

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, - - May 24, 1879.

AT MYRTLE POINT—The people of Myrtle Point and vicinity, have decided to honor the National Anniversary, July 4th, by a picnic celebration, and a dance in the evening.

Too Much Rain.—The present month has been unusually wet, and the work of sowing spring grain has been greatly delayed in consequence.

Went to the Mines.—Wm. Thomas and son, Ben. Morgan, J. Madden and D. Hutchinson, left Southport for the Sixes mines on Wednesday.

SCHOOL TAX.—The citizens of Coaledo are making a specialty of the educational interests of the place.

SAILED.—The steamer Arcata left for San Francisco with the following list of passengers.

David Wilcox, John Robertson, Mrs. H. Stone, Andrew Johnson, Chas. Brant, F. Hazelstein. Also a cargo of 350 tons of coal and a variety of merchandise.

LOCATED.—The Roseburg Star says Prof. C. E. Barnes is now in this city and will give instruction in the art of phonography, which he has followed for nineteen years—the system being Marsh's Phonetic Short Hand etc.

ENLARGED.—Capt. Reed of Norway, owner of the little steamer Cores, is having her remodeled and made much longer than before.

ATTORNEYS COMING.—We have heard from Roseburg that attorneys Willis, Campbell, Lane and Holman, from Roseburg, will be in attendance upon the circuit court in this county, next week.

OPPORTUNITY.—Beaver Slough is now probably the best supplied transportation route on the coast.

A. LOBBEE has gone to the interior. The Laura May is taking a cargo of coal at Southport.

J. R. CLEAVES returned from the Coquille on Thursday.

E. FAHY, of Randolph, has four yoke of work oxen for sale, cheap.

The Gussie Telfair arrived yesterday, too late for us to get her passenger list for this issue.

THERE is a large quantity of stave timber on the Coos City wharf waiting shipment.

THE circuit court docket, at the late session in Douglas county, contained 58 cases.

THE flouring mill at Norway is running, and manufacturing a good quality of flour.

FOR sewing machines, needles or fixtures of every kind, call at Mark's furniture store.

No news from the boat belonging to the Twilight which was stolen from Coos City last week.

Mrs. F. MARK has an assortment of millinery goods, adapted to the wants of the ladies of Coos Bay.

GRASS in the prairie ranges in the southern part of this county is very high, and stock of all kinds are fat.

THE project of putting up a cannery at the mouth of the Coquille river, the coming summer, has been abandoned.

The steamer Empire is now at Victoria, B. C. and she is expected to run to this port after her return to San Francisco.

LUKE has completed his tramway for hauling logs at Summer and hauling was commenced this week.

JOHN DULLY informs us, that his steamer will probably go up Catching Slough, to-day, and she will make regular trips during next week.

THE Katie Cook, from the Coquille river, passed this port on Thursday on her way to the Columbia river, with Capt. Parker and his workmen on board.

THE directors of this school district have purchased one of Watson's new illustrated county, railroad and distance maps, for the use of the school.

The Sixes Gold Mines.

Last week, having business which took us into the more southern portion of this county, we embraced the opportunity to visit the south fork of Sixes river, in Curry county, and to note the mining operations on that stream.

The Sixes river is a small, rapid stream, draining a comparatively small area of the northern portion of Curry county, and flowing into the ocean a short distance north of Cape Blanco.

The placer mines on this stream have been worked continuously, to a limited extent, for more than twenty years past, and it is safe to say that more gold has been taken out of it than from any other stream in western Oregon—except Rogue river and its tributaries.

In former years, the mines along the main stream below the junction of the south and middle forks, were worked extensively and with good results, but at the present, mining operations are mainly confined to the south fork.

The valley of this branch of the river is little else than a mountain gorge, from which the mountains, of conglomerate formation, rise on either hand to the height of, probably, eight or nine hundred feet.

There is little, if any bench or bottom land along the stream, and the gold that has been mined here has been principally taken from the narrow river-bed.

All of this river-bed has been worked, (except a few places where some serious obstacle prevented) and many parts have been worked over several times, always paying the miner for his labor.

But the river claims are generally "worked out," and the attention of the miners is now more particularly directed to a system of old river channels which are found along the mountain sides, in some instances apparently extending under the mountain for some distance.

The gold found on this stream is very coarse, it being nothing unusual to see samples weighing from one-fourth to one-half ounce, and very few of the miners make any effort to save the fine gold.

The old channels here mentioned have been sufficiently prospected to prove their richness, but they can only be opened or thoroughly prospected by tunneling.

This of course requires some means, and is therefore impracticable with many miners who have good locations. There are at present, 30 or 40 persons in this camp, the larger number being from this county.

Among the number are Geo. Elgin, S. Hudson, M. Madigan, E. Jennings, Hans Reed, Peter Derrick, Mr. Anderson, Chas. Schroeder and Mr. Hoover. Three of the miners have their wives with them, and all appear to be comfortable, hopeful and happy.

They all have claims and all work, and get some compensation for it. The settlement has all the virtues of a mining camp, with none of the vices which usually degrade larger mining communities.

Under the rules of the district, each miner "who is a citizen of the United States, or has declared his intention to become," can hold one claim in the river bed, one hill or bench claim and one gulch claim of 300 feet in length each.

The coming summer will probably do more toward disclosing the merits of this camp, than all that has heretofore been done. It is certain that the gold is there in large quantities, but the expense of taking it out by the process which must now be resorted to, has not been fully tested.

There is reason, however, to expect that these mines will prove both rich and prosperous.

The Coquille River Improvement

In another column of this paper we print the report of Col. Wilson, on the survey of the mouth of the Coquille river, with a view to the improvement of the entrance. It appears from the report that the engineers have substantially adopted Capt. Parker's plan for the improvement, but the opinion is expressed that the wall should not have been run so nearly at right-angles with the current.

The practicality of the plan is conceded, and the only question is the means with which to do the necessary work. It is very seldom that, in making a survey for an improvement of the importance of this, the estimated cost, under the liberal system of computation adopted by government engineers, can be brought down to the low figure which Col. Wilson gives as the cost of this work.

\$100,000 or at the outside estimate \$164,200 is an insignificant sum, when compared with the great benefit which must result from the improvement projected. There is a beautiful river, practically navigable for a distance of 44 miles which drains, and is the natural outlet and transportation route for a large area of the most productive soil in the world.

Agriculture in this entire region is now greatly depressed and lands and other property, depreciated in value, for want of such an outlet as this small sum of money would afford.

The export products of this valley are subjected to a most ruinous tariff by the small vessels which at irregular intervals enter the river, or by the various carriers who must be paid in shipping by the way of Coos Bay, and there is little if anything left to pay for the labor of production.

Let the mouth of the Coquille river be opened, even for vessels of 12 feet draft, so that no unusual delays shall be experienced, and the value of real estate will be at once augmented to the aggregate amount of more than double the cost of the work necessary to accomplish the end desired.

Congress should not delay to provide for the commencement of the improvement. Two seasons, after the funds are provided, will be sufficient to complete it, and when finished, it will be an important and permanent addition to the wealth and productive capacity of the State and Nation.

Dramatic. The Empire City Dramatic Society will give an entertainment next Wednesday night, at Reichert's hall, in Empire City. The following will be the programme for the occasion:

THE FLOWER OF THE FAMILY. Abner Howland, bachelor C. C. Dryden. Oscar Loring, his ward, Owen Short. Tom Howland, A's nephew A. Lockhart. Spicer Snyder, a dandy, J. W. Bennett. Policy Newcomb, ins. agt. I. H. Atkinson. Mrs. Howland, sister-in-law of Abner Howland. Mrs. A. A. Graves. Alice Howland, daughter of Mrs. Howland. Miss Agnes Lockhart. Lina Howland, adopted daughter of Abner Howland. Mrs. Nellie Siglin.

THE net proceeds to be used to aid in sending Arthur A. Nelson, who was taken from a traveling showman, to his home in New Zealand. FLINT & WILLIAMS, who have been engaged in mining on the North Umpqua for about a year past, have abandoned the mines and returned to Roseburg.

THE Good Templars of this place at their last meeting adopted a resolution of thanks to Mr. Roit. Starkey, for the beautiful and appropriate poem dedicated to their lodge. GENERAL SHERMAN says that military affairs were never so well arranged in the west as now, and that General Sheridan has reduced everything to an admirable and effective system.

Real Estate Transactions. May 19.—A. H. Moore and wife to Orsen Patten, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of sec. 15, T. 27, R. 13. \$1,000. May 20.—E. B. Dean & Co. to John J. Williams, lot 3, block 7, town of Marshfield, as surveyed and platted by Wm. Hall. J. W. Bennett. May 22.—Charlotte Smith to D. J. McLaughlin, lot 7, block 3, Coos City. \$240.

Marine Intelligence. ARRIVED. TUESDAY, May 20. Sch. Laura May, Ackerman, —days from S. F. to Southport Coal Co. WEDNESDAY, May 21. Tug Fearless, Hill, Umpqua river. FRIDAY, May 23. Str Gussie Telfair, Butler, 30 hours from S. F. pass and mtd to F. Schetter. SAILED. May 5.—Sch Frithioff, Holson, S. F. 7.—Str Arcata, Holt, S. F.

COOS BAY RETAIL MARKET.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Butter, Cheese, Lard, Hams, Bacon, Beef, Mutton, Sausage, Eggs, Potatoes, Apples, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Beans, Flour, Raisins, Currants, Oysters, Tomatoes, Corn, Peaches, and Fruit.

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HAVING LEASED THE DAWSON blacksmith shop, in Marshfield, I am prepared to do GENERAL BLACKSMITHING and SHIP WORK.

NOTICE. All persons indebted to the undersigned on account of over 60 days standing are requested to call and settle the same without delay. W. G. WEBSTER.

HOUSE TO RENT. Lower part of a two story house—upper part used as a photograph gallery. Enquire of F. E. WINCHESTER, Empire House, Empire City.

FOR SALE. A No. 1 PHOTOGRAPH TENT—size 10x9 1/2. Everything complete. For sale cheap. Enquire of F. E. WINCHESTER, Empire House, Empire City.

NOTICE. U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., May 6, 1879. Complaint having been entered at this office by ZACHARIES BOUCE against A. M. SCOTT, for abandoning pre-emption D. S. entry No. 3412, dated Sept. 16, 1878, upon the S 1/2 of SE 1/4, SW 1/4, sec. 2, and NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, sec. 11, township 31, south range 15 west, in Curry county, Oregon, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 20th day of June, 1879, at ten o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

NOTICE. The undersigned hereby give notice to all persons indebted to them on account, to please come and settle the same without delay, with cash or note. REED & NELSON, Norway, Coos Co. Ogn.

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ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas Dawson, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate will be required to make immediate settlement, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to me, with proper vouchers, at my residence in Marshfield, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. E. A. ANDERSON, Administrator. Dated April 19th, 1879. 16-11

NOTICE. Having lately bought the stock of drugs heretofore belonging to Dr. Harry Lane, I am now prepared to carefully compound and put up physician's prescriptions. The patronage of those having prescriptions to be filled, is respectfully solicited. LOUIS F. MUNROE.

CAUTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that O. H. Frey, of Coquille river Coos county, Oregon, is not authorized to transact any business for us. REED & NELSON, NORWAY, May 1, 1879. [20-2m]

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