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STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND REMONSTRANCES.

The disposition of property owners in Marshfield to remonstrate against street improvements where they are abutters, is probably due to a fear that large expense will be incurred and that after all the future will not bring the anticipated and hoped for growth.

It is surprising sometimes to observe the unwillingness of owners to improve the street where they hold lots for speculation. They declare and doubtless believe that their street will be the principal one in the city.

cause they don't succeed. The best street in Marshfield so far as prospects and expectations are concerned, is perhaps one of the worst in its present condition.

As for lots—their value depends on several things: First—Who holds them? In the hands of a drone, a laggard or a coward they will never increase in value because he will either disfigure them or attempt no improvement.

Second—On the street which runs by. If the street is a mud hole, impassable or unimproved the lot has no value. Its value depends on the street. If the street is crooked, irregular, narrow, ungraded and unpaved the lots are valueless.

Third—The public conveniences in the community. If there is no public spirit there can be no real increase in the value of lots.

Marshfield has no excuse for refusing to improve its streets. The city council may have an excuse in the unreasonable remonstrances of lot owners. The lot owners have none, especially as the law provides that the assessments for such improvements may be paid by such owners in ten equal payments, one each year for ten years.

It is evident that all obstacles to public improvement is not due to inaction on the part of the council, but is also in some measure due to lack of courage on the part of lot owners.

People who lack courage—who do not believe in their own loud assertions that the city is destined to be great—whose faith is not shown but rather believed by their works—who wait and wait for others to act and do not act themselves—never build cities.

Fortunately—in spite of the innumerable remonstrances against every step in the direction of progress—there are enough progressive people in Marshfield to counteract the effect of remonstrances. It ought to be said, however, that it will be cheaper now both, because of the times and cheapness of materials and labor to make these street improvements than it will be in one or two years.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING. ARE SALOONS A BENEFIT TO A TOWN FINANCIALLY?

If they are then Marshfield with its 13 saloons should be in a fine financial condition, with paved streets, municipal water works and electric lights, city parks, city docks, modern sewer system and everything that goes to make up a modern city, with city warrants at a premium.

What are the facts? According to the report of Expert Squires she is in an alarming condition.

With a city charter that allows an indebtedness of but \$25,000 she is in debt to the amount of \$43,000 and going still further in debt.

Not a bank in the county will cash the Marshfield city warrants at par. There is not a single foot of paved streets.

Not a single one of the above necessary improvements.

Worse than all, the city is running in debt to the extent of several thousand dollars annually; and the city council is considering the advisability of asking the people to allow them to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$50,000.

What do you think that for a "wet" town?

Compare the above with the city of Eugene a dry town for two years, which is in a most prosperous condition as shown by the statement of Mayor Matlock.

MARSHFIELD "DRY" BY 200 COUNTY BY 500.

A careful canvass of the list of registered voters assures a majority for Prohibition in Marshfield of 200 and in the county of 500.

Do not worry about Marshfield.

LICENSE AND CRIME. \$1.00 TO \$11.00.

For every dollar the state of Oregon receives from saloon licenses it pays out over eleven dollars in the prosecution and punishment of crimes caused by liquor.

Cities receive the license fee and the counties pay the bills.

Farmers where do you get off? What good will Prohibition do Coos county, if we elect gamblers and saloonmen to execute our laws? Remember this when you vote.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

"A book is a treasure more precious than gold; An heirloom bequeathed to mankind; A casket of wisdom in which we behold The kindest gems of the mind."

All Alike.

Are you half as anxious, neighbor, When a fellow's down and out, To go down to him a-smiling And to help him right about, As you are to climb the ladder Where some lucky fellow stands And give him a cordial greeting With the strength of both your hands?

Do you, when the votes are counted And you're purple in the face, Even mutter a "poor devil" For the men who lost the race? Do you let the cheering thousands Move along, leave you behind, Where the loser sits a-brooding Till you tell him "Never mind."

For each race that's won, a loser Falters somewhere down the way, For each battle won the vanquished Lie all wounded from the fray. For each million made, a thousand Through the byways cry for bread, For each bay-wreath won, a million Cease to climb, with drooping head.

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of various things."

Let's size up our "Christian garment," Mark its fit and how it clings, Don't it bind and tear in places? Wouldn't you far rather hike To the standards of the winners? Yes? I guess we're all alike! —Exchange.

If every Coos Bay man was compelled to vote as he prayed there are some who would never get to the polling places.

Some people seem to think that all that is necessary to build up a city is to get out and yell, sling red and black paint and make funny remarks.

A man at Providence who is 70 years old says that he has greatly improved his health by eating four ounces of sand every day. That's something that takes plenty of sand, all right.

What the World Owes Him. To the man who's always grunting And a grumblin' and a-kickin' The world don't owe a livin' But a thunderin' big lickin'.

A Seattle man is said to have dislocated his neck trying to kiss a pretty girl wearing a merry widow hat. Girls who wear these hats should be careful and so twist themselves as to help a fellow.—Portland Journal.

Never mind, girls, you just keep on wearing merry widows; the boys are only joking; they will come to see you just the same. It will take more than that to keep them away—and a whole lot more.

"The coming of spring makes us happy," said the Nestor of the Millicoma club, "because millions of years ago it made happy the hairy, gibbering creatures that men then were. Primeval man lived in trees, in caves and burrows. He could not build and he had not yet discovered fire. Hence winter, with its sleet and snow and ice, was a time of terrible suffering to the poor naked wretch. With the spring's coming, the return of the flowers, the birds and the blue skies, with the return, above all, of the warm sunshine, naked man rejoiced with an intensity we can hardly imagine. He lay on the green grass, the sunlight poured its gold floods of warmth on his reddish hide, and he was profoundly happy in the thought that for five or six months he would be quite comfortable. It is a faint, dim memory of that happiness which makes us today vaguely rejoice in the beautiful spring weather, vaguely hope that something pleasant is going to happen to us."

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