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DISTRICT SEWER PLAN.

Marshfield will lay more sewers in the next two years than for all the time before. As the city expands in growth the amount of expenditures for public improvements will increase enormously over what they have been in the past. Methods that applied for furnishing funds to meet public improvements five years ago will be found to be impractical in a short time under stress of the city's enlargement. To date the sewers laid have been paid out of the general fund. With the maximum limit of the city debt \$25,000 and a present incumbrance of \$14,000 sewer expense will in a short time become a financial elephant, if the present plan of paying for the laying of sewers out of the general fund is followed.

Good streets, electric lights, and city water are all essential, but a sewere system is absolutely imperative to the growing city, while the installation of any of the other three hold a sacred place in the hearts of can be delayed for a time. It is all Americans today. necessary that we pursue the most practical and economical method of providing the city with sewers. That plan must be the best which is in uni- of an epidemic of about every disversal use in the larger cities, be- ease in the category. Since April cause they, having passed through 15 the town has been "dr"," and it the different municipal constructive periods, have by a natural process of plaints are a result of the absence of elimination hit upon the most feas- liquer. Although the town is free Ible plan of providing for sewer ex- from caloons the drug store forces penses. The plan in almost univer- are working overtime to alleviate sal use, both in the we I and east, is the numberless His. The balm in all the district sewerage plan. By this cases is whiskey, method residents who are directly benefited by the sewers stand the expense. At present one portion of GHT Marshfield pays for the laying of a sewer for which it reaps absolutely no individual benefit.

It is not so much the fact that the present plan is inequitable as that the city cannot long pursue it without becoming involved in financia; difficulty. P. A. Sandberg, Marshfield's city engineer, laid the entire sewer system for Baker City, which has a population of 10,000 people, and about \$55,000 had been expended when he seft to accept his position here. The district sewerage plan was used for all of the work in tool city. Although the sawers here have been paid out of the general fund similar action can be taken as was in Spokane, where, after several miles of sewer system were laid out of the general fund, the city took them over and the residents who had secured sewer service under that plan recompensed the city, thus onabling it to start out on the district newer plan on an equable basis to all

PROHIBITION ISSUE.

Whether Coquille and Myrtle Point shall go dry or wet are the issues that are calling forth deep interest In the coming election in Coos county on June 3. Merchants in Cognille claim that receipts have fallen off one-third since the town has ousted the saloens, and it is said the same is true of Myrtle Point. Coos Bay and Bandon are getting the benefit of the neighboring cities' losses. If those conditions have been brought

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on the Coquille river cities it appears that the local option law is not a good financial investment in AN INDEPENDENT REPUTATION AND STREET COURTIES Where a group of cities are PUBLISHED EVERY DAY EXCEPTING NON- divided into wet and dry precincts be- To the Editor. cause of the resulting loss to merchants in the dry towns. That such a condition exists does not redound to merchants of Coquille.

MEMORIAL DAY.

days ago today General Beauregard. wealth of the seceding States before up before his own premises. the commencement of the war, for at its close they were nothing but an area of desolation.

Today we pay tribute to 'he men who fought and died in the Civil War. The meaning, for smilles the cementing of the North and the South into one great country.

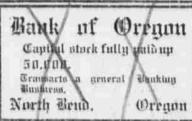
MRS. McKINLEY'S DEATH.

The death of Mrs. William McKinley marks the passing of one of the noblest couples that have ever figured in our national life. Both were perfectly fitted for the place they occupied so long. William McKinley was a rare type of the American citizen. sterling, kindly character he occupled a place in the hearts of all Americans only second to that of Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. McKinley endeared herself in the hearts of every man, woman and child, and the patient, cheerful manner in which, for thirty years, she suffered physical pain stands out as an xample for emulation. Through herself and husband the carnation and the rose

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Topka, Kansas, is in the throes seems that the prevalence of com-





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"Made in Oregon" is an expres sion of peculiar significance at this time, when all eyes are watching ing of this wonderful Coos Bay cliany one's credit. But as the condi- with eager interest the marvelous tion does exist it must be met and growth and wonderful improvements REX LARGE, Business Manager, apparently the only way to meet it is all along this bay region. The newly to take the course pursued by the awakened citizens are vieing with each other to help in pushing the wheels of the old machine out of the ruts of the past and smoothing the Forty-six years and forty-eight way for the new prosperity that is people law-abiding citizens, or is Suncrowding in so rapidly. commanding a force of Confederate homes are being built and yards once soldiers, bombarded and captured overrun with words and neglect are Fort Sumpter, and that event marked now filled with Lowers and truit. the opening of the bloodiest strife The new mayor, with commendable ever waged on American soil, the pride, has set a good example of his Civil War. Between April 12, 1861, housekeeping by saying to the boy and April 9, 1865, over 600,000 men and girls, come, let us clean up, and gave up their lives and this country immediately it is begun and the old was plunged into a financial debt of disreputable looking trash that was \$800,000,000. What it cost the lying about the streets is gathered Weekly, per year - - \$1 00 South can only be reckoned by the up and carted off, each one cleaning

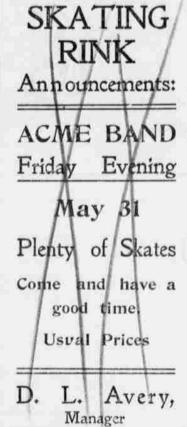
talked about wherever a group of city? men are found, and women are enthusiastic as they see in the near future beautiful homes, fine parks and elegant churches; or talk of the time when a fine opera house or theatre will be built which will tempt the great talent to come here and bring the fine music and plays that go to make society women happy.

Already the reading public is making an effort to secure a public library, and the various clubs, organizations and societies point to ad-While we are watching with pride the construction of mills and factories, new docks and warehouses, and while thousands of dollars are pouring in to the city's treasury to advertise and send abroad the reports of the natural resources and splendid products of Coos Bay; while we call the attention of the world to the fish in our waters, the cattle on our hills and valleys; of the great forests of both hard wood and timber for every purpose; of our fruit and vegetables unsurpassed in any State; while we boast of our abundant crops of almost every desirable thing, let us not forget nor neglect the one most important crop-the one that pays the biggest dividends in return for care or neglect-I mean the boys and the girls of today.

They are to be the citizens of to-

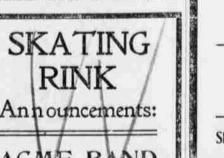
morrow, no matter from where they came, or in what school they have studied. These boys and girls are here now. They are the wards of Marshfield. Their "characters" are to be "made in Oregon," and already the people of the east, who are hearmate are writing letters of inquiry as to Marshfield as a proper place to

we find the following questions: is Marshfield a healthy place? Are the business and pleasure? How many churches have you, and are teachers educated and experienced



bring the boys and girls.

In a letter from an eastern man those you have alive? Are your schools abreast with the times, your men and women, who are qualified to encourage and inspire the pupils to be only satisfied with the best? Are your Marshfield fathers and mothers as anxious for the children's welfare as the advertising shows them to be Electric roads and boulevards are for the financial prosperity of the



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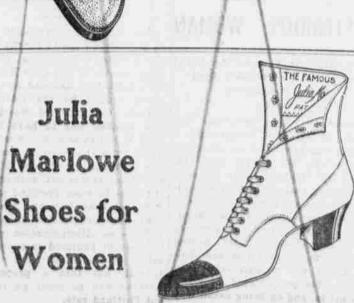
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