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MARSHFIELD FIREMEN

No more commendable association of men will be found in any community than those constituting volunteer fire companies of the small cities of the land. While it is true that they are not called upon as frequently to face danger as are the veteran and trained firemen of the large cities who are constantly in service and are paid for their work, yet when the occasion does come it is likely to develop the greatest danger and require the most admirable and self sacrificing heroism to overcome. Marshfield is not immune from fire and she is not so well constructed that a fire may not reduce her to ashes. Her volunteer fire department is certainly entitled to every encouragement and to make their work of self-sacrifice and patriotic devotion attractive in some degree, Marshfield people should spare no pains to show their appreciation. Such, at least, should be the attitude of property owners and tax payers.

It was stated in the presence of a representative of the Times the other day that so slight has been the appreciation of the value of the volunteer fireman's services, that on former occasions the Fireman's Balls, which ordinarily occurred about Christmas time, had been financial failures and it was intimated that this year it would be omitted altogether on that account. Such a situation does not reflect credit on the business men of Marshfield. It does reflect discredit of a most pronounced character on the property owners and tax payers. In the large cities all the people recognize the great value of a fireman's service and the "Fireman's Ball" is always an event which no business man or leader of society dares to ignore. It would be a disgrace. How much more important is it that a Fireman's Ball in a community like Marshfield, where the only compensation a fireman gets is the appreciation of his friends and neighbors, should be made a rousing financial success. And how much more important is it that he should be recognized this year, 1907, than it was last year! For Marshfield is growing and the danger which threatens is growing. It needs its volunteer fireman and should acknowledge the fact.

If the volunteer firemen should decide to have a Fireman's Ball this coming Christmas, or at any other time, they can count on the Times to aid them in every possible way. We believe they can count on the business men and property owners to do the same. It is not because the people do not appreciate them that they appear indifferent, but merely because they have been lucky and had no great fires so they forget. But it is just as well to keep the matter alive and remind the people that they may be open to the charge of treating their best friends very shabbily if they do not help to make a Fireman's Ball a grand success.

CHURCH AND CITY

Rev. D. W. Thurston of the First Baptist church of Marshfield, delivered a powerful sermon Sunday evening on the subject of "Why the People Do Not Attend Church." The subject was treated by the reverend gentleman in many phases and the church itself did not come off unscathed. One of the admonitions which he gave his hearers was that they should not fail to grasp visitors by the hand and make them feel that they are cordially invited to be a part of the community and of the church.

Here it is worth while to discuss the church as a purely secular and social institution. Without in the

least depreciating its great first work, it is profitable to point out its great value in helping to make visitors to the city feel at home and to induce them to cast their lot here and throw their influence for the up-building of a strong and pure municipal character. Does this merely moral work seem below the mission of the church? In order that it may be successful in the mission which belongs to it, the church must not despise the attractions which enable men to become satisfied with their surroundings. The social party, the refreshment social, the conversational gatherings, the games, the books and music of the world must be offered to all without discrimination. The saloons do not hesitate to use them, why should the church?

BAD BUT SUGGESTIVE

The action of the Southern Pacific in taking passenger train numbers eleven and twelve from the run between Portland and the south, while it is a misfortune for Coos Bay temporarily tends strongly to accentuate the importance of the coast line which has long been among the planned and probable constructions from the mouth of the Columbia to San Francisco. These trains have been taken off because of the almost prohibitive expense of operating trains in Cow creek canyon and over the Siskiyou mountains during the winter months. Once the line surveyed by the Southern Pacific south to Coos Bay and thence to Eureka and on to San Francisco is completed, the grades which form the obstacle to the operation of the line over the Siskiyou mountains will be avoided and the great coast line will be the true highway of commerce.

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The report is to be made in the suit started by the Government restraining sanitary district commissioners from constructing an addi-

tional outlet. The suit was started on the ground that an additional canal would lower the level of the lakes.

Dr. Hering says that from the investigation which he has made the contention of the Government is unfounded and from data which he has gathered he will show that by using Lake Superior as a storage place and by the use of the dams at Sault Ste. Marie the Michigan and Huron Lake levels can be maintained.

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