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FLORAS CREEK BRIDGE.

Progress Looking to the Completion of the Structure yet this Fall.

Saturday last a meeting of the citizens of Floras creek precinct was held at the north-side school house to hear the report of Messrs. E. Dodge, W. Cox and T. J. Stitt, a committee appointed at the meeting held the Saturday previous, to examine the stream, and locate a site for a wagon road bridge at the point at which, in their judgment, a permanent structure can be most economically built, taking into account the practicability of reaching the same from either direction with good roads, and the cost thereof. The committee all concurred in a report locating the site at a point nearly due south of W. H. Averill's store, and a little west of a direct line running south from the point where the county road crosses the chasm near J. M. Upton's building, to just west of the old cooper shop on the north side of the stream. The report of the committee added that the cost of connecting the site selected with the county road would be merely nominal and that funds had been subscribed to make such connections. The site selected is a most excellent one, besides being at the only point practicable where a bridge could be built within the means obtainable for the purpose. Of course there was some objection to the adoption of the committee's report and ratification of its action. Quite a considerable number who reside above on the river would very naturally desire the location further up; these opposed the site selected in the hope of finally securing it nearer to themselves. This was natural. Others opposed the adoption of the committee's report for one reason and then another, while there were a few who were indifferent as to whether a bridge be built anywhere. But now that the location is made, and at a point where the practicability of placing an enduring structure is unquestionable, we apprehend that all will acquiesce gracefully, and those who opposed the site selected, as well as those who favored it, will join in the struggle to put the work through at the earliest practicable date. In this direction Mr. J. P. Russell, who was among the opposition on the score of locality, promptly set a worthy example by coming forward with a liberal subscription to push the work along. The committee were instructed to advertise for bids, which they have done, naming Saturday, Oct. 4th, as the day to receive them. When the bids are in, it will be determined what amount will be required to be raised by subscription in addition to the county's appropriation of three hundred dollars, to do the work, meanwhile the committee are not idle in the matter of soliciting aid.

Grandma Cox returned to Coquille City last Friday. Her hosts of friends hereabouts were pleased to see her much improved in health and strength.

BREVITIES.

Mr. J. E. Hawkins has about completed a fine barn on his place.

Capt Littlefield came down Saturday, and returned to the Coquille Sunday.

Mr. James F. Cox came down Thursday from the Coquille where he has been temporarily sojourning.

During the past week Mr. Chris Long has been hauling to Bandon for shipment, the products of his dairy for the season.

Doc G. L. Wilson was up from his Mussel Creek retreat the other day. He made a sale of a lot of wool to our local merchant, Mr. Wm. H. Averill.

The crop of black huckleberries is quite abundant this Fall. These berries serve as a good substitute for grapes and the like. The women all cry for them.

The Evening Telegram of Portland has received its new 12,000-an-hour press and put on an entirely new dress. Altogether, its appearance is as bright and clean as a new pin.

At the State Fair at Salem last week J. H. Schroeder of Coos county, and Wm. Tichenor of this county, were placed on the board of managers of one from each county in the State.

OUR CLUB LIST.—On another page will be found a list of newspapers with which we have effected clubbing arrangements. The purpose of this "pooling of issues" is to enable new and old Recorder subscribers to secure a great variety of reading matter at a comparatively small outlay of funds. For instance, the yearly price of this paper is \$2 50 and with it, free, we give the subscriber a choice between the Chicago Weekly News (regular price, 75 cents), and the Northwestern Farmer and Dairyman (price 75 cents). For an advance on our regular rates of 25 cents, i. e. \$2 75, we give the subscriber a choice between the San Francisco Weekly Call (regular price \$1 50) and the and the Missouri Republican (regular price \$1 00.) Remember this offer is extended to new and old subscribers who pay in advance. Send for sample copies.

WASN'T CERTAIN WHICH.—The other morning Mr. E. M. Blackerby put in an appearance at Mr. Averill's store rather early, and was noticed to be in a state of slight perturbation before he ventured to make the object of his visit known. Finally he inquired of Mr. A. if he had a hay scale. This being rather an unusual request, Mr. A. ventured to ask what was wanted with a hay scale? In the confusion of the answer, it was not exactly plain whether Mr. B. said that he wanted to weigh himself, or his boy.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—As the result of an attempt to cross the lake on a mule at the old ford, Mr. Jas. Cox came near losing his life. The animal unexpectedly got into deep water, and, instead of swimming as all good mules do, it fell backward. In his effort to clear himself from the saddle Mr. Cox caught his spur in the stirrup, holding him in the water for some time, and it was only after persistent and well directed kicking that he freed himself from his "entangling alliance" and made his way shoreward.

"LOST CABIN" FOUND.—A correspondent of the Crescent City Record says James Trimble, of Smith River, while on a hunting tour some forty miles from Crescent City, found the far-famed "Lost Cabin," the wonderful tales of which have been chronicled far and near. He found an old mining ditch about one and a-half miles in length, now overgrown with large trees. He found where the cabin had stood, which had evidently been burned, as charred remnants were plainly visible.

SCHOONER ASHORE.

The Schooner "City of Napa" Ashore at Port Blacklock.

Some fourteen days since the schooner City of Napa, Capt Johnson, from San Francisco to load lumber from Burnham's mill, arrived off Port Blacklock, and for a time laid off awaiting a favorable opportunity to make the harbor which opportunity presented itself last week, when she sailed in and anchored, and the Captain went ashore. In a short time however, threatening weather induced the mate in charge to again put to sea, where he remained until last Saturday evening when he again headed his vessel for the shore and ran in under the shipping wire and anchored. The sea inside was perfectly smooth at the time and no danger was apprehended, but at about 12 o'clock the roaring of immense breakers outside, which follow in the wake of storms, called all hands on deck to avert the impending danger. Preparations were made to run out under sail but unfortunately the breeze was not strong enough to fill the sails and the vessel was left at the mercy of the huge breakers which had already reached it. Despite the strong chains and bow and stern lines, the vessel could not withstand the powerful besieging breakers, and it was evident to those on board that it would be but a few minutes until the lines would part and the unfortunate schooner driven beachward. At shortly after 12 o'clock the last line snapped and within a few minutes the City of Napa was side to on the beach where she now lies, having lost her rudder and shoe in the brief struggle. No lives were lost, and as the hull is yet intact and her hold is perfectly dry, the freight brought up for the company has been taken out undamaged. At this writing it is not known what, if any, efforts will be made to float the vessel. Captain Johnson left his vessel in charge of the mate on first entering the harbor, and proceeded to Bandon where he was married to Miss Fahy, of Randolph, on the Sunday following the misfortune to his vessel Saturday night. This affair is hard lines for the accommodating young captain who has in many ways endeared himself to shippers along this portion of the Coast. Mr. S. Bernstein, of the Burnham Lumber Company, has gone below to secure a steam-schooner for the lumber trade at the Port.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

Stiff northwesterners during the week. A. M. Gillespie is now Deputy Sheriff.

Damage to grain is not so great as was at first supposed.

Fish are becoming more plentiful as the season advances.

Messrs. Lamar & Wall, were up this way last week on a pleasure jaunt.

A. M. Gillespie returned from a trip to Crescent City and way places on Thursday.

Mr. M. Doyle has sold to R. D. Hume the land owned by him lying along the north side of the river.

BADGER.

The Times' Foo Chow correspondent, illustrating the ignorant self-delusion of the Chinese, instances the case of a young, intelligent Chinaman who was seven years at Yale and Harvard, and who asserts that the Chinese refrain from attacking the French from lofty motives. He says that the Chinese could blot out the French fleet to-morrow.

Fred Olsen, an old time resident of this county, is now at Signal Point Mendocino county, California, with Mr. Thomas, who ran the Port Orford mill one season. Fred writes that he will return to Curry and spend the winter.

Mr. Charles Winsor passed down to Ellensburg on Saturday's stage.

COOS COUNTY ITEMS.

The new vessel built at Parkersburg was to have been launched last week.

A. C. Frick is still confined in the county hospital, but is rapidly recovering.

Hon. J. M. Siglin will deliver the inaugural address the second day of the fair at Coquille City.

The Herald says the race track of the S. W. O. A. Society is now completed and ready for business.

Hon. A. C. Jones, of Roseburg, a Cleveland Elector, addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting at Marshfield on the 20th.

Frank Sheridan, the man who etabbed A. C. Frick at Randolph some weeks since, was tried at Empire last week and fined \$100.

The Mail says the schooner C. H. Merchant brought up six boilers, 3½ by 24 feet, and a new gang-edger of ten saws, for Dean & Co's mill No. 2.

Judge G. M. Dyer and family leave Coos Bay, for a three weeks' visit to Salem. His daughter, Miss Hattie, will remain in the capital city to attend college.

Hon. E. B. McElroy, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, arrived here last Tuesday, to attend and conduct the teachers' institute now in session.—Mail.

Last week, says the Mail, a flounder was caught in a gill-net at Iowa slough, and a sturgeon six feet long was caught in the Coquille river as high up as Beaver slough.

Frank E. Hodgkins, Assistant Secretary of State, and G. A. Wheeler, Assistant State Treasurer, are in town and are taking in the country. They will return to Salem during the week.

The cannery at Parkersburg is two thousand cases ahead, up to date, of the amount caught last year. The firm will ship one thousand cases to California on the next trip of the steamer Arcata.

Twenty-two boats are at work for the cannery, and are hauling in the salmon rapidly. Mr. F. Getchell tells us, says the Herald, that the fish are unprecedently large. Boat loads are caught that will average 28 pounds to the fish.

She apple crop of Coos county is remarkably good this season, all varieties maturing perfectly. Joseph Richards of the Seingle-house slough marketed in Marshfield last Saturday a lot of the most beautiful Gravenstemes that the Mail editor ever saw.

Potatoes have been somewhat damaged in Coos county this season by blight, but it has not been as extensive as in former years. W. H. Rogers of Daniels creek had his crop so badly damaged by blight early in the season that it will hardly be worth digging.

Frank Getchell last week made an effort to inspect the bottom of the Coquille river between Coquille City and Parkersburg, in search of a suitable place to capture the large salmon that run the gauntlet of the nets lower down, but failed to find such a place.

The News says nearly every vessel that comes from San Francisco to this port brings a large quantity of feed for the different logging camps on the Bay. It is strange that the farmers in the county cannot supply the home market with hay and grain, and thus keep the money in the country.

The Mail says that in one day Jap Yoakam put into the water at his camp on South Coos river, with one team of four yoke of cattle, 56,650 feet of logs. Jap claims this to be the biggest days work of the kind ever performed in this county. Thus far this season Yoakam has put in 2,300 logs that will average about 1000 feet to the log. He expects to put in 700 more and close the season with about 3,000,000 feet.

GENERAL NEWS.

Gleaned From All Sources and Epitomized for Convenient Reading.

Cleveland had another big fire on the 21st.

Four thousand beef cattle were started last week for San Francisco.

New York City has ordered the removal of all telegraph poles within the city.

The Pall Mall Gazette declares the English navy to be far inferior to that of France.

C. S. Vorhees, son of Senator Dan W. Vorhees, is a candidate for Congress from Washington Territory.

The State Fair was a failure this year, owing to bad management, hard times and exorbitant admission fees. There are at present 258 prisoners confined in the Oregon State Penitentiary, being the largest number for a long time past.

Democrats had 15,000 men in procession in San Francisco on the 19th, 5,000 of whom were in uniform and all bearing torches.

Henry Clay, grandson of the great statesman, was shot and probably fatally wounded in a drunken brawl at Louisville on the 21st.

Two Danish sailors made their way in an open canoe from Alaska to Victoria, arriving at the latter port on the 21st. The trip occupied 105 days.

A great gold quartz discovery has been made in Murray county, Ga., some quartz assaying as high as \$1,200 per ton. They are pronounced by experts to be among the richest fields discovered in America.

The Esmond hotel, together with all the buildings on the block bounded by Front, Morrison, Alder and the river, was burned between ten and three o'clock on the night of the 21st; the loss approximates \$190,000.

A new complication has arisen in the French-Chinese difficulty. A blockade at the mouth of the Woo Sung river has been ordered by the Chinese authorities, although a passage for neutral ships has been left. The action is due to the Chinese disbelief in the promises of the French. A veritable panic prevails at Shanghai, and the merchants of the neutral powers have asked their naval commanders to take some action. The British consul has advised the Chinese authorities to obtain skilled English assistance to keep traffic open. The Russian consuls have offered to protect French interests wherever French consuls leave. The Russian fleet in Chinese waters comprises one iron-clad, three cruisers, two privateers and six gunboats. Three other iron-clads are expected to arrive. This strength China considers significant.

BORN.

BLACKERBY.—On Floras creek, Thursday, September 25, to the wife of E. M. Blackerby, a son.

BRIDGE CONTRACTORS, NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, A COMMITTEE appointed for the purpose, will receive sealed proposals, accompanied with plans and specifications, for furnishing materials and building a wagon road bridge across Floras creek, at a point nearly due south of W. H. Averill's store, and west of the line between sections 2 and 3, township 31, range 15. Said bids to be offered by mail or otherwise to this Committee sitting at Denmark, on Saturday, Oct. 4, 1884, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m. The successful bidder will be required to enter into bonds to the acceptance of said committee for the faithful performance of the work as per plans accepted, and within the time to be fixed for the completion of the said bridge, which shall not be later than November 30, 1884. Bidders will be allowed the alternative of constructing "crib" abutment on the north side of the stream, or of planting piles, and bids should disclose the relative expense of the two plans. The Committee reserves the right to reject any bid, or to modify plans and specifications accompanying the bid accepted. Provided, that such bidder shall deem such modification acceptable for the sum stated in the bid. Said bridge to be 12 feet wide, and 13 feet high above the level of the bank on the north side, with an approach reaching out northward, the same width as bridge till same reaches a level of four feet above level of the ground, with a fall of one foot in eight.

Sept. 27th, 1884.

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T. J. STITT.