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NORTH BEND AND MARSHFIELD.

There are unaccountable obstacles to what should be very simple acts of wisdom on the part of the people of Coos Bay. One of these acts is the one which will give the two cities a water level road from Marshfield to North Bend. It is said that North Bend business men are somewhat out of patience because the committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce appointed to confer with the North Bend committee, has been unable to accomplish anything. North Bend is willing to build from the city down across Plat B, and Marshfield has already built its front street extension to the city limits as they were defined prior to the recent city election. The obstacle in the tract between Plat B and the Marshfield limit, which is the property of certain prominent Marshfield citizens. The mission of the conference committee of the two Chambers was to invoke the aid of the county court to provide a county road across the intervening tract. But the protracted season of judicial and financial fasting in the form of holidays has put the county court out of business, to a certain extent, so that the conference committee has been in no position to invoke its aid.

The recent election, however, was intended in part, to dispose of the obstacle mentioned by annexing the intervening tract which separates the two cities, to Marshfield. The people of Marshfield undertook to vote a large district into the city in favor of the proposition was overwhelming. But the district affected outside of the city was not consulted and was not given a chance to vote. Whether there is any law investing the city with such power is the question which the lawyers are about to discuss in the courts as soon as the courts are open. The general law on the subject of annexation provides for giving the district proposed to be annexed a voice on the question. It is understood that the city's legal advisors hold the statute to be unconstitutional on account of the subject of annexation not being mentioned in the title, but the opposite side refers to a Washington decision on a similar title and law which holds that the title is not defective. For this reason the city resorted to the initiative and referendum to annex the district and did not submit the matter to the vote of residents of the district.

It is much to be hoped that these questions will be disposed of without delay as the water front road is of vital importance to the progress of both North Bend and Marshfield. Whether the lawyers think it necessary to make long and exhaustive arguments on the legal phases of the question cannot be ascertained at present, but under our system of government and in view of the purpose of the initiative and referendum which was intended to give all who are to be affected by any given legislation a vote on the subject under consideration, would seem to the ordinary non-legal mind that annexation in the last election did not annex. Would it not be best, after all, to appeal to the county court just as soon as the holidays are over—if such a happy condition should ever chance to occur? It is a pity that this road can't be completed when almost everybody is in favor of it.

Don't destroy the Times after you read it. Send it to some friends in the east or elsewhere and thus help to advertise this most favored portion of the United States. It will cost you only a one cent stamp, and may be the means of bringing desirable homeseekers to this section.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING

If I can put some touches of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, then I feel that I have wrought with God.
—George Macdonald.

IN THE LOOM

I am not yet what fate intends; for Fate,
Who flung me singing in the loom of chance,
Still dogs my course with ever-watchful glance,
And where the rippling shuttles weave the state,
Still follows up my wayward thread; how great,
How small, my share in this the shuttle's dance
I know not, nor may know what power implants
The trailing woof, unseen, inviolate.

The warp was strung when this our world uprose
From toiling chaos in the morn of life,
And in the final night when doom descends
The starry fabric shall be knotted close;
And we shall know what pattern Fate intends
When all the weary shuttles cease from strife.
—Thomas Wood Stevens.

A word to the wise—is resented.
Marshfield is making a noise like a building boom.

Money talks, but just at present it seems to be struck dumb.

Money is damp when it is due in the morning and missed at night.

The more debts you contract the greater is their expanding power.

The world may be growing better but some of the people on Coos Bay fail to keep pace.

It occasionally happens that a man marries in haste and spends his wife's money at leisure.

Many a man has made himself miserable by meddling with something that was not worth while.

The world would be better if the people were as anxious to get into heaven as they are to get into society.

When anyone has done you a favor it looks much smaller to you the day after, but grows larger in his estimation.

The population of California increased 125,000 last year. The jail population promises to be largely increased this year.

Food prices have been reduced in New York and it is to be hoped that this phase of the panic will also work its way westward.

A Salem man after twenty-six years of married life has asked for a divorce. Gee! Those Salem fellows are slow to find out whether they are suited or not.

"Some people's idea of classified music," remarked W. R. Haines, as he removed a false note from a talking machine record, "is something that is very hard to play written by someone with an unpronounceable name."

A New York woman, who was saved from drowning, has been married to the man who rescued her. Her gratitude probably overwhelmed his judgment. Coos Bay bachelors will take warning and keep away from the water.

"I purchased these shoes here last month and I want to get them exchanged," began the man in a Marshfield store. "You'll notice that the patent leather has cracked."
"Oh, yes," exclaimed the clerk, when he had examined the shoes. "They are old stock. The patent has probably expired."

A report is current that some Coquille saloonkeepers are to be prosecuted under the pure food law for putting water and syrup in their whiskey. From the second hand information we have of Coquille whiskey the more syrup and water that is put in the whiskey the better it is.

Anna One House has just secured a divorce from Jim One House, her Sioux Indian husband.

This is a clear case of a House divided against itself.

It is said of the Americans that they owe a great deal to the trusts. No. They do not owe it. They have paid.

It may be true, as a Chicago professor alleges, that sea gulls talk, but its dollars to feathers they don't talk as foolishly as the Chicago professors.

Another trust outrage! The price of diamonds will be advanced. Thus does the cost of living increase little by little until suffering multitudes are driven to revolt.

The results of grafting are illustrated by Mr. Burbank's tree which produced seventy-three different varieties of apples. Also by the seventy-three indictments returned by the San Francisco grand jury.

Referring to The Times voting contest for a name for the great city that is being built on Coos Bay, the Albany Democrat says, "But what's in a name?" There's going to be progress and prosperity in the Coos Bay name.

TRADE AT HOME.

The Times wishes to call particular attention to its advertisements, and also say to its readers on Coos Bay and in Coos county that the business men never had better stocks than at the present time, and as is always the case, the prices are as low as you can buy the same goods for any place in the west.

Now that the holidays are here The Times would like to urge its readers to give their trade to the home merchants. Do not send away for holiday goods. Buy them here. Keep the money at home. This is the only way we can build up the stores, and the logical way to help the town and ourselves. If the merchants of the town had all the trade that is sent to Skinnem's cash store in Portland, to Grabben's cash store in San Francisco and the Beatem's plunder warehouse in Chicago, you would soon see that you are not only saving trouble and money, but the home stores would carry even better stocks than they do at present.

—Air Guns and Foot Balls for the boys at Milner's.

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—At Eckhoff Hall, North Bend, Saturday night, December 21.

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Phones—Office 1621; Residence 787

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Office over First National Bank,
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