

Happenings Around Our Town

Oh! have you heard the news? What news is that? Why, Susie Brown and Jim Spivins are to be married next week! Isn't that just too heavenly, Susie is such a dear, and Jim—why I have known Jim Spivins since his knickerbocker days. I just know he is the most sensible boy I ever knew! Have they picked out a house yet to rent? Rent? Well I guess there will be no renting for that pair. Jim and Susie have been keeping the Boise Payette manager awake every night for the last three months planning their cottage for them.

Susie told me only yesterday that the B-P man had just received the final draft of their plans from the B-P architectural department, at Boise, and that it was a perfect dream. Oh yes, they expect to build on Paradise avenue, of course.

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Commercial Club Activities

By F. Leslie Body, Secretary.

The directors of the Ontario Commercial Club have held a series of meetings during the past few days, when matters of great importance and interest to the city were taken under advisement. Things have been happening with quick precision and the ball of progress which was toyed with a few months ago has become fully inflated and is now rolling merrily on toward the goal.

After all a city's growth, providing the location is right, is merely a question of how much energy is expended by the local people; the impetus must come from the inside. People like to flock to a town where the right spirit prevails, no person wants to make their home in a "dead" town, and very few people now a days have the time or inclination to resuscitate a "has-been". Ontario is not in that class, she has always had the name of being a city that does things and a pace-setter. The Commercial Club is the official starter in the race of progress and a good start without any balking is the best indication of a successful finish.

During the past week between fifty and sixty commercial club secretaries, representing as many Oregon cities, met in conference at Salem to exchange ideas and discuss local problems. A number of speakers of national renown were in attendance and dwelt upon national problems over which commercial clubs have the guiding hand. Gov. Ben Olcott in his opening remarks stated that the creation of commercial clubs was the best index to a state's growth. There are over eighty active Chambers of Commerce or Commercial Clubs in Oregon at the present time, and each one is doing its best to encourage settlers and industries. Each one undoubtedly has a different modus operandi and the trend of development and influx of new arrivals to the West is most encouraging, but Ontario must get, not only her share but a little better. We have something to offer the people and a future sine qua non.

The Secretaries from Southern Oregon dwell chiefly upon their scenery, those from the coast town talked about the ocean advantages, but we from the Eastern part of the State had the most glorious of all advantages—the productiveness of our soil, and the unrivalled truth that we have never had a crop failure! After I had finished a discourse on what we raise here, the climate conditions and the harmony prevailing in the community I felt that 100 per cent of those present wished they could change places. Now we have every essential to make a big city out of Ontario, but let's not sell our birth-right.

The wholesale houses of Portland have had their eyes focussed on this section of the State for some time and feel very friendly towards us, but I never met a man who actually realized the development which was taking place here; they were at least ten years behind the times. When I explained the vastness of our territory, the volume of business now being transacted, the small percentage going to Portland and our transportation facilities they were

amazed and honestly thought they had been sleeping at the switch.

The President of one large wholesale grocery house stated that he would send his manager to look the situation over in January and if conditions justified would put in a branch, but this was too vague; I took the matter up with another house handling a brand of goods the name of which is a household word, and after a lengthy conference with the full board of directors of the concern was authorized to look into the question of securing a site immediately. They were made to realize the lost opportunity and awakened from their lethargic state and told that immediate action was all that would divert our business to Oregon points. Portland merchants were preaching to the householder buy Oregon Made Products but were not giving the service. The results of this conference was a definite promise to erect a two story building and establish a branch here almost immediately.

Plans have been completed and arrangements now being made to stage the greatest publicity campaign ever known in the West. This will receive the support and backing of every live merchant and professional man in the city. It is not a fly-by-night program but a systematic followup fight for more business simultaneously a message from Ontario sent from your Commercial Club thru the medium of seventy newspapers throughout the country will be delivered to over EIGHT MILLION people who are at present unsatisfied with their conditions and desire to make a change.

The influx to Ontario next year will be unprecedented. The farmer, artisan, professional man, merchant and capitalist will all be trekking this way; let's show them what a live town looks like. The housing problem is gradually adjusting itself and by the Spring I believe at least fifty new homes will be under construction.

A supply of small foundlers has just been received setting forth a few of Ontario's many advantages; it is entitled, "Ontario, Where it is; Why it is and What it is" and the general public is asked to co-operate the Commercial Club to distribute these advantageously. When you are writing to your friends back East enclose one in your letter; it makes good reading.

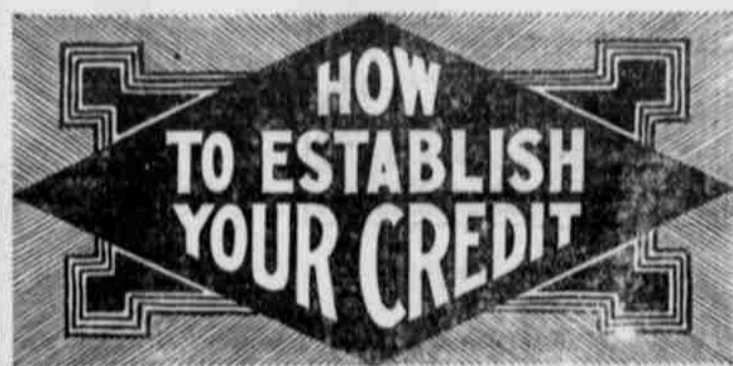
During the first two days of this week thirty-seven bona fide enquiries were rec'd. That speaks for itself!

Don't forget that next Wednesday the main topic of discussion at the Club luncheon will be "City Irrigation."

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BAPTIST CHURCH.

Bible school, 10:00.
Morning worship, 11:00. Subject, "The Bible."
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Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30.



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