

BLANCO LODGE'S NEW TEMPLE

Marshfield Masons Building a Magnificent Edifice

From Tuesday's Daily.

The new Masonic Temple, which Marshfield Masons are erecting, is now well under cover. Contractor Clausen is forcing work along with all possible speed. The building committee are making some very important changes in the opera house or ground floor. An entire re-arrangement of the interior and the placing of the stage in the west end instead of in the corner. Also the adding on of 20 feet to the west end, extending to the top and 80 feet in width. This will give commodious dressing rooms and ample wings, also allowing for modern automatic slide curtains. This re-arrangement of the auditorium will add some to the original cost of the structure but will be an improvement which will far outweigh the difference in cost. We are informed that the main entrance will be made broader than the original plan, which is also an improvement in the right direction. The masonic hall and banquet rooms are large and spacious and will be elegantly fitted and arranged, thus giving Marshfield one of the finest Temples in the state.

The opera house will be seated in a semicircle with raised seats from the footlights to the entrance. The new auditorium will not be fitted with a gallery at present, though it will be provided for if needed in the future.

The Masons can be congratulated upon their fine improvement to our city. It will not only be a credit to our city but it will enhance the value of adjacent property.

The building of the new Temple here is certainly giving the growth of Masonry an impetus, as the lodge here has had one of the most prosperous years in its history, so also has the higher branch in Masonry.

It seems like this building for the future generation is a drawing card. The entire Masonic fraternity is ablaze with enthusiasm and the various branches are crowded with regular work and making an astounding growth and it may well be said that Marshfield is fast becoming a Masonic town. The members are already looking forward to one of the biggest Masonic jubilees ever held in Southern Oregon and well knowing that Marshfield Masons never do things by halves the brothers are looking forward to the event with keen interest.

Pay City School Entertainment

Dean Hall was crowded by an appreciative audience Saturday night and the entertainment given by the pupils of

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Bay City school was generously applauded. The following program was well presented under the direction of Miss Gamble, the teacher, with several capable assistants:

Recitation "Welcome," Pet Richards; song, "Hoe Out Your Row," school; recitations, "Arithmetic," Martin Steckel; "A Bootblack," Omer Granby; "The Last Hymn," Katie Thurman; "It's Not Just," John Tellephson; dialogue, "Mr. Caudle's Hat," Kate Thurman and Clifford Doane; song "Oregon Land," school; recitations, "Shy," Emil West; "A Promise," Jay Richards; "Woman is the Highest," Flossie Jennings; "I'm Small," Oscar Pedersen; "Before Daddy Goes to Bed," Charles Granby; duet, "We All Grow Old in Time," Misses Steckel and Archer; recitations—"Boys," Alva Granby; "In Johnny's Pocket," Blanche Tellephson; "The Good Old Times," Robert Richards; "Concerning Kisses," Kathleen Steckel; "Guess What's in my Pocket," Elma Lewellen; "A Little Boy," Henry Pedersen; song, "There's a Lonely Cottage by the Seaside," school; recitations—"When Idy Had a Bean," Jennie Tellephson; "I Used to Kill the Birds," Cleon Steckel; "The Declension of Kiss," Ollie Richards; character impersonation, "Widder Green," Lizzie Tellephson; "Vacation," Victor West; "My Mama's Hands," Stella Pedersen; dialogue, "A Doll Show," by a dozen little maids with their favorite dolls; recitation, "The Bridal Wine Cup," Edith Kelsey.

The concluding number was a dramatic comedy, "Jumbo Jim," in three scenes in which the principal parts were sustained with great spirit by Misses Kate Steckel, Ellen Archer and Flossie Jennings and Messrs Gilbert Steckel, Frank Riebe and Wm Steckel.

Wm Steckel in his black-face make-up made a hit as auctioneer and sold forty handsomely decorated baskets at prices ranging from one dollar up to six. After disposing of the luncheon, the floor was cleared for dancing and the young folks tripped the light fantastic until a late hour. Frank Riebe was floor director and Wm. Steckel make a capable stage manager. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used to buy an organ for the school.

TO CHANGE MAIL ROUTE

Chamber of Commerce Endorses the Proposed Change

The Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce has taken hold of the matter of improvement in our mail service, and such representations have been made that it seems best to the Chamber to endorse the project to have the Coos Bay mail brought from Roseburg over the Middle Fork road to Myrtle Point, instead of over the Coos Bay wagon road.

It is said that the C. B. R. & E. R. R. is willing to put on an extra train to carry the mail between Marshfield and Myrtle Point, and that B. Fenton, mail contractor on the Middle Fork route will guarantee to put the mail through between Myrtle Point and Roseburg in 14 hours in the winter and several hours less in the summer.

In view of these facts it seems possible to put the mail through by that route in less time than we have ever had it before. The Chamber of Commerce has accordingly drawn up a petition to the Hon. J. L. Bristol, fourth Assistant Postmaster General, asking that the mail for Coos county "be delivered and carried over one line (instead of by two as is now done), and to leave Roseburg, Or., at 6 a m and be carried from thence to Myrtle Point, by way of Camas Valley, and to arrive at Myrtle Point not later than 7 p m of the same day, and from thence to Coquille and Marshfield by train, to arrive at the latter place at not later than 8:40 p m and Empire at 9:30 p m of the said day; and to leave Empire at 4 p m and to be carried from Marshfield by railway train, leaving there at 5 p m and to be delivered at Myrtle Point at 7 p m and from thence by wagon road to Roseburg, arriving at said point at 7 p m of the following day."

It is represented that this would save 11 hours and 15 minutes to Portland and 24 hours to San Francisco.

Copies of this petition have been sent to the mayors of Myrtle Point, Coquille and Bandon, with a letter asking their co-operation and assistance, which will undoubtedly be heartily given.

It is stated that Hon. Binger Herman has expressed the opinion that government aid could be obtained for the improvement of the Middle Fork road, if the county would unite in asking for it, and the Chamber is ready to push the project not only for a better mail service but a better overland route for travel.

FIFTEEN POUND SALMON

Falls Victim to the Skill of Two Young Ladies

From Sunday's Daily.

The origin of the thrill sounds which were noticed yesterday afternoon proceeding from the direction of Catching slough, has been discovered. They emerged from the scene of a conflict between two young ladies, on the one side, and a Fifteen Pound Salmon, on the other.

It seems that Miss Mary Black and her guest, Miss Grace McCormac, went out on the placid waters of the slough in a rowboat for a troll. Pasting lightly over the earlier part of the exercise, it may be stated at once that they hooked a Fifteen Pound Salmon. The line was small; the troll was small; but they held. Then commenced the struggle which the MAIL confesses its inability to describe. The girls would pull the Fifteen Pound Salmon toward the boat; then they would pull the boat toward the Fifteen Pound Salmon; then the F. P. S. would pull both girls and boat from one side of the slough to the other. Then he (presumably he) would jump four or five feet into the air and tie a knot in the line.

It was at this stage of the proceedings that the circumambient air was rent by those sounds which would have put the sleep of the Czarina in the shade.

Be during one of his aerial flights the F. P. S.'s eye happened to fall on the boat and he got a good look at his captives. Like a flash his mein changed and before he struck the water he had a true lover's knot tied in the line. Resistance was ended and he was brought alongside the boat without any trouble.

Then the problem was to get him into the boat, as they had no gaff; but the girls both knew a thing or two about landing their fish, all right, and they launched him in with an oar. Then, as sometimes happens, having hooped their fish they couldn't get him to unhook, and it was finally concluded that a surgical operation was demanded. So a man on the bank was appealed to, who with his trusty jack-knife extracted the troll from the Fifteen Pound Salmon.

The letter was then carried in state to George Ross' place, where the scale pronounced him a Fifteen Pound Salmon. The girls are confident that he would have weighed 20 when new, as he bled awfully!

The MAIL is requested to state that the girls did not get excited in the least but the boat was very shivery.

The deceased hero of these adventures the Fifteen Pound Salmon, is expected down on the Curlew this morning and will be met by Dr. McCormac and a dray.

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WILLIAM W. PRIBBLE, of 102 Monroe St., Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4403, for the purchase of the SE-1/4, of Sec. No. 14, Tp 25 S., R 12 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 9 day of Dec, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Oscar Edwards, of Oakland, Oregon; George Finley, Galen V. Kump, of Crawfordville, Oregon; E. N. Smith, of Myrtle Point, Oregon.

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