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THE PERSON THAT BORROWS becomes the greatest bore known. They continually run in and ask for a book that you might be reading, the newspaper, and this and that, until one hates the sight of them approaching. This last week we know of five instances where neighbors asked for the last RECORDER, three of which was before they had a chance to look at it themselves. In every instance they were as able to subscribe, probably, as the person loaning the paper. It has been said that a book is man's best friend. Who likes the idea of loaning one to have it returned with the leaves turned down or the binding defaced and broken? If your neighbors do not care enough to subscribe for their home newspaper, which is devoting column after column to the welfare and growth of the town, why should you have to provide a copy every week for them?

THE NEW COMMERCIAL CLUB, organized in the City Hall last Friday evening, is composed of reliable business men who want to see that this part of Coos County is properly advertised and to act on questions that are of interest to the general public. This organization, acting in harmony with the present Chamber of Commerce, will do wonders for the upbuilding of the community, and like the old adage, "Two heads are better than one," Both will do their good work. The new organization will have regular meeting nights, and a nominal membership fee will be charged. This is the golden opportunity for Bandon to come to the front. The Colonist rates will be on in September, and there will be a great many people come West. We want to have men locate here who are financially able to help. We have all the requisites for a sash and door factory, veneer factory, to say nothing of the countless other mills and industries that can be operated here much cheaper than in the cities, and with the new transportation facilities, that will soon be available, can make their deliveries to almost any part of the world as cheaply as anywhere.

WHAT IS TO BECOME of this country if the immigration laws are not amended? The United States is the dumping ground for the scum of the earth. The big liners that enter New York and all eastern ports every day are loaded with foreigners that have neither money nor education. They will work for less wages than the home laborer; will never spend a cent on anything that will be a benefit to the community in which they live, and after they accumulate enough to keep them in their native country, they pack up and leave for home. What good is this class of people to America? How long will it be at this rate before the labor conditions will become demoralized? They are a class of laborers that a union can have no effect upon. If the better class of foreigners came over to this country to settle and live, it would be a different matter. The height of the ambition of the greatest portion of the foreigners is to peddle fruit on the streets or to work at section work on railroads. Why not make the laws stringent enough to keep this class of people out of the country?

WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD took the witness stand in his own defense. The associated Press report says: The accused man was perfectly at ease as he walked to the chair and took oath as a witness in his own behalf. His voice was quite low at first, but when his attention was called to it he elevated it so it would carry to Judge Wood. Haywood was at first questioned as to his family history. He said his father and step-father were both miners, and that he first began work as a

miner under the latter. Haywood was born in Salt Lake City in 1869. His father was born in Ohio and his mother in South Africa—the daughter of an English Army officer. Haywood said he first went to work at the mines when he was nine years old. He was married in Pocatello, Idaho, and has two children—daughters. The witness, who has but one eye, said he lost the other when a boy of seven by sticking a knife in it. The prisoner spent the greater part of his mining career at Silver City, Idaho. He joined the Western Federation of Miners in 1896. Haywood declared he never knew Governor Steunenberg and had no interest in the Coeur d'Alene troubles other than as a member of the federation. The prisoner's wife, mother and young daughter were present in court the afternoon when he was called to the stand. Resolutions and discussions condemning Governor Steunenberg's course in the Coeur d'Alene, Haywood declared, were not confined to the Western Federation of Miners, but applied generally to labor organizations throughout the country. The witness was asked if he ever said to anyone, as has been testified, that Governor Steunenberg should be exterminated. He said he had not.—Commoner.

WHAT IS THE MATTER with Coos Bay? They seem to have assumed a dog in the manger attitude toward the Coquille Valley in general and Bandon in particular. The other day a tourist traveling through Coos County just to see what we have in this fertile land of ours, asked a real estate man, of some prominence at Marshfield, what there was to the South. He, after some hesitation, said that the railroad ran back to some coal mines in the hills, and below that were a few sheep ranches on a creek. There was Coquille, but he did not even speak of the other places along the river. This man wanted to see those "coal mines" and took the train which landed him in Coquille. Taking the steamer from that point he arrived at Bandon in the evening, and in speaking before the new Commercial Club last Friday evening, he said he was not only surprised at what he saw, but more than pleased. He is now in business here, and one of the leading promoters of the welfare of this community. Another traveler, who had heard of Bandon, asked a real estate man on the Bay where he could find the place and how to get to it. He was told that it was a small place of no consequence, and that the only way to get here was to go back to Portland, and there take the train to Roseburg and stage it over to Myrtle Point, a distance of 60 miles, and then have to endure all kinds of inconvenience in getting down the river to Bandon. This man then inquired at the hotel and at various other places around the bay and became enough interested to endure those "hardships" and make the trip over here. He bought property and will erect several houses for renting purposes. The daily paper at Marshfield contained a personal to the effect that "Mr. Price, of the lower river, would rebuild his shipyard, lately destroyed by fire," and "The steamer Plant, the only vessel between Coos County and San Francisco, would go into dry dock this trip, and Coos Bay would then have no connection with that city," from the Sentinel. This not only misleads new comers, but is giving the impression that the Bay has "it in for us," and would not even let our dim candle light shine with the light of their boom. The Coquille Valley asks nothing from the bay and can get along without any of their assistance and trade a great deal better than they can afford to lose ours, and that is just

what will happen if they do not mend their ways. The writer of the article in the Sentinel knows, or should acquaint himself with the fact that the Steamer Elizabeth is making regular trips to San Francisco, and that the Steamer Bandon which was launched at the Bay, will soon be on the run and provide suitable service between the Coquille and San Francisco. We are willing to admit that they have their advantages in their bar and bay that we haven't, and probably never will have; but aside from that, we have everything they have, and more. What would they do for the lumber they receive every day, either already cut or in logs, from the Coquille Valley? We have more country tributary to Bandon than all of Marshfield, North Bend, Empire, and the rest of the smaller towns on the bay. Surely we are worthy of a little consideration.

Oregon Development League
(Special Correspondence)

Portland, July 25—The top-notchers in Government affairs are becoming better acquainted with Oregon's resources and necessities, The Hon. Cascar G. Straus, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, was given an informal reception at the Commercial Club Saturday night, and as is now well known, was immediately preceded by Secretary Garfield and Vice President Fairbanks, and your correspondent has yet in store news to announce of the most interesting visit of all of them.

During the dog-day period, when the atmosphere is laden with a spirit of resistance to corporation oppression, don't let the fellow who never contributes a dollar towards the advertising and advancement of his community be excused from making such contribution because he can talk louder and oftener than the busy man and good citizen who believes that a square deal includes himself and that he should do his duty towards his fellow citizen, if broke or too stingy to make giving a pleasure, he can do his section some good by writing a few letters to relatives, acquaintances and good friends in the East, telling them of the low rates to, and the glorious opportunities presented by Oregon.

During the past three weeks the travel into Oregon from the East has been as large as at any time during the Lewis and Clark exposition, and many of the visitors are becoming familiar with the opportunities afforded by the state, a large number of tourists having made stops at five or six points in different parts of the state.

If the people of Oregon fail to take advantage of the colonist rates beginning September 1st and continuing until October 31st, it will not be the fault of the newspapers, for both in news, editorial and local columns the press of the State has kept the facts before its readers. Remember this is the one-way rate, the tickets are only to Oregon and not round trip, and good for any part of the State, but the ticket must read to your station when it is purchased of the agent back in the other States.

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