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## PERCY CAN COUNT.

Brother Levar imagines the few readers of the Coast Mail can't count, so he presumes to count for them. But will people continue to stop their subscriptions to the Coast Mail and buy the Post. Why don't they listen to Percy, the "deaf boy"? He is so particular; he ought to be able to count accurately.—Post.

As the previous count does not seem to be satisfactory, here are a few figures on Saturday's Post and COAST MAIL, when the latter was at a great disadvantage from the fact that its gasoline engine was on a strike nearly all the forenoon.

Of genuine press dispatches, coming by wire:  
Evening Post 128 Lines  
Coast Mail 176

Of pretended press dispatches, coming by mail from New York, and post-marked June 11th:

Evening Post 162 Lines  
Coast Mail None

Of local news, exclusive of all pay matter, of all mention of the Empire Stock Co., and even of the church notices:

Evening Post 35 Lines  
Coast Mail 252

## IT PRINTS THE NEWS—SOMETIMES.

Of course the Coast Mail prints the news of the twin towns. But some way or another it failed to print so important a piece of news as the transfer of the electric light plant. The Post printed the story of this transfer last Thursday.—Post.

If our readers will look in their Coast Mail of about six weeks ago they will find that item of news.

## THE STREET SPRINKLER

We note with considerable pride that Marshfield has received, and is now operating, its first street sprinkler. Our wise and efficient city board has so ordained and it is red leather. At last this one important step, introductory to our great march of progress, has been made. Never before has the common council of the city of Marshfield in regular session passed an ordinance or enacted a measure that has so impressed us with its profound wisdom. We look upon this great move as the final awakening of our city from a long, deep sleep. It is, we might say, the effulgent aurora of a beautiful morning, born to awaken a great commercial activity in our midst and mark the day of our coronation as a city.

No city ever amounted to anything without a street sprinkler. Search where you may in the dingy records of the dead past and we defy you to point to a single instance where a town has ever counted for anything before

it had a street sprinkler. The street sprinkler is invariably the advance guard of commercial prominence and metropolitan fashion. It is the forerunner, the drum major, the John the Baptist; as it were, that precedes the real show and gives notice of what is to follow. Therefore we chronicle, with much pride, the glad news that Marshfield has at last fallen into line with the great procession of our nation's cities now trooping this broad highway to fame.

Still, while we are justly proud of our city council, and its important move has met with our heartiest approval, and we fully realize that in matters of this kind our great legislative bodies must, of necessity, act very slowly and with great care; guarding at all times against the possibilities of overdoing the job and spreading it on too thickly in the first course, there are a few little features that have seemingly been overlooked by our honorable board in this matter and in regard to which we should like very much to offer a few suggestions before this affair is permanently settled and passed out to the prying eyes of the world. In substance they amount to this: In the work and worry incident to such a move as getting this great measure on foot, the council has overlooked the fact that the peculiarities of this climate are such that men who follow out of door pursuits must at all times be provided against the rain. In their deep thought and attention to others more important matters connected with the affair they have neglected to authorize the clerk to order with the sprinkler a storm proof cover for the same and an oil skin suit and high rubber boots for the driver.

While these little features of themselves can have no particular bearing on the good results from the sprinkler, they might excite adverse comment on the part of our jealous neighbors and cause them to criticize us as being cheap. And, anyway, we can't afford to have our new street sprinkler going up and down the streets of Marshfield, with the proud and dignified driver perched unprotected upon his high seat, exposed to the drenching elements of our climate when, by the expenditure of a few extra dollars, this noble benefactor of a struggling commonwealth may be made comfortable in his exalted position, guiding with steady rein, (in steady rain) this advance guard of our great procession, marching onward to commercial fame.

We would therefore suggest that the city council look into this matter with out delay and remedy the omission pointed out above.

## THE COAST MAIL FALLS IN A TRAP

The Post set a trap and the Coast Mail fell headlong into it. The Post a few days since printed an editorial under the caption "The Post's News Service." The article made reference to the actual amount of news matter printed daily in The Post. The Mail immediately got out its hammer and tongs and attempted to draw a comparison of the actual number of lines of news printed in the daily papers of the twin towns. This brought the attention of the few people who read the Coast Mail to the matter—and most of them read the Post—so they may be expected to compare the two papers for themselves. That is just what the Post desires. It will mean an increased patronage of this paper.

Smoke up Brother Levar. There are more cob pipes where that one came from.—Post

Now, that shows how easy it is to be mistaken! We had an idea that the Post Mail set the trap and the Post fell in to it. We know that if we were printing a lot of grape vine telegrams and trying to palm them off on our readers as genuine telegraphic dispatches, we wouldn't be able to persuade ourselves that the party who exposed us was falling into a trap thereby.

However, if it is any satisfaction to the Post to look at the matter in that light we will gratify it again. The "telegraphic dispatch" printed by the Post Saturday on its first page with a double column head, purporting to be sent from Chicago on that day, and pretending to describe the situation there on the eve of the Republican national convention, was a "grapevine", pure and simple. It was written up in New York at least a week ahead, for it was mailed in that city on June 11th.

Compare it with the Coast Mail's dispatch of the same dateline and on the same subject, every line of which was telegraphed from Chicago on the day it appeared in the Mail. Then you will see the difference between the real and the sham. If you still have doubts, compare the two with some of the large outside dailies which are obliged to show some respect for the intelligence of their readers.

It is true that the great and only P. T. said that "the American people like to be humbugged," but Gee! there is a limit. The Coast Mail declines to believe that the people of Coos Bay prefer fake telegrams to the real article.

Good evening, Mr. Editor of the Coast Mail. So you don't use an auxiliary telegraph service. How in the world do you keep posted on known future events throughout the world? It must be a great school of journalism you attended—driving a delivery wagon.—Post.

No we don't use an "auxiliary" telegraph service that is not a telegraphic service in any sense of the word but is simply a fake and fraud gotten up to be used by papers that are willing to humbug their readers to make a great showing at \$3 per month, and that is cooked up in New York and mailed out a week or two ahead of the day on which it is dated. We give our readers the genuine account of current events, written after not a week or two before the events happen.

Yes, the editor of the Coast Mail once drove a delivery wagon in Salem—and he held his job until he quit it voluntarily. It may be said also, per-enthetically, that, as delivery man, he had the entree of Salem's best houses, a much-coveted privilege denied to some.

However, that was only a sort of preparatory school part of the training in common honesty which commenced in Coos Bay logging camp, and which now prevents the Coast Mail from attempting to palm off fake telegrams as the real thing. Happily, the influence of the "school of journalism" which inculcates a contempt for the brains of newspaper readers never took a very strong hold on the present editor of the Coast Mail.

## JOURNALISM EXTRAORDINARY.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT WILL BE PARTYS' STANDARD BEARER," announces our esteemed evening contemporary of yesterday in a flaring headline, clear across the top of the first page. What a pleasing surprise this will be to the anxious readers of that paper, although the suddenness of the announcement of such an important fact, hitherto unsuspected, may cause some of them to die of heart failure.

Just underneath that headline the announcement is made in blackface type, also extending across the page: "THE FORMAL NOMINATION OF THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT MAY BE MADE TONIGHT. ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS WILL BE THE TICKET."

This also is exclusive, probably by one of the longest grapevine wires on the world, for it does not appear in

the Mail's carbon copy of the dispatches. Considering the fact that the convention adjourned over until today six minutes after that bulletin purports to have been sent, it is safe to say that no other paper in America published anything like it.

Another thing showing the superior news gathering facilities at the command of the paper which we are so often assured has the richest men in this section behind it, is in the publication of the nominating speech, introduced thusly:

"HON. FRANK BLACK NOMINATED THEODORE ROOSEVELT FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:"

As the nomination was not made, nor the speech delivered, yesterday, it is a good wager that this was also "exclusive."

## COUNTY SHOULD HELP

The suggestion that the county court help in the digging of the North slough canal is a good one. The people of this section have raised a large sum of money for the purpose of putting in the canal, which it is understood will be of great benefit to that section, both in the way of a highway and as a drainage canal, and an appropriation from the county will be devoted to a good purpose in helping the work along.

## DEAD BODIES NEARLY ALL RECOVERED From Scene of Slocum Horror

New York, June 23—The great bulk of the Slocum dead have now been found, and the discovery of bodies proceeds more slowly. Up to 9 this morning the total was 883, of which 670 were identified. A hundred policeman today began to canvass the stricken district in an endeavor to compile a more accurate list of the missing. Twelve funerals were arranged for today.

## PRELIMINARIES FOR RELEASE ARRANGED

Washington, June 23—A dispatch reached the State Department this morning from Consul General Gummere to the effect that Sheikh Zeilal has consented to act as intermediary in the release of Perdicaris and Varley and the transfer of the cash ransom.

A courier has been sent to Raisal by the Government saying the money for the release of the prisoners whose release was demanded will be sent to Zeilal's village.

## A New Building

The work of laying the foundation for a new building on the vacant lot at the corner of Broadway and C street began this morning. The new structure will be built and owned by Capt. Donaldson, of San Francisco, and the construction is under the supervision of Otto A. Schetter, the Western Union operator at this place. The size of the building will be 50x55 feet, will be a two-story frame and will be used as a furniture store by M. P. Gulovson.

Elisha Riggs, who came here a few days ago with his son Edward, who is interested in the electric light works, will start for his home near Aurora, Oregon, tomorrow.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

## ELABORATE PLANS FOR WATER CARNIVAL Queen's Barge to Lead Parade—Thirteen Original States to be Represented

As the day draws near at hand, the plans and preparations for Marshfield's grand 4th of July celebration are being rapidly brought to a close. Each committee is working zealously at its own particular assignment and the whole affair is moving along with the exactness and regularity of clockwork. The latest features of the coming festival for which all the important arrangements have been perfected, were reported on today when T. J. Lewis announced to the chairman, J. A. Matson, of the general committee his plans for conducting the water carnival and launch regatta to be held, with the fire works in the evening, as a grand close of the celebration exercises. Mr. Lewis, who has full charge of the water carnival, has had much experience in this particular work and the outline of his program and report to the general committee has been waited with considerable interest. He announces that the launch parade will form at dock near Eagles hall shortly after dark. The line up will consist of a herald, the Queen's section, thirteen launches representing the thirteen original colonies and an escort representing the Lewis and Clark expedition. The herald is to be profusely decorated with flags and will carry a number of small boys who are to fire Roman candles and crackers as the parade moves up the water front. The Queen's barge, which is to have three decks, will be arranged with a throne upon the upper deck for the Queen and banner. The second deck will carry the Queen's attendants and will be richly decorated with flowers and flags, while from the lower deck a number of boys will burn colored lights and fire Roman candles. Each of the thirteen launches representing the original colonies will be decorated with colored lights, flags and flowers, and bear the seal and name of the state it represents. The last section of the parade will contain the Lewis and Clark barge, bearing two direct descendants of the famous explorers and two native Indian escorts in their original costumes. The entire parade is to be richly festooned in banners, flowers, flags, crests and seals, and colored lights will burn from the wharves as it passes along.

The parade will move from the wharf at Eagles hall, up the water front to the foot of A street and back, and the water carnival will close with a magnificent display of fireworks.

C. C. Carter, of Myrtle Point, is registered at the Blanco here today.

Z. T. Siglin, who was a visitor in the city yesterday, returned to his home this morning.

Andrew Oleson, of Langlois, is a visitor on the Bay today, and is registered at the Central.

Alexander Stauff and wife, and their son, Chas. F. Stauff and his wife, left for Arago by this morning's train.

Walter Shattuck and wife, of Coquille, who have been visiting with friends in Marshfield this week, returned home this morning.

Martin Wallace, the popular commercial man of Portland, who pays his monthly visits to our city, is interviewing Marshfield business men today. His headquarters are at the Central.

A very pleasant excursion given in honor of Miss Esther Laudo by Albert Bear, was enjoyed by a jolly crowd of young people and their chaperons last evening. The party drove to Rocky Point, where a delicious camp supper was served, returning by the light 'o' the moon in the wee small hours of the morning.

## The Social Whirl

### PROGRESS CLUB MEETS

The final regular meeting of the Progress club for this club year was held at the home of Miss Susie Eickworth, Tuesday evening.

Although there was not a full attendance, the occasion was a very pleasant and profitable one.

The bulk of the business before the club was disposed of, the rest being left in the hands of competent committees.

Miss Elsie Bennett was elected to membership in the club.

The principal feature of the program was a carefully prepared paper on the "Char," by Mrs. Nicholson. The supplementary reading was from "Stoddard's Lectures on Russia" by Mrs. E. L. C. Farrin, followed by some interesting items concerning the monarch's life and habits by Mrs. Tower and Mrs. Nicholson.

Roll call was responded to with some very beautiful quotations.

Although the Progress club is yet in its infancy, it has already done some very creditable work. The program for next year is one that must prove of great interest and profit, and the members are anticipating with much pleasure the renewal of club work in September.

The members of the club will hold their first annual picnic at Rocky Point next Tuesday. The club has bands have been invited and those attending will be given a royal good time, with just the kind of lunch they enjoy. The trip will be made by team starting at 8:30 a. m. and returning after a picnic supper in the evening.

### Another old Land Mark

An old residence known as the "Dynamiter" which has for years been a familiar landmark on North slough and which was occupied by a family by the name of Simmons, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Simmons was in Marshfield at the time of the fire and as there was no one near the building except his wife and two small children, everything they had in the house was burned.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark falling from the chimney into the dry moss on the roof.

F. S. Dow and wife, who have been visiting the coast points below Bandon, returned home last evening. They made the round trip with a buggy and report the roads in very good condition.

Robt. Marsden, who has a contract for carrying milk to the new condensation at North Bend, will run his gasoline launch Dixie from the forks of Coos river to North Bend two times a day during the summer season.

Jas. Watson, the newly elected county clerk, left for the county seat this morning. Mr. Watson goes over to familiarize himself with the duties of the office to which he has just been elected.

June 23 the A. N. W. Club met at Mrs. Roehon's in regular session. After the usual order of business the hostess served delicious luncheon. The annual outing of the club will take place on June 30 when the ladies will have a picnic on Coos river. Their next meeting will be held with Mrs. E. K. Jones.

### Red a Favorite Flag Color.

Red seems to be the most popular of national colors, if flags may be used as criteria. Of the twenty-five leading national flags nineteen have red in them. The same cannot be said of any other color. The chief flags that are marked with red are those of the United States, England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Mexico, Chile, Portugal and Venezuela.

### Marie Antoinette's Shawl.

Marie Antoinette's lace shawl, which she gave on the scaffold to her father confessor, the Abbe de Pome, is still in existence. The abbe, who emigrated, left it at his death to the Prelate Strohach in Breslau. It has since passed through the hands of two or three clergymen and was finally presented to the church at Neunedorf by Pastor Heinrichs.