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THE QUESTION MARK.

WHEN one looks at the map of Coos Bay he can not but be impressed by the fact that it has the shape of a question mark. And such a question mark, suggesting great answers, but all of them affecting one thing only and that, Transportation. There is really no other question—no other answer. Railroads and boats are the solution. If only we could get them out of the air and onto the ground and into the water—the question would be answered. We could then use all our wonderfully fertile land; ship our unlimited timber; transport our abundant coal; bring in the thousands who could enjoy our superior climate, our fascinating scenery and our varied and exciting sports.

There are constantly recurring reports and rumors that the whole problem involved in the question mark will be solved soon. The Drain road is being actively built down to the Umpqua. That, at least, we are sure of. The Chicago & Northwestern surveyors are now in Malhem county in eastern Oregon on the direct route through southern Oregon to Coos Bay. The Southern Pacific people, understanding that the Northwestern is likely to invade this territory are again active in the Deschuttes valley and in the vicinity of Prineville and Bend. It is well known that the O. R. & N. Co. is proposing to extend its line from Vale in eastern Oregon,across central Oregon to Natron in the Willamette valley and that this will make the Drain road to Coos Bay practically a transcontinental line. There is little or no doubt that this is designed to meet the advance of the Northwestern into this territory. But it does not follow that the Northwestern will come to Coos Bay and the people of this section should begin now to arrange to bring it here.

It is much to be hoped that the Coos Bay-Roseburg electric road will be pushed forward. In view of the fact that so many railroads are pointing this way, which may not arrive here but may veer off to the north and reach Portland or some other less promising coast point than Coos Bay, this Roseburg road should not be neglected. If diligently pushed by the citizens of this locality, it may well be a whip to force or an arm to embrace, some one of the roads pointing this way. If dropped, it will simply add one more proof that Coos Bay people rely too much on nature to fix real estate prices, and too little on the promises by which they have bolstered those prices to present figures. One thing is certain—if Coos Bay people are not alert to answer this question which the shape of Coos Bay puts up to them—the answer may be against and not for the hopes of this city.

THOSE RESOLUTIONS.

THE resolutions adopted by the Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Friday present in a nutshell the most important of Coos Bay's natural resources and at the same time show, in a very practical way, the great utility of Coos Bay coal. Coal Coos Bay has, and plenty of it. It is a superior quality of lignite, and is a very good steam coal. This fact is shown by the use to which it has been put on the Breakwater, the Plant and other steamships plying between Coos Bay and coast points. The local steamboats have for years operated their engines through the power produced by burning Coos Bay coal. Is it, then, to be considered strange that Coos Bay people, who have no coast defenses within two hundred miles of this important resources, recognize the fact that a hostile force could make this port and its resources very powerful instruments through which to destroy or cripple American interests in the Pacific? Whether war with Japan is or is not likely, this port and its war material—coal—should be protected against possible seizure in any future war. Hostilities between nations break out suddenly nearly always, and one of the nations—usually the undesigning one—is almost always found unprepared. In case of sudden hostilities between this and some Asiatic country, this port and its coal, which ought to be the strongest point of the coast line, would pass into the hands of the enemy without a blow. They should be protected.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

IN THE DAYS OF YORE.

(Baker Democrat.)

Fifty-one years ago yesterday the battle of the Grande Ronde was fought, an interesting story of which is printed in the Democrat this morning.

It was in the days when the redskin held full sway in Eastern Oregon and the battle recorded was fought on the plans of La Grande.

THAT ICEBERG THEORY.

(Dalles Chronicle.)

"Who started that iceberg story, with reference to Vice-President Fairbanks?" asks the La Grande Observer and then it goes on to say: "No man could speak with a warmer heart than he did last evening at the depot. There may be some method among the powers that parade these "refrigerator" stories and the cocktail story as well. Vice-President Fairbanks has been one of the leading statesmen of the country for a number of years, and if the presidential mantle should fall upon him there would be a well-trained man at the head of one of the most progressive and active nations of the present age."

THE LICKING WOULD COST.

(Portland Journal.)

A Detroit stargazer predicts that in five years the United States will be at war with the whole world, which this country will lick. Now will our jingoes and would-be heroes be satisfied?

YES IT WOULD.

(Eugene Register.)

If kissing is a fad, it is a mighty popular one and the effort to Oslerized old maids and bachelors to sidetrack it with the microbe theory will be an ignominious failure.

THE DEMOCRAT'S AMBITION.

(Albany Democrat.)

It has always been the ambition of the Democrat to cast an influence for not only the progress of Albany, but for the betterment of its people and its society, and acknowledges a general expression of appreciation from people who like that kind of a paper, as well as from those who enjoy a newsy paper that tells things to the point, in a reliable way.

BUT DOES IT?

(Pendleton Tribune.)

The Tribune is strongly in favor of the renomination of President Roosevelt, but recently said that, notwithstanding that fact, Mr. Fairbanks would "make a good president." As to this the Portland Journal says "The Tribune is mistaken." Well, that do settle it.

PRETTY GOOD PHILOSOPHY.

(Myrtle Creek Mail.)

If you are a kicker and see the shadow of failure in everything that is proposed to help the town, for heaven's sake go into some secluded canyon and kick your own shadow, and thus give the men who are working to build up the town a chance. One long-faced, hollow-eyed, whining kicker can do more to keep away business and capital from a town than all the drouths, short crops, chinch bugs, cyclones and blizzards combined.

PERSONAL NOTES

Misses Florence and May Peterson spent Sunday at Enegren's Grove on Coos river.

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Mrs. Eva Hodson, of Coos River, is in town.

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Mr. Gilbert, of Empire, was a city visitor yesterday.

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Mr. George Wilson, of Empire, was here yesterday.

✣

Mrs. Wilder is spending a few days in Empire, the guest of Mrs. J. Magee.

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Miss Jennie Eickworth is spending her vacation this week in the country.

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Mrs. N. Cornwall and family, of Berkeley, Calif., are spending a few weeks at Empire.

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Edgar Campbell has returned home from California, and resumed his work at Magnes & Matson.

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Miss McNicholas, of Portland, is visiting her cousin, Miss Kate Macgenn, of Empire city.

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Mr. John Coke left for the Coquille country yesterday morning.

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Mrs. R. Blasco was in this city yesterday.

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Mr. Pohlemus returned to Empire yesterday, after spending a few days at Coos River.

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Lowry Owen was down town yesterday for the first time since his illness began.

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Mr. Reed, of Montana, is visiting his relatives, Mr. Howard and family of this city.

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Mr. Ralph Daen, of Grants Pass, is visiting Mr. Tom Harvey of this city.

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Mr. Tom Barry was down from the river yesterday.

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Mrs. G. Adams is now having her vacation and left for Ten Mile yesterday.

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Misses Wilson and Bowron returned from their trip to Ten Mile yesterday on the North Star.

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T. J. Lewis came home from his ranch on Ten Mile lake yesterday, after an absence of about one week.

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Mr. Hayes, the optician, went out yesterday for a few days hunting, accompanied by a friend.

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His friends are pleased to see Lowry Owens out again after his long siege of illness.

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Mrs. Wieder returned from a visit with Mrs. Magee at Empire, yesterday afternoon.

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Sidney Klahn and family, of Portland, are visiting his parents at Empire.

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Mr. Kerrigan, of Newport, is with Coos Bay relatives.

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Mrs. Peterson is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thrush, of Empire.

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Robert Hope, of Ten Mile, was in Marshfield yesterday.

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Wm. Noble started for his ranch on Ten Mile yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Going departed on the Alliance for a short visit with Portland and valley friends.

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