

MARSHFIELD WEARS AIR OF PROSPERITY

Modern Buildings and Paved Streets Mark City as Most Progressive.

CITIZENS ARE HOSPITABLE

Business Section of Town Is Situated on Filled In Ground, but Residence Parts Are on Land High Above Bay.

MARSHFIELD, COOS BAY'S HUSTLING METROPOLIS.

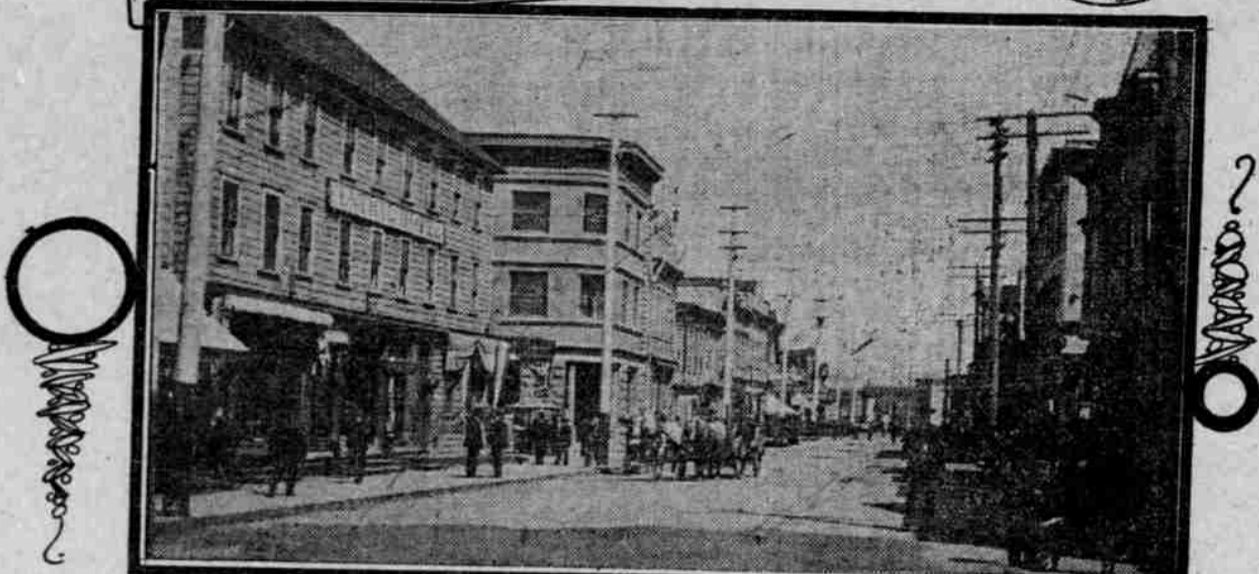


View of Marshfield Or.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
 MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Almost the first thing the Marshfield visitor thinks upon arrival here is, "Why, this is a city." Something the place has a metropolitan air, arising not so much from the appearance of its well-paved streets or its fine buildings, but from some sort of an undefinable subtle aspect of streets, buildings and citizens combined. Everybody seems to be in a hurry, rushing to instant business of importance, all are well dressed and bear the imprint of prosperity, no heed is paid to strangers, in an idle, curious way. How different this is from other cities of about the same size, where the entire population rushes pell-mell to the depot when "the" train arrives or "the" boat ties up at the dock, every Marshfield visitor must have noticed.

And yet here are the most hospitable people one will meet anywhere. When you are once housed in your rooms at the hotel, or wherever you may stop, you will receive far more attentions and courtesies than you are entitled to, and from the very best citizens of the place.

It was almost four years since I had been here, when I arrived last Friday night, and of course four years works great changes in a place of the importance of Marshfield, yet no place of like size in Oregon has so metropolitanized as Marshfield. That is a long word, probably not in the dictionary, but it somehow fits the case of Marshfield like a glove.



Front Street, Marshfield, Or. Flanagan and Bennett, Bank next to Hotel on Left.

Bay Is Dredged.
 First, let it be remembered that the town was built on low ground. That is not to be wondered at, when it is considered that in these primitive days back in the early '50s there was no means of travel in this entire section save by water, hence no place to build a town save on a waterfront. There were then literally no roads, even the trails were very few. The boat was the sole means of travel from one place to another, or practically so.

As the town grew it was found that at very high tide many of the streets were submerged, and a serious question confronted the few people here. Why was here before a great dredge had just started work sucking mud out of the bay and filling the streets and such lots as were on the lowland ground. It should be made plain that the main residence portions of the town are on high ground. The business part only is on the flat lands reached by the tide.

This dredge was piled away here for a long time, and after a few years was filled, much of the area to a depth of as much as 12 feet. It will be understood that after such filling considerable time had to elapse before paving could be done, but now nearly the entire business portion of the town is well paved as any place in Oregon. And the business section is not confined to a block or two or a single street. On the contrary there are at least 20 blocks in the business section, or a total frontage of something over 8000 feet. And beyond this the paved streets reach well up to the residence sections on the high ground, while all of the remaining streets, or practically all, are well planked and kept in good repair.



First National Bank.



Residence of Hon. J. W. Bennett.

Bennett enterprises having the upstairs rooms.
 The First National Bank of Coos Bay is also a strong concern, though of recent birth. It has resources of about \$25,000 and capital and surplus of \$11,415.75. It also occupies a splendid banking room in a handsome two-story brick block.

City Has Two Dailies.
 Marshfield has four newspapers, two of them being daily and two weekly. The oldest is the Coos Bay News, conducted by G. A. Bennett, a brother of J. W. This paper was originally started in Empira in the early '70s, T. G. Owen being its first owner and manager. Then it came into the hands of the late Captain T. B. Merry. Later it was purchased by General Siglin and "Joe" Bennett, and they removed it to Marshfield in 1876. G. A. Bennett has been conducting it for many years.

Another weekly, the Sun, is conducted by Luss & McLeod. Then there is the Record, for which A. R. O'Brien is responsible, and the Times, conducted by M. H. Maloney. There is also an evening paper and they are well conducted. In fact the Marshfield people have every reason to feel proud of the press of the city.



High School Building

New Buildings Rise.
 Since the Spring of 1909 there have been erected a great many new business buildings and a large number of fine residences, as well as many neat little homes. As these are mostly occupied by their owners, and there is scarcely a vacant dwelling or store in town. The Marshfield people say that a larger percentage of citizens reside under their own roofs than in any other municipality in the state. They go farther and insist that the average possessions of the working people here are greater by far than in any other Oregon city or town.

All of these conditions go towards making a good city for all its inhabitants, a desirable place to live in, a profitable city to do business in.

And that brings us to the business houses, the stores and various marts of trade. You may find here just as good a place to shop as in any city in Oregon, aside from Portland, and practically as good as Portland. As there is keen competition here, and practically no long credits or bad debts, it is likely that these prices at which goods are here sold would cause the proprietors of some, or all, of the large stores in Portland to ask how they do it. But they do, and seem to grow rich in doing it.

High School Is Modern.
 The Marshfield High School building is one of the most beautiful structures in Oregon. Certainly no building has finer site. And the grammar schools are also admirably housed. In fact, the people here pride themselves on their schools, on the beauty and arrangement of the buildings and the thoroughness of the instruction. No young man or young woman who passes through the Marshfield or North Bend schools need ever say that life will be a failure through a deficient education.

And that brings us down to the better side of life all around Coos Bay. It has a God-fearing and intelligent citizenship. Every surrounding is good. You will find no hoodlums, no rowdiness here. It is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Fever, like typhoid are here unknown. In the summer it is one of the most attractive places ever seen. Flowers bloom the year around. Gardens grow almost perennially. Palms grow outdoors all around the bay. Lemons will ripen here in the open air, bamboos will grow in great groves if given the chance. Fruits of all kinds grow to perfection, and the markets in town are well supplied at moderate prices the year around.



Gas and Electric Building

Two Banks in Town.
 A pretty good criterion of any town can be had by looking at the banking situation. There are two strong banks and several trust companies here. The oldest bank was started nearly a quarter of a century ago by "Pat" Flanagan and J. W. Bennett, or "Joe," as he is usually called. The firm was Flanagan & Bennett. Later it was incorporated as the Flanagan & Bennett Bank. The elder Flanagan died in 1907. He was one of the characters of this section and had a great deal to do with building Marshfield. He was born in Brandon, County Cork, Ireland, and came to this section in the early '50s, settling at Brandon, which town he started and named. In those days the only safe way to get to Brandon was by the way of Empira, then across to the Coquille and down that river.

The Flanagan & Bennett Bank prospered from the first. When the elder Flanagan died his holdings went to his son, James H. Flanagan, and there has since been no change, Mr. Bennett being the president and Mr. Flanagan the vice-president. The latter gives all of his time to his duties at the bank. The latter is a lawyer, his son "Tom" and his son-in-law, Arthur McKown, being associated with him in practice and various business enterprises.

The Flanagan & Bennett Bank has a branch at Myrtle Point. The two combined have a cash reserve of over \$1,000,000, with a cash surplus of \$423,122.98. The capital, surplus and undivided profits of the main bank amount to \$1,023,523.67. This bank has a splendid banking room in a fine three-story building, the various Flanagan &

Frosts Are Few.
 How about the winters? Well, it rains as it does all along the Coast, but there is very little wind. The winter climate is very similar to that of Portland, save there is hardly ever a frost here. Nobody minds the rains. The moisture falls soft and balmy, the air is ever delightful, fogs are almost unknown, no wires are needed to keep out flies or mosquitoes. You might look the world over and not find a finer place to live than on Coos Bay.

And by coming here and staying you are sure to be in at the birth of a great city.

Are you thinking of changing your location? Are you fighting Jack Frost in the winter and mosquitoes in the summer and malaria all the time? Are you surrounded by undesirable people? Have you a family that you wish to bring up in a way to be able to send them out into life strong, wholesome, well grounded in learning, in sobriety—many men and womanly women? If you do, and at the same time live in a place where the minimum of effort will get the maximum of returns, where

the dollar planted will surely bring a splendid increase—then come to Coos Bay and look the situation over. Do not take my word for it, do not take anybody's word for it—come yourself and come prepared to remain.

MANY IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS
 Six Counties Show Attendance of 21,623, or 17 Per Cent of People.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—There are 237 Sunday schools and 21,623 people who attend them in the six counties of Linn, Lane, Marion, Polk, Benton and Lincoln, according to figures which have been compiled by G. W. Robbrough, of this city. Mr. Robbrough is the missionary of the American Sunday School Union for the Albany district, and has charge of the work in these counties.

The population of his district, according to the 1910 Government census, is 130,110, so about 17 per cent of the people of the six counties are regular attendants at Sunday schools.

Linn County leads the other five counties, both in number of Sunday schools and attendance. Lane County ranks second in number of schools, but Benton and Lincoln are second in number of scholars. Linn County has 58 Sunday schools, with a total attendance of 5593. Marion County has 59 schools, with 5506 scholars. In Lane County there are 55 Sunday schools, and the total attendance is 4722. Polk and Benton Counties each have 32 schools, the attendance in Polk County being 2720, and in Benton County 2480. In Lincoln County there are 10 Sunday schools and 596 attendants.



Motherhood
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On our floors may be seen pianos that are very low in price; as low, in fact, as good, dependable pianos can possibly be made and sold. They are the product of factories which have established their reputations by the merit and quality of their pianos, and the prices, save for the addition of Eastern freight, are identically the same as in New York, Boston or Chicago.

No effort is made by our salesmen to convince the buyer that the low-priced piano equals in quality the best, but you will be told and it will be proven to you that, dollar for dollar, your money will buy more real piano quality here than at any other store in the West.

Because we respect the intelligence of the buying public and because we know no other method than to deal fairly, squarely and out-in-the-open, you may rest your case with us with the positive assurance that you will get the best piano possible at the price paid. Easy payments, of course.

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HEIRESS IS IN DEMAND

LETTER ASKING FOR HUSBAND BRINGS 1176 REPLIES.

Meanwhile "Miss Radcliffe," Rather Good-Looking and With \$30,000 in Prospect, Is Not Found.

ELGIN, Ill., Nov. 17.—A letter from "Miss Z. X. Radcliffe," of this city, offering her hand and \$30,000 to some "well-mannered man with style," published in San Francisco, has caused Postmaster Hemmens, of Elgin, to receive more than 300 letters a day addressed to the prospective bride.

Miss Radcliffe's letter was addressed to the Mayor of San Francisco. It read:

"Will you please publish this to help me find a husband? I am a rather good-looking woman of 27, and if I don't get a husband by 1913 I will lose

a \$30,000 estate. I don't care if the man is a hodcarrier or a bricklayer, so long as he is well-mannered and has style."

The letters already received number 1176. Some are addressed in youthful hands, and others in the shabby script of age. A majority of the letters are bulky. Many of them appear to contain photographs. In her mail are boxes, packages and framed pictures. One corner of the postoffice floor is devoted to it. Not only California, but all parts of the country are represented in the postmarks of the letters from aspirants to Miss Radcliffe's hand.

Meanwhile, search of this city has failed to discover Miss Radcliffe, and she has not called for any of her mail.

ASSESSMENT IS ARGUED

Malheur County Bankers Complain at Taxation Rate.

VALE, Or., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The Malheur County Board of Equalization is finding plenty to do this year. Some dissatisfaction has been created in the

The Life of Collars, Shirts and Other Linen

is shortened or lengthened by the treatment they get in the home or laundry.

This Fact Is Established

The PALACE LAUNDRY has so far mastered the laundry science that linens and other materials washed and dressed here get the best possible treatment—incomparably better than the home treatment and to a degree reached by few laundries in the West.

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Call B 2112, East 1030.

Palace Laundry
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COUNTY RELATIVE TO THE VARIOUS TAX ASSESSMENTS LEVIED, SOME PROPERTY HOLDERS ASSERTING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN OVERTAXED.

The bankers were the first to enter a complaint, which they registered before the board Tuesday. Yesterday the merchants of the county were before the board, because the board thought the merchants had not been assessed enough.

Cypress is now used instead of asyamore for boxes in which to pack chewing tobacco. Among the industrial scholarships recently announced by the University of Pittsburgh is one in the chemistry of baking.

STOMACH SOUR AND FULL OF GAS? GOT INDIGESTION? HERE'S A CURE.

Time it! In five minutes all stomach distress will go. No indigestion, heart-burn, sourness or belching of gas, acid, or eruptions of undigested food, no dizziness, bloating, foul breath or headache.

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COULD NOT SLEEP NIGHTS

SUFFERER FROM SKIN TROUBLE TELLS HOW HE FOUND RELIEF IN SAXO SALVE.

"I suffered from a severe skin affection so I could not sleep nights. I was almost crazy with itching. I would scratch and almost tear myself to pieces. I tried a great many remedies without relief. When I saw Saxo Salve advertised I decided to try it and one tube entirely cured me. I recommend it wherever I go."—A. L. Morgan, Endicott, N. Y.

Many persons around here suffer so much from eczema that they cannot sleep at night. Saxo Salve stops the terrible itching and soothes and heals the eruptions.

In all kinds of eczema, salt rheum, tetter, barba's itch, etc., Saxo Salve has wonderful healing power because it penetrates the skin pores and destroys the germs at the very seat of the disease.

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