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A SPLENDID RESULT.

To say that the result of last evening's High School election, as it was popularly called, disproved any charge against Marshfield of being non-progressive in educational matters. The voters who were present and participated were all taxpayers and were the people who will necessarily bear the direct burden of supporting the schools. It was highly gratifying to note that only two votes were registered against the cause of education, and no doubt the two voters who made so poor a record for themselves are by this time heartily disgusted with themselves. But the High School is now a certainty, and it will be a school which will be a credit to Marshfield. That is one of Marshfield's good points. When at last she decides to do a good thing she does it well. So the school will become famous, and no pains will be spared to equip it thoroughly and effectively.

It must be appreciated also that the people have done well in deciding for a new site for a new common school. Whether it will be located in South or West Marshfield is not of so much importance as that it will relieve the overcrowded condition of the central school. It is very uncomfortable for little ones to sit in high chairs with their little feet above the floor and be unable to change their positions. It is unfair to them, also, for there is no justification in any theory of discipline in keeping them in such an unnatural position. The Marshfield schools are growing. Their standard is high. They have an excellent corps of teachers. They have an eminent educator of exceptional ability and skill at their head, and to the persistent and intelligent activity of Professor Golden is due in a very pronounced extent the credit of last evening's very enthusiastic and successful school meeting.

TALK IT UP.

When J. J. Hill recently called attention to the substantiality of Northwestern interests and their growing independence from Wall street money loaning concerns, he wound up his hard-headed, sensible remarks by advising his hearers to "Talk it up." The advice is good also for localities which have rich resources or which have exceptional advantages for the upbuilding of prosperous cities. The Coos Bay man has considered it his duty to "talk up" his section and, in fact, he generally forgets that it is a duty, and feels the inspiration of his surroundings so deeply that he "talks it up" because it is the prettiest and easiest subject in the world to talk about.

One feels astonished to hear a discordant note on Coos Bay, but the astonishment is increased many fold if an ably edited newspaper, whose duty it is to shape its policy so as to get all the people to pull together, suddenly becomes conscious of a duty to take its city by the ear, so to speak, pull it into the outside world and tell it in the presence of a multitude of good people who were getting ready to help it, that it was unfit for their investments. It is like the father giving his child a bad name for the child's good. A newspaper's business is to scold the city hard for such shortcomings as are common to most cities or such as can be corrected. It should never underestimate the values of property generally, and only sometimes specially.

Real estate values on Coos Bay are not excessive. They are not in advance of the values which have been reached in similar communities in the Northwestern states, including Minnesota, North Dakota, Western South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. They are not higher than in California. Yet on Coos Bay the present values are sustained by great resources and very remarkable cheap transportation facilities. So far as labor is concerned there is no city in any of the states named where it can procure lots or houses cheaper, and in most of the states the cost of living will be very much greater. There are large tracts close to mills where men are occupied in large numbers which can be purchased for from $65 to $150 per lot. These are twenty-five-foot lots, but two of them will cost from $130 to $300 and ample time is given to pay for them. Of course the man who labors does not expect to buy corner lots on business streets, as the value of those are subject to investigation by each purchaser. But if one takes into account the smallness of the peninsular—the exceptional inportance of the harbor as being 400 miles from any other of anywhere equal capacity—the fact that the platted portions are all within a few blocks of the water front—that the whole water front will be needed by shipping and is in great demand, that great and substantial industries already insure the permanency of the cities—that there are great resources of timber, coal and dairy, and food as well as fruit products close at hand, that the climate is alone sufficient to attract thousands of residents and investors,—there can be no doubt in the investor's mind that he will realize large profits on his investment. Neither can any laborer doubt that if he is a prudent and judicious man he can do well by purchasing a lot and owning his own home. There is not the slightest room to doubt that all have a good chance at present prices on Coos Bay.

To Whom It May Concern:

—This is to certify that Mr. Jack Rice is no longer connected with the Marsden Wholesale Liquor House, either at Marshfield or Bandon.

Robert Marsden.

Marshfield, Ore., Nov. 2, 1907.

NATIONAL JUST THE SAME.

Everybody has been after the Times man today on the question of whether the United States has a national holiday. He has been kept busy pointing out the fact that all the Times said in effect was "Hear the eagle scream on the Fourth and watch the turkey strut to the table on Thanksgiving day, and then dare to ask if the United States has a national holiday. If there ever were national holidays the United States has them. Congress makes them by law for the District of Columbia and the territories, the states make them by law on the same days or the governors follow the President's lead in the proclamation of them. If the question had been asked "Is there a law enacted by the Congress of the United States and approved by the Executive providing for the observance of any one day as a national holiday in all the states and territories?" the answer would have to be that Congress has no authority to compel any state to celebrate or observe such a day, and has therefore enacted no such law. But who dares to say that all Americans and some who are not Americans do not celebrate the Fourth and Thanksgiving day as national holidays everywhere. They are national just the same.

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La Crosse, Wis., Nov. 6.—Positive prevention of railroad wrecks and final Federal supervision of the railroads operating in the United States are the aim of Representative John J. Esch of La Crosse, who has already gained some prominence as co-author if the Esch-Townsend regulation bill, the hours of labor low and other corrective railroad legislation. Esch announces that he will go before Congress next December prepared to push two bills of importance, for the passage of which he has the backing of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the concurrence of President Roosevelt.

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