

IS OPPOSED TO PRIZE FIGHTS

Marshfield Business Man Approves Stand Taken by Progress Club.

Editor Coos Bay Times: As a business man, I would like through the columns of your paper to commend the action of the Progress Club for starting a movement for the suppression of pugilistic encounters in our city.

The question is one of such vital importance, that it would not be out of place for our Chamber of Commerce to give expression of approval to the suggestions made by that society.

Some of the members of this club have been active leaders in establishing our City Library and all of them are interested in the advancement of our city intellectually, morally and commercially.

No greater influence can a city employ to aid in its rapid and substantial upbuilding than by maintaining a clean record. Few if any sea port towns in the land have been as free from the lawless element as has Marshfield. Shall we not maintain this reputation? Now that railroads are building and other cities are making desperate efforts to drive the lawless from their borders, let our good people unite in an effort to keep our town as nearly as possible free from undesirable influences.

As a business man I have for a long time observed that well to do and wealthy men with families are loth to locate in places where the laws are not observed and where a moral standard is disregarded. It is in this class of men we invite to aid us in building up our industries and a city on Coos Bay of which we may all be proud. The sporting element are not wealth producers and when allowed to disregard the laws of our land, they become a menace to the business interests of a city. An honest industrious man of family working in one of our mills is a wealth producer, hence a city builder, while a sporting man is simply a wealth consumer. Disregard of law is anarchy, and absolute anarchy is worse than absolute monarchy.

I have no doubt that our City Fathers and County authorities will co-operate with the good people in an effort to have these and other violations of law suppressed, when once the question is candidly put before them, and I am sure that the good people of Coos County will back them up in such an endeavor.

A BUSINESS MAN.

WILL PRESENT PLAY.

Home Talent Company to Appear in "Frances Ward" Tuesday Night.

Preparations for the presentation of "Frances Ward" at the Masonic Opera House Wednesday evening have been practically completed. The play will be practically a home talent affair under the direction of Mrs. Scott who will play the leading role. Mrs. Scott, who appears under the stage name of Gladys Brockwell, is said to be an actress of more than usual ability. The play is a decidedly clever one. The cast for the play is as follows:

Elsie (French Maid) Adalade Clarke
Gretchen Jans (Aunt to Frances and Clarice) Beatrice Roberts
Richard Ward (Stock Broker) Arthur Blanchard
Frances Ward (Richard's Wife) Gladys Brockwell
Monty Ward (Richard's younger brother) Chauncey Clarke
Clarice (Frances' younger sister) Pearl Riggs
Phillip Cartwright (Friend and lawyer of Richard) Claude Tucker
Suffera Thorne (Club man) Ernest Harrington

UNUSUAL HEN EGG.

One of the most unusual hen eggs that has been seen in this section in a long time was found the other day by Mrs. Edith Brier on her ranch on Coos River. The egg was the product of a ten-month-old pullet and was ten inches around the long way and six inches the other. It was soft shelled and in the interior of the outer egg was a perfectly formed unusual-sized egg with a hard shell.

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FALL OF TROY at ROYAL THEATER WEDNESDAY night.

TELLS ABOUT PRISONERS

Coquille Man Criticises Remarks of Rev. G. Leroy Hall of Marshfield.

Editor of The Coos Bay Times:

Permit me to briefly answer the unjust criticism of the Rev. G. Leroy Hall against Sheriff W. W. Gage and his deputies as published in the daily Times on Friday, Jan. 26, 1912, under "Prisoners' Liberty." He states that "while at Coquille, he visited the Court House and says that it struck him as peculiar that two murderers, Goldie Bestcott and W. R. Foote, should be practically enjoying liberty, while W. Crouch, charged with violating the fruit law is confined in jail."

Now, Mr. Editor, in my opinion, said Rev. Hall willfully misstated the facts or on his inspection he was grossly negligent in making inquiry as to the facts before he rushed into print with his mail of being struck so peculiarly.

The facts are these, when Goldie Bestcott was placed under the Sheriff's care said Sheriff had no place at his command in the jail fit to incarcerate a woman, but he did all that he could under the circumstances viz: locking her up at night, in the padded cell for insane persons and letting her stay with the janitor's family during the day under guard of a deputy who kept her under constant surveillance.

As to W. R. Foote, he is an old gentleman in feeble health and after the excitement of the tragedy in which he was one of the principals, he broke down and to have kept him confined in a cell in the jail would have been jeopardizing his life and would have been very inhumane, so he was placed and kept under guard all the time in a room in the Court House and at no time has he ever been without a guard since he surrendered himself to the officers.

Now, if the Rev. Hall, who seems to take it upon himself to watch the doings of other people would have a little watchful care over the lives and actions of many young girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years who are almost nightly running the streets of Marshfield without proper escorts, he would, no doubt, do the community more good than to go off his beat to criticize officers who are doing their duty without fear or favor, and if said Rev. Hall has all the members of his charge under as close and watchful care as Sheriff Gage keeps those placed in his hands, he will be a boon to the community in which he may reside.

Very truly,

R. H. SMITH.

EXTENDS THANKS.

Manager Wilson and Director Fenton, of the Coos Bay Concert Band, wish to express their appreciation of the assistance of Mrs. Chadburne, Mrs. Gidley, Mrs. Horsfall, C. S. Dodge, Mrs. L. K. Ballinger, the newspapers and others who assisted in making the benefit concert at the Masonic Opera House Sunday a success.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

After February 1, a supply of milk and cream will be kept at the F. A. Sacchi home in South Marshfield for the accommodation of his customers who from time to time may need extra quantities. I also wish to announce that I will personally assume entire charge of the milk and cream business conducted by Sacchi and Madden and will try to give the best service and supplies possible.

F. A. SACCHI.

TO TEST WOOD BLOCK PAVING

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see if he could not arrange to have the work done by private contract. If the Council does it, walks will have to be built on both sides of the street.

Want Licenses Reduced

J. M. Upton appeared before the Council and asked that the license on moving picture shows and theaters be reduced. He said that \$35 per quarter or \$100 per year was too much and more than other near-by towns were imposing. He said that the object of the license was merely to regulate the places and not for revenue purposes.

A. J. Savage said that he had been requested by the Masons, who own the Masonic Opera House, to ask the Council to reduce the quarterly payment to \$25 each.

After more or less discussion, the question was referred to the finance committee. Most of the Councilmen indicated that they did not wish to further reduce the city's income.

Mayor Straw Absent

Mayor Straw was not present at last evening's meeting of the City Council and President Allen presided.

It was understood that Mayor Straw decided to remain away on account of the North Front street bulkhead proposition being slated to come up. He is irritated over the way the thing has been handled and intimated that if he was present when the matter came up that he might get real angry and say a few real angry things. After the Council meeting was over he joshingly remarked that he had decided that he would rather lose the \$2 fees for attending the meeting than to lose his temper.

The Council adjourned to meet February 5 next Monday night. It will also meet February 12.

ELECTION ON UMPQUA

W. J. Conrad Talks of Proposed New Port District

W. J. Conrad returned Saturday from Portland, Salem and Eugene, via Drain stage. He states that there is considerable interest being manifested in the election to be held at Gardiner on February 6th, at which time the question of incorporating the town will be voted upon but the indications are that the town will not be incorporated. There is also considerable talk regarding the organization of the Port of Umpqua River, but he says it is conceded that this will be defeated also, as the territory is too large and includes many towns above the head of navigation which are not interested in the formation of a Port. Another thing which will defeat the Port is that, he says, it is planned to name Drain as the Port of Entry, in order to gain the support of the voters in that locality, but it is believed that if Gardiner is incorporated they will make an effort to have their town named as the Port of Entry.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the many kind friends and neighbors who assisted with kindly acts of helpfulness and generous sympathy in my great bereavement, I desire to express my grateful appreciation. That they may never experience such a sorrow, but if it comes, that friends as good and generous may be near, is my sincere wish.

MRS. JAS. R. BARKHOUSE.

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