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PUBLIC PARALYSIS.

It was stated by a prominent citizen yesterday that a great corporation which has large holdings in the vicinity felt dissatisfied with the lack of enterprise on the part of Marshfield people more particularly in the matter of a hotel, and might build a hotel of sufficient proportions and accommodations on its land near the city. As it is not in the hotel business, it much prefers that the people of the city who will be most directly benefitted do the building. "But," said the man referred to, "if Marshfield will get some action on itself and build, it will be best for all concerned. If it will not do so—hotel, stores, docks and whatever may be needed to facilitate the growth of a city may be diverted to that locality." "You must understand" remarked another citizen "that the people of Marshfield are not in the hotel business either."

"True, was the reply. "You did not have to say that. It is evident. But they have pretended to be in the business of building a city and the other company have not. The first important thing in building a city and booming real estate is to build a hotel. You will say that Marshfield people are simply honest tradesmen who are not in the city building business either. That may be true but they certainly have made large promises and they have no right to induce a lot of people to invest their money on the strength of those promises, and then "throw them down." I don't say they have thrown them down, but they haven't made any progress in a public way. Not a bit! A few plank streets have been improved, but that is all. Private persons are building some buildings. Nothing else. No street grades established. No fire limit. No park improvements. No hotel. No library. No street railroad. No harbor improvements yet. A good deal of this neglect might be excused if you had a good hotel."

The gentlemen was right. The value of a hotel consists in art in the inestimable advertising influence it has. New York is famous for its St. Regis, Waldorf-Astoria, Hoffman and Astor houses. San Francisco was famous for its Palace hotel. St. Louis is known as the location as the Planters. Minneapolis is sometimes called the West hotel city. Even Portland has extended its reputation through the Portland hotel. But Marshfield extends its reputation infamously and that reputation grows worse and worse. No! Marshfield real estate owners are not city builders. But why not? They expect to make their stake in building a city. It will not do to tell the people they have invited here that if they do not like it they are as liberty to go away. The Bay, the climate, the scenery, the resources and the sport are here and on set of men has a right to induce outsiders to pay good prices for city lots on the promise of improving the city, and treat the whole transaction as a confidence game.

It is easy enough to build the hotel. Lay aside all jealousies and select a location. No matter where it is selected, build it. First of all, do what has been done in so many other towns. Organize your own local company. Capitalize it at \$50,000. Let the par value of stock be one hundred dollars. Let everybody have a chance to subscribe for the stock—one or more shares. Let the directors be elected and let them select the officers. Then let the directors put the hotel just where they please. It is impossible to help one part of the city without helping all parts. If they want to select the site opposite Dr. Towers house and pay \$17,000 for it—well and good, although it would seem that the building there should cost a hundred thousand instead of \$50,000. If they prefer the Coke property on "C"

street let them select it. If they believe the Zimmer property is best—let them take that. The point is that the stock subscribers can select their directors intelligently and go it blindly as to the site—trusting the directors as to that. If the subscription paper is drawn up properly each subscriber will be bound by his contract and can be forced to pay his subscription even if he does get jealous and feels disgruntled. The DISGRACE OF HAVING NO HOTEL CAN BE REDUCED BY SHOWING THE PEOPLE WHOM THE COLONIST RATES ARE ABOUT TO BRING IN, THAT THE HOTEL WILL BE BUILT.

CROWDS FOR COOS BAY.

The colonist rates, bringing thousands of people from other states to see Oregon, are now in force. If the railroad were completed and if there were twenty steamships between Portland and this city, they might all be crowded. As it is the stages and boats will bring all they can carry and hundreds will be landed at the water fronts of North Bend and Marshfield. Exactly how they will manage to find hotel accommodations in these crowded cities, is a problem which they will have to solve for themselves unless the Chambers of Commerce of the two cities arrange for temporary quarters for them. The Times would suggest that the Marshfield Chamber, which has an open office on the ground floor on Front street, might provide an additional clerk who could be charged with the duty of getting a list of rooms in private houses which the hospitable owners are willing should be occupied for a reasonable price. North Bend should do the same and in this manner the two cities might be able to sustain a fairly respectable reputation with their invited guests and prospecting visitors. The conditions are certainly propitious and the only drawback is the hotelless situation. Of course there will be investors who will put in an appearance and if they can get something to eat and a place to sleep, perhaps it would be possible to induce

them to buy a lot and build a hotel. The difficulty about that prospect of getting a "stranger" to do this great public work, is that the outlook for a profitable business in the hotel line, looks too good. It has a fatal brilliancy. When you offer a "stranger" an exceptionally good thing, the better it looks to him, the more astonished he is that you don't take it yourself. It is like selling twenty dollar gold pieces for twenty-five cents each. It can't be done because the man you offer it to can't see why you do it. So with this hotel proposition. It looks too good to an outsider, and when he sees that the real estate men and wealthy citizens want to turn the snap over to him, he thinks he is being "played." The more you talk to him, the clearer the trick seems. Moral—Do it yourself. "IT WILL BE BUILT."

WHERE THE DEAD SLEEP.

One thing Marshfield has a right to be proud of. Even if she hasn't a hotel, she has at least a very creditable cemetery. It is quite true that the sacred place where she has buried her dead ones and which she has beautified with artistic appreciation, is somewhat near the business center, and that it is expected that sooner or later it will be moved to a more secluded district. That could be done without desecration and there are wonderful locations which seem consecrated by the hand of God for such a selection. But in the old seaports of the Atlantic there are ancient burial places where the dead sleep in the very heart of commerce. The old Trinity church yard in New York City, on lower Broadway, the cemetery on Tremont street, Boston, and the church yard opposite, and those in the center of Philadelphia have attracted the attention of millions of passer-by.

But, is it not strange that North Bend has not yet arranged for the disposal of its dead in consecrated ground of its own? There are extensive areas adjoining the city which might well be devoted to such a purpose. Yet it must be an inconvenience and an additional and unnecessary expense to transport the dead from that city to Marshfield. These matters are of such a nature that it is important to consider them, and it wise to consider them as early in the development of a new city as possible. After a while, if the Marshfield cemetery should be removed it will be necessary for North Bend to take the matter up and it may be much more inconvenient than now. Yet, we repeat, it is unusual and not a little remarkable that a city of two thousand should find it necessary to compel its bereaved citizens to find a resting place for their lost ones in another city. Is it not wise to think about it and make a more appropriate arrangement now?

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