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BETTER STEAMBOAT SERVICE.

WHILE WE ARE talking about railways, electric lines, automobile roads and divers and sundry methods of getting passengers in and out of Coos Bay, would it not be well to consider how also to improve the passenger service by way of the sea? All of us know what a distressing period of sickness and disagreeable experience, the present ocean trip to and from Portland is. While we are glad to have the Breakwater and Alliance and recognize them as the best carriers in and out of Coos Bay to the north, after viewing the boats which ply between similar points in the east, it is impossible to doubt that we are far behind the rest of the world in our water facilities for transportation as well as those of land. Yet it is possible to improve our water facilities so that the trip from Portland will be one of pleasure rather than one of general distress.

A steamer costing one hundred thousand dollars and capable of carrying one hundred and fifty or two hundred passengers could be so constructed as to make the trip between Coos Bay and the mouth of the Columbia during the night. That would not be increasing the speed in any extraordinary degree. A boat between points on the Atlantic which could not do as well would get no passengers at all. Excepting from Marshfield to the bar there is nothing to see on the ocean trip. The ordinary passenger boat on the Atlantic is constructed for comfort, and to enable the patrons to make observations where they will give pleasure. A boat between Coos Bay and Portland should be so arranged. On arriving in the still waters of the Columbia river or while in the same still waters leaving Portland, the observation facilities would be very popular. Such a boat making the entire trip in twenty hours would pass between the two cities three times a week and would be attractive to travel. At the same time it would carry the freight.

The result would be that little complaint would arise from the difficulty of getting in and out of Coos Bay. If it should be said that the travel would not justify such improvement in the vehicle of conveyance, the answer would be that the present records are notoriously poor because of the distress incident to the prolonged trip. The lack of travel when the boats are insufficient, is remedied always by putting on boats which are sufficient. Electric lines are good. Automobile roads are good. Railroads we must have. But boats, speedy and attractive boats, we might have at a cost infinitely less than electric lines and fully as profitable. If the civic bodies of the Bay would take up this matter and push it with half the zeal they display in connection with the harder propositions, they could revolutionize the steamboat facilities, make the water trip attractive, fill the country full of tourists and advertise the country. It is the most practical suggestion yet offered.

AN INCALCULABLE LOSS.

BY WHAT NARROW margin do men oftentimes miss their opportunity in this world, and what incalculable loss to the world sometimes results.

In the newspapers recently appeared an allusion to the fact that certain mechanics nearly sixty years ago almost succeeded in the invention of the engine the discovery of the principle of which has made the automobile and the airship feasible.

This allusion has renewed recollection of perhaps one of the most important failures in the history of the world.

In the ruins of Pompeii, destroyed by the volcano Mount Sommo in the year 70, were found not long ago, as such things are measured, a loaf of bread on which was a trade mark: "Celus, Slave to Gracchus."

In the front room, or drawing room of the house in which the bread was unearthed, the excavators found what seemed to be sticks of charcoal, and jokes were bandied among the workmen about a wealthy man who would keep his woodpile in his parlor. But in tossing the sticks back and forth one of them broke open and it was disclosed that the "woodpile" in reality was a library, and a large one, consisting of parchment rolls.

Now Celus, slave to Gracchus, a baker with pride and progressive spirit doubtless knew little of the master's library and his rolls of parchment, but he was vain of his bread and knew that it paid to advertise. So he made a stamp, with the letters reversed, with which he might stamp his loaves of bread with his name, gaining fame according to the circulation of his product. The soot of his oven doubtless sufficed to enable him, rubbed upon his stamp with reversible letters, to apply the first trade mark known to history.

Nearly 1,400 years passed away and a genius in Germany invented printing. He discovered that moveable types, bearing reversed letter faces, would produce a printed page under pressure. His fame is secure through that marvelous invention.

Poor Celus, slave to Gracchus. He failed to "arrive," as we say now of him who falls a little short of success or desired achievement. He doubtless knew little of his master's library of parchment rolls in the drawing room of the house in which he was the humble baker, but it is pleasing and charitable to hope that had not Pompeii been destroyed, Celus the slave eventually would have applied the idea of his baker's stamp to bookmaking and he would have the fame which now justly belongs to Gutenberg.

This is of insignificant importance, however, for the thing in which the world is concerned is the incalculable loss it suffered from the 1,400 years delay in the application of the idea of Celus to printing.

THE MODERN SYSTEM OF CITY BOOSTING.

KING SOLOMON's temple is to be rebuilt by the Masonic order, but on a new site. What a chance for the officials of various Commercial Clubs to get busy!

Which reminds that the business of town expanding through the agency of commercial clubs has become a universal and necessary custom. The commissioners of such

kets for manufactured products, the labor, transportation, and fuel considerations, sources of raw materials, enlistment of capital and tendency for established concerns to seek new locations are matters of everyday study on the part of the up-to-date commissioner. They are paid well for their services if they deserve it and rural cities bid against each other to secure the men with good reputations.

No city ever grows so large that its interest in adding to its industries subsides. New York and Chicago maintain immensely expensive organizations at work for the protection of their trade advantages and to secure greater ones.

OTHER RAILWAY TROUBLES.

SOME OF THE interior towns of Oregon that have been commiserating Coos Bay on its isolation and lack of railway facilities have troubles of their own. It is evident that the presence of a railway does not banish all trouble. The Ashland Tidings gives the reason why it is desirous to have Jim Hill hurry into the state of Oregon: "The city of Ashland received a carload shipment of copper wire for the new municipal light and power distributing system, all the way from Trenton, New Jersey. The freight charges on the shipment aggregated \$1,020, \$548 of which represented the charges for the haul of four thousand miles across the continent from New Jersey to Portland, and \$472 the local tariff for the 341 miles from Portland to Ashland. Isn't it about time Jim Hill was heading into Oregon with a competing railroad which it is hoped will lift the interior towns from freight bondage, as well as open up to railroad traffic that vast territory known as "Darkest Oregon," now shut out entirely from the rest of the world?"

NEWSPAPERS AND COLLEGES.

THE WORK OF the newspaper is as useful as that of the colleges. The muck rake may be the instrument of reform. The sensational when important is to be desired, and the wonder is not that the press makes so many errors but that it makes so few.

All men are purveyors of false reports, partly because the truth is so elusive, partly because it is so difficult to disassociate knowledge from beliefs and partly because of the inaccuracy of memory.

As to sensationalism the line must be distinctly drawn between the newspaper which appreciates news value and the newspaper which regards violence as the mark of a good story. I believe that the public is becoming more civilized and that the paper that elects to give importance to the news which is of real importance to the public will find an ever-growing clientele.

The defects of the modern newspaper, like the defects of our universities are not for the thoughtless or the uninformed to point out. None of us is perfect.—President Judson, University of Chicago.

TO TRY HOME PAPERS FOR ADVERTISING

T IRED WITH its experiments with booklets and folders, the La Grande Commercial Club has agreed to invest a certain sum for extra copies of the home newspapers and hereafter the homeseekers who write that organization for literature will be furnished a three months' subscription to one of the local papers. Here is a step in the right direction. While specially prepared booklets, circulars and other commonly used means of advertising are good there is always the danger of giving the recipient of such matter the feeling that our drawbacks, if any, are glossed over, and our advantages exaggerated. Every-day happenings and facts of our crops, civic life, improvements, etc., are told in every issue of the local papers, and readers will feel that they are getting the truth plain and unvarnished. Then, if they decide to come to this section, they will do so with the intention of remaining.—Exchange.

NOT NECESSARY TO COPY.

Mr. Harriman told the group of reporters: "It is in my mind to open up new territory and to build new tributary lines." Coos Bay papers please copy.—Portland Oregonian.

The fact that the Coos Bay Times printed this information one day before it appeared in The Oregonian makes it unnecessary to copy it as a matter of news. It is reprinted for the purpose of informing the editor of The Oregonian that Coos Bay is not entirely off the map altho some Portlanders, including the Oregonian, would evidently try to make it so appear.

ROSEBURG AND COOS BAY.

The proposition to hold a session of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress in this city is altogether proper. It will be another shot fired along the future line of the coming railroad, and will create more and general agitation which cannot but hasten the day when the end hoped for will reach consummation. There is no doubt in the minds of all who have given the railroad question careful study that Roseburg will be on the main line of the railroad that is to begin Coos Bay's deliverance, and for that reason the matter is of vital importance to our people. It is therefore to the interest of the people here that the proposed session be encouraged, and no effort spared to let it be known abroad that Douglas county is in hearty accord with its purpose. Let there be no luke-warmness in the matter. Let it be in public evidence that our people cannot only grow cereals and fruits to perfection, but effectively lend a hand when it comes to building a railroad to a deep water harbor on the northwest seaboard.—Roseburg News.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A Philadelphia man, about to hang himself, died of heart failure. Men with weak hearts should be more careful.

Anyhow, there is not much likelihood of another Thaw trial until the lawyers have succeeded in collecting their fees.

Mr. Rockefeller says the best investment is to do something to cheer someone else. How about raising the price of coal oil?

Among others specially interested in Mr. Harriman's health, are residents of Central Oregon and Coos County.—Oregonian.

Senator Platt says young men should go into politics to help themselves and the people. But should they help themselves first?

Dr. Anna Shaw, the suffragette, says every city needs women policemen. How would you like to tell your troubles to a woman?

While digging for worms, a New Jersey hen unearthed \$11,000 worth of jewels, but shows her good sense by sticking to her regular job of laying eggs.

Of course, the country is glad to learn that Joe Cannon is a constant reader of the Bible, but it can't help regretting that he doesn't seem to benefit by it.

The wife of a Pennsylvania professor wants a divorce because her husband is too poor to support her. He is probably one of those long-haired professors.

Europe wants to know what Uncle Sam would do in case of a war between Great Britain and Germany. Among other things he would furnish the canned beef.

A fashion note announces that men's clothes will have "an additional cash pocket in right hand trousers pocket." That will be real nice, but we hadn't noticed that we were needing it.

Members of the lower house of congress are much nearer the people than the senators. This may be explained in the fact that the election of representatives comes often and by direct vote.

The plan of putting the heads of our presidents on the coins during their term of office might work all right till we have a president whose head wouldn't fit on anything smaller than the silver dollar.

The editor of a Memphis paper is in serious trouble because the accidental transportation of a head line made it appear that one of the city's most prominent citizens who died a year ago "Stands the Heat Well."

A Maryland woman has developed a strain of chickens with only one leg. Can't understand the advantage of raising that sort of chickens. Certainly they would never be popular with Methodist preachers or children who cry for drum sticks.

The Portland Journal says: "Mr. Harriman should learn something from what has happened in the Deschutes. He waited too long. He can wait too long before building to Coos Bay. He can wait too long for the Corvallis & Eastern extension. If he does not penetrate to all the rich regions of Oregon, somebody else

AT THE CHURCHES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
There will be preaching services in the evening at 8 o'clock and young people's meeting at 7:30 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
Christian Science services will be held in the Christian Science hall, 327 Third street, North, Sunday, at 11 a. m. Subject: "Christ Jesus."

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Rev. B. F. Bengtson, Pastor.
Rev. J. Richard Olson, the new pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church in Marshfield, will hold services here at the usual hours Sunday.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. W. Horsfall, Pastor.
Rev. Mr. Bartlett will hold services at the Episcopal church Sunday at the usual hours: 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. He will also hold services at St. Luke's church at Empire City at 2:30 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Elder Swander of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, will preach at the Swedish Hall on Commercial avenue, between Third and Fourth streets, at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 p. m. A cordial invitation extended to all.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
Rev. H. I. Rutledge, Pastor.
Services at the Methodist Episcopal church will be held Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m., morning service at 11 a. m., Epworth League at 7 p. m., Evening service at 8 o'clock, prayermeeting on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

NORTH BEND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Services will be conducted at the North Bend Presbyterian church Sunday by the Rev. J. C. Lininger as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching service at 11 a. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor at 4 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.; song service at 7:45, preaching at 8 o'clock.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.
Rev. Father J. MORAN.
Mass will be celebrated in St. Monica's Catholic church in Marshfield at 7:00 and 9:30 o'clock, Sunday morning, the Rev. Father J. A. Moran officiating at first mass, and the Rev. Father Keavney, the new pastor at Bandon, celebrating the second mass and delivering the sermon. At North Bend, the Rev. Father Curley will celebrate mass at 6:30 and 8 o'clock. On Monday, Rev. Father Moran will accompany Rev. Father Keavney to his new charge at Bandon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. Frank R. Zug, the new minister of the Presbyterian church, will hold services both morning and evening tomorrow. Mr. Zug is a graduate of Park College and of Princeton Seminary. His first pastorate was the Presbyterian church of Charlestown, Ind. For the past two years he was a member of the Faculty of Albany College, the Presbyterian Synodical College of Oregon. He had the Department of History and Economics and conducted the classes in Biblical instruction. In the morning, Mr. Zug's subject will be "The Gospel of God's Love"; in the evening he will speak on "Temptation and Character." Morning service 11 o'clock; evening, 7:30 o'clock.

He has seen the turn in the wheel of fortune at the Deschutes. History has always repeated itself, and always will. And then, how infinitely better for Oregon for him to build the lines here suggested, and is not that which is good for Oregon, good for Mr. Harriman?

Up to date the most original excuse for asking for a divorce comes from a woman. She wants to get rid of her husband because he failed to match a sample of silk pongee for her. It is presumed, however, that he was a lobster in many other ways, anyway you look at it, however, it was a poor match.

RESCUED TELL OF OHIO WRECK

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their dories and in a minute the bay was dotted by little crafts making for the rocks. In forty-five minutes every one of the passengers and crew, with the exception of Captain Johnson, Mate, Chief engineer and boatswain, these electing to stay by the wreck, were transferred. By the time the warm hearted fishermen had given the wrecked people something to eat and some warm clothing, she had run to Swanson. In the meantime, the steamer Rupert City was hurrying to the scene and 131 people transferred to her and brought to Vancouver. The Humboldt took 22 passengers who wished to continue their journey north.

The known dead are:
Operator Eccles.
Purser Frederic Stevens.
Quartermaster Bert E. Anderson.
A soldier and a steerage passenger.
Anderson lost his life attempting to save the soldier who was bound for Alaska.

KNOW ECCLES WELL.

Local United Wireless Operators Friend of Ohio Victim.

O. P. Shirley, operator of the Coos Bay Station of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, and C. J. Hyde, the United Wireless operator on the Nann Smith, were both personal friends of Operator Eccles who lost his life while trying to save passengers on the Ohio which was sunk off the Alaska coast yesterday. Mr. Hyde met him last about eighteen months ago, shortly before Eccles went with the United Wireless people. Eccles went north and helped install the United Wireless stations at Ketchikan and other Alaska points and sometime ago took charge of the wireless aboard the Ohio.

CHICKENS ARE DRUNKARDS.

New Jersey Farmer Discovers a Barnyard "Blind Tiger."

LIVINGSTON, N. J., Aug. 28.—Jacob Foss, a farmer of this place, is seeking a gold cure for his chickens. Thirty Plymouth Rocks in his barnyard have become inebriates, and Foss feels it his duty to reform them.

A week ago Foss placed an old whisky barrel with an end knocked out, in an open space near the henhouse as a shelter for a hen with a brood of little chicks that had been hatched out early. When the sun became hot the hen retired to the barrel with her brood. After a few days Foss observed that every chicken in his barnyard seemed to be in a half stupor—even the young chicks. The roosters went about the yard crowing in a hiccupy way, and the hens clucked in hoarse, guttural tones.

Foss was puzzled, and he called in W. F. Merrill, a veterinarian, who inspected the coops and found nothing wrong. Then he examined the barrel. One sniff at the air of the interior enlightened him.

"The chickens are drunk," Merrill said. Then he explained to Foss that the whisky barrel, which has been in a damp cellar all winter, had been affected by the sun which brought the alcohol out of the wood. The hen that pecked at the wood first must have communicated the secret to the other fowls, and all became visitors to the barnyard "speakeasy."

Foss thought an early solution of the difficulty would be to burn the whisky barrel. This he did, but the craving for drink had become too strong in the chickens. An old rooster, with the instinct of a confirmed toper, found his way to an improvised silo where Foss kept a supply of malt which he buys from a brewery to feed his cattle. This proved a substitute for the whisky barrel and soon all the chickens were clustered about the silo, devouring the malt. Foss has shut the chickens off from their new form of dissipation, but fears that unless he breaks them of the habit they will wander off the farm in quest of strong drink.

COOS BAY the locality MARSHFIELD the spot McARTHUR'S THE DRUG STORE

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