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## NEWPORT

(Newport)—(Special)

Mrs. William Allen died suddenly, Wednesday evening at her home here while eating supper. Mrs. Allen formerly lived at Toledo and was a sister of the late J. F. Steele.

Lyle Colver, nineteen; William King, eighteen; and Donald James, eighteen went to Portland to enlist in the Navy. Francis Ferr went from Yaquina at the same time for the same purpose.

Berle King of the Coast Guard Station has been transferred to Point Keys, California, station and promoted to No. 1, at that. Berle is now in line for promotion as keeper when a vacancy occurs.

G. A. Shumacher has sold out his business here to Walt Smith and he and Mrs. S. left Monday morning for San Francisco where they expect to make their future home. A large number of friends gathered on the wharf to bid them goodbye and wish them a bon voyage, especially the young men who were going to enlist in the navy in defense of their Country.

At a meeting of the trustees of the public school at the high school Monday afternoon for the purpose of electing teachers for the ensuing year, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board: Resolved: That the present corps of teachers be retained with the privilege of combining the grades if it could be done without impairing the efficiency of the school. The Board adjourned to meet again in ten days. This was done to give the teachers who might desire to retire from the school a chance to do so and that would give the Board of trustees a chance to fill the vacancy. The school year has been the most efficient and successful ever taught in Newport. Prof. Artman will be retained at the head of the school.

The Banquet given at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church last Friday evening was a great success. Over a hundred were set. S. G. Irvin gave a very carefully prepared written history of the Church from its organization at Newport to the present time. The Church was first organized at Toledo, September 22nd, 1878 by Rev. J. A. Hanna, home missionary. It was the first Church organized in the Yaquina Bay country and was named the First Presbyterian Church of Yaquina Bay. The charter members were Isaac A. Dick, James H. Blair, A. J. Rader and wife and Miss Sarah Ann Graham. All of these including the minister have passed on to their reward except Mr. Blair was present at the banquet, hale and hearty at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Blair was the guest of honor at the meeting. After a lapse of seven years during which time the Church went down at Toledo and re-organized by Rev. E. T. Ingles, June 27th, 1886 at Yaquina City and the following elders were elected: H. Baldwin, G. Walling and F. M. Gormley. There were 27 members enrolled. Rev. E. T. Ingles supplied the pulpit. The members erected a church building at Yaquina. At that time it was thought Yaquina would be the great city on the Bay. About 600 people lived there then. Preaching was held alternately between Yaquina and Newport. In Newport the preaching and Sunday School were held in Phelps' Hall now owned by Dr. Carter and used as a rooming house. In July, 1887, Rev. George Gellisspy was installed as minister. The elders now were Gormley, Walling and S. G. Irvin. Trustees, Dr. Bayley, George Landis, Will Webber and Fordice and Capt. Robinson. The next place chosen to hold Church was in the Butch Hammond Hall over a saloon. The frequent ring of glasses, the rough shouts and laughter of the overjoyous, the click of the billiard ball and the rough exclamations of profanity were not a very pleasant accompaniment to the Church services. In order to get away from this place, Mrs. Dr. Bayley proposed to let the Church have a hay-loft over a blacksmith shop if the Church would fix it up. The Ladies Aid Society took the proposition up and clothed and papered a hall 20 by 40 feet, putting in windows, seats and lights, making it a very nice and comfortable place to hold services with the exception when the wind blew the building would rock and as though it would fall down. The blacksmith below was Frank Delong and was not much given to Sabbath observance so he worked the blacksmith stunt to the great annoyance and discomfort of the congregation. The rain from the roof—for it leaked and the smoke from the forge made it exceedingly disagreeable for the worshippers. This state of affairs started an agitation for

a new Church building. So Dr. Bayley and Samuel Case offered two lots and the boom was on to erect a new Church building to cost \$3,000. The Ladies Aid as usual lit in the work and soon the alter post of the present elegant Church building was completed. We are now at the last chapter of the 39 years when the Church was first established on the bay. The Rev. Geo. T. Pratt is now the pastor and with the efficient help of his wife we believe the Church will continue to grow and prosper as it has in the past.

## EDDYVILLE

A farewell party was given Hans Albertson and family last Friday. About twenty-one being present in spite of very stormy weather. Cards and dancing were enjoyed until a late hour. Refreshments of punch and cake being served after which they were presented with a fine willow rocker as a remembrance from this community and Little Elk.

Mrs. Irene Hodges is the proud mother of a baby boy.

Brown Wakefield is getting along nicely with his injured foot which had to be stitched in several places.

Last Saturday the Grange gave a little extra feed in honor of the Albertson's as it was their last day with us before leaving for their new home in Jefferson. Mrs. L. L. McBride made a beautiful cake which Mrs. Albertson was requested to cut. The Sunday School is preparing a program for Easter Sunday.

Frank Willoughby and Roy Mauch went out Friday morning after the light snow fall to look for coyotes in the direction of Harlan.

Alfred Weaver bought a fine iron gray saddle horse of Mike Knauff last week.

Word was received here that one of the Coolie boys from up Little Elk was injured in a sawmill last week.

Miss Knauff and her scholars of the grammar school are saving eggs for some kind of an Easter feast. They have been enjoying warm lunches all winter in their "kitchen" department which they installed last year.

Katherine Lougdon of Big Elk expects to enter our high school for the spring term.

Mrs. Arthur Pepin returned Thursday evening with a fine new boy. They are living in Mrs. Eddy's old home this winter.

Ira Damon expects to go to California this summer for her health.

Our new neighbors on the Albertson place, Mr. Whited and family, are expected in this week.

The boys seem to be having good luck fishing these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baker of Eugene, who have been living here on their ranch since their marriage a few months ago returned home Monday.

Mrs. Geo. Willoughby is quite ill. Dr. Neuth was called in yesterday.

Doc. Boynton and wife were down from Little Elk Saturday.

Miss Andrews the Little Elk teacher, visited at Wakefield's Friday and Saturday.

## FIGLES CREEK

Isaac Boies who has been spending a few days here returned to Corvallis Thursday.

Gale Shane made a trip to Toledo last week.

Harry Briggs and sons, Huron and Edward, called Sunday, Tommy Tomason accompanied them.

Gale Shane furnished violin music for the Grant dance last Saturday night.

T. J. Buford reports snow about one foot deep at his place still, not mentioning the drifts. Mr. Buford is making preparations to farm Morty Lakes place, which he has rented.

Geo. Tubbs came over from his place Friday and also reports right smart of snow.

The rain has been falling in torrents but affects the snow but little.

Frank Mulvany and J. A. Kessi attended Big Elk Grange Saturday. Reports every thing prosperous, fine and dandy. Forty four members—ain't that going some? I for one advise each farming district to go and do likewise for it leads up believe me. Try it. It is living waters.

Gale Shane and Chas. Lindley go to Spaulding camps tomorrow, the 19th.

Z. A. Kessi is converting quite a bit of new land to the plow.

Frank Mulvany is still working for Frank Davis of Harlan.

In spite of the storms, stock is looking

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## WAR DECLARED ON GERMANY

Word came over the wire as we were going to press that the President had officially declared war on Germany. The declaration was made at 1:30 P. M. today, Friday.

## WHAT ABOUT PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Newport, Oregon, Apr. 2d., 1917.

Editor Toledo Leader:—

I was in hopes that some one would take up suggestion that Mr. Pepin made in your paper a few weeks ago, concerning the formation of a pioneer association. I am sure it could be a profitable and a very pleasant thing to do.

Let us have an expression of the pioneers on this matter.

S. G. Irvin—"1880".

## NO SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT IN APRIL

In years past there has always been an apportionment of the county school fund some time during the month of April, but as the conditions are, this year, it will be necessary for the county court to transfer money from the current expense portion of the general fund to the county school fund before there will be any school money to be apportioned, and as the county court will not meet until May 2, there will be no apportionment before that time. The warrants will be written about the 7th of May. R. P. Goin, Co. School Supt.

## CELEBRATES 90th BIRTHDAY

H. W. Vincent of this city celebrated his 90th birthday last Sunday, at the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wade.

Mr. Vincent was born in Hudson City, N. Y., April 1, 1827. When a boy he rode on the first railroad train ever operated in the United States, between New York City and Albany. Later he went West with the gold rush to Pike's Peak, and saw Denver when it consisted of a half-dozen canvas tents. In 1859 he moved to Red Bluff, Cal., and at the outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861, joined a company which started for Wisconsin to enlist in the Union army. Failing to pass the examination, he was appointed recruiting officer.

Mr. Vincent is hale and hearty and bids fair to round out a century. He was out to the dance last Friday evening and played first violin for some of the old fashioned dances.

## NEW RESIDENT FOR LINCOLN COUNTY

Jefferson, Ore., March 30, 1917.

Editor Lincoln County Leader, Toledo, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

Will you please change the address on my paper from Jefferson, Ore., to Eddyville, Ore., and please take my adds out of the paper as I have no more beams for sale and have got 40 letters from people wanting to trade ranches with me. I have already traded my place here for 80 acres 1 1/4 miles East of Eddyville.

Respectfully,

L. A. Whited.

## OPPORTUNITY

Are we to sit still and allow Portland and the Columbia River Country to dominate us or are we on May 1st, next going to the polls and emancipate ourselves?

Effort has been made for years to secure Government aid to finish the Jetty at the mouth of Yaquina Bay, but until at the present time without success.

With the establishing of the Newport and Toledo Port Districts, the first step was taken, that spelled SUCCESS, the Yaquina Bar Improvement put up to the Government and Lincoln County has been recognized.

It is for us to enlarge our port districts and co-operate with the Government in the fulfillment of this most important business move, the largest and most far reaching that has ever confronted the destinies of Lincoln County.

With the advent of the Jetty Improvements a large force of men will be needed, at least four hundred, this means work for our home people; next

in line will be large sales of timber and farm lands, building of saw mills, a Railroad to the timber, logging camps, an excessive demand for our farm produce, an enormous increase of all our realty values and an era of general prosperity and plenty for all of Lincoln County.

This move we must make ourselves, the outside world has no mercy on us, they would like to retard this progressive move, as with the advent of ships in our Yaquina Harbor, large shipments of grain from the Williamette Valley will be handled on Yaquina Bay, this was done years ago and was a small percentage of what Yaquina Bay business will amount to with the movement of our timber.

You need not howl about the increase in taxes, that will be a self regulating proposition, the increased valuation of property and the addition of thousands of acres of Indian lands, (made possible by sale through the demand that will be created for additional ranches), to the tax rolls, will more than equalize the additional tax.

Help yourself, your family, your neighbors and all of Lincoln County by Voting YES, May 1st, 1917.

## FIRE PATROL ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Lincoln County Fire Patrol Association held its annual meeting at the Courthouse Wednesday of this week. Among other business coming before the meeting was the election of officers, the following being elected for the ensuing year: W. E. Ball, President, W. R. Hall, Vice President, Ira Wade, Secretary-Treasurer, Lee Wade, Supervising Warden; Board of Directors, W. E. Ball, A. B. Weatherford, W. V. Fuller, W. R. Hall, A. T. Peterson.

The Association is doing much good work in this county, in keeping the trails open and preventing fires.

## HOME GUARD WILL BE FORMED

A meeting is called for Sunday afternoon at two o'clock for the purpose of organizing a home guard. The meeting will be held at the court house in the circuit court room. We have several here who have done military duty and they will be called upon to act as instructors. Remember the time and the place and come out and join.

## GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC SEND-OFF

Frank Nye who departed Friday morning for Vancouver to join his regiment, the Third Oregon, was given an enthusiastic send-off at the train that morning. About 100 persons were at the depot with flags, and gave Frank three cheers and a tiger, and sang "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You."

Frank's father, John Nye, Sr., was a veteran of the Civil war, and now Frank has listened to the call of his country and gone to defend it's honor against Germany.

## STAND BY YOUR TOWN

If you think your town's the best, Tell 'em so!

If you'd have it lead the rest, Help it grow.

When there's anything to do You'll feel bully when it's through.

Don't you know.

If you're used to giving knocks, Change your style:

Throw bouquets instead of rocks, For awhile;

Let the other person roast, Shun him as you would a ghost.

Meet his hammer with a boast And smile.

When a stranger from afar Comes along,

Tell him who and what we are— Make it strong.

Needn't flatter, never bluff, Tell the truth, for that's enough;

Join the boosters—they're the stuff. We belong.

Ed Stocker and son came up from Newport this morning.

V. E. Bachman went up to his ranch on Big Elk this morning.

Deputy Sheriff Ted McElwain had business on the Lower Bay the first of the week.

An entertainment will be given at the Dime Theatre this evening by the Siletz Musical Club. Admission 15c. and 25c.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO YAQUINA BAR IMPROVEMENT & PORT EXTENSION

Question

What would be the immediate benefit of the proposed Port extension?

Answer

Immediately upon the extending of the Port boundaries as now proposed, our ability to meet the U. S. Government in Financing this Yaquina Bar Improvement is assured. The Engineers would proceed with the arrangements, and the assembling of the equipment. As the Government is now irrevocably committed to this project, the only possible chance of failure is for the voters themselves on May first to defeat it. Should the decision of the People be favorable, the expending of \$500,000. for labor and material is assured, this will place Lincoln County on the map for future progress, and improvement.

Question

What will be the future benefit derived from the proposed Harbor improvement?

Answer

Through the increase in population, and prestige and our progressive policy which this improvement will establish, reaching as it will every nook and corner of Lincoln County, furnishing to its Citizens better transportation, better roads, better standards of living, and last but not least, a home market, the magnitude of which is hard at this time to understand.

Question

Should this debt be created what would the principle amount to, and what would the interest charge be per year, on \$1,000 assessed value of property?

Answer

On the present (1916) assessed valuation, this proposed debt would be a lien of \$46.45 on every \$1,000 of assessed value and the interest charge would be \$2.30 per year.

Question

Does the present, and future prospective commerce justify the expenditure of this amount of public money, and of what does it consist?

Answer

While the present active commerce is small, the immediate prospective commerce is very large, we may state this in stronger terms by saying that this immediate prospective commerce has two of the great factors, supply and demand, and only lacks what this improvement will furnish, transportation facilities, to make it present and active commerce. Transportation is the key to the whole situation, and can only be supplied by the improvement of our Bar. The great immediate prospective commerce is our timber.

Question

What is the volume of the present, immediate, prospective, and future commerce?

Answer

We have in Lincoln County 18 Billion feet, board measure, of ripe and over ripe merchantable timber, which means a commerce of not less than 360 Million Tons, this will require 9 Million cars, of 40,000 capacity each, or 18 Thousand Ships with one million feet carrying capacity to market our timber requiring not less than 50 years of heavy traffic. Vast as this may be the future prospective commerce is greater, and covers the whole field of modern and future business. With this great undeveloped County, capable of supporting one million people, future commerce will be gathered from and distributed to the farms and cities of the present and future. With our excellent building Stone the value of which having long been established, and the manufacturing possibilities of the future, can the statement be doubted, that as the immediate prospective commerce is reduced in volume, other commodities of commerce will increase, so that the commerce of the future will increase both in importance and volume.

Question

Is there danger that this vast timber commerce will be marketed to the detriment of farming and other resident properties in the payment of these improvement bonds?

Answer

The very fact that this improvement will be made, placing this large amount of money into circulation in the county, and the mills, logging roads and equipment, with the activity necessary for its accomplishment, will not only greatly increase the actual value of the property, and the population, but will bring new property and improvements, sufficient perhaps, to take care of, and actually pay the interest, and pay the bonds when due. For in-

stance the total amount collectable on the 1916 assessment rolls, for all general and special purpose in Lincoln County, is \$204,677.42 on the assessed valuation of \$9,896,749.00. Suppose all of the conditions enumerated above would increase the property of the district two million dollars, and the same mills levy was made as the year 1916, this would raise in round numbers \$248,000.00 or an increase of \$44,000.00 which alone would take care of the interest charge and create a sinking fund large enough to pay off the principle when due.

Question

How would the property owners be benefited by increasing property values by two million dollars, or any amount at this time and under present conditions?

Answer

It would be a mistake to increase the property values of the district under the present conditions, even to maintain them as they are under the present general conditions of business would be a doubtful policy.

Question

Then how can we expect an increase in general property of the district?

Answer

The expenditure of this large amount of money will have considerable effect on actual conditions and values, and the purposes for which it is spent will certainly influence future values, together they ought to warrant the maintaining of the present assessed valuation, and the four years of Bar improvement work will bring to us new conditions and actual new property, to the value of not less than two million dollars, and if this be true the repayment of this money would cost the present property nothing, and if this would not be true, then the development of the country is a failure.

Question

What assurance, if any do we have that the work of marketing this timber will commence immediately when the Harbor is improved?

Answer

This timber is ripe, some of it is over ripe and deteriorating, the owners are fully informed on this point, and are anxious to manufacture it. Then we have the public and private statement of the owners of a large portion of this timber, pledging themselves to the U. S. Engineers and to the people that mills and logging roads will be built and that the work of marketing this timber will begin at once.

Question

What would be the assessed valuation of the two Port districts when the boundaries are extended as proposed?

Answer

As shown by the last assessment roll (1916) the assessed value of the two districts would be \$8,711,037. which amount will pay the improvement bonds, for the improvement of the bar. But for all other purposes this value will be equally divided between the districts.

## TOLEDO GRANGE FAVORS HARBOR IMPROVEMENT

Whereas, Lincoln County has vast resources of timber, building stone, granite and coal and its fertile agricultural lands; and

Whereas, these resources are remaining undeveloped for the want of the necessary means of transportation and our lands are depreciating in value and many of our people are forced to go to other localities in order to find remunerative employment, and under present conditions, the burden of taxation is becoming unbearable; and

Whereas, the government proposes to improve the Yaquina bar so that there will be a depth of water of twenty eight feet at the average high tide at an estimated cost of eight hundred thousand dollars, and the system adopted by the government requires the localities to contribute one half of the funds for such improvements; and

Whereas, by said improvement of securing deep water transportation is the only hope of securing the development of all of these resources, and thus securing a home market for all of the products of our farms and giving remunerative employment to all of our people and thus make Lincoln County one of the most prosperous counties of the state of Oregon; therefore, be it

Resolved, by Toledo Grange No. 426, P. of H. in regular session, on this twenty-fourth day of March, 1917, that we favor said improvement and ask all citizens of Lincoln County to join with us in bringing about this result.

Adopted by unanimous vote.

(Seal) I. F. Hiser, Master, Attest: J. W. Parrish, Secretary,