

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, Oct. 25, 1879

SCHOOL FUNDS.—Superintendent Moore made the apportionment of the accrued interest on the school fund to the several districts of this county, on the 11th instant. The amounts due the districts are as follows:

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INHUMANITY.—On the 1st instant judgment was duly entered up by the County Clerk, according to the order of the Judge, in favor of Mrs. C. F. Luse and against W. A. Luse for \$50, for the support of herself and children. The judgment is not paid, and though execution is in the hands of the Sheriff there appears to be little chance of collecting the money.

A GANNEY ON THE COQUILLE.—For some time past a man from the northern part of the State has been trying to get up a company to build a cannery on the Coquille river, but we are informed that he has thus far met with no substantial encouragement.

CAPTIVITY.—Last Sunday, as the steamer Coos was going down the bay, a short distance below North Bend, a fine buck was sighted swimming in the bay, and two squaws in pursuit with a canoe. The steamer headed the deer off, and although he made a desperate resistance he fell a victim to the red girls of the forest, who took their game ashore in triumph.

THE MOSE.—This staunch little schooner was in at Ellensburg on the 14th, and at Port Orford on the 20th. She is probably in the Coquille before this. The people at each of these several ports were depending on her for supplies, and were much rejoiced at her safe arrival in port after a stormy voyage.

ARRIVED.—The Teclair arrived yesterday, with the following passenger list: D. Bittman, W. G. Sweetser, wife and two children, Miss F. Sweetser, Miss E. Sweetser, C. T. Sweetser wife and child, Miss Harland, T. Hirst wife and child, Mrs. A. Butler and child, J. L. Nay, Mrs. Chester and three children, G. DeLoos, F. Gunter and R. Briston.

GOING NORTH.—Last Sabbath evening Rev. J. W. Boyvin preached his farewell sermon in this place, to a large congregation. Mr. Boyvin is a young man whose ability and earnest consistent piety qualify him for usefulness in the ministry and we regret that he has decided to leave this, for another field of labor. He goes to Unadilla county.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. W. H. Watsell has received the appointment of Deputy U. S. Marshal. This appointment will be generally approved by the people, and unless we are much mistaken, Mr. Watsell will make a good and efficient officer.

HOTEL CHANGE.—The Warden Bros. have leased the Central Hotel in this place, and will take control on the 1st proximo. These gentlemen have had some experience in this line of business, and will receive a large share of the patronage of the public.

REV. FATHER HEINRICH of the Catholic Church, has been on the bay during the week, and will visit the people down the coast as far as Rogue river, before returning to the interior.

The steamer Myra has been thoroughly repaired, and will probably resume her regular trips on the bay today or tomorrow. She is now in a better condition than she has ever before been since she came to Oregon.

WHEELER'S steam threshing machine has been running on blimpies and Gilmore's crops on Willatch slough, a part of this week.

Pertinent Interrogatories Answered.

There appears to be considerable feeling against Mr. Luse on account of the pending actions of ejectment against residents occupying land for which he holds the legal title. What a man buys and pays for is his. But we do not wish to discuss the merits of the case. We will ask a few questions which may let light into dark places, as follows:

Was not one Warwick the owner of the premises in dispute?

Did not the people of Marshfield hire a lawyer to go and buy the premises from Warwick?

After this lawyer had seen Warwick and ascertained that the premises could be bought for \$5,000, why did he not conclude a bargain?

Did not Luse discover Warwick's whereabouts through lawyer Webster?

When lawyer Webster got back to San Francisco, did not Luse start immediately for Iowa and buy out Warwick?

Did not Webster, instead of buying the land, induce Warwick to sell to another man, and did he not make arrangements with said other man to sell lots and act as agent for him in doing so?

How, what would have been the difference to the people whether they bought of Luse or of Webster, as the latter intended they should, this being true?

Was not Webster the best friend Luse had in this transaction?

If the people of Marshfield lost their homes, will they not owe it exclusively to the ignorance or dishonesty of this same lawyer whom they paid to go and buy out Warwick, but who came back without buying, and as the agent of the owner?

Will the Mail take up these questions in the order in which they are published, and answer them?—Argus.

The foregoing was written by one of Luse's implements and published by another, the object being to create distrust and division among those whom Luse is trying to rob by legal process. But we are prepared to answer these questions, and we invite those who may be inclined to give attention to the falsehoods suggested therein, to enquire of those who were acquainted with the circumstances and satisfy themselves as to the facts.

1st. Was not Warwick the owner of the premises in dispute?

We answer, he was not. Warwick lived on the land, not as a donation claimant, but as a hired man for Davis, receiving \$70 per month therefor. In 1856 he turned over all his interest to Davis, and left the country, having no further interest in Oregon. But Davis neglected to put his conveyance from Warwick on record.

2d. The people of Marshfield did not hire a lawyer to go and buy the premises from Warwick? At the time when the decision was rendered by the Secretary of the Interior in favor of the Warwick title, Webster was about to start for the State of New York on business of his own, and the people raised about \$80 to assist in defraying the expense of hunting Warwick up and seeing if some contract could not be made with him to cooperate with the citizens in defending their property against Luse, who was then claiming to act as the agent of Davis in controlling the Marshfield claim. Webster found Warwick, but he did not find that the premises could be bought for \$5,000 or any other sum; and if he had, Webster had but a very little available money with which to purchase.

3d. Luse did not discover Warwick's whereabouts through lawyer Webster, but he made the discovery through papers and letters that came to the County Clerk's office from Warwick.

4th. When Webster got back to San Francisco, Luse did not start immediately for Iowa, and did not start till after Webster had reached home and papers had been sent on by Warwick and placed on the county records.

5th. Webster did not induce Warwick to sell to another man. He did suggest to Warwick to make a deed (not a sale) to Dickinson, for the purpose of affording greater protection against Luse, but Webster did not make arrangements with said Dickinson "for any other man," to act as his agent in selling lots; nor did Webster ever see Dickinson after the making of said deed was mentioned.

6th. Webster did try to make a contract with Warwick in such a manner as to protect the interests of the occupants of lots in Marshfield, and did write to the committee of said citizens from Atlantic, Iowa, soliciting their co-operation in his effort.

Being unable to secure a deed from Warwick, Webster made a parole contract with him, which was to have been carried out after Webster's arrival at Marshfield, but which was made and a plat of the town was prepared. The U. S. land survey was extended this township in the fall of 1857, and the Warwick Donation (as since known) was designated to the officers of the Land Office by Capt. Hatch. A little trade in whiskey and general merchandise was carried on by various parties from that time till 1857, when John Peshbaker built the mill now owned by Dean & Co. This and the general increase of business on the bay gave an impetus to the growth of Marshfield, and the town soon had two or three hundred inhabitants.

The inhabitants then began to think about the necessity of taking steps to secure a title to the ground they occupied, and the fact that no patent had been issued to Warwick, and the well-known fraudulent character of his pretended claim gave them hope that they could acquire

the title from the Government under the "town site law." They applied to have the Warwick claim cancelled, which was recommended by the officers of the Roseburg Land Office and approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, but H. H. Luse, as the agent of A. J. Davis, applied to the Secretary of the Interior, Geo. H. Williams, then United States Senator from Oregon, who retained by Mr. Luse, to support the Warwick title, and after he became Attorney-General, in 1874, the contest was decided in favor of the Warwick title and the patent was issued. The claim had heretofore embraced 185 1/2-100 acres, but it was then cut down to 160 acres, and the tract of 25 1/2-100 taken from the north end of the claim was entered by A. Nasburg.

THE SETTLEMENT

AND

EARLY SETTLERS OF COOS BAY.

[NO. IX.]

THE WARWICK CLAIM AND THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD.

In the fall or winter of 1853, the existence of Coos Bay having become known among the venturous spirits who thronged the shores of the Pacific that period, Mr. James C. Tolman, the present Surveyor General of this State, came here to seek a field for profitable investment. He noted the advantages of the different points on the bay, and selected the present town site of Marshfield as the point designated by nature as the future emporium of the bay. He took possession of the tract and built a double log house on the hill land; the same house was formerly occupied by Capt. George Hamilton, now owned by John Bear and occupied by Mr. Maloney. In the Spring of 1854, two men named Williams and Crosby entered the bay with a small vessel and a contract was made between them and Tolman, by the terms of which Williams and Crosby agreed to put up a store and warehouse and to bring on a stock of goods and inaugurate the business of merchandising. They were to receive from Tolman two lots each as an inducement to this enterprise. About this time, the channel as far as this point, was sound, and the place was named Marshfield. It has ever since been popularly known as the town or site of Marshfield. Empire city had already been founded by the association known as the Coos Bay Company, and the local jealousy which has since existed with varying intensity, then commenced. The store was immediately built near where Mr. Kerigan's hotel now stands, and a kind of wharf was constructed, but Williams and Crosby never returned, nor went on the merchandise to establish business. Tolman, carried on some trade with the Indians, but no regular trade was established till some two years later. In the summer of 1854, Mr. Tolman admitted one A. J. Davis to one half interest in the Marshfield claim, and on account of the declining health of his wife, decided to remove to Jackson county. Davis was a man of some means and a speculator, who could not afford to settle upon the claim and hold it in person; so he hired a young man named Wilkins Warwick to represent him upon the claim, and Tolman employed one M. Gaskill, and these men were placed in possession of the claim for Davis and Tolman. Gaskill afterwards left the place, but Warwick was furnished with employment by Davis and maintained an irregular residence upon the place, living in the old Tolman house and keeping a kind of hotel till 1856, when he turned it over to Davis and left Oregon for Iowa, where he now resides. During the time when he resided on this claim as agent as before mentioned, he was simply an agent and hired man of A. J. Davis, receiving \$50 per month for his services.

Before leaving at Davis' suggestion he made a "notification" upon the Marshfield claim under the Donation law of Oregon, and after he left, Davis, in Warwick's name, deposited money in the Land Office sufficient to pay for the land at \$1 25 per acre, which provided that "the Donation hereafter to be surveyed in Oregon and Washington Territories, shall in no case include a town site or lands 'settled upon for the purposes of business or trade, and not for agricultural use." The irregular and suspicious character of this entry stood in the way of the issuance of a patent for many years.

Soon after making payment on the Marshfield claim, Davis, having sunk a large amount of money in a gold mine near where Lobree's mill now stands, also turned his back on Oregon forever. One Capt. Hatch and Dr. Ferber were in possession of the Marshfield claim for a year or two after Davis' departure, as agents for Davis and Tolman, and in pursuance of a contract made some years before, early in 1857, a survey of a portion of the claim into blocks and lots was made and a plat of the town was prepared. The U. S. land survey was extended this township in the fall of 1857, and the Warwick Donation (as since known) was designated to the officers of the Land Office by Capt. Hatch. A little trade in whiskey and general merchandise was carried on by various parties from that time till 1857, when John Peshbaker built the mill now owned by Dean & Co. This and the general increase of business on the bay gave an impetus to the growth of Marshfield, and the town soon had two or three hundred inhabitants.

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[The remainder of this chapter to be continued in the pamphlet.]

MYRTLE POINT ITEMS.

Threshing is about over in this vicinity; the early rain has done some damage to grain standing in the field. The miners are gradually leaving the mines as there is too much water for working creek diggings. Those who have bench and hill claims will remain during the winter.

Levi Gant this season raised eight hundred bushels of grain, on about fifty acres of stumpy land. He will find use for every bushel.

E. Bender and Hon. B. Herman have lately purchased two lots in the town of Myrtle Point, on which they intend to put up a building between this and spring.

The grain crop of the Coquille turns out well.

We are waiting anxiously for the return of the schooner Mose, which is expected to bring a large amount of freight.

UNWARRANTED BOASTING.—Luse's journeyman printer vaunts the assumed great superiority of a lot of legal blanks lately printed in the Argus office. We have seen these blanks—in fact we have been victims of the legal service of them. As a specimen of composition in an office enjoying a meager variety of material, these blanks will just pass muster—that's all—but come to consider the presswork on them, they present the appearance of having been rolled with a horse collar and then worked off on a cheese press.

The News says quite a number of objectionable appointments have been made in this county. "Objectionable" to the News, of course, and that state of affairs is liable to continue.

The steamer Arcata arrived on Wednesday with Mrs. Capt. Roberts, P. Pendegrast and Charles Bromley in the cabin, and six steerage passengers.

A. LOBBE and T. G. Owen Esq. left this place for Portland, on business, last Saturday. Mr. Owen will probably be absent some weeks and will return by way of San Francisco.

C. A. Winchester, captain and owner of the Teap, has moved with his family into Marshfield, in order to be better situated for his new business.

The wood that was shipped on the Mose is said to have been damaged by getting wet. The price realized by shippers was below the market.

Two parties are reported to have visited Curry county lately, for the purpose of testing new inventions for saving gold in the black sand mines of that region.

J. W. Cox has fitted up bath rooms in good style at his barber shop, where he will be at all times pleased to wait on customers.

THOS. HIRST and wife, of this place, returned by the Teclair yesterday, after an extended visit among friends in California.

Our townsman John Kenyon is visiting some of the health-giving springs of California.

REV. CHAS. P. FARLEY is announced to preach in this place Sabbath evening.

A SCOW load of coal was capsized in Coal Bank slough last week, by an accident.

H. P. WHITNEY, on last Tuesday, brought in a band of cattle from Ham block's ranch.

SCHOOL district No. 43 has \$53 82 due on former apportionments not drawn.

THERE is a scarcity of houses in this town.

MR. DEAN, of Cow creek, Douglas county, had a terrible fight on the 5th inst., with a large buck that came into his garden. Dean shot at the intruder and broke its thigh; just at this moment the old favered dog appearing upon the scene clinched the buck, but the dog getting the worst of the bargain, was about to be hooked to death when Dean ran up, caught the buck by the horns and cut his throat with a pocket knife. The animal weighed 110 pounds.

DIED.

At Eastport, October 18, 1879, Airie Maria Ogden, wife of Andrew Ogden, aged 23 years.

At Astoria, October 20, 1879, Charles Oscar, infant son of Oscar and Annie Peterson.

At Coquille City, Oct. 16, 1879, of scarlet fever, Willie, eldest son of John and Amanda J. Snyder, aged 8 years 2 months and 10 days.

Near Gravel Ford, Oct. 13th, 1879, James C. Higgins, son of John V. and Maria F. Higgins, aged 22 years.

Marine Intelligence.

ARRIVED.—SUNDAY, Oct. 19, Sch Clara Light, Hingham, 15 days from S. F. to Southport Coal Co. WEDNESDAY, Oct. 22, Str Arcata, Holt, 2 days from S. F. pass and ride to F. Schetter, agent. THURSDAY, Oct. 23, Str Gotama, Madras, 7 days from S. F. to Simpson Bros. Str Emma Uter, Dillon, 9 days from S. F. to E. B. Dean & Co. FRIDAY, Oct. 24, Str Cassie Telfair, Butler, 2 days from S. F. pass and ride to F. Schetter agent. Sailed.—OCTOBER.—Sch Frithof, Matsen, S. F. "21—Sch Norway, Whalman, S. F. "22—Sch Arago, S. F. "23—Sch Bobolink, Morse, S. F.

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A. G. AIKEN, Sheriff Coos Co., Or., By H. W. McINTOSH, Deputy, Empire City, Or., October 2d, 1879.

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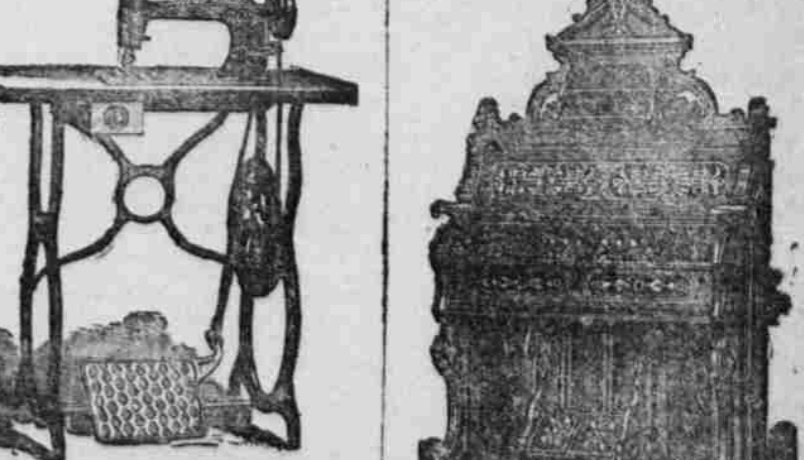
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