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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

THE dedication of the new Coos
River Consolidated school as
told in The Times Monday eve-
ning, marks an epoch in the edu-
cational advancement of Coos Coun-
ty. It is an event that is full of
inspiration to rural residents and
marks Coos River as among the
most progressive communities on
the Pacific Coast.

It is becoming more generally
recognized that school conditions
depend upon both general economic
and general social conditions. Com-
munities that are poor financially
or those of low moral standing may
maintain good schools, but as a
rule they do not. Rural school
improvement is a part of general
rural life improvement and comes
or fails to come with rural forward
movement along all lines.

This forward movement is com-
ing most rapidly where country
communities are organized for the
betterment of themselves and the
conditions under which they are
living. It would seem that such
organization is imperative. The in-
dividualistic life of the rancher
and farmer of two generations ago
no longer exists. The self-suffi-
cing ranch of former days remains
only in very remote and sparsely
settled regions. The ranch of to-
day is a commercial institution on
which the energies of the rancher
are given to a few special products.
These are sold, not consumed, by
the family, and the money obtained
is used to satisfy the family needs.

The rancher has become a part
of the community and his individual
progress depends upon the commu-
nity progress. Formerly he was not
a part of any community; later a
part in educational and religious
affairs only; today he is part of
the community in commercial af-
fairs as well, and his progress in
commercial affairs demands that
he unite his interest with those
of other people in the community,
both ranchers and business men.

It is not enough that the rural
population realize that they are a
part of the community. They must
appreciate that if progress in econ-
omic, social and educational affairs
is to take place, they must organize.
Progress follows continued stimu-
lation and interest is continued
only when it is the business of
some one or some group to keep
up the interest, and the greatest
factor in this work on Coos River
will be the new consolidated school
and making it the social center of
the wide-awake, enterprising and
progressive community.

CLEAN UP THE CITY.

Editor Times: Yes, we have a
City Council and a street depart-
ment, too, and we have the greatest
crop of dirt a city ever grew.

You can see it all about—it
matters not where you go—in the
resident district and vacant lots
unsightly they show.

The City Council spends our
dough for lots of things we'll never
need, but they haven't time nor
money to do a necessary deed.

Of course we'd like to have
our city always looking trim and
neat—if we had a "crowd" with
pride, it certainly would be a
treat.

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By BERTON BRALEY

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"Business is business," but he's a fool
Whose business has grown to smother
His faith in men and the golden rule
His love for a friend and a brother.

"Business is business" but life is life
Though we're all in the game to win it
Let's rest sometimes from the heat and strife
And try to be friends a minute.

Let's seek to be comrades now and then
And slip from our golden tether,
"Business is business," but men are men
And we're all good pals together!

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