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BIG MEETING IN NORTH BEND

County Business Men Enthusiastic and Successful Session.

THEY ARE PRESENT

Important Business Topics Are Interestingly Discussed at Big Banquet.

SECRETARY'S REPORT READ

Attention is Shown to Be in Thriving and Prosperous Condition with Prospects for Biggest and Best Year Just Ahead

NEW OFFICERS OF THE COOS COUNTY BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

President—T. S. Harvey, Vice-President—J. Albert Matson, Treasurer—Geo. H. Rotner, Secretary—Earl Powell.

Board of Directors

B. Hazer, E. P. Lewis, M. Maloney, J. Albert Matson, C. Mather, Geo. H. Rotner, S. Harvey, M. E. Everitt, N. Ekblad, W. H. Dinager.

Coos County Business Men's Association held a most interesting, plastic and successful banquet business session at the Hotel in North Bend last evening.

More than three score of the business professional men of the Coos county gathered around the restaurant at the Hotel Oregon in North Bend last evening and after justice to a bountiful repast, discussed trade topics, and methods of doing business better.

The meeting was one of the most interesting and enthusiastic in the history of the association. The report of Secretary Earl Powell showed the association in a most thriving and prosperous condition.

At the conclusion of the banquet Earl E. P. Lewis acting as toastmaster called the meeting to order and after the disposition of routine business, trade topics were discussed in an interesting manner.

Some of the features of the business meeting was the reading of a paper from the "Knights of the Grip," Coos County traveling men's association, in which a plea was made for active co-operation of the merchants and the local salesmen.

The letter was received with enthusiasm and ordered spread on the walls of the association.

"Larkin Club Membership" was handled by Robert Dillard, who stated that a careful investigation had been made and that it was not so formidable as it might appear.

There were two Larkin Clubs in Marshfield—a combined membership of seven and one in North Bend about forty members. The membership themselves to spend at \$1.00 per month to a Chicago order house for merchandise.

Response to this address, "Meetings in Larkin Club Competition" was by J. Albert Matson, who made interesting and intelligent presentation of the business man's attitude, which, he stated, had to be based on each individual case.

Mr. Mercer of Cooson supplemented Mr. Matson's address with practical suggestions and gave us whereby the merchant may bring the facts before the mail buyer succeed in diverting his into home channels.

Mr. Matson was received with enthusiastic applause.

Discussion of Credit dealing with the most important features of retail business, was responded to by Dr. Kreitzer. He presented matter in a practical manner in his carefully prepared paper on the necessity of the business giving the same careful attention to the extension of credit that the banker does.

Mr. Kreitzer's address was given great attention and met with enthusiastic approval. A logical, common sense address that presented a business problem in a business way.

"Credit Guides" was as continued on Page Two.

ROOT TURNED DOWN

NOT ENDORSED BY NEW YORK CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Attempt Made to Have Him Backed for President but It Fails to Materialize

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—An attempt to obtain the endorsement of Ellhu Root for the presidency by the committee on resolutions of the republican state convention today was defeated. The motion was debated for half an hour.

The committee unanimously decided to endorse the administration of Governor Whitman, but to attach the endorsement to a separate plank dealing with state issues.

MORE CAMPS FOR SMITH COMPANY

NANN SMITH BRINGS IN 250 TONS OF RAILWAY STEEL TODAY

Additional Logging Equipment Already Ordered—Fore-runner of six-day Shift and Increase

The Nann Smith today is bringing in 250 tons of railway steel for the Smith-Powers Logging company.

This is the fore-runner of a full six-day shift at the Smith mills in Marshfield. It will take some little time to put in the steel and open some additional camps and until then they will be unable to supply the large increase in the amount of logs required.

Additional logging engines and equipment have also been ordered.

Back to Old Conditions

The present outlook in affairs indicates an early return to old conditions. An increase in wages will probably be announced before long by the company as it was announced restoration would be made just as at the time of the reduction that a soon as conditions would permit.

RETAINS HIS HOME

JOHN D. TOWER WINS OUT IN HOMESTEAD FIGHT.

Decision Received From Judge Upton—F. L. Tewell Contested Filing—Tried Long Ago.

John D. Tower has won his fight to retain the homestead taken up by him back of Cooson in 1913. The decision in the case was today received by his attorney, R. O. Graves, from Judge J. M. Upton, government land registrar at Roseburg. The case was fought out long ago in Marshfield.

Franklin L. Tewell appeared as the contestant. He claimed among other things, that Tower did not maintain a residence on the land and that his improvements did not amount to more than \$10 worth. Tower had bought a homestead relinquishment to the land from the first owner for \$100.

Had Leave of Absence It was on July 19, 1913, that he made entry to 80.82 acres of land and on May 7, 1914, filed a leave of absence for not over five months. It was on August 15, 1914, that Tewell filed his application to contest the entry.

Many witnesses on both sides were heard in the subsequent hearing. Some of the witnesses for the plaintiff stated that they did not see Tower about the place until March of 1914, but also said that later in that same year they had vegetables from his garden on the land.

Proved Clearing. The testimony of the defendant's men was to the effect that between one-quarter and one-half an acre had been cleared and close to three acres slashed. Tower, it seems, made frequent visits to his homestead, leaving now and then to go somewhere and work.

Sells Stock—Mrs. Nellie Owen has sold the Ladies' Emporium stock to Mrs. Mattie Blain, who will move it to North Bend, where she will conduct a ladies' furnishing store. Mrs. Owen, who has long been in business here, will now retire.

Sarter's grand opening of their new place on Central avenue next Saturday afternoon.

BROOKLYN HAS \$3,000,000 FIRE

Two Big Vessels and Large Dock Burned and Many Scows Destroyed.

LOADING MUNITIONS

Suspected By Officers That the Origin Was of an Incendiary Nature.

BOATS OWNED BY ENGLISH

Were Loading Shipments for Russians to Be Delivered at Vladivostok—The Bolton Castle and the Pacific Vessels Lost

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The steamers Bolton Castle and Pacific and a 900 foot pier belonging to New York Dock company were destroyed early today by the most disastrous fire on the Brooklyn water front in years.

Another steamer, the Palladia, was damaged, about 25 scows and lighters partly or wholly damaged and two persons are missing. Loss is Enormous The loss estimated more than \$3,000,000. The origin of the fire is unknown but there is suspicion of its being incendiary because some of the steamers were loading with war munitions for shipment to the Russian government at Vladivostok.

Many Forced to Jump The three steamers lying at the pier were surrounded by a fleet of about 50 fighters and barges, on each of which was one man or more. On some of the barges were the wives and families of the captains. Some were compelled to jump overboard to escape the flames.

Boilers Blow Up The Bolton Castle was loading with gasoline for Russia, and this fed the flames. The boilers both of the Bolton Castle and the Pacific blew up when the fire was at its height. Several barges loaded with gasoline near the steamers were destroyed. Both the Bolton Castle and Pacific are British vessels owned by the Castle Line. The pier was filled with merchandise including war munitions.

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DESTRUCTION AND DEATH BY FIRES TODAY

Three million dollar loss at Brooklyn from burning of piers and steamers loaded with munitions. Suspect incendiary.

One man killed and two injured in fire that wrecked the American club, at Toronto. Explosions heard.

Allen military plot suspected because club favored Allies. Two million dollars' loss when business district of Fall River, Mass., is swept by flames.

Woman burned to death man missing, and \$150,000 damage caused by fire which destroyed block in business district at Midland, Mich.

Cargo of sugar on vessel at Philadelphia destined to England, is burned. Incendiary suspected.

FIRE LOSS IS HEAVY

FALL RIVER, MASS., SWEEP BY FLAMES TODAY

Score of Buildings in Business District Wiped Out Causing \$2,000,000 Loss

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 16.—Estimates by owners of property and proprietors of stores in the business district, swept by fire early today, indicated that the total loss will be approximately \$2,000,000. The origin is unknown. The fire started in a department store basement.

Cathedral Stops Fire A score of buildings, including an apartment hotel and several of the largest retail stores in the city were destroyed and many others damaged.

The granite walls of St. Mary's Cathedral prevented the flames from spreading to the residential district.

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TORONTO CLUB IS DESTROYED

Suspect That House of American Organization Is Set on