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We are now living in an age of "Reaching Out." A time when every man, firm and municipality must reach out and grasp every opportunity to get business and keep up in improvement with the competitor. A time when advertising is a big factor toward his success of any enterprise or civic growth. A time when the people of a community or city must act as a unit and go after the business, for if they don't, the business will not come to them. There is too much competition among business firms as well as communities for one to get all the good things that are going. There is enough for us all if we get our share, but in order to get our share we must advertise and keep up in improvement with the other fellow and the other community. Competition is the life of trade and good clean competition should be welcomed by all. Live competition puts us on our guard and instills in a firm, be it merchandising, manufacturing, or any other line of business as well as municipal, that feeling that he or it must be a leader and not a follower. He knows that he must handle up to date goods and do business in an up to date manner in order to compete with the other fellow. A city government knows that it must keep abreast of the times with improvements and offer the best opportunities for capital to invest and industries to locate. It must carry on its business just as a merchandising firm or any other business. It must advertise.

If a business can not stand competition there is something wrong with the management. If business men already installed in an established business in a community refuse to lend their aid in the further development of the community in which they reside, they must be afraid of honest competition. When men get to a place where they are doing well and want every kind of business to come to the place with the exception of the particular kind in which they are engaged, it is quite evident they are afraid of competition. This should not be the case with this class of men. They should be public spirited enough to assist in every way they can to build up the city and give every encouragement to others to come there to live and do business. If business does come in the same lines, already represented in the city and the amount of people and business will not warrant more of that kind in the community, it will simply be, as it should be, a case of the survival of the fittest and if the established business cannot hold its own against a new business it is not the fault of the new man or firm but rests absolutely with the old business firm.

This little lecture is written for the benefit of the organization of the Commercial Club in this city, as we have heard rumors that there is some knocking going on for the reason that the city already has enough business houses and that if a building is erected as planned by the Club, there will be more business houses open up and that business will be divided. This sentiment, if it does exist, is deplorable and no doubt when the men who favor it will look at it in a different light after giving it a little study.

Teddy Roosevelt, the Big Bull Moose, is at Portland today, Wednesday, and the editor is going to hear him speak on the "whys and wherefores of the campaign." Teddy will no doubt tell the people why he should be elected to the office of President on an independent ticket after he was defeated in the convention

for the nomination. He will say that he was robbed of the nomination by the Republican delegates, stolen by the Taft people, but he will fail to tell why he and his managers instituted over 250 contests and then when the committee, 19 of whom were his followers, voted that all but 78 were so frivolous as not to be worthy of consideration. That had his men been in absolute control of the situation, no doubt there would have been enough of the 250 contests decided in his favor to have given him the nomination; of course had this state of affairs happened they would not have been stealing delegates. He will perhaps fail to tell why he was willing to take the nomination and run for the office as a Republican, on the same platform and declaration of principles as Taft is running on, but that when he was defeated he immediately saw great defects in the platform and immediate peril to the country should any man be elected on that platform. He will tell a good many things, but we are going to listen to him and when we come back from the great meeting to be held in Portland this afternoon, we will see what he has to say by way of explanation of a few things and tell you all about it.

Well the big speech has been spoken and we are at a loss as to what to say. The speech did not give any explanations as to why Roosevelt should be elected except that both the old parties had some bosses connected with them, such as Barnes, Root, Penrose, and Archbald on one side and Ryan, Belmont, Taggart and Murphy on the other. He failed to mention such men as Perkins and McHarg and a few others which were boosting the Third party. The principal reason assigned for his election was that he wanted the office and that Taft had not followed out his policy in the appointment of officers. The Colonel and his speech were truly a disappointment to the people. His reasons for the new party were not given except that a new party was coming some time and that when he was defeated for the Republican nomination, he very quickly decided that this was the accepted time. The enthusiasm displayed at the meeting was similar to the enthusiasm at any political meeting, the great majority of the people attending being already dyed in the wool Boosers and of course gave applause to his remarks. But honestly nothing new was discussed and no light was shed on the political situation by the Colonel.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 10 (Special) Assurances of co-operation are being received by the management of the Pacific Northwest Land Products Show from all sections of the north coast country. A letter has just come from Idaho promising that each county in that state will have an exhibit.

Twenty-two different districts in the Northwest states are ready to sign contracts and make a splendid showing and there is every indication that the land show in late November will be a remarkable exposition of soil products. Coupled with it, and held at the same time in Portland, will be the biggest dairy show ever held in the West.

These exhibitions are bound to be of permanent benefit to the whole state and to neighboring states which, like Oregon, find their greatest asset in the soil and its varied wealth. The show will do much to encourage agricultural development.

Benton County came to the State Fair with flying colors, capturing the first prize for the best county exhibit in competition with all sections of Oregon. This is the fifth time Benton has scored such a triumph and speaks well for the resources of that part of the state. The county exhibits at the fair were particularly good this year.

Editors of the state will visit the Pendleton Round-Up in a body. A special excursion is being organized by the State Editorial Association that is calculated to bring together a very representative assembly of publishers. Special entertainment will be provided for the newspaper men.

Summer and Abert lakes in Central Oregon are to be made to yield up the wealth of salts in their waters. A Los Angeles company with very large capital has secured a long lease on 88,000 acres about these lakes and is building a refining plant for evaporating the water. It is estimated that not less than 100,000 tons of products will be secured annually.

Plans are well along to plant a large Polish colony in Oregon. The Polish Society of Philadelphia is seeking from 5,000 to 10,000 acres of good land in a body suited for the purpose and hopes

to bring about 250 Polish families here within the coming year. The society is in correspondence with Oregon people with a view to securing such a tract.

Uncle Sam proposes to be the big brother of the Oregon farmer. A movement has just been started whereby the Department of Agriculture, the Salem Board of Trade and the Oregon Agricultural College will cooperate to maintain an agricultural specialist in Marion County and others will soon be placed. The expense is distributed between the various interests and farmers are advised as to the best methods.

Oregon wheat growers hope to capture the \$5,000 traction engine and plows offered as the prize for the best five bushels of wheat grown in the American Northwest this year by the Northwest Products Exposition at Minneapolis November 12-23. There will be sharp competition for first place. All who enter should ship their five bushels of grain to Will A. Campbell, Minneapolis, in time to reach him by November 1.

**To the Taxpayers and Voters of Columbia County**

Having fulfilled all requirements necessary to have my name printed upon the ballot as a candidate for the position of County Surveyor of Columbia County, I desire to say that I have been engaged continuously for more than 20 years as surveyor and draftsman on the Pacific Coast, from Southern California to Copper River in Alaska. Was engaged with County Surveyors in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties four years, principally on highway construction.

Having been located in Columbia county since December, 1911, I have desire to remain at least two years longer and if successful in securing the majority of votes in November will endeavor to so conduct work of the County in surveying and all other undertaking pertaining to said office to the satisfaction of the taxpayers within said County.

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