

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, - Oct. 11, 1919.

WEDDING ON COOS RIVER.—On Monday last, Miss Rosalitha Higgins, daughter of Chas. Higgins, of Coos river, and Mr. Geo. W. Campbell, ex-engineer of the *Juno*, were married at the residence of the bride's parents on Coos river, by F. M. Bridges, J. P. A large number of the friends of their families were present, from Marshfield and elsewhere. The steamers *Juno* and *Wasp* carrying the guests. After the ceremony had been performed, a sumptuous repast was served, and the usual wedding festivities introduced. In the evening the *Juno* with colors flying, and the bridal party on board, returned to Marshfield. Mr. Campbell is at present engineer of the locomotive at the Newport mine, and has been careful to have in readiness a neat little cottage in which to install his fair bride as mistress.

CORRECTION.—A correspondent of this paper, in the issue of the 27th ult., stated that the signal at the entrance of Rogue river were out of place, which caused the steamer *Duncan* to go ashore. In conversation with Captain Cooley, of the *Varuna*, we have been informed that this is not the case. He says the accident to the *Duncan* was caused by the stopping of one of her engines just as she came upon the bar, which of course would place her at the mercy of the waves. Her hull is said to be uninjured, and if weather is favorable, she may be launched within a week or two.

THE MOSE.—The schooner *Mose* sailed from San Francisco on the 26th ult. for Rogue river, Port Orford and Coquille. It is probable that the late heavy southerly gales have driven her far to the north, and under the most favorable circumstances she may yet be some days making port. She has a large cargo of freight for the several points above named, and the settlers down the coast are anxious for her arrival.

AT RANDOLPH.—Messrs. Ferry & Bailey have rented the Lane mine near Randolph, and Mr. Bailey has been at the mine for the past week to make arrangements to put it in operation. We are pleased to see work resumed in these mines, as they have represented an important industry in this county, and may be returned to their former productiveness.

CAUTION.—We would caution some out gay cavaliers against riding their steeds at so rapid a pace over bridges, as it does not improve the condition of the bridge, nor suit the road supervisor. Besides there is a law imposing a fine of not less than ten, or more than one hundred dollars, upon any person convicted of riding faster than a walk, over any bridge in this State.

THE DUNCAN.—A letter to Mr. Schetter, from Capt. Carroll, dated at Crescent City Oct. 1st, says he arrived there on the 29th ult. with shaft and wheels for the *Duncan*. He is waiting for the *Varuna* to take him to Rogue river, when he thinks he will be ready for sea in about 4 days.

NO PAUPERS.—There is not a pauper in Curry county. This fact, together with that of general good management of the financial affairs of that county, have nearly cancelled the indebtedness which a few years since was the terror of the taxpayers, and this year their tax levy is two mills less than that of Coos.

PASSENGER LIST.—The steamer *Arctica* sailed on Wednesday, for San Francisco carrying the following named passengers: F. W. Knowles, Robt. Stevenson, Master Chas. French C. F. Haglund, W. P. Ball, John Miller, J. D. Roy and wife, J. B. R. Roy, J. M. Bond, Artemas Dodge, O. D. Shaw, and Mrs. Holt.

SOLD OUT.—Mr. Lang, of the firm of Garfield & Lang, loggers, has sold his interest in the business to Mr. Garfield, and it will hereafter be conducted by him. Mr. Lang and family will shortly move to Marshfield.

GOING TO JACKSONVILLE.—Our young friend Freddie Zigler, of Empire City, left on Tuesday with his aunt Mrs. Automerith, for Jacksonville, where he goes to attend school.

BEST YET.—The new little steamer *Wasp*, on Tuesday, went up Coos river to the forks of the north fork, which is probably some distance further than any other steamer has reached.

ARRIVED.—John McColgan, from Eureka, Nevada, a brother of Dennis McColgan, one of our enterprising sons of Vulcan, arrived on the *Arctica*. He will probably reside here permanently.

DEED.—The Cornelius Courant Geo. Swain's paper, is dead. Deceased was about four months old. Over what other journalistic mushroom will be called upon to help sing the doxology?

CEMETERY.—The Trustees of the town of Marshfield, have fixed the price of cemetery lots at five dollars and fifty cents each. Persons wishing lots, will call on E. A. Anderson, who has charge of the cemetery grounds.

AHEAD.—So far, this month is the boss in the marriage line, and if it don't lose its grip before November crawls in, it will be "cock of the walk."

ERROR.—Our correspondent writing the sketches of the early settlers of Coos Bay, in speaking of the Sixes mines, says "a few Chinamen are found delving among its boulders," etc. This is an error, as there has not been a Chinaman on Sixes within the past year. There are thirty or forty energetic miners there, some of whom are doing well, and all are hopeful.

WORKING THE MINE.—Jos. Ferry is working the Eagle Black Sand Mine, at Randolph. He employs seven men and expects to place the mine on a paying basis. Mr. Ferry has had much experience in that business, and may be expected to succeed.

PROVISIONS SCARCE.—The grist mills on the Coquille river have not commenced making flour this fall and the entire Coquille settlement is short of that commodity. The delay of the *Mose* has disappointed the merchants in getting their supply from San Francisco.

STRANGE BREAK.—Flores creek, in Curry county, owing to the accumulation of sands at the usual outlet, now flows north along the beach four miles and unites with New river, and the united waters have forced their way through the sand three-fourths of a mile north of the junction.

FOR PORT ORFORD.—As soon as the weather is favorable, Lieut. Payson will proceed to Port Orford with the tug *Escort* to make some further surveys of that port. The work will only require the attention of the engineers for a day or two.

REDUCTION.—On October first the reduced tariff of the W. U. Tel. Co., went into effect. It reduces the rate to the Eastern States to \$2.00 for ten words, and .13 for each additional word.

RESUMED.—The *Coos* has resumed her old route, having been running in the *Satellite*'s place. She now comes down from the Isthmus in the morning and returns in the afternoon.

F. HERSCHFELD is on the Bay. W. A. Luse left for Albany, on Tuesday last.

THE *Argus* wants Luse's other boys taken care of.

The late continuous rains have rendered our roads almost impassable.

W. A. Cox employs about a dozen Indians in fishing on the Coquille.

We received a pleasant call from Mr. J. B. Gilbert, of Empire City, last Tuesday.

The steamer *Bertha* has had her smokestack shortened, which has greatly improved her appearance.

The house blown down at the mouth of the Coquille last week, was occupied by Indians.

The new book entitled "Settlement and Early Settlers of Coos Bay," is progressing toward completion.

Jo. Nay's new residence not far from Port Orford, is nearly finished, and when completed will present a neat and substantial appearance.

The *Nesx* and *Argus*, after a thorough rehearsal, have been giving their readers a little concert. In a very witty and original conundrum propounded, one of the jackasses could not get on the other side, and "gub it up."

We have seen the photo, and autograph of Mr. Hoffman, of Berlin, who occupies the position in the German Empire corresponding to that of Commissioner of Patents in the United States. Mr. Hoffman is married to a sister of our fellow townsman, William Reichert, of the Bay View Brewery.

Married.

On last Sunday was celebrated the nuptials of Miss Nancy Benham, of Fairview, and Mr. Chas. Smith, driver on the Coos Bay Stage Line. The bride has for some time been the telegraph operator at Fairview, and the event of her marriage created quite an excitement among the telegraph fraternity, for, while the operators rejoiced with Miss Nancy in her happiness, yet all felt that Mr. Smith had robbed the line of a "magnet" whose powers of attraction drew many an operator to the "key" for a pleasant chat. As soon as the minister had "completed the circuit," (electrically speaking) a "battery" of congratulations was showered in upon the happy pair by all who could manipulate the instruments, and the "sounder," in absence of the customary marriage bell, rang out in clear tones its joyous greeting.

To those already tendered let our congratulations be added, and although the couple leave the single, to operate upon the "main-line" of life, let us wish them pleasure, and hope there may never be a "break" in the "current" of their love, or an unhappy "adjustment" of their worldly affairs. The "messages" which they receive in their operation on this earthly "line" may be those of joy, and not of disappointment or sorrow. That they may be perfectly "insulated from the storms of adversity, and their "tie-wires" hold as long as life is granted them, and many little "operators" answer their "call." But when their operations upon terrestrial "lines," is completed, and the final "message" is transmitted to them, and they are "switched" into "life eternal" and the office of the great "superintendent" and submit their final "report," may they be able to "read their title clear," and no "check-errors" or "deficits" appear against them in the great "ledger."

THE SETTLEMENT AND EARLY SETTLERS OF COOS BAY.

[NO. VII.]

TRIBUTARIES OF COOS BAY.

The many inlets, creeks and rivers, that enter the waters of Coos Bay, add materially to its facilities and resources. Its surrounding elevated hills, covered with fir, spruce and cedar, have yielded its millions of lumber, while its numerous estuaries extend their Briarcan arms into the interior hills and mountains, opening their timber, coal, and agricultural lands to convenient access.

COOS RIVER.

Flowing into the upper arm of the bay, reaches out its two forks deeply into the mountains of the Coast Range. Dividing into two branches a few miles from its mouth, they meander with a gentle current between its mossy banks. Now the mountains meet the river banks, and now a rich alluvial plain skirts its border, while the elevated hills in the rear. Now the mountains are precipitous, and now their rounded forms slope gently to their tops, covered with the dense foliage of the fragrant pine. Farmhouses dot its banks, cultivated fields and orchards bright in glittering green, extend themselves to view; the lowing kine are sprinkled here and there, thick myrtle groves spread out their inviting shades, and the whole scene inspires admiration of its beauty. It is a stream whose picturesque and changing panorama impresses the lover of rural landscape, and invites to Arcadian quietness and peace. Its rich soil and soft climate reward the agricultural population with abundant harvests, and the various industries of the bay furnish a convenient market for its products.

EARLY SETTLERS.

Among its early settlers may be mentioned Davis, Landreth, Hodson, Colver, Amos and Anson Rogers, Boggs, McKnight, Yokam, Jackson, W. D. L. F. (that's all of 'em) Smith, and others. These were the pioneers who began with a log cabin, toiled early and late, cleared away the tangled, woody bottoms, and gradually saw, by the force of persistent labor, their broad fields extending wider and wider, and their residences and storehouses rising around them, until the wilderness blossomed, and their rough homes became places of happy comfort and inviting beauty. Coos river is now settled, in every nook and corner, by a thriving people, who count their numbers by the hundreds.

W. H. JACKSON.

Mr. Jackson was also an early settler on the Coquille. He served ten consecutive years as our county clerk, with much credit and popular approval. He is genial and social in manner, and a good citizen in the community.

MATRIMONY.

At an early period, one of the Coos river bachelors had become weary of his secluded life, and longed for some sweet Eve to direct his household, to prepare the savory meal, and share his lonely cot. In the neighborhood of his rich bottom, dwelt a maiden of "sweet sixteen." They met, and Cupid's darts soon caused "their two hearts to beat as one." The marriage license was procured, the Co. Judge was summoned to his home to perform the ceremony, and rested there for the night. In the morning the expectant bridegroom hastened to the home of his lady love to arrange the necessary preliminaries. Lo! the maiden had changed her mind, and had fled to a place of concealment. While the Judge was conning over the marriage service, and thinking over his probable fee, the bachelor returned with fire in his eye, and with a blue streak of imprecation announced the event. The Judge went home, reflecting that "There's many a slip, 'twixt the cup and the lip."

INLETS.

Many other inlets, like Willaniche and Kentuck, North, and Haynes, South, and other sloughs already noticed, afford homes and valuable farms to their residents. These sloughs are less extensive than Coos river, and support a small population, but are equally fertile, and open to the logger and coal miners opportunities for the prosecution of their industries.

B. F. ROSS

Was one of our earliest settlers. Activity, industry and enterprise, have contributed to his success. The reclaiming of rich marsh lands, by dike and tidegate, received the first impulse here from his experiment. From an early date, he has with small interruptions, largely supplied the wants of this community in animal food. Generous to a fault, none but himself and intimate friends are aware of the financial assistance he has extended to his relatives, to place them in possession of prosperous homes. A natural fund of good nature marks his daily life, and the record of a good citizen is written on all his paths.

B. F. WHITNEY.

Quiet and unobtrusive, shrewd and far seeing, upright and generous, his financial judgment has bridged him

over all his transactions to a prosperous end. He spent money with a liberal hand to perfect all the facilities and conveniences required in his particular enterprise, to render competition difficult, and failure improbable. He has established an extensive business on a firm basis, insured by his watchful tact. We concede him the honor, and rejoice in the deserved reward.

CURTIS NOBLE.

Was a member of the "Coos Bay Company," the original settlers of this bay. He was the eldest of its members, and exhibited the *spirit* of youth, that led him in his old age to become a pioneer in a new settlement. Although the "company" had dissolved, and his exaggerated hopes had crumbled away, he gathered his property and energies, and battled with manly hope. In those days, the house of Mr. Noble, at Empire City, was reputed for its abundant and savory table, and its quiet accommodation for travelers. Mrs. Noble, buxom, "fair and thirty," was the active mistress, and they prospered in means, and in the good will of their many guests and friends. Mr. Noble was an honest, quiet old gentleman, who has passed "the dark valley," and whose memory is embalmed in the respect of all who knew him.

DAVID HOELAND.

Came to Coos Bay at an early date, and has been engaged in various employments. Temperate and industrious, possessing Scotch thrift, and shrewdness, he has secured for himself and family an independent competence. Reticent as Grant, his "true inwardness" develops among his friends to a genial and social freedom. His daily life and deportment exhibit the example of a good neighbor and citizen.

I. HACKER.

We have known, now endeavoring to "teach the young idea how to shoot," now laboring at his mechanical trade, now representing Coos county in the Legislature, and at present holding the position of collector of customs, whose arduous duties are largely included in the reception of its salary. The comfortable independence which he has acquired, are the results of his personal skill and prudence.

INCIDENT.

Mr. Hacker's brother, familiarly known as "Bill," was at times, unfortunately, half-demented. The volatility of his tongue was the gauge of his mental equilibrium, and when greatly disturbed, his discourse was amusingly rapid and quaint. On one occasion, happening to see his brother's sign, "I Hacker," he read it audibly, "one Hacker." It enraged him. With oaths and curses, he asserted that there was more than one Hacker, and that it was impudent assurance for any Hacker to claim to be the only Hacker, while he was himself notoriously a Hacker.

P. FLANAGAN.

Was the earliest of the early settlers. At Randolph, his pack train and store were the pioneers of trade. Then, at Johnson's, and on the Sixes, in a similar way, he pursued an active and lucrative business. Later, he became associated in the partnership of the Newport Coal Mine, where his skill and experience have added largely to its success. He may be regarded as one of the solid men of Coos Bay. At his spacious home, his friends and neighbors are ever welcome with a hospitality genial, and characteristic of the liberality of his dispenser.

MORE SUITS.—Thursday of this week complaints were filed by H. H. Luse in the Circuit Court for this county, against the following named persons occupying lots in the town of Marshfield: W. G. Webster, Charles and Christina Stone, F. Mark, John Norman, D. McIntosh, J. H. Upton, A. Wallin, John Bear, Augusta Scales, Ah Tye, S. S. Bailey, Wm. M. Lind, Charles Johnson, Mrs. E. Greenwood, Andrew Ogren, Mary E. Fox, C. B. Golden, Jas. Clark, I. Atkinson, J. Kinyon, J. T. McCormac, E. G. Winkler, L. M. Noble, P. Monock, A. B. Camp, Wm. Reichert and John Howell.

Several of these actions are against parties in possession as tenants, and in those cases the owner will be substituted at the May term of Circuit Court. Parties who are defendants in these actions need have no fears of being ejected or disturbed in their possession, till the question of title is fully settled, which may be some distance in the future.

OUR neighbor, the *Nesx*, suggests that the shears should be used less and the pen more in the MAIL office. We, in all candor, respectfully suggest that the editors of the *Nesx* use the shears more and the pen less—it will improve the paper.

GOING BELOW.—The *Telfair* will, probably, sail this morning for San Francisco. Among her passengers are Dr. Burrell, Judge Mann and Jno. Kenyon. The latter goes to lay in his regular stock of goods.

THE *News* still lies at its gable end "the official paper of Coos County." "How can these be?" And yet it claims to be a reliable journal. Better haul that tattered ensign down. Sig' you have sailed under false colors long enough. We have warned thee, "now beware."

THE *News* again asserts to the public that it is an independent organ. From the fuss it makes about it, we would suppose some one had called it a "Luse organ." Very true, as he remarks in his last issue, "There are already too many independent papers and men of that stamp," now.

The *Argus* in endeavoring to palm off its editorial blunders on innocent parties, only sinks its editor deeper into the pit of its miserable ignorance and imbecility. The gigantic effort made in the last issue of that paper to "get off something" is really heart rending. Yeat, verily, that editor, in logic, is a giant among dwarfs.

MARRIED.

At the residence of Mr. Cook, near Dora, Oct. 5th, 1879, by S. J. McCloskey, Justice of the Peace, Mr. Elias N. Williams, and Miss Sarah A. Robbins, both of Coos county.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Fairview, Coos county, Oct. 5th, 1879, by S. B. Sherwood, Justice of the Peace, Mr. Chas. S. Smith and Miss Nancy J. Benham, both of Coos county.

Marine Intelligence.

Arrived. Friday, Sept. 26. Str. Arcata, Holt, 48 hours from S. F. pass and advise to F. Schetter agent.

Thursday, Oct. 2. Sch Premier, Rock, 7 days from S. F. to Eastport Coal Co.

FRIDAY, Oct. 3. Sch Laura May, Ackerman, 11 days from S. F. to Southport Coal Co.

Sch C. H. Merchant, Lawrence, 10 days from S. F. to E. B. Dean & Co.

THURSDAY, Oct. 9. Sch Cosper, Martin, — days from S. F. to Southport Coal Co.

Sch Frithoff, Matson, — days from S. F. to Eastport Coal Co.

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