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MARSHFIELD CENSUS WRONG.

MARSHFIELD has been badly bumped on its census returns when as a city of close to 5,000 population the census enumerators were able to locate but 2,980. We do not believe the figures are true to the count, nor the count true to the actualities in either case, but for the nonce we must take what we are told to be facts, however it frets us and humbles our pride. We have never felt any real sense of dependence upon the federal census, because of its cumbersome, haphazard, cheap, and unmodern system of gathering the vital statistics of the country.

The Times protested loudly and persistently at the time the census was being taken that hundreds of people were being missed and it was an unequal task for the two women charged with its completion. For our part we believe Marshfield is at least 1,000 short of the actual estimate. We have no way of proving our conclusion short of a dependable recount, and this so far as our city is concerned we demand.

We can get this if we go after it in the proper way, and it is certainly worth striving for. Steps should be taken to qualify the report at hand through the Chamber of Commerce, backed by the initiative of the Common Council and other elements of local government and civic relation. No time should be lost, or the national records will be closed against further challenge, and the register will stand for the next ten years, to the detriment of the city and of all concerns affected by the gross inaccuracy.

The Coos Bay Times will aid in this work in any way that presents itself and be glad to do it even if we may not have the sanction and assistance of the U. S. Government, and are compelled to rely upon our own efforts and figures; the main thing being to get a count that shall be reliable and which may be published world wide in correction of the laches made at the hands of the government.

ROOSEVELT!

THERE are those who pretend to put Theodore Roosevelt in the category of the "has-beens," and who are now declaring, with stimulated surprise, that he is among the "come backs." These people know better, but are politically or theoretically inimical to the man, and mis-judge him accordingly. He was never in the discard with the American people for an instant; and he has not "come back" because he has never been out of the American heart and mind for a day since the bullet of the insane alien laid William McKinley low. He has been in the national eye always, and the gaze of the people has ever been a level one; they did not have to look up to Roosevelt; he was of them, for them, with them, at all times, and this is the secret of his undying popularity; and this distinctly aside from the brilliant power of the man and his exceptional equipment for filling the post of greatness.

There is nothing "picaresque" about Roosevelt; he is "all there" when it comes to dealing with men and measures; his courage, his analytical faculty, his broad experiences, his contempt for the paltrinesses, his ardent championship of the commoners, his loyalty to the government itself, his incisive and honest criticism

of wrong wherever he has found it, and his fighting abilities have placed him where no shaft of malice or reason can affect him in the slightest degree with the vast multitudes of the country. They believe in him and with every right a people could have for their love and confidence. This is no over-statement of the man's attitude in this country; it is realized as completely by those who detest him as by those who believe in him, and the tremendous fact will force itself upon the consciousness of the American electorate before many months.

There are men who are indispensable, and he is of them. His splendid ideals and rare bravery, along with his fearless sense of justice, have made him so; the people are not to be misled nor blinded in estimating a character so frank and friendly as his; and when the propitious moment arrives for the naming of a champion in high place, his name will be upon the tongues of all men and find logical place upon their ballots.

Watch the man closely from now onward; and watch the spirit with which the people meet and treat him. It will pay, for it will give forth the cue that is to make the best and utterest use of the man who is incomparably nearest to the popular ideal as leader and law-giver.

TOTAL STRANGERS.

THE following editorial from the Oregonian indicates that Marshfield and Coos county are not alone in their tax troubles:

"Governor Hawley of Idaho, has undertaken to reform the assessment and taxation methods of the state by insisting that all property shall be rated by the assessors at full cash value. 'By the eternal!' declares the Governor, 'the assessors will do it (assess at real value) or get out of office.'"

The Boise Statesman expresses the fear that higher valuations may not be followed by lower levies, and discusses with many evidences of apprehension the condition when "county commissioners and city councils and village trustees and school boards, flushed with the possibilities of inflated treasuries, shall enter upon an extravagant program." The Boise paper, nevertheless, appears to have convinced itself that the "true value of property should be the basis for the assessment of taxes."

No doubt! but when the ideal assessor makes the ideal valuation (at par) the ideal county commissioner and city council and village trustee and school board are conspicuously absent from the public service. Governor Hawley can learn a few things by coming down to Portland and studying the experience of Oregon. High valuations and low levies are beautiful and harmonious conceptions; but in practice they are total strangers.

This taxation problem is a big one and should receive the deep and earnest thought of every citizen concerned with the future welfare of his community and his state.

WHEN TEMPTED TO PLAY THE COWARD.

We all have days of discouragement and moments when we would be glad to run away from our troubles and responsibilities, says Orison Sweet Marden. In these times of depression and discouragement, when we feel that we amount to but little and doubt whether, after all, life is worth while, there is always danger of playing the coward; of doing something that we shall be ashamed of later. It is better never to take an important step or make a radical change when discouraged.

When everything seems dark ahead and you cannot see another step, then say to yourself: "I guess it is up to me now to play the part of a man; grit your teeth and push on, knowing that the gloomy condition will pass; that no matter how black or threatening the clouds, there is a sun behind them which will ultimately burst through! You will be surpris-

ed to find what power and courage are developed by this holding out as best you can.

After becoming better acquainted with the mighty reserve which is in you, you will learn that you can depend upon it; that it will come to your rescue in your hour of need.

I have known young men to play the coward to such an extent as to cancel engagements to speak on important occasions, just because they were filled with terror at the very thought of appearing before an audience. Their timidity, their fear of not acquitting themselves properly made such cowards of them that they invented all sorts of excuses for shirking the responsibility.

Many people are frightened out of taking responsibilities which they know perfectly well they would be capable of fulfilling, and which would be of untold benefit to them if carried out. They haven't the courage to measure up to their opportunities.

Now, when tempted to play the coward, get by yourself and give yourself a good talking to. Think how cowardly it would be to run away from your responsibility or opportunity. Just say to yourself that you are made of better stuff; that you are going to do the thing that you agreed to do, no matter how hard or disagreeable it may be.

The Times had the written promise of E. Dana Durand, director of the census at Washington, to telegraph the population of Coos county towns as soon as it was known. He did not do it. After we read the Marshfield result we cannot blame him. He did not have the heart to do it.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steam schooner Daisy Mitchell arrived Saturday evening from San Francisco with a cargo for the box factory.

This is worth noting as among the many things pointing to the new order:

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Rumor of Appointment of Dr. Gomez Not Confirmed.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, April 8.—A report which lacks confirmation, but is in persistent circulation is that in event to President Diaz putting into effect reforms, suggested in a recent message to Mexican congress, and with peace result, Dr. Vlasquez Gomez, the insurrecto, confidential agent in Washington, will be called to Mexico City to assume a high office.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

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