

IMPROVEMENTS IN ROSEBURG MANY

Fine Steel Bridge, Theater, Hotel, Bank Built in Entering City in Year.

CONDITIONS CALLED IDEAL

Commercial Club Pattern for Boost—Bottles—Railroad to Coos Bay Wanted—Timber Resources Great, Says Addison Bennett.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
ROSEBURG, Ore., May 26.—(Special.)—So many improvements have been made in Roseburg since the Strawberry Carnival of 1913 that it does not look like the same place. It has always, at least for the last 20 years, been very much of a city. That is, its people have in various ways put on city airs. The show windows and the displays therein, the showcases and interior finishing and furnishing of the business establishments are up-to-date. By emulating the best of the large city establishments the Roseburg business men have always kept their places at the head of the column.

During the last year, however, a new spirit and a better one has taken hold of the business men, and there is no finer little city in all the lower than Roseburg is today. I do not mean architecturally, merely. The new edifices that have gone up during the last year have, of course, helped turn the tide towards better things. But I mean after measuring up everything—the streets, the sidewalks, the business buildings and the dwellings, the hotels and offices, the stocks of goods and the manner in which they are displayed, the cleanliness of the streets, the evidences of new paint all over the town, the fine homes, the fine lawns, the splendid shade trees, the lovely roses and other flowers. Add to these as fine people as ever were associated together and you have the Roseburg of today.

It is, therefore, no wonder that throughout Oregon there are many people of importance who like to come here occasionally and renew old friendships and take on a revived spirit and form resolves for the better. All of which comes through association with the upstanding, go-ahead, optimistic people of Roseburg.

Commercial Club Commended.
I speak of these things from experience. I had not been down here, except to pass through a couple of times on the Southern Pacific, since last May when I arrived here Thursday last. After registering at the Hotel Umpqua, the splendid new hostelry opened about a year ago and one of the best hotels in the state, I went to the Commercial Club rooms adjacent.

Now, be it known that in many respects the Roseburg Commercial Club is the best-managed and best all-round promotion and social body in Oregon. In the first place the rooms are large, spacious and cheerful. They are elegantly furnished. They have on their tables all of the current periodicals and magazines. What is more, they are read and reread and read over and over again. Because the Roseburg Commercial Club rooms are visited often and regularly by nearly every business man in the city, and there are always strangers there.

I do not know how they keep up such a fine spirit; other clubs can't do it. Perhaps the president, J. W. Oliver, or the secretary, Sam Johnson, could tell how it is that the club is such a power. Perhaps their management has much to do with it. Or maybe it is because the women are often called in to assist in entertaining and the clubrooms are thrown open to them and by them for all sorts of functions, such as band concerts, receptions and meetings for the discussion of civic questions.

Anyhow, let me say it would pay all of them, to send their club presidents and secretaries down to Roseburg and become for a few days the understudies of Messrs. Oliver and Johnson.

Hand-Clasp Master Lauded.
Usually about the second place I go to when I come here is to the office of Binger Herriman. If I do not find him at his office I go on up to his splendid residence and greet him there. No, no! That will not do—nobody ever greets Binger—he is always greeter. Or the greeter would, perhaps, be better. Did you ever have Binger shake your hand? You have had him grasp, clasp, fondle and give the velvet touch to that hand then you have experienced the last syllable in hand-shaking, for Binger Herriman is the master of master, and hand-shaking as an art will die and be buried with him.

If he has never grasped your hand the sooner you meet him and experience the pleasure the better it will be for your peace of mind. Make a date just as soon as he returns from Havana. He is not "funning" for office, but that makes no difference; never did make any difference. You may not know him; there are some few people in Oregon who do not, but mighty few. That will make no difference.

Let him clasp your hand—momentarily you will feel and know from the gentle pressure, the—the—the—darn it, all that pressure cannot be described! Just as it is different and more consoling and lovingly affectionate than any other clasp, just so there are no synonyms or words of any sort in the dictionary that describe the Binger Herriman handshake. But a trip of a couple of hundred miles for the sweet privilege of experiencing what it is would be all too cheap.

Memory Being Built by State.
Since last May the Elks have put up a splendid new theater in connection with their lodge building, making their quarters here far more elaborate than those of any other lodge of that order in the state. Right near that the state is building a large armory at a cost, for building and grounds, of something like \$80,000, saying nothing about a large sum put in to reduce the price of the grounds, which was done by citizens unknown. But have people here who do things that way?

One of the greatest improvements of the year was the building of a fine steel bridge across the Umpqua to the west, touching the road out past the Soldiers' Home. The old bridge was some distance south of the new bridge. To cross the old one you had to cross a whole network of railroad tracks, for this is an important station on the Southern Pacific line. The new bridge is below the yards, so there are only two tracks to cross.

This bridge changes somewhat the business aspects of certain streets, but it makes very little difference, as the business section is compact, embracing a square of nine blocks. The street leading west to the new bridge now past the new hotel and the Douglas National Bank. Also past the First State Bank & Trust Company, which concern has a magnificent new banking building just across the street from the Douglas National and Umpqua Hotel.

SCENES IN ROSEBURG, THE COUNTY SEAT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY.



National Bank is on the same block. Speaking of the banks reminds me that the deposits of the three concerns is about \$2,000,000 and in the seasons after harvest they run up nearly \$500,000 higher.

Hotel Owned by Syndicate.
I merely mentioned the new hotel, the Umpqua. J. W. Weaver, a capitalist who came here a few months ago, is the proprietor. C. G. Miller is the manager. And I tell you they sure know how to run a hotel. It is a fine building to begin with (it belongs to a syndicate of Roseburg citizens). Every room is bright and airy, there are a large number of suites with private bath, the lobby is large and handsome, there are good sample-rooms and the table is hard to beat. Indeed it is a hotel good enough in every respect for any city. There are two other good hotels in the town—all were filled to overflowing last week—the celebrated old McCallan Hotel and the Grand. I have stopped at both of these, and either one is good enough for any traveler and both set splendid tables.

Just now there is a rumbling in the air from Coos Bay to Roseburg—and back again. The Roseburg people want a railroad to the Coast—the Coos Bay people "want out." It is true the Willamette Pacific will soon reach them from Eugene, but they want a road to Roseburg. Somehow, there is a bond of love, of affection, of esteem, of business consanguinity—a something in the way of cooperation, as it were, between the people of Coos Bay and Roseburg as old as the hills. They always worked together as much as possible and now they wish to get together and build a railroad from there here—or here there, as you prefer to express it.

Timber Resources Immense.
It is suggested that a start be made by each place issuing bonds, but the idea has not as yet fully developed, and I will pass it up for the regular correspondent here to handle, as it takes shape. Some day there are going to be many great mills in and around Roseburg. For the county of Douglas has, by reports issued by the Forestry Service, about one-sixth of the standing timber of Oregon. The state as a whole has 400,000,000,000 feet, and 63,000,000,000 feet of this is in Douglas County. 450,000,000 feet of which is devoted to 15,000,000,000 feet in the forest reserves. The most of this timber is within less than 30 miles of Roseburg. Do you consider that an asset to attract a railroad? If it does not in the future mean three or four of them then I miss my guess.

CELEBRATION DATES FIXED
Union County Towns Arrange Events to Avoid Conflict.
LA GRANDE, Ore., May 26.—(Special.)—According to a mutual agreement between the different towns of Union County the dates of celebrations have been arranged so they will not conflict with each other.

Union will stage the first county event this year with her stock show the first three days of June. This will be followed by the celebration of the Fourth of July at Elgin and the Chautauque a few days later at La Grande. The County Fair will be held at La Grande in September.

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Lewiston Business Men Don Overalls and Work for Good Road. Gathering Reported Greatest of Kind Held in State.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 26.—(Special.)—Headed by R. L. Sheppard, president of the Lewiston Commercial Club; John T. Ray, president of the Commercial roads committee of the Commercial Club; Dr. J. R. Morris, Mayor of Lewiston, and Frank Thompson, chairman of the day, 350 business men of Lewiston, donned overalls and jumpers, met with the citizens of Uniontown at 7 o'clock this morning and worked the entire day, grading the hill north of Lewiston to Uniontown.

EXTRA SESSION IS URGED
WASHINGTON CITIES' FINANCES HAMPERED BY LAWS.

Governor Lister Will Call Legislature Only as Last Resort, He Tells Delegates From Third-Class Cities.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Governor Lister will announce Monday whether a special session of the Legislature will be called to help third-class cities out of financial difficulties caused by conflicting acts passed by the 1913 session. After a two hours hearing yesterday the Governor took the question under advisement, but, in a short speech to the representatives of the cities, declared that, on principle, he was against special sessions to remedy financial difficulties, but would summon the Legislature only if all other possible courses failed.

MAYOR'S RECALL SOUGHT
Petitions Filed Also Against Two Commissioners at Centralia.
CENTRALIA, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—City Clerk Mabel Lee today checked the petitions filed recently asking for the recall of Mayor H. W. Thompson and Commissioners A. E. Sears and W. B. Keir and found that they contained sufficient signatures for the calling of an election. The election, the date for which will be set in 15 days, may be held July 21.

gested that, under a recent Supreme Court decision, cities could issue warrants for such necessary expenditures as police, fire protection and lights, in spite of the 19-mill limit that now exists.

FARMERS' UNION CONVENES
Governor Lister Makes Talk at Opening of Three-Day Session.
SPOKANE, Wash., May 26.—Two hundred delegates of the Washington-Ideho division of the Farmers' Union began a three-day annual convention here today. The opening session was given up to an address by Governor Lister, in which he stated that, although the ranches are growing larger, the population in the rural districts is growing smaller. The union will consider a proposed reorganization of its various co-operative purchasing companies and make the companies so as to conform with the new state law.

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meting to be held in Centralia tomorrow by Southwest Group No. 4 of the Washington Bankers' Association.

WASHINGTON BANKERS TO MEET
CENTRALIA, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Practically every bank in Southwest Washington will be represented at

Dr. J. P. Johnson and Miss Eulalie Oates were married on Sunday, May 24, at the residence of the bride's parents.

ASHLAND, Ore., May 26.—(Special.)—

been a teacher in the Ashland public schools. The couple will make Medford their home.

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