

TO IMPROVE BAY & SLOUGH.
Engineers Want Information from those Interested.

The editor has received a letter from Captain Wm. W. Harts, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., asking the citizens to give their views and ideas how best to improve navigation in Tillamook Bay and Hoquarton Slough. We were glad to receive this communication, for it shows that the Engineer's Department is desirous of obtaining all the information possible so that when it undertakes to improve the bay or Hoquarton Slough it will accomplish something practical and of lasting benefit. As people have different ideas how best to maintain a deep channel in the slough we hope they will communicate their ideas to Capt. Harts. It is also a matter for the Port of Tillamook Commission to thoroughly investigate and keep in touch with the Engineer's Department, and being business men fully alive to the situation and the urgent necessity of better shipping facilities, which can easily be obtained if the obstructions in the bay and slough are removed, no doubt, the Commission will furnish the department with some useful information. The letter reads thus:

United States Engineer Office.
Portland, Or., March 11, '99.
THE EDITOR, TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT,
Tillamook, Ore.
Sir,—The project for the improvement of Tillamook Bay, as adopted by congress in past years, provides for constructing dikes, etc., so as to obtain and maintain the depth of at least nine feet at mean high tide up to Tillamook. I understand that congress recently made an appropriation for continuing this work, and if I find later on that this is a fact, I desire to soon visit the bay with the view of ascertaining how the funds can be most advantageously applied.
In the mean time I would be glad to have the views of such of your citizens as may be interested in the navigation of Tillamook Bay and Hoquarton Slough, and would thank you if you would make mention, in your next issue, that everybody interested in the matter is invited to write to me his views.
Respectfully,
Wm. W. HARTS,
Captain, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.

Captain Harts arrives in the City and Meets with the Commission.

Quite unexpectedly Captain Harts and his secretary, Mr. W. C. King, arrived on the steamer Elmore on Wednesday for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the improvements necessary in Hoquarton slough, and to inspect the government work already done here. The captain met with the members of the Port of Tillamook Commission in the parlors of the Allen house on Wednesday evening, where the matter was discussed. Captain Harts was fully informed as to what the Commission could and could not accomplish, the lines upon which it intended to work, and also that it wished to work in harmony with the government engineers, assisting them in every possible way to procure the information desired. Captain Harts said he was pleased to meet with enterprising citizens who were anxious to help themselves. He pointed out to the Commissioners quite a number of minor things which they could do from time to time which would be of great service to the government engineers. It was best, the captain said, if they wished to accomplish anything, for the Commission and the government engineers to work with one object in view. The Commission promised Capt. Harts that it would undertake to do the work and furnish the information the government desired. The meeting resulted most satisfactorily, for it was instrumental in Captain Harts and the Commission coming to a perfect understanding.
Captain Harts was taken down the slough this morning to make an official inspection.
It is a little premature to predict what work Captain Harts will recommend to be done for the improvement of the slough, but it is in the range of possibility that he will recommend the snags removed and the slough dredged, commencing at this city and working down. Also cutting off some of the sharp turns in the slough.

A Consumate Gall.
The Northwest Farmer, or, more correctly termed an apology for a farmer's paper, and a poor one at that, makes this statement with regard to the pure food bill which passed the state legislature:
"While the pure food law of Oregon is not all that we should have liked it to be the Farmer feels justly proud of the efforts its managers put forth in having the bill in its present form. The bill that was put into the legislature was so disfigured that there was nothing left of it except a commissioner. All standards of purity and penalties of violation had been eliminated. The editor of this paper captured the bill between the committee and the assemblies, and in about an hour got it into almost its present form."
We must admit that it is consumate gall to monkey with bills pending in the state legislature, but when the editor of the Farmer claims that he, "in about an hour got it into almost its present form" is claiming something which he has not the ability to perform. The gentleman who drew up the pure food bill forgets in a month more about farming than Frank Lee will know in a lifetime.

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BEAVER.

Beaver never had brighter prospects than at present. Truly Beaver is a land of milk cows and honey. It looks like we will have three cheese factories running this summer and three general merchandise stores.

C. Mills went out to Sheridan last week and brought in presiding elder Rev. C. Bell, who preached with marked ability to an appreciative audience on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This coming Saturday and Sunday Elder Bell will officiate at the quarterly meeting at Tillamook city.

People of Beaver are, as a rule, too good natured to get angry over trifles, but at present there is no one anywhere to look after keeping the public roads open. Some of our citizens are out of hay, but have hay up the river. A large rock has slid down in the road, so it is impossible to get through. We do sincerely hope ere long our county officials will make better arrangements to keep our public thoroughfares open.

This coming Sunday Rev. Armstrong preaches at Beaver; Rev. Dollarhide at Blaine, in quarterly meeting; and preacher Mills at Hebo.

The United Brethren Church at this place took in four more substantial members last Sunday. They also had services in the new church, which is a substantial, neat building.

NESEKOWIN.

The annual school meeting was held at the Neskowin post office. J. W. Hellenbrend was elected director and Fred Scherzinger clerk. There is to be a new school house built soon to take the place of the old one, which was burned last fall.

Mr. Becker, who had a lease of Mr. Brigham's ranch at Slab creek for the past four years is going to move to Sherwood, as soon as the weather permits. Mrs. Becker and son have gone with one load. Mr. Hill, the Dolph mail carrier, took them as far as Sheridan. The morning they started they had a very narrow escape while crossing Dot creek when the tide was nearly full. The horses went into a hole and the wagon came near turning over.

Mr. McIntosh made a trip down in this vicinity a few days ago.
Although the weather has been very stormy several have planted their early potatoes and have their onions planted.

Mrs. C. G. Cutling and family will start for Portland in a few days, where they intend to make their future home.

NEHALEM.

Tom Blackburn, whose foot was badly hurt in the camp some time ago, is now getting along nicely.

H. V. Alley is making half barrels for Schilling & McFee, who are salting steel heads. Mr. Alley has concluded to invest in a cream separator.

The gasoline launch Irene towed up a lot of boom sticks to Blackburn's camp last week, and on Sunday they sent down a large raft of logs.

At the Nehalem Literary Society last Thursday, the question: "Resolved that we derive more benefit from the animal than the mineral kingdom," was decided in the affirmative.

Postmaster Tohl made a visit to the county seat last week.

School Dis. 28 elected H. Tubbesing director, and Ada Morrison clerk, and Wm. Tohl was elected to fill the unexpired term of C. W. Alley, moved away.

There was a surprise party dance at the home of Wm. Finley on Saturday, the 11th inst.

WOODS.

Mr. Jno. Malaney and W. R. Robedece returned from Tillamook last Sunday and report the roads almost impassable.

Mr. Jno. Krebs made a trip to Tillamook last week and returned Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Scott, the Ocean Park merchant, received a load of goods over the Little Nestucca road last week.

J. D. Wallace, of Beaver, was in our town and vicinity this week buying cattle.

The directors of school district No. 41 are offering a reward of twenty-five dollars for evidence that will lead to the conviction of the party or parties that tried to break into the school house in that district.

A great many of the young men around here have got the seven devils and Buffalo Hump fever pretty bad.

Little Medicine has been suffering with the toothache, and if a few cuss words appear in the columns of the Ocean Wave this week, please overlook them for you know how it is yourself.

SAND LAKE.

Our school meeting passed off very pleasantly. Messrs. Billings and Shillinglaw and Mrs. L. A. Hoyt were elected directors and Dan Atkinson clerk.

Mrs. Gave has moved onto the Lessick place.

Mrs. Stanley will prove up on her place April 8th.

Mr. James Atkins and his son Dan have planted 20,000 McFarland cranberry plants this spring. This makes a splendid addition to their fine cranberry beds.

W. C. King and M. Sommer are getting their cranberry beds trimmed up in shape for the summer's growth.

Frank Atkinson passed through here this week on his way to Woods to raise money to finish his schooner, which is being completed near Tillamook. We understand he was successful and the boat will make its first trip to Woods sometime in April. This will be a great convenience to Woods merchants and to this section of the country in general.

Considerable garden has been planted.

Mr. Ben Turner was in the neighborhood this week buying cows for his ranch near the Doc. Mills place.

There are some fine places for sale in this neighborhood.

T. J. Harris is expecting his family home soon.

Jim Thompson made a trip to Tillamook last week for a load of flour.

W. C. Wolf lost a cow last week.

BARNEGAT.

J. R. Harter went to Hobsonville Friday and returned Sunday.

Mr. Bert Biggs went to Tillamook Friday and returned Saturday.

Mr. Theo. Stinehilber, of Tillamook, and Frank Norburg, were callers at Barnegat last week.

Mrs. Ruby Baker returned home Friday, after visiting friends at Barnegat last week.

Mr. D. R. Hulbert and son, Arthur, made a trip to Tillamook Friday and returned Sunday.

Barnegat has some stormy weather.

SOUTH PRAIRIE.

School district No. 2 wants a good teacher. Apply to David Fitzpatrick, clerk.

Festus Quick is home from Portland where he has been employed since last fall. He is now employed at H. Rogers' creamery.

Our annual school meeting passed off pleasantly with more than usual attendance. Mr. Delsman and F. M. Lamb, new directors, and D. Fitzpatrick, clerk.

Henry Ward has rented the Harry Hill place and removed thither with his family.

Elam Butts, of Nestucca, has been holding spiritualistic services on the prairie lately, and also engaging pasture for the spiritual horses that he avers visits to occasionally.

WILSON RIVER.

Gust Wicklund was elected to succeed himself as school director.

Mrs. Kelso has been quite ill the past week. Dr. Wiley has been her attending physician.

The county road between John Svenson's and Tillamook ought to be attended to, as it is very bad. People with buggies or loads are in danger of a break down.

Arthur Kelso went outside to sell his father's young team last week.

Another boat is to be launched on the matrimonial sea in the near future. We understand it will begin its journey at Hobsonville.

BLAINE.

March weather has come.

Mt. Hebo has been wearing a white hood the past week.

Nathan Moon came in from Sheridan last Tuesday.

Mark Bays came in from Wheatland Friday.

Mr. Thane, who lives on the river above this place, offers to sell his herd of cows.

Rev. C. Mills, of Beaver, escorted the presiding elder, Mr. Bell, of the United Brethren church, from Sheridan to Beaver, via Blaine, and stopped over night with friends at this place. Several of our people attended the quarterly meetings at Beaver Saturday and Sunday.

The Free Methodist will hold their quarterly meeting at Blaine next Saturday and Sunday.

We agree with Mr. Townsend that a motor line from Sheridan to Tillamook City would be of vast interest to Tillamook county, and the route, via Blaine, being about fifteen miles shorter than any other, would be sure to be considered, and there is water power on the route sufficient to operate a half dozen such roads.

Real Estate Transfers.

March 10—L. L. Tenwilliger, by sheriff, to James W. Gilmore, tract in sec. 2 tp. 1 S. R. 10, W.

March 11—W. H. Eberman, to W. H. Hamilton, lots 7 and 8 in block 4 in Stillwell's add to Tillamook city.

March 13—U. S. to W. Knoel, W. 1/2 of W. 1/2 sec. 12, tp. 1 S. R. 7 W.

March 13—U. S. to Lucy J. Ruggles, E. 1/2 of Sw. 1/4 of sec. 7, and E. 1/2 of Nw. 1/4 of sec. 18 tp. 1 S. R. 7 W.

March 14—F. D. Vincent to Caroline Thornton, lots 3 and 4 in block 23, Thayer's add to Tillamook.

March 14—Thomas Coates to Homer Mason, lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 of block 9 of Stillwell's add to Tillamook city.

March 15—U. S. to Webeby Day S. 1/2 of Ne. 1/4 and lots 1 and 2, sec. 6 tp. 2 N. R. W.

March 15—U. S. to Anna E. Rowley Sw. 1/4, sec. 4 tp. 1 S. R. 7 W.

HOTEL PERSONALS.

Larsen House.
Portland—T. S. Townsend and A. W. Smith.
Blaine—H. E. Chapman and J. R. Dilan.

Bay City—E. L. McNeil.
Hobsonville—Leigh Jones.
San Francisco—H. Gouldstone.

Allen House.
Portland—L. H. Browne, J. P. Shenwill, Wm. W. Hart, and W. C. King.
Battle Creek, Wash.—S. Kohler.
Warrenton—Mrs. Newman.

Bay City—H. Comer, Peter Nelson, Wm. Provost, H. B. Hendricks, Theo. Jacoby, Frank Long, West Day, M. S. Cone.

Nestucca—M. Schlotter and L. E. Oberg.
Dolph—A. D. Jefferis.

Woods—Frank Norberg and John Krebs.
Foley—Dan Hicke.

Netarts—N. H. Freeman.
Nehalem—Wm. Finley and wife.
Astoria—Royal Stillwell.
Garibaldi—Mrs. R. M. Alley and son.
Blaine—J. J. Hallett.
Spruce—G. W. Wallace.

SENATOR SIMON RETURNS.

Talks of What Congress Did For Oregon.

United States Senator Joseph Simon returned from Washington, and will remain in Portland till congress convenes next December. He left Washington on Saturday coming by way of New York, where he spent two days. He is very well satisfied with the appropriations made for Oregon's rivers and harbors, and believes that money will eventually be secured to do everything that is needed for the seaboard and internal avenues of commerce. He thinks the prospects good that the Nicaragua canal will be constructed more economically and quickly than could have been done by the measure which fell under Speaker Reed's displeasure. The Philippines, in his opinion, will be retained, which will be in accord with the desire of the majority of the people in the East and nearly all those in the West.

When seen at his residence on Everett street, Senator Simon said:
"Most of the river and harbor appropriations which were killed in the house were restored by the senate, and by hard work the Oregon delegation succeeded in getting through a very satisfactory bill. This will enable the work to proceed, and will keep things going until further appropriations could be secured. I was sorry that Yaquina bay was not more liberally dealt with, but the most strenuous efforts in its behalf failed to avail anything. The fact that Senator McBride was on the commerce committee was a great help in securing the appropriations, as this body is a very powerful one, and has much to say in matters of this kind. Oregon is very fortunate in being represented on it."

"The Nicaragua canal matter is now in the hand of the president, who has been given an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to enable him thoroughly to investigate it and to determine what is the best course to pursue. This I think will insure a canal, and was, in my opinion, the best way to settle the matter. Although I voted for the canal bill before the senate every time it came up, I believe that the canal can be secured better by other means, and it was manifestly impossible to get that measure through, owing to the opposition of Speaker Reed. As near as I could learn, sentiment in the East is generally favorable to the canal, while in the West, of course, it is un-animous."

TAKES AGGRESSIVE Active Campaign Against the Philippines Will Be Begun.

MANILA, March 12th, 11:30 a.m.—In all probability the current week will see the beginning of an active campaign on a scale hitherto unknown to the Philippines. For the last few days there has been unusual activity at headquarters, and there is every indication of a complete reorganization of the entire corps in the near future.

Since the arrival of the American reinforcements several changes have been made, the most important being the appointment of a divisional brigade under General Wheaton, consisting of the Twentieth and Twenty-second regiments of infantry, eight companies of the Washington and seven companies of the Oregon volunteers, three mounted troops of cavalry and a battalion of light artillery.

All the troops have disembarked. A battalion of the Fourth regular infantry is already on the fire line, assigned to General MacArthur's division. The others have been held in reserve, and are encamped on the Luneta parade ground.

A battalion of the Seventeenth regulars has been assigned to provost guard, relieving the Oregon volunteers.

During the rainstorm which occurred before daylight this morning the rebels on the extreme left fired several volleys at the Americans, but without effect. Other-wise everything is quiet.

MANILA, March 11th, 3:15 p.m.—At daylight the rebels were caught enfilading the entrenchments at Calocan, and were shelled by a battery. Desultory firing also took place at San Pedro Macati.

The United States cruiser Charleston has relieved the armed transport Buffalo off Paranaque.

The last batch of Spanish soldiers numbering 885 men, excepting a few, who are in the hospital, were embarked on the transport Buenos Ayres to-day.

MANILA, March 14.—Noon—At 7 o'clock this morning, hearing the insurgent bugles sounded, Scott's battery dropped three shrapnel shells into the woods on the left of the Pasig church. No reply was made, and at 7:45 the Twenty-second regular infantry advanced until they encountered a number of volleys. This fire was returned with interest.

A line then wheeled toward Pateros in the following order: Oregon volunteers, the Twentieth regulars, the Washington volunteers, a cavalry detachment, the Twenty-second regulars and reserve artillery.

The troops followed the roads, while the gunboats Oeste and Laguna de Bay assisted in suppressing the fire on the left flank. Three rebel canoes were captured on the river.

The rebel sharpshooters at Calocan continue active, but no casualties are reported.

GOMEZ IMPEACHED

Cuban Assembly Dismisses the General in Disgrace.

HAVANA, March 11.—The Cuban military assembly, in public session this afternoon, impeached General Maximo Gomez and moved him from his command as general-in-chief of the Cuban army, the first ballot taken resulting in 26 votes being cast in support of the motion to impeach and remove General Gomez against 4 in opposition. The meeting lasted from 2 o'clock until 7. General Gomez only supporters were Gen. Cespedes and General Nunez. The original motion, which was introduced by Senor Manuel Sanguilly, provided for the abolition of the grade of general in chief, but an amendment was offered to this by Senor Aguerro, which read:

"To abolish the grade of general-in-chief and remove General Gomez for failure in his military duties and disobedience to the assembly."
Senor Aguerro declared that Gomez was insubordinate, and should be punished, and Senor Sanguilly insinuated that the general was a traitor to Cuba.

Much passion was evident in the speeches, in some of which Gomez was declared to have been delinquent in his duties and disobedient because he had accepted the proposition of Robert F. Porter, President McKinley's special emissary, without consulting the assembly; because he had taken upon himself the arrangements for the payment and disarming of the Cuban troops independent of the assembly, and because he had declared to the assembly that he would observe its rulings in so far as he could see them beneficial to Cuba.

The assembly then declared that the \$2,000,000 is insufficient, and that it has not yet accepted the proposition. The discussion of this question will soon be taken now that General Gomez has been removed.

Sight is in the Mind, Not in the Eye.

It is necessary that we think upon what we see in order properly to appreciate what passes before the eye, otherwise the eye is a mere mirror reflecting objects but not comprehending them. We address ourselves to the eye of the mind and to the thoughtfulness of the public. We do not seek to catch custom by mere glitter and tinsel, but by real enduring and substantial merit.

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