### "A MILLION BID" FEATURE SENSATION AT THE GRAND

Whenever the Vitagraph Picture Company turns out a feature film production you can bank on it that its worth seeing. The Vitagraph company opened a magnificent theatre on Broadway, New York, showing the Vitagraph features only. The house was opened with "A Million Bid" and the photo play had a remarkable run in this theatre for 250 consecutive performances at an admission of 25c. No previous film production can show this wonderful record—it stands alone. The cast is composed of Vitagraph star players and the story is replete with thrills throughout. The picture never lags one moment. Especial attention is called to the collision at sea of the millionaire's yacht a remarkable scene that holds you spellbound. It's a great film and is surely worth your while to see. At the Grand Sunday night, August 23. Admission 15c and 10c.

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C. R. Moore left on the Bandon for Newport, Ore., where he will accept a position in the office of one of the large lumber mills there. He will return here, however, as soon as the Moore Mill starts up again.