

MARSHFIELD BREAKS THE ICE AND DECLARES FOR PROGRESS

Home Citizens Subscribe Funds in 24 Hours to Build a \$75,000 Hotel.

The Times is pleased at being able to announce with certainty that the hotel proposition is no longer a dream, and that the building of a modern and in every respect up-to-date hostelry will be in progress within a very short time in Marshfield. The backbone of the quiescent and sluggish old time system of holding back and discouraging everything of a progressive nature is over and the city from this time forward will witness added vigor in improvement and progress. It is a happy day for the community which dawns with such splendid evidence of things new. Strangers have criticised Oregon and Oregonians justly in saying they are behind the times and the criticism is beginning to have its effect, not only on Coos Bay, but on the outside in other cities where new blood has come in and blazed a new trail. Oregonians are finding they cannot hope nor expect eastern investors to butt in and take the whole responsibility of improvising a new order of things. They are accordingly loosening up and preparing to reap some of the benefits which the new people are showing them are at their elbows. It has taken much hard and severe talk to break the ice, but the evidence is everywhere present. It seemed at times that there would never be any change. It has been two years since the Lewis & Clarke fair, and little by little, the change has taken place. It has been at times almost imperceptible, yet it has come and will be found increasing every day. New life started the work in the valley cities, like Eugene, Salem, Corvallis, Roseburg, Medford and the many smaller suburbs of Portland. Coos Bay and its cities have been growing fast for the past two years, but this year for Marshfield has shown that there is enterprise in the Oregonian, if it can be aroused. The crying need for a good hotel in this city has been flaunted in the face of capitalists for a number of years, but nobody took hold of the matter. Outsiders failed to grasp the possibilities of the opportunity, and so it remained for local people to jump into the breach and build a structure that will be a credit to the city and to those who are going to build it.

PEOPLE HIGHLY PLEASED Occasion One for General Congratulation and Widespread Satisfaction.

The consummation of the work of organizing a hotel company is due to William Grimes who came here from Oklahoma, where for the past fifteen years things have been done. He has been an indefatigable worker in the matter and even though there was one failure through placing too much confidence in the statements of one Hopwood Gibson, Mr. Grimes never lost heart. He was ready to depart on a trip to Oklahoma and had his ticket purchased for passage on the Breakwater. But he had an inspiration the day before the Breakwater's sailing and the evening before had a conference with Messrs. W. S. Chandler and John S. Coke over the proposition. These three men talked the situation over at great length and decided that there was but one way to obtain a hotel for the accommodation of the many visitors where they could be treated to as modern hotel conveniences as if they were in any of the larger cities. The decision was that local capital must come to the front and do the work. Messrs. Chandler and Coke each declared their interest in the matter and before the conference broke up, had subscribed \$31,200.00 between them, \$15,600.00 each. A subscription paper was drawn and presented the next day to Marshfield citizens by Mr. Grimes who postponed his trip on receiving such magnificent encouragement. The result of one day's work clinched the proposition beyond any possibility of failure and the parties are greatly elated at the success. The slogan "It Will Be Built" is now in order and need no longer be the subject for humorous remarks. The strangers who come to Coos Bay when this hotel is completed will go away and boast instead of carrying away the impression the country is slow and thus not be in a frame of mind to say a good word for the place.

Messrs. Chandler, Coke and Grimes convened a meeting the next morning in Mr. Coke's office of those who were believed to be likely to aid in the matter, consisting among others of Messrs. Horton, Rogers, Sengstacken, McFarland, Haines, Beloate, Voney and several more, and before the meeting was abandoned, \$55,000.00 had been subscribed.

The Organization.
The company which is to build the hotel will be incorporated under the laws of Oregon for \$75,000, and incorporation papers will be obtained from the Secretary of State at Salem immediately. The organization and election of officers will not wait for the incorporation papers but will be taken up early next week, and plans and specifications will be called for forthwith. No delay that can be avoided will interfere with the immediate progress of the building.

A RECORD OF NOTE.
The raising of \$65,500.00 within 24 hours in a city of 3,500 inhabitants, with which to build a hotel, is something of a record and it seems to the Times, is worthy of special praise. There are numerous cities in Oregon where good subscriptions have been made for matters of public welfare, but none of the same directness and volume is recalled to mind. It shows the desired spirit is here and has come to remain. With such enterprise staring them in the face, it will be but a short time until every Oregonian on the Bay will be infected with the microbe of progress and crowding in to aid in the improvement at hand.

Nothing further with respect to the details the building will necessitate can be said at this time, for that part of the scheme is yet to be discussed and decided upon at subsequent meetings of the stockholders.

The Capitalization.
The capital stock is divided into 750 shares of \$100 each, and is being subscribed at par. The amount now subscribed is \$65,500.00, \$9,500.00 short of the amount required, but the promoters know where the remainder is coming from and so there isn't the least doubt of the project going through. When the success of the venture was learned to be assured, the committee had committee to have no loans, in the refused, owing to the decision of the committee to have no loans, in the deal, but simply and solely subscribed stock. These loans were not offered until there were over \$60,000 at hand and a loan on such a deal looked very tempting, say at seven per cent interest with the subscribers assuming the responsibilities.

A Business Matter.
The building of this hotel is not looked upon by those interested in it as a donation by any means, as they well know the business is going to be a paying investment from the start and so they realize they are placing their money where it is going to pay them good interest and increase in principal by reason of the increase in value of Marshfield property. Besides this, they have a patriotic pride in the matter which they will find in the future will receive the approval of every booster and all strangers who come this way.

Sit For the Building.
The site for the building is the same as that which had been selected at the time Gibson was on the ground and seemed likely to bring

THE ROLL OF HONOR

W. S. Chandler,	156 Shares,	\$15,600.00
John S. Coke,	156 Shares,	\$15,600.00
M. C. Horton,	50 Shares,	\$ 5,000.00
William Grimes,	50 Shares,	\$ 5,000.00
S. C. Rogers,	50 Shares,	\$ 5,000.00
Henry Sengstacken,	50 Shares,	\$ 5,000.00
W. S. McFarland,	38 Shares,	\$ 3,800.00
W. R. Haines,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
S. R. Beloate,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
J. A. Johnson,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
Matthew Voney,	15 Shares,	\$ 1,500.00
Wm. Noble,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
Edward Donnelly,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
J. T. McCormac,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
McPherson-Ginser Co.,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
A. J. Savage,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
Carl F. Johnson,	10 Shares,	\$ 1,000.00
Total		\$65,500.00

the other project to fruition. This is a plot 100 square, at the southeast corner of Second and C streets and will make a most convenient and sensible location for the building. The new plans will allow a much more elaborate building than the old, since the amount of money to be put into it is 50 per cent greater than was at first proposed. The site is a \$15,000 piece of property, and this will leave the company \$60,000 with which to build and equip the hostelry.

Mr. Grimes Report.
Mr. Grimes, at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, for the hotel committee reported that he had some good news for the Chamber. "It Will Be Built" he said. "What will be built?" The Hotel. I am happy to be able to say that the money is practically all raised to build the hotel which the city so much needs and that we have now \$65,500.00 actually subscribed and know where we can get the rest if the people whom we are anxious to get in with us and who are to receive special benefit do not care to help out. "Mr. Grimes then went on to say that the amount for the hotel had been raised inside of twenty-four hours and that it reflected great credit on the city and its public spirit to be able to announce that gratifying fact. He had been intending to go to Oklahoma to be gone some time and had purchased his ticket on the Breakwater, but when two of the subscribers who were entitled to special credit, had announced that they were ready to help substantially and stated what they would do, he decided to cancel his ticket and stay and see the thing through. The result was more than he expected. Not only was it easy to get the money, but he was assured of much more than the needed amount, but felt that the gentlemen referred to should have a right to participate in the honor and that

they would not hold back when he saw them. If they did then the list was open to others and in any event the hotel was absolutely assured.

The report of Mr. Grimes was received with wild applause and the names of subscribers were cheered in turn.

PORTLAND FIRM IS AFTER COOS CHEESE

Charles R. Watson, of the firm of Wadhams, Kerr & Co., of Portland, who makes the Coos Bay territory every two months, is picking up all the Coos county cheese that is on the market. Mr. Watson has orders from his company to buy every pound of cheese he can secure. On Thursday, he bought two hundred cases from the Coos Bay Creamery company, and yesterday started for the Coquille country to enlarge his purchase. He finds that the cheese situation is by no means promising, as other firms are out for cheese with the same anxiety to obtain all they can corral. It was not long since that the Coos Bay Creamery had to turn down a very large cheese order as they were unable to furnish it at the time required. It is understood that other factories are behind in orders and the cheese market is likely to go soaring this fall and winter.

NEIGHBORING BOATS HERE AFTER FREIGHT

The tug Roberts from the Siuslaw in charge of a son of Mr. Kyle the salmon and lumberman of the Siuslaw, was in yesterday to get freight and deliver salmon for outgoing boats. The Berwick was here from the Rogue river for freight and was busy all the afternoon in loading at the Breakwater docks.

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AN INTERESTING MEETING

Report of Coos Bay Port Commission Read at Chamber of Commerce.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce is becoming the center and soul of Coos Bay's spirit of progress and the meeting last night was well attended notwithstanding counter attractions elsewhere. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was quickly disposed of as a necessary bit of ancient history, for so earnest and hopeful have the people become that they are impatient to take up present work and build for the assured future.

The first business of importance was the reading by Mr. H. C. Diers, or North Bend, as chairman of the joint committee on the Port of Coos Bay, of his report. This took about twenty minutes and was listened to with the closest attention by all present and pronounced one of the most admirable papers ever presented to the Chamber. The Times will publish it in full for the benefit of its readers in one of its issues in the near future.

Mr. Diers, however, called attention to the fact that the Supreme Court had just rendered a decision on the referendum law affecting the Port of Columbia which the people of Portland were interested in and said that that decision made it plain that Coos Bay would not have to depend on the next session of the legislature to enact a special law organizing this port but that the organization could be effected through the Initiative and Referendum. He stated that Francis H. Clark was looking the legal aspects of the matter up for the commission and that they hoped to be able to report further on those features soon.

Mr. Grimes, of the Committee on Hotel, then made his report which is contained in another column.

Mr. Frank Fay Eddy delivered a very attractive and interesting address on "Three Weeks in Oregon." His views were conservative and suggestive. In excellent language he vividly described the scenery he had looked upon and declared that it seemed to him that Oregon, east of the Cascades, was perhaps better for stock raising, while west of the Cascades, he was satisfied that the country was one of the best dairy sections in the world. Nowhere could richer land be found than the bottom lands of Coos Bay and Coquille. While the prices seemed high, yet in fact it was reasonable and would go much higher, for in few countries could land be made as profitable as in the region west of the mountains. He wondered if these hills where the forests stood in mighty grandeur, or where the clearings had been made by fire or the lumberman could be made to produce. If so, then there was no doubt of the future stability of Coos Bay. The farm, after all, was the basis of all real wealth, and back of all city greatness was the rancher. Mr. Eddy closed with a glowing tribute to the country west of the Cascades

and Coos County in particular. Rev. H. H. Brown being present was called on to speak and told of his observations in the farming and fruit raising line in New England, and declared that there was no doubt that slopes of the hills would produce fruit abundantly.

The gentleman from Pennsylvania who had become interested in the discussion made some very practical suggestions, asserting that he could not see why the soil would not produce almost anything if properly cultivated.

Mr. Doane stated that he had thirteen years' experience in farming on Coos Bay and that he could say that the benches and hill slopes were producing almost anything the farmer could think of. His testimony was very interesting and answered the questions asked by the former speakers.

YELLOW CONTENTS OF A WHISKY BOTTLE

"Oh, what would you give for a pot of Gold, Honey, My Honey?"

J. S. McDonald came into the Times office with a whiskey bottle filled with the real thing, old, rich and yellow. The fascination was certainly great and the office force would gladly have partaken if Mr. McDonald had not treasured the same very highly and insisted on having the cork kept in the bottle. A whiskey bottle full of coarse gold from Coos County placers would fascinate anybody, and the quantity and richness of the bottle full, Mr. McDonald declared was worth almost \$600.00. He would not tell where he got it—that is the gold—for he held it as a secret, but he said it was mined in close vicinity of Coos Bay and that plenty more existed where that came from. Others have also, from time to time, found gold in placer gravel or sand in paying quantities and it is known that the marine sands in this vicinity are more or less auriferous. Mr. McDonald declined to leave his bottle and its contents at the Times office, "though often requested to do so."

STEAMER ALLIANCE SAILS THIS EVENING

The Alliance will sail from Portland this evening as scheduled, and should be in port early on Monday. The boat is now fully repaired and is loading her cargo for Coos Bay. She is scheduled to sail on the return trip to Portland on Tuesday. The old favorite should receive a hearty welcome on this trip after her unfortunate accident, and the people of the Bay will be pleased at her resumption of business between the two ports.

—Buy your groceries at Sacchi's.