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THE STREETS OF MARSHFIELD.

SOONER or later Marshfield will be a great city. Even the least hopeful and most pessimistic of its citizens concede that. The only question which seems to puzzle the mind of any of its friends is as to when its greatness will begin to unfold. The only objection its enemies ever made to it is that its time of development had not arrived yet. But even its dilatory enemies must admit that NOW many notable changes are taking place and that the former country village is taking on much of the appearance of a large town, if not a fair sized city. Large brick buildings are being constructed; foundations are being laid; basements are being excavated and within a few months the appearance of the structural part of the city will have been revolutionized.

The time is therefore right at hand when the city government and property owners must take up important questions which have not been heretofore considered and not the least important is that one which affects the grades of city streets. The excavation of the basement for the new bank building on the corner of A and Front street shows a condition which, happily, for a bank building can be obviated. For a store building of any size, where the commercial front must be on a level with the street, it could not. Reference is made to the seepage of water if the excavation is made below water level, which is reached on Front street in about four feet. The modern brick or cement building must have a good basement in which can be installed a heating plant and such other modern improvements as may be required. It must also be on a grade which will permit the easy and efficient sewerage of the building. The Chamber of Commerce and the city council should take this very important matter of establishing grades up now and in concert. Of course the Chamber would act merely in an advisory capacity, but its advice would doubtless be received with respectful consideration of the liberal members of the council. To delay the consideration of this question in some form will be unwise, for in a short time necessary work will be either rendered impossible or extremely costly, by the construction of buildings too costly to change or remove, and which will mar and disfigure the new city because they are built on no uniform grade. Take, for example, that part of Broadway from the intersection with A street, south. The grade is at the intersection of the two streets satisfactory, but going south the slope is quite pronounced for two blocks, then it is level but marshy, then it ascends to the bridge across Mill Inlet and after crossing the bridge it is a long level avenue across the marsh. It is an ideal street for a great thoroughfare, but it is not likely that anything like respectable basements are possible there unless the grade of the street is materially raised. If raised the value of lots on both sides becomes greatly improved. Basements both for heating plants and foundations could be reserved cheaply and the work of filling in around would be slight.

The question of basements is a very important one and has caused no end of discussion in such cities as St. Louis, Chicago, New York and other important places. That city is at a great disadvantage which does not provide for them. Marshfield has an admirable site for the easy attainment of the very best foundations and basements, but it can be spoiled and rendered unsightly at the outset if its people do not at once—NOW—take the matter in hand. Some short-sighted persons are afraid of being laughed at and derided if they act on the assumption that the place will become large and populous and so they are against improvements based on that theory. But, they are foolish. No man need be afraid to say in clarion tones and defy all contradiction that Marshfield, also known as the City of Coos, will in a short time be one of the large cities of the Pacific Coast, and the present generation will be pronounced idiotic and imbecile by the next generation, if attention is not paid to such important matters as the one mentioned.

TERRA COTTA FLUES.

THAT the fire yesterday did not destroy the whole of Marshfield was only due to the willing efforts of the members of the fire department. The cause of yesterday's fire was directly attributable to a terra cotta flue. The heat ascending from the stoves below penetrated through and ignited the roof and walls.

It is the duty of a city to take all precautions possible for the prevention of just such conflagrations as occurred yesterday. It is nothing more than criminal neglect not to have ordinances covering fire protection. Only on Thursday night Mayor Straw brought to the attention of the city council the fact that he was absolutely powerless to take any action regarding terra cotta flues, or stove pipes extending through the roofs because there were no ordinances covering them. By all means let us have some kind of ordinances at once which will deal with fire protection.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

WONDER, DID HE GET THE SHIRT?

(Albany Herald.)

The other day a professional hobo went to a residence in Albany and instead of asking for something to eat, inquired of the good lady of the house if she would do some sewing for him. The lady is of a generous nature and said she would, whereupon the "Weary Willie" produced a button and asked her to kindly sew a shirt on the button for him.

OLD AND YOUNG BARKS EMBARK

(Coquille Sentinel.)

Marriage licenses issued in Portland Saturday include one couple aged 85 and 82 years, and another to a "man" 19 and his bride-to-be, 16 years. Owing to the limitations which old Father Time has placed on mankind one of these couples is bound to escape some of the trouble that may be encountered by the other, unless the divorce court or parental spankings are invoked.

SAN FRANCISCO'S NEW MAYOR

(Boise Statesman.)

San Francisco experiences a great change in retiring Eugene Schmitz as mayor and placing Dr. Edward R. Taylor in the position. Schmitz represents all that is bad in municipal affairs, while his successor stands for the highest standards in both private and public life. The new mayor is declared to be one of the most high-minded men of the city. Further, he is a man of great ability, and it is believed he will be able to straighten out the snarl in city affairs and give that great municipality at the Golden Gate an administration htat will be creditable to it and to the entire country.

A PHILOSOPHICAL VIEW OF IT

(Bellingham Herald.)

The master of the ill-fated Columbia went down with his vessel. This makes matters easy for the investigating committee. The dead man will be blamed for the wreck. If he had lived it would have been necessary to revoke somebody's license for several days.

WELL, THEY'VE WAITED BEFORE.

(Portland Journal.)

The trusts are safe for another two years at least, according to the decision of Republican leaders not to meddle with the tariff in that time. The people's interests can wait, indefinitely.

THERE ARE MOMENTS * * * * *.

(Walla Walla Evening Bulletin.)

Moments must occasionally arrive when E. H. Harriman envies the quietude which his former railway colleague, J. J. Hill, now enjoys.

SALEM CITY AND THE CHERRIES.

(Pendleton Tribune.)

Salem seems to have permanently adopted the name "Cherry City." The capital city is entitled to it, certainly, for no better cherries are raised in Oregon than in the vicinity of Salem, covering a radius quite as large as the Willamette valley. The writer has paid much attention to fruit raising for many years and has long since been convinced that the Willamette valley raises the best cherries in the world. Other sections may excel in apples or prunes or other varieties of fruit, but there is no other country in the world that can raise perfect cherries.

OF COURSE HE MEANS OREGON.

(Eugene Register.)

Kansas has entered the contest to decide which is the greatest peach producing state, and will make a fine showing this year. This refers to fruit, not girls. Everybody knows, not only the state, but the town which produces the "peachiest" girls, so there is no room for a contest in that line.

SYNOPSES OF LAND AND MINERAL DECISIONS

Furnished by Woodford Harlan Land Attorney Washington D. C.

Coal: The time within which a claim must be perfected by purchase, when the filing when first offered is properly rejected on account of a defective township plat of survey, and is thereafter allowed on correction of said plat, should be computed from the date when the corrected plot is filed and the land open to disposal.

Final Proof: Failure of the local land office to forward final proof will not defeat the rights of the entryman.

Local officers may require party to submit additional final proof, and if claimant refuses to do so the local officers must render their decision thereon.

Local officers should thoroughly scrutinize and test the reliability of all proofs by cross-examination and should take into consideration facts within their personal knowledge in passing upon final proof.

Guano: Guano is a mineral, and may be entered under the mineral laws.

Alumina: Alumina is not such a mineral as will except the land containing the same from settlement and entry as agricultural land, or warrant the allowance of a mineral entry thereof.

Slate and Marble: Land chiefly valuable for slate or marble is mineral in character.

PERSONAL NOTES

Miss Stella Wicklund returned home in Empire yesterday.

Mr. R. Biasco, of Coos River, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Mr. Davis, of Ten Mile, was here on Friday.

Fred. Wilson, of Sumner, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Mr. V. Pugh, of Empire, was in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Dimmick, of the Stave Mill, was in this city Friday.

Miss Harris, of Sumner, was a Marshfield visitor yesterday.

Mrs. W. F. Piper, of Coos River, was in this city Friday.

Mr. J. A. Dubell, of Coos River, was a Marshfield visitor yesterday.

Miss Jennie Curren, of North Bend, was in Marshfield yesterday to call on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frye were here from North Bend Friday.

Mrs. Gale was a guest of Marshfield friends yesterday.

Messrs. R. Robertson and Joe Davis, of North Inlet, came to Marshfield yesterday on business.

Mr. W. O. Christianson, of Jefferson, Oregon, is in Marshfield to visit friends and look at the country.

E. M. Furman, the Coquille piano merchant, is in Marshfield.

Frank Marhoffer was in from Bay City Friday.

Mrs. Frank Rogers, of Coos River, was in Marshfield yesterday.

H. Behnke, of North Bend, had business in Marshfield yesterday afternoon.

Capt. W. C. Harris was down from Sumner yesterday.

COOS BAY CREAMERY RUSHED WITH WORK

Unable to Take Order for 900 Cases of Cheese Because of Heavy Business.

The Coos Bay Creamery received an order lately for 900 cases of cheest. The factory was crowded with orders, and could not book this one Cheese is bringing 14½ cents delivered at Marshfield, and prices promise to become even higher. There is always a steady demand for Coos Bay cheese, but this year's orders exceed anything heretofore recorded.

NOTICE TO MASONS.

All Masons in good standing are requested to meet at the Masonic Temple on Sunday at 1:30 sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother M. B. Zimmer.

By order W. M.

Noris Jensen, Secretary.

FIRE DAMAGES LUND'S HOUSE

Breaks Out in Roof and Gains Headway Before Department's Arrival.

TERRA COTTA FLUE CAUSE

Volunteers Assisted In Taking Furniture Away from Burning Building—No Insurance.

The Alec Lund house on A street, just off Second, was discovered to be on fire shortly after five o'clock yesterday evening, and before the alarm could be turned in and the fire boys responded, the roof was burning fiercely. The house is a large frame building and was occupied by three families. There is an L on the rear of the building and the fire started in that part, where Mrs. Harding's family live.

Mrs. Harding had just built a fire to prepare the evening meal, and soon afterwards, a neighbor's girl gave the alarm. The fire apparatus was promptly on hand, but to the spectators, the house seemed likely to burn to the ground despite all that could be done to save it. As the boys unrolled the hose, the nozzle became entangled in the drum and what seemed several minutes delay occurred, and the flames were getting greater headway.

The roof and interior of the second story were blazing for the entire distance across the building when the first stream was turned on. Another stream was soon playing on the west end of the building and on an adjoining house. In ten minutes, the flames were subdued and the only damage was to the upper sotry where the roof was practically destroyed and much of the interior work charred and rendered useless.

The other families in the building were those of John Schecland and Alfred Hauser. All the dwellers lost considerable through the great quantity of water that poured upon the furniture and goods from above, and the house was soaked from basement to the roof. Most of the goods were removed during the excitement and nearly all the windows were broken to allow passage for goods.

The fire started from a terra cotta flue which led from the stove in the Harding apartments. When the flames were extinguished the families gathered up their goods and piled them about where they could identify them and then took the dry articles back into the dwelling. There will necessarily be considerable repairing to do, and it will be some time before the families get settled comfortably again.

There was no insurance on the house.