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LIBRARY'S VALUE.

J. C. DANA, who has won undying fame in the newspaper realm, appreciated more than any one else the value of a public library.

The great purpose of a public library, says Mr. Dana, is to promote and unite intelligence. It brings together the products of the wise minds of the world. It holds within its walls a collection of all the wise and witty things ever said; these it marks and indexes and offers to its friends.

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I am a great believer, as you see, in reading, and I think with good reason. Living seems to us worth while. It is better worth our while if, while we live, we live much, learn, see, understand, enjoy many things. Reading is the short cut into the heart of life.

If you are talking with a group of friends about, for example, different parts of the United States, and some one happens to mention a city or town in which you have lived, note how your interest quickens, and how eager you are to hear news of the place or to tell of your experience in it. This is a simple every-day fact. The same thing you have observed a thousand times about any subject or talk with which you may be familiar. We learn about many things just by keeping alive and moving round! Those things we have learned about we can't help being interested in. That is the way we are made. If we knew about more things our interests would be greater in number, keener, more satisfying; we would talk more, ask more questions, be more alert, get more pleasure.

The lesson from this is plain enough: If you wish to have a good time, learn something. You like to meet old friends. Your brain, also, likes to come across things it knows already, to renew acquaintance with the knowledge it has stored away and half forgotten. The pleasures of recognition and association; the delights of renewing your friendships with your own ideas are many, easy to get, never failing. But if you wish to have interests and delights in good plenty you must know of many things. So, I say, if you wish to be happy, learn something.

This sounds like advice to a student. It is not, it is a suggestion to the wayfarer. For this learning process may be as delightful as it is to gather flowers by the roadside in a summer walk.

LOCAL RAILROAD.

ASIDE from the franchise question a water front railroad on the peninsula of Coos Bay will prove of incalculable value as a developing factor. At present our scope of expansion is limited because of the absence of expeditious transportation. To advance more rapidly the growth of the peninsula of Coos Bay—meaning the cities of North Bend, Marshfield, and Empire—it is imperative that the different communities be brought into closer touch with one another. At present North Bend and Marshfield are separated by a distance equal to fifteen miles of railroad mileage for the time required to travel the distance between the

two cities with the present mode of transportation equals the time required by a railroad train for a distance of fifteen miles.

With a railroad connecting North Bend and Marshfield would only be separated by about five or six minutes and Empire in proportion. Commercially, industrially, and socially a railroad on the peninsula of Coos Bay will draw the present individual cities into a solid unit. It will make possible a growth hitherto impossible. It will nurture live competition and for that, if nothing else, the railroad will be a priceless attribute to the peninsula of Coos Bay. Every effort should be made for its building and, as far as compatible with the future welfare of the cities on the bay, no obstacles should be allowed to hinder its coming.

FOURTH OF JULY.

WE ARE now assured of a fitting celebration on the Fourth. The citizens of North Bend did themselves proud when they demonstrated their patriotism by raising a cash subscription of \$200 for the observance of the day. As Marshfield has made no plans for the day the citizens can gather in North Bend and contribute their share toward making the celebration a memorable success. Every business house on Coos Bay ought to close its doors on the night of July 3 and not again reopen until the morning of July 5. The day is fraught with so many sacred memories for true American citizens that it should be made an occasion of unalloyed pleasure and recreation. It is days such as these, when neighbors and friends throw aside all business cares and mingle on a common footing of good fellowship, that do more for the upbuilding of communities than all else.

A man whose name is Singer recently married a Miss Nightingale. There is one sure bet, and that is that the little Singers will not be nightingales.—Umpqua Valley News.

However much the American people may condemn Harry Orchard for his self-confessed career of heinous crime the man deserves credit for the unearthing of what, if it proves true, is one of the greatest machines of anarchy that ever threatened the welfare of any country.

There exists a doubt in the minds of many as to whether it is in order to send Portland congratulations on the new spring creation with which she blossomed out Sunday last. Judging from reports some of the members of the municipal family were opposed to donning the "lid."

LAND MARK GOES

Building That Has Housed Saloon For Past Seventeen Years To Be Wrecked.

The P K Saloon which for a number of years has been located at the northwest corner of Front street and A street was yesterday opened for business in the room at the southwest corner of the same streets in the room recently occupied by the office of the Central Hotel. The same front doors which were in use in the old building have been removed to the new location.

The old building occupied by the saloon will be torn away at once to make room for the excavation of the new Flanagan and Bennett bank. This building has been occupied by a saloon for the past seventeen or eighteen years and in that time has become well known to thousands of people who have visited the bay. It is one of the best known land marks in the city and will make way for one of the first fine brick and stone buildings that will mark the building progress the coming summer and fall.

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