

COOS BAY TIMES

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NO GROUCH HERE.

HERE ARE those on Coos Bay who seem to have reached the conclusion and try to give currency to it that The Times is "knocking" the city and its prospective developments of various sorts. This we deny earnestly and emphatically; and to bolster the denial we assert that in every instance these complaints come direct from those who are next and nearest the things we have had to deal with in a critical way.

It is time some sort of censorship was set up hereabout to look into the public concerns that are being shaped up here, and to exact the "square deal" at every point of contact between the public and the promoter. That's what we are in existence for, and that we are misconstrued by those who are pinched a bit in the discussion, makes no difference to us. We are after the general good and safety and that is all there is to it.

We are daily and hourly in touch with the candid sentiment of the people here; far more so than those who pretend to tell us where we fall. We have no hammer out for anything that is fair and square and business-like but if a hundred men tell us the same thing in the course of a day on any given proposition, we are going to look into it and help straighten it out if it is the last thing we do on Coos Bay. Coos Bay has no better friend than its press, and we propose to discuss public matters upon their merit and demerit no matter who has to bear the weight of criticism.

There are two ways of doing things; the right way and the wrong way; we propose to have them done the right way or not at all; anything short of this is communal treachery.

We give thousands of columns a year to the good of Coos Bay and do it gratuitously and because we are of Coos Bay. We are none of us infallible, but we can help each other at the propitious moment, and for one, we propose to do this. It is very easy to forget the generosity of the local press, far too easy; and while we are about it, we may as well say that that forgetfulness and indifference to past favors, is thoroughly well known and understood at this office, and is always employed in differentiating the sources of adverse criticism wherewith we are indulged. We are for Coos Bay first; after that we shall always be glad to say the cheerful and friendly thing of the individual. This is the province of a newspaper, interested and disgruntled critics to the contrary notwithstanding.

POISE.

People who would attain exquisite mental poise must dive between the white-caps and the waves on the surface of thought, down into the depths of their beings, where is eternal calm which no mental tempest can disturb.

A perfectly poised mind must be in frequent communication with the divine. Dwelling upon human qualities will never bring that perfect mental balance, that divine serenity which makes mere physical beauty unattractive in comparison.

There is a sweetness, a ripeness, a divine something about a serene mind which eludes analysis, but which we all feel. No wealth can compare with the benign, satisfying influence which radiates from an exquisitely poised personality.

Some of our best observatories are built upon mountain tops, so that the great lens which sweeps the heavens may not be obscured by the dust, the dirt, the mists floating in the atmosphere.

In order to shut out the din, the terrible noises which distract the mind, in order to shut out the thousand and one disturbing influences in our strenuous life, the things which warp and twist and distort us, it is necessary to rise into the higher realm of thought and feeling, where we can breathe a purer air, get in closer touch with the divine.

ON HAVING FRIENDS.

Luckless is the man without friends. How insufferably empty and stupid is the life of one who cannot point to a score and more intimates that would cheerfully forego a good dinner for the privilege of helping him minimize his tribulations. What a tranquil, uninteresting world it would be, but for the efforts of the "good fellows" in behalf of those of whom they are fond.

A touching manifestation of friendship occurred in Pittsburg a few days ago, and, seemingly, is a case in point. A certain young man, upon deciding to marry, invited all of his affectionate comrades to the function. They went. Knowing the mental strain of such affairs upon the parties chiefly concerned, the faithful contingent perceived, unobtrusively, the way of duty, and labored heroically to divert the newly-wedded couple.

As soon as the ceremony had ended, waggish hands seized the bride and groom, handcuffed them together, threw them into an ash cart, and galloped the humble vehicle madly about the town to the eternal delectation of street urchins and loafers who kindly contributed sundry onions and cabbages, not mentioning jovial advice and criticism, to the blissful pair. It was indeed a joyous and edifying occasion, although it is regrettable that the groom failed to add his mite to the general good will and joviality of the moment by sportively breaking the heads of his dear friends with the single tree of the ash cart.

George Gould's oldest son is working in a mine in Nevada. Since Mr. Harriman got acquainted with the family the Goulds apparently appreciate the necessity of earning their own living.

Mary Callahan, a Texas widow, owns 60,000 sheep. When we con-

sider the fact that Mary had a little lamb, only, to begin with, it must be acknowledged that she has done remarkably well.

A man has so many more temptations than a woman—because he knows where to go and find them.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.
"Increase your savings ere
your earning capacity de-
creases; naught treads so si-
lently as the foot of Time."
—Selected.

STRANGE.
ISN'T it strange, with all the girls
We see about us every day—
Girls with pompadours and curls,
With hair that rolls and hair that awirls,
With eyes of blue and eyes of brown,
With all the different girls in town—
Isn't it strange, I rise to say,
With all these girls for us to view,
That only one dear girl will do?

ISN'T it strange that we should sigh
With girls about us everywhere
With rosy lip and laughing eye,
With winsome Nellie dancing nigh,
With romping Sue and roguish May
And elfish Kate, that we should say
For all these girls we have no care,
But thousands of miles o'er the ocean
Is gentle Jane—only she will do?

ISN'T it strange, but isn't it true,
With millions of lassies, far and near,
There's only one in the world will do,
Only one that your heart goes to?
The others are pretty and witty and gay,
But they don't charm you in the slight-
est way.
The songs they sing you cannot hear,
They may dance and sing, but somehow
for you
There's only one girl in the world will do.
—Selected.

Poker and love are both games of bluff.

A Coos Bay girl thinks a man is swift if he tries to flirt with her and slow if he doesn't.

No man ever had half as much fun with a butterfly after catching it, as he did during the chase.

If all Coos Bay people were credited with their good intentions the recording angel would require an additional clerk.

Why does Johnny giggle less
And stifle all his grins
I'll tell you since you'd never guess
In two weeks school begins

One difference between some Coos Bay men and a mule is that the men do most of their kicking with their mouths.

Too many Coos Bay church members are a lot more anxious about their souls' salvation than they are about the preacher's income.

"Marriage," remarked the Mill-coma Cynic, "is a good deal like a circus; there is not as much in it as is represented in the advertising."

Man is such an unreasonable creature that when he finds a dime in the street he feels as if there should be about 90 cents more coming to him.

Every Coos Bay father makes the mistake of thinking that after he has paid \$3 for music lessons, his little girl knows enough to play when company comes.

A day on the planet Jupiter is said to be as long as 50,000 days on the earth. A two weeks vacation with full pay on Jupiter must be worth while.

Every man knows he is not the heroic, fascinating creature his sweet-heart pretends to think him, but he would rather be lied to by his dying day than to be told the brutal truth.

A clever Coos Bay girl who doubtless speaks from experience, says: "A baby's kisses taste of stale milk, a boy's of jam, a young man's of cigarettes and a bachelor's of cock-tails.

Yes, she's away, you would not guess
It from the way I've made my bed;

Nor could you know the absence by
The bird, for twice a day he's fed.
The rubber plant is moist all the time,
I am attending to her wishes;
And yet you're sure that she's away,
Because you see those dirty dishes.

Yes, she's away. I've fed the cat,
I've even dusted the chairs;
And though she is not here, you'll find
No burned-out matches on the stairs,
The sweet peas daily I have plucked
That was but one of many wishes;
And yet there's proof that she's away,
Behold that stack of dirty dishes!

Yes, she's away. I'm "keeping back,"
The curtains in the front are drawn;
Yet you'd not guess that I'm un-
housed,
Three times a week I'm up at dawn
The wood each morn I carry in,
I change the water for her fishes;
And yet her absence now is plain,
For I'm entirely out of dishes.
DR. A. L. H—EW—H.

AT THE CHURCHES

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

UNITED BRETHREN OF NORTH BEND.
Preaching services Sunday 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Cooston, 3 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Young People's meeting 7 p. m. Y. M. C. A. 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday at 8 p. m. All are invited to attend each and all of these services.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.
Rev. Father DONNELLY.
There will be mass at the Marshfield Catholic church at 8 o'clock and 10:30 Sunday morning. The Rev. Father Curley will celebrate mass at North Bend at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NORTH BEND.
F. A. LACY, Pastor.

Preaching service at 11 o'clock, subject of sermon, "The Place Where Road Forks." Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Epworth League at 7 o'clock p. m. Evening preaching at 8 o'clock. "Christ the World Power Now." Captain Schmehl will preach in the evening.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Rev. B. F. Bengtson, Pastor.

Services will be held tomorrow in the following order: Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. and morning service in Swedish at 10:30. In the evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. Ahlquist will preach in English. His theme will be "The Christian's Joy." Special music will be rendered by the choir. Next Thursday evening the usual mid-week worship.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
The First Baptist church congregation will unite with the Methodist Episcopal congregation in the 11 o'clock services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday. In the evening, the Rev. B. Mills of North Bend will preach at the Baptist church. There will also be special music in the evening by the choir. Miss Mable Clare Mills will render a special solo. All other services at the Baptist church at the usual hours.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
W. R. F. BROWNE, Pastor.

Services for Sunday, September 6, 1908: 10 a. m., Sabbath School, E. L. Church, superintendent; 11 a. m., sermon, "A Pertinent Question"; 7 p. m., Epworth League, leader F. C. Burch; topic, "Our Charge." League rally, 8 p. m., sermon, "The Dignity of Labor." This being the Sabbath before Labor Day, the evening sermon will be devoted to a discussion of the merits of one of the most important questions before us today. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of labor, you will be welcomed.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.
H. H. BROWN, Pastor.

Announcements for Sunday, September 6th: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service held at 11 o'clock. The rite of Infant Baptism will also be administered immediately before the Communion service. All professed Christians are cordially invited to join with us in this service.

The regular evening service will be held at 8 o'clock at which the pastor will preach. His subject will be: "Do We Have to be Good?" The Sunday School holds its session at 10 a. m. Classes for all grades and ages. Strangers in the city are especially welcome in the Bible Class conducted by the pastor. The Young People's Society holds its service at 7 p. m. Topic: "A Life Lived With God," being the IX Lesson under The Songs of the Heart. This is Consecration meeting and will be led by Mr. Andrew Landies. Special music is rendered by the choir at the services for public worship, while the organ voluntaries are carefully selected and rendered by Prof. Elmer A. Todd, organist and director.

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