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## THE NEXT EXHIBIT.

The Chamber of Commerce does something wise and progressive at every meeting and is able to calculate success every week. Its action Friday evening in appointing a committee to take charge of the work of providing for a repetition of the fruit exhibit on a large scale next year was a good one. The suggestion of Secretary Lyons that a new fair district be created by act of legislature to be called the West Coast Fair District and to embrace Curry, Coos and that part of Douglas county which lies west of the Cascade mountains, is one which the city can not afford to overlook. The committee appointed by the president of the chamber should give that matter its especial attention.

The fruit exhibit of Coos Bay has come to stay. Perhaps it should be enlarged in more ways than one. Of course such a fair or exhibit should last at least a week and one day should be a gala day. Live stock, dairy and agricultural products of all kinds, all the natural resources should be exhibited and prizes offered. As is the practice of fair associations elsewhere these should be a combination of many attractions, including races, shows and special features. It may be that this is a little ambitious for a second attempt but everybody who loves Coos Bay and realizes its great possibilities, is disposed to echo and re-echo the cry that "Nothing is too good for Coos Bay." One thing has been suggested before now which would be singularly appropriate for the gala day during the fair week. Astoria and many other places in Washington and Oregon have adopted a custom of selecting a queen who receives a crown and who rules their gala day. The Queen of the Sunset Sea, a splendid parade of launches from Marshfield to North Bend and return and the arrival of King Neptune from the ocean to inspect his province of Coos Bay, would add to the interest, and, when the railroad arrives bring thousands to witness the pageantry. It is some time to the next exhibition, but this little one did such a world of good that the people are inclined to figure on a big one and believe that it will add measurably to the fame of Coos Bay.

## PHENOMENAL SURGERY.

Phenomenal surgery and medicine are something the editorial staff of The Times knows very little about. The health of its members is good up to date and they have been, thus far, able to escape the benefits of surgery both bloodless and otherwise. How soon this good luck may change is something we do not presume to anticipate, but we confess that we have regarded our escape from the phenomenal and ordinary forms of the surgical art phenomenal and delightful. How far the phenomenal surgery which this paper was paid for mentioning in the few days last past, has bene helpful to this community we have not been informed, but no doubt the crowds who attended the recent concerts and lectures know what they went for and whether they got it.

Some very well meaning persons have taken us to task for publishing the phenomenal one's ads. If they were merely laymen we respectfully requested that they would learn from the reputable resident physicians and surgeons whether the phenomenal had a diploma and was duly licensed to practice. They never come back. If they were physicians, we respectfully requested to know whether the state board had given the phenomenon a right to practice after due examination. They did not answer. We therefore did not feel that we had a right to denounce what we knew nothing about, and what it was the duty of the medical profession to investigate and prosecute if any laws had been or were being broken. A newspaper must have evidence of fraud before it can denounce it. It cannot pronounce any man a fraud who has been passed upon by competent authority and licensed or approved. When the fraud, if any, is exposed through proper channels the newspaper should do its work. But it cannot be expected to do the work of a doctor.

## OKLAHOMA.

The new state of Oklahoma signaled its entrance into the Union by a majority of nearly 40,000 in favor of aligning itself with the solid south. It is overwhelmingly Democratic and may be counted on in the coming national election to contribute its electoral vote to the man who leads the Democratic party. In one respect it reflects credit on American institutions—for it is an example of what a political party sometimes is willing to do for the sake of justice and country, namely, put aside its own selfish desires and admit into the sisterhood of states a territory known to be organically and inherently at variance with the views of the dominant national party. This does not so much reflect credit on the Republican party as on the American people who insist on fair play without regard to politics. Still, it must be said also that the Republican party has seldom failed to reflect the will of the American people.

It is stated that the president may be opposed to the new constitution of the state of Oklahoma and may use his influence to prevent the approval of that document. There are some who believe that because Secretary Taft advised the people of the territory to reject it that the president will seek, on that ground, to delay statehood un-

til after the next election. We do not believe it. Even if he did the congress is able to admit the state and approve the constitution without regard to what the president may choose to do. Any course calculated to override the will of Oklahoma's majority would be injurious to the Republican party and affect its chances of success. That constitution can not be objectionable from the view point of the constitution and if it is not as wise as President Roosevelt might wish, it is no concern of the other states. The president is big enough to see and understand this and will make no mistake.

## THE RED ZONE.

The Times' idea that the territory between the parallels of 45 and 42 north latitude, including all of the Coos Bay district, extended east to a point north of Boston and south of New York City, constituted the electric belt of activity has attracted some considerable attention. The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who is quick to appreciate and make use of a good idea in the line of his publicity work, sometimes takes it into his very useful head to improve such ideas, and has taken it on himself to improve this one. He thinks it would be a capital plan to have a small map of the United States printed with the space between the parallels mentioned colored very red. This he would call the Great Red Zone with New York at one end and Coos Bay at the other. It would show most of the very great cities of the United States, starting with Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and taking in Pittsburg, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Omaha and a host of others, in the same Great Red Zone as Coos Bay. The "Straight Road to Coos" leaves New York City and passes through Chicago, Sioux City, Lander, Wyoming; Boise, Central Oregon and westward to this bay. Such a line, now culminating at Lander, Wyoming, would cut down the distance from ocean to ocean nearly seven hundred miles and would cut the Great Red Zone midway between the two parallels. The picture proposed by Secretary Lyons would show the commercial location of Coos Bay with striking effect.

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