

STAR OF HOPE FOR COOS BAY

Prominent Attorney Writes From Pennsylvania He Sees It Rising on Pacific Coast.

A PAVING SUGGESTION

R. M. Stocker Writes The Times an Interesting Letter From Honesdale—Speaks for Consolidation.

The following interesting communication from a prominent attorney of Honesdale, Pennsylvania, has been received by the Times. It contains some excellent food for thought and readers of The Times will find it worthy of careful perusal.

Honesdale, Pa., Feb. 8, 1908.
Editor Times:

I am reading your paper and several other Oregon publications carefully and I believe the star of hope is about to rise over Coos Bay. The Southern Pacific system will be compelled to build in there pretty soon or some one else will come in there. Owing to the coal that you have there "Uncle Sam" may want Coos Bay for a naval station yet. Some of the most stirring events in the history of the twentieth century will take place on the borders of the mighty Pacific ocean. The cradle of the race was about the Mediterranean Sea, their power shifted to the nations about the North Sea. After the discovery of America the Atlantic ocean became the great highway of commerce, with the building of the trans-continental railroads the Pacific coast began to open up, with the completion of the Panama canal it will still further open up. The awakening of Japan and China with their teeming millions will open up trade relations that will make the Pacific a great highway of commerce and ports that can be developed like Coos Bay must come to the front. I wish all the towns on that peninsula could rise to the importance of what lies before them and consolidate under one city charter and one name and one government, then you could plan for the harmonious development of that whole peninsula along broad lines.

The longer you delay consolidation the harder it will be to consolidate. Local pride becomes stronger and petty selfish pride becomes more deeply rooted.

The Marshfield mayor practically told the council that the town would have to take off its baby clothes and don man's attire. He was right and that talk applies to the whole peninsula. Just consolidate and plan great things for a great city. I was never in your city during the rainy season but I imagine that the streets are about impassable at that time. Have you ever tried block pavement. Washington, the capital of our country, was rescued from the mud and made into one of the most beautiful cities in the world by block pavement. When I was in West Superior, opposite Duluth, they were making good streets in that quagmire, with block pavement. First grade your road, then put on a dressing of about six or eight inches of cracked stone, roll these down with a heavy roller so that the center will be a little higher in order that the water may run off them. Put on the blocks. These blocks should be eight or ten inches high, sawed off of squared timbers and set on end close together. It needs a little sand to adjust the blocks and fill up the cracks. Such a pavement makes an elegant road and it lasts for years. Timber is cheap with you and I am of the opinion that fir and cedar would make good blocks. You should try one short street first and see how it works. Virginia avenue, at North Bend, from Sherman avenue down to the wharf would be an excellent place to make the trial, and I suspect Simpson would not charge much for blocks enough to make the trial. Perhaps your greatest difficulty would be in getting the stone, but there is stone up Coos River and perhaps other places that could be got for the purpose. Nothing will give you so much courage as having streets that are sold the year around. You will realize then that you are in a city where business can be transacted all the year around with comfort. Good streets with a few brick blocks will give the town a city appearance.

Yours
R. M. STOCKER.

"I must admit I would not try to sell Sound Ring at first, but now—well, the boss can't get enough of it."—Elias Campbell, with F. A. Sacchi.

M. F. D. HAS A GOOD RECORD

Brief Review of the Department's Past and Outlook for Future.

Monday morning the Marshfield fire department again demonstrated its ability to cope with dangerous fires; this recalled to the minds of Marshfielders the fact that they have a fire department. We are prone, in this busy age to relegate our firemen—like our soldiery and those other institutions which await in modest retirement emergency's call to bestir for action—into a dusty recess of unconscious neglect. The neglect is all the more flagrantly conspicuous because of the untoward show of adulation we make when these organizations spring into the white glare of publicity by acquitting themselves with credit when the summons for duty is sounded. The first duty of a municipality is toward its fire department, other matters come in their natural sequence. It should be the chief aim, the paramount pride of the city administration to keep the fire department up to such a standard of par excellence that it will be an example of emulation for other cities.

In August 1891 the nucleus of the present fire department was organized when James H. Flanagan was elected foreman of the Marshfield engine company, No. 1. The charter members of the department are: W. L. Rideout, C. Fenner, A. J. Jackson, Herman Truscow, Chris Rasmussen, S. D. Magnes, George P. Aston, J. F. Hall, W. P. Murphy, George S. Twombly, James H. Flanagan, J. S. Coke, James Hill, C. S. Benner, C. W. Patterson, F. M. Phipps.

From the engine company organized seventeen years ago the department has grown and expanded until now it numbers a total membership of ninety. Its fire fighting history has been a succession of gallant victories. The memory of the fight against the fire in the Castlewood saloon is still recalled with pride by Marshfield residents. Odds were heavy there. The saloon building was in the middle of a crowded business block and the flames had gained fearful headway before the alarm was sounded. The fire, however, never got beyond its original confines and abutting buildings escaped unscathed.

The fire department is well provided in the way of equipment, having one steamer, a chemical, a hook and ladder and three hose carts. Following is the list of active members: Bennett Swanton, J. W. Chapman, L. R. Robertson, Vincent Pratt, Tom Nicols, chief; C. A. Penneck, George Ferry, E. Ferry, M. Ireland, J. L. Ferry, Jr., J. W. Butler, treasurer; E. C. L. Farrin, William Longstaff, Charles Jensen, standing committee; C. R. Golden, George Farrin, T. J. Lewis, William Brainard, Robert Marsden, Jr., Hillis Short, Ralph Matson, L. D. Pettyjohn, H. Cordes, Ira J. Chapman, Daniel Keating, R. E. Johnson, Leonard Mauzey, William Sleep, Edgar Mauzey, Albert Seelig, A. W. Neal, A. Helming, H. Loekhart, Charles McCulloch, Jasper Mauzey, George Thomason, A. G. Noah, Thomas Lawhorn, Sam Marsden, E. Lawrence, George A. Stolty, L. D. Noah, Charles Cortell, L. W. Trayer, secretary; Dan Lyons, James Cowan, George Gulovsen, Thomas Rooke, A. E. Sleep, U. G. Keenan, John Longstaff, Jr., Roy Olivant, C. W. Wolcott.

Following are the names of the exempt members. After an active member has served for seven years he is given an exemption card which releases him from compulsory fire duty. It is a tribute to the patriotism and devotion of the fire department, however, that many of the exempt members are among the most active workers at fires:

John F. Hall, C. W. Patterson, James H. Flanagan, W. P. Murphy, George Camel, August Peterson, D. Reitzman, T. T. Golden, Charles Kronholm, A. J. Watson, J. S. Coke, Jr., James Watson, F. E. Nelson, C. A. Woodward, A. B. Prentiss, John Stauff, W. A. Toyo, George Winchester, J. W. Tibbens, O. Schetter, F. A. Sacchi, James Hutchinson, J. T. Hall, Carl L. Albright, president of the fire department; F. M. Fredburg, E. R. Colgan, George Ayre, August Farley, Charles Stauff, C. E. Nicholson, W. H. Eickworth, A. B. Campbell, C. F. McKnight, J. W. Flanagan, R. C. Cordes, J. J. Kronholm, R. D. Brainard.

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Ladies of Beautiful America Club Take Another Step in Great Campaign.

Another step was taken in the campaign for a "city beautiful" of North Bend at the meeting of the Beautiful America club in that city yesterday afternoon when it was decided to convert the area of ground in front of the city hall into an artistic plaza. The space of ground in front of the city hall is the converging point of four streets and forms a large circle about 200 feet in diameter. The ladies wish to move the band stand from its present site to the center of this circle, and if the structure is too solidly built to allow of moving, the ladies will build a public fountain. Either one would have the effect of beautifying this particular space immeasurably. J. G. Horn, the North Bend contracting carpenter, will investigate the band stand this week and report to the ladies whether it can be removed. Friday a special meeting will be held to take decisive action on Mr. Horn's report. For the raising of funds to carry on their great campaign the ladies yesterday decided to give a Calico Ball on the first Saturday after Easter. A. W. Myers, Coos Bay's well known merchant, will cooperate with the ladies in their efforts to raise money by giving them five per cent of the total sales of the store on Saturday, February 29. On this occasion the Beautiful America club members will serve lunch in the Myers store basement and also give an elaborate entertainment in the basement theater.

Alliance Departs—The Alliance was due to leave North Bend today at 1 o'clock. Following is the list of passengers taking passage for Portland: C. W. Waldrick, Pearl, Archie and Clarence; C. Schom, H. W. McBrown, Miss Carrie Tile, Miss Katherine Nicols, W. C. Walling, Mrs. Dooley, Halden Foss, Jas. F. Reed, L. A. Murray, George McGregor, Mrs. K. McGregor, Miss Daisy Hunt, George Palmer, M. W. Warner, W. W. Holland, Jimmie Tile, E. Highly, E. Boone.

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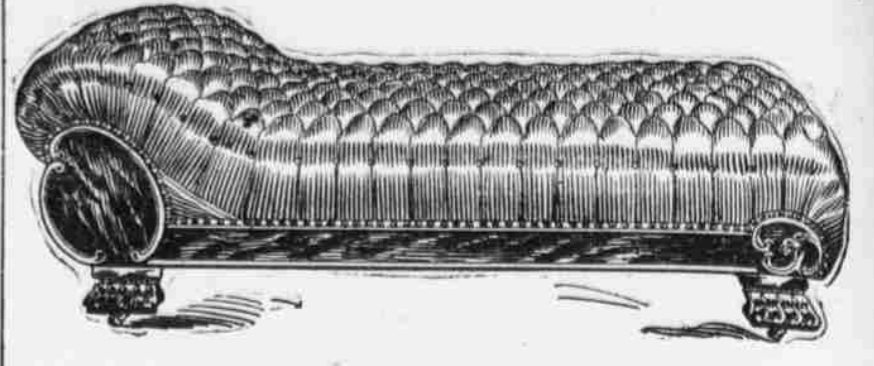
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