

DISTRICT FAIR IS ENDORSED WITH SPIRITED ENTHUSIASM

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Manifests the Coos Bay Spirit.

SPEAKERS ARE APPLAUDED

Frances H. Clarke -Delivers Stirring Address and Capt. Recites Original Poem.

The Coos Bay spirit was dominant at last evening's meeting of the chamber of commerce. The very atmosphere was vibrant with it. It was voiced in the enthusiastic talks of C. A. Howard and F. P. Norton, in the eloquent and stirring impromptu address of Francis H. Clarke, in the animated music of the band and the militant measures of Captain Magenn's patriotic poem, "The Coming of the Fleet." The Times regrets that the Captain's promise of the poem to one of the leading San Francisco dailies will not permit its publication at present but it will appear in The Times simultaneously with its appearance in the San Francisco publication.

The enthusiasm for the District Fair which was kindled at the meeting the evening before was communicated to last night's assemblage. There was nothing but words of praise and promise for the proposed exhibition. Mr. Clark's earnest and inspiring words found a ready response in the hearts of his auditors as evinced by the warmth of their endorsement. Rarely is there such a harmonious combination of eloquence and practical suggestion as finds a place in the felicitous phrase with which Mr. Clark voices his faith in an appreciation of the resources and advantages of Coos Bay.

As a result of conference the president, Dr. McCormac announced the following committee from various parts of Coos county to enter on the preliminary preparations for the fair: Marshfield—A. H. Powers, F. P. Norton.

North Bend—L. J. Simpson
Coquille—A. J. Sherwood.
Myrtle Point—W. B. Pike.
Bandon—Stephen Gallier
Curry County—R. D. Hume.

Work will be inaugurated to make the coming District Fair one of the best ever held in Southern Oregon.

The musical feature of last evening's chamber of commerce meeting was a valuable and appreciated feature of the evening. President McCormac's gracious and grateful tender of appreciation and thanks to the members of the band was timely and appropriate.

AT THE CHURCHES

CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Mass at North Bend at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and in Marshfield at 10:30 Sunday morning.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.—Services will be held in the Masonic lodge rooms, Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject: "Soul." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—W. R. F. Browne, Pastor. 10 a. m. Sabbath School. 11 a. m. Sermon, subject: "Individual Responsibilities." 3 p. m. Junior League. 6:30 p. m. Epworth League. 7:30 p. m. Sermon, Subject: "Peter's Shadow." At all of these services a cordial welcome will be extended to all.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Sunday, February 16, 1908. 10 a. m. Bible school, F. M. Stewart, Superintendent, 11 a. m. Sermon: "The Hearer Becomes a Preacher." 3 p. m. Junior Union, Mrs. Phillips, Superintendent. 6:30 p. m. Young People's service. 7:30 Sermon: "The Golden Calf." Special music at all services. Strangers to our city given a most hearty welcome. "Come thou with us and we will do the good." Baptisms after the close of the evening services. D. W. Thurston, Pastor.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Sunday School convenes at 10 o'clock for Bible study. Young men, having no other affiliations, are cordially invited to spend this hour with the Young Men's Bible Class conducted by Mr. M. C. Horton. Morning worship is held at

ST. VALENTINE'S BALL SUCCESS

Delightful Evening Passed By Guests of Ladies Bridge Whist Club.

To hidden music, the strains of which filled the I. O. O. F. hall in a flood of harmony, the ladies of the Bridge Whist club, of Marshfield, and their guests, last night danced St. Valentine's Day of 1908 into history. The memory of last night's ball will long linger in the minds of those who attended. In the profusion of cedar branches, Oregon grape vines and huckleberry shrubbery, mute testimony to Coos Bay's perpetual summertime, that metamorphosed the severity of the hall into a luxurious nature bower; in the elegant simplicity of the gowns, the predominance of pink, white and blue, suggestive of the rhododendron, the rose and the violet, worn by the ladies, the elusive spirit of spring seemed to hover in intangible omnipotence—seemed to hang quivering on each note of melody as the dancers circled the hall.

The three score, odd, of couples who attended the ball were representative Coos Bayans. Dominant throughout the evening was that spirit of cordial hospitality and unaffected courtesy which distinguishes the social gatherings of Coos Bay.

The beautiful mythical love legend of St. Valentine was strikingly symbolized in the countless hearts that decorated the walls of the hall, and hung in streamers from a mass of evergreen in the center of the ceiling, running from thence to each of the four corners. It might be stated that the hearts could also have been symbolic of the trophies—male, of course—which that errant little knight, Archer Cupid, has gathered in since last St. Valentine's day in 1907.

From 8:30 until past 1 o'clock the dancers enjoyed the hospitality of the ladies of the Bridge Whist club and the music of the Coos Bay orchestra.

Following are the members of the card club: Mesdames, Straw Stafford, Perry Gettins, Perham, Lawlor, Flanagan, Nicholson, Farrin, Wright, Bargelt Scheutter, Richardson; Miss, Painter, Kaufman, Hutchison, Anderson, Butler, O'Connell.

If Eugene D. White, who wrote an interesting letter to the Portland Telegram on Coos and Curry counties and which is republished in another column of the Times this evening, had visited the Valentine's ball in Marshfield last evening he might have learned more of the social customs of this section than his letter indicates. He would have discovered that there are some social communities where the necessary preliminaries for a function are not merely "seven gallons" and a discarding of rubber boots. Will his friend Walter Lyon kindly advise him?

11 o'clock. The pastor will preach on the theme: "The Profitableness of Religion." The Christian Endeavor service is held at 6:30 o'clock. Topic: "Ministering to the Prisoners and the Poor." leader, Kathryn Smith. Preaching service at 7:30 with good gospel singing. Subject of sermon: "The Great Fish and What it Means. This is the second sermon of the story of Jonah. The invitation to this and all of the services is: Come, and bring a friend with you. H. H. Brown, Pastor.

—Owners of Boise addition intend to build a wagon road from Pennsylvania avenue draw bridge to their addition which when completed will materially advance the value of property in that addition.

—C. H. Roberts, one of the owners of Boise addition, is in the city looking after his business interests.

—See Title Guarantee & Abstract Co. for snaps on Eastside.

The "not-needed-now" things should be taken to the want ad people—it will "pull" it will impress, it will create trade, accordingly.

"UNBELIEVER" WRITES ONE

Times Leap Year Article Brings Still Another Contribution.

A Vein of Pathos is found in the article by "J. W. T." and while eight by ten rooms and lonesome chafing dish meals have their uses, one can see plainly that this writer is not one who shuns the society of men or practices what she advises. To her a life as bachelor maid would not appeal as she illustrates for her article shows there is warm blood in her veins. Still, her article is commendable defense of the independence of young women and if it were lived up to by the young women of the day the men would find infinitely more interest in the quest and would have less reason for believing that every marriageable woman is ready to freeze to the first offer of marriage.

Any man admires independence in a woman, but he doesn't want too much of it, and the article by "J. W. T." leaves the impression of something just a little more than is necessary in that attribute.

The average Coos Bay man, if we judge them correctly, would think himself outclassed by the maid this author pictures so vividly. He would understand it would be an endless uncertainty and a hopeless waste of time to pursue this ideal and so would hesitate to enter the lists and would leave the maid to her blessed independence which would sooner or later fall on her if she found it was not causing some swain uneasiness.

It is a favorable sign to find some interest being aroused in your matrimonial bureau for it is bringing out some excellent thoughts, even though few of them seem to have the ring of sincerity. The communications which have been published so far, largely seem thrown out as invitations for argument rather than expressive of the writers' actual sentiments. Let it be the rule hereafter in the discussions to omit subterfuge and cleave to convictions.

An instance of this trend we find "J. W. T.", which preadventure means "Just We Two," complaining of the "escape" of the best men on Coos Bay, meaning, likely, that they are married. Possibly every married man on the Bay took this as a special compliment to himself and has already inquired at the Times office the identity of "J. W. T." with the thought of rewarding her in some manner for her encouraging words.

Certainly, there is no recompense for an independent woman as the men ignore it. She will become docile enough when she observes that nobody cares for her independence.

Few marriageable women or men, despite aspirations to the contrary, are entirely sterile of thoughts of marriage. One who writes so entertainingly of the beauties of independence as "J. W. T." would be one of the first to lose her illusions should the right man come into her life. And she would look as earnestly on married life as she now pretends her indifference. How easy to say one thing and mean another. So with "J. W. T." She exploits the bachelor maid and perhaps, if the truth were known, has already made her choice.

Most men in these days have learned to believe what they choose when a woman talks, and so we accept "J. W. T.'s" article with the reservations enumerated.

UNBELIEVER.

I received an invitation to the Valentine ball.

In shirts, ties and collars, I had nothing at all
While on my way home to dinner that night
I stopped in a Goodrums, he fixed me up right.

I went to the ball and was all the swim,

The ladies told me I looked neat and trim

So here's a tip that's worth your while,

Geo. Goodrum certainly has the style.

A CUSTOMER.

An exchange says: "All this hue and cry about President Roosevelt disturbing the business interests of the country, instigated, probably by corporations whose corruption he is endeavoring to expose and punish, reminds me of the old Quaker whose wife discovered him kissing the hired girl behind the door. He said "Wife, if thou doesn't quick peek-ins, thee will make trouble in the family."

MEATS FROM A MODEL PLANT

A Packing House That Is Conducted Along Sanitary Lines and Several Miles Distant From Butchertown.

The Western Meat company, of San Francisco represents the new idea in the development of great industries. This concern immediately after the fire went fourteen miles from the city into San Mateo county eight miles from the slaughter house district and erected a model, modern sanitary packing establishment. Recently there has been some unsavory disclosures in the San Francisco papers of the unsanitary conditions in Butchertown, as it is called but there has been no censure of the Western Meat Co.'s establishment which is beyond criticism in that respect. A recent issue of the San Francisco Examiner had the following letter in reference to this subject which will prove interesting to Coos Bay readers as this company's products, the Eastern Star hams and bacon and Golden Gate lard are handled on the local market. The letter is as follows:

THE PLANT OF THE WESTERN MEAT COMPANY IS NOT IN BUTCHERTOWN.

Editor "Examiner":

In connection with the disclosures of the Federal health officials respecting the unhealthful and unsanitary conditions prevailing in Butchertown, it is proper to explain, for the enlightenment of any part of the public not already fully aware of the fact, that the great Plant of the Western Meat company is located at South San Francisco (South City) in San Mateo county, eight miles south of Butchertown, and is not included in the unfavorable report of the health officials on Butchertown plants.

United States government inspection has always prevailed at the plant of the Western Meat company, and the consumers of the products of this company know that they may at all times rest confident in the assurance that throughout the entire plant of the company cleanliness is the first consideration, and that matters of hygiene and sanitation receive constant and careful attention. All of the products of the Western Meat company, including fresh meats, bear the U. S. Government Inspector's stamp as a guarantee of their wholesomeness.

United States Government inspection at the Plant of the Western Meat company has been strictly enforced since the plant first started operations, and this inspection protects the public against any and all meat products not strictly fit for human consumption, as well as against the contamination of sound meats through infection from rats or otherwise.

We appreciate the efforts of the health authorities to improve the sanitary conditions of San Francisco, and are always glad to co-operate with them toward this end.

Yours very truly,
W. D. BENNETT,
Secretary, Western Meat Co.

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When suitor's woo,
To "bill and coo,"
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Her heart o'erflows
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Should then incline
Your soul—May others share
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