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BOOST—THIS MEANS YOU

Every city, whether large or small, has in it the making of a better place to live. The spirit of interest displayed towards its institutions and the hearty support given the municipal body as a whole, not overlooking its branches of civic pride and progress, are the ear marks that show the blood. The under current of advancement and better conditions and a higher plane of living and enjoying that living, will crop out sooner or later in any city or town.

Prineville at present is beginning to give forth symptoms of that change in conditions. It has whistled as a forerunner that it will "spoon over" in position. But it does not want to be too slow. It has shown its colors. They're blue prize winners, but the city itself must not go to sleep while tying a knot in the ribbons. To use a little street parlance, a severe jab in the slats once in awhile will serve as a gentle reminder that there is work ahead, plenty of it, and somebody, which means everybody, must lend a hand. Well enough it is to say that someone else will do this, that or the other thing, but that policy will never accomplish anything. Taking a step backwards is similar to standing on the head to avoid apoplexy. It behooves everyone, therefore, to do a little boosting.

Right in its infancy, but making a manly struggle for existence and growth, is the athletic association. Without doubt the organization is one of the best ever attempted in this city. Its moral and physical effects are worth ten times the initiatory price demanded, and every mother and father in Prineville keeping should take that statement in its broadest sense and give it a moment's study. Perhaps every detail of this institution is not conducted just to your liking. Probably not. But don't let that stand in the light. Different persons have different ideas and different ways of doing things. They must have or the world would die of monotony. Overlook these differences, put down the petty jealousies, look at matters in their broadest light, and then—boost! Boost this institution until it can take no more, and then boost it a little more for good luck. You won't be sorry for the help added and your associates will be the happier for it.

And another thing. Up in the council rooms every little while a pretty level headed lot of business men get together to knock off some of the dust on city affairs and take a step or two forward for the future good of the city. They're not very apt to make very many gross errors, even if they are human. This

year this body of men started out in a business like way to conduct the municipal government. Unless all indications fail, they will order some necessary improvements and perhaps spend a few dollars in beautifying the city. If they do—now mind, if they do, don't knock. Put that hammer away some place where it will rust to pieces and in its place get out a horn and—boost! Boost the council in its honest efforts to give you a better place in which to live. It may take a few more dollars in taxes, but poverty in this city is not exactly a bugbear, so take out those few extra dollars in boosting. Skepticism is running rife over railroad prospects this year. It is not within the province of The Journal to say that this doubt is without grounds for a solid foundation, but if there appears the least shade of a chance for such a prospect assuming tangible form, get in and boost with all the strength that can be mustered. Individual effort in such an instance may not have much material weight, but a spirit of helpfulness, properly expressed, is likely to smooth down a few grades and take the curve out of opposition.

Then there are other matters all along the line of city improvements, the development of the county's resources, the recognition and advancement of important factors in the country's makeup. All these and more need a little boosting. Everything from the cradle up, even ourselves, needs a voice of encouragement and the right word and action at the right time.

So buy a full membership in the Boosting Society. Get in and boost the town, the county, its people and every feature that makes it as good as it is. Boost when you're talking business, digest a little of it when you're eating your meals, spread it around while you're on the street—it's contagious and will associate those who come in contact with its influence. Boost for everything and everybody, and in the end everybody will boost for you.

WANTED—AN ISSUE.

The Arlington Record, politics unknown, seems to take rather a pessimistic view of the Democratic platform in the next national campaign. It has looked hard for an issue with futile results as the following editorial discloses:

"What we Democrats want is an issue on which we can defeat Roosevelt. The Cuban question has been settled. Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines are ours, and everybody seems to be satisfied. We thought we could find some fault with the Panama matter, but the fact is the South is solid for the canal and Roosevelt turned a trump card in the business. The time is coming on apace when we must turn up something, as it is getting almost too

late in the day to expect anything to turn up our way. We don't want to be compelled to fall back on Bryan and free silver, because we can do nothing without the gold Democrats. The tariff is getting to be a chestnut. Since the South is coming to the front as a manufacturing district the people there are as much in favor of protection as the Yankees. We thought we could run in on the trust question, but Roosevelt's position on the trusts knocks all the timber from under us, besides some of the big trust magnates belong to our party and if we set up too strong a fight against the trusts they will respectfully decline to furnish campaign funds. The nigger question is about all that is left of us. Roosevelt has not apologized as yet for inviting Booker Washington to dine with him, besides he has appointed some niggers to office, but we fear these things will make the niggers of the North, when they have a vote, support Roosevelt in preference to a Democrat, and we must carry some Northern states in order to win. The only thing left now for us is to bring on a panic, put a stop to these prosperous times, stop the wheels of industry and throw a few millions of working men out of employment and have a failure of crops and blame the whole thing on to Roosevelt. If we can't do something of this kind, it is a foregone conclusion that Roosevelt will carry the plum this fall."

The Journal has been asked how much of a freight expenditure for hauling between this point and Shaniko is represented by the gross tonnage coming into this city as presented by this paper last week. Figuring the freight from Shaniko at an average of 1 cent per pound, the amount expended last year comes to \$106,000 on a basis of 60 cents per hundred, the freight expenditure between those two points amounts to \$63,845. In other words, it has cost Prineville merchants almost twice as much to haul their freight 65 miles as it has to bring it nearly three times that distance—180 miles—from Portland to Shaniko.

The Smith family seems to be the predominating one in Crook county. The sheriff's tax roll shows 33 persons of that name who will pay taxes this year. Following closely are the Johnson's, 17 of them possessing taxable property; and the Browns; who number 10, are the third on the list of similar names.

One of the biggest mining industries of Western Pennsylvania has been declared a bankrupt. Another instance of a business being run into the ground.

CALIFORNIA GAINING HOLD

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maintaining district in the United States wholly undeveloped in a transportation sense. It is a country as large as the State of Ohio, with a thousand elements of potential wealth, but which up to this time has been held in the bondage of an almost absolute isolation. The five or six thousand people in this great region are devoted exclusively to the stock industry and live practically the lives of pioneers. It is useless to produce anything which cannot walk out to market, therefore, nothing in the way of community industry is attempted, excepting animal husbandry. Wide areas of the most beautiful and potential productive country lie barren and waste because cultivation is useless where there is no means of getting to market.

It has long been a question with those who know anything about the Klamath region as to whether it belongs commercially to California, to Oregon or to the commercial cities of Utah. It is approachable by practically level routes, from the north, from the east and from the southwest; and the soberest judgment has been that the future commercial connection of the country depends largely upon which of these three routes was first to be opened. This point has been determined by the enterprise of the Klamath lumber country of which Mr. Hervey Lindley of Los Angeles, is the most active spirit. The Klamath River Railroad which has now penetrated to Pokeyama and which must soon reach Klamath Lake, cannot fail to establish the line of commercial interest southward—with the commercial cities of California. One railroad will for a long time be ample for all the needs of the Klamath basin. This road, now nearly constructed, establishes the connection with California and it will probably have no rival for many years to come. California, through Mr. Lindley's enterprise, has at least won the first move and will probably be able to retain the very great advantage gained.

Additional Locals

John Bloss was over from Sisters Wednesday to buy provisions for his ranch near that place.

Leo Arnold, of Sisters, was in the city visiting for several days this week. He left for his home today.

Geo. Millican was in from his Pine mountain ranch several days this week attending to business matters.

Miss Mildred Baldwin is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever which has confined her to her home for several weeks.

W. T. Fogle and wife will leave (the last of the week, for the McKay where they will visit for several weeks with J. W. Ritter and family.

The steamer for J. B. Shipp's planing mill arrived Wednesday from Shaniko. The new machine will be erected at once in the addition which is to be built to the mill.

Jake Stroud and wife were in the city the first of the week from their Lamonta ranch. Rumor has it that Mr. Stroud will be a prominent figure in the democratic candidacy for sheriff.

J. M. Montgomery left Wednesday for the Alberta country in Canada where he expects to remain for a month or six weeks inspecting the country with a view of making that his future home.

Mrs. Julia Ann Kinder died in this city Sunday night. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. Five children survive her, two of them living in Prineville. Mrs. Harry Brummer and W. H. Kinder.

Gail Newson, who is attending the University of Oregon Medical college in Portland, has been elected valedictorian of the senior class. He will deliver the class oration at the commencement exercises which will be held the last of April.

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