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HAYWOOD HAS GONE HIS WAY rejoicing, but Orchard still remains with his string of crimes and the choicest bunch of perjury ever displayed before a jury. Let him be given the benefit of the law, to the fullest extent.

IS BANDON IN COOS COUNTY? One would naturally infer from the strict censorship of the press and individuals situated so as to convey information, reliable, or otherwise, in different parts of this county, that we were existing way down in the jungle away from civilization. It will take a spy glass of the most improved order to find a busier, or more progressive town in Coos county, or Oregon, than we have right here at the mouth of the Gouville. You cannot build up your town by taking the shingles off your neighbors roof. It may pay for awhile, but it won't last long.

PORTLAND WANTS A NEW house numbering system. Strangers in the city have considerable difficulty in finding numbers, and even the Portlanders are not able to decipher the geometrical shapes of the streets and the way the houses are numbered. We don't need numbers on the houses, but everyday we hear somebody speak of Atwater, or some other street, and there are but a very limited few that are familiar with the cognomen of the street on which they reside. A little money spent in good durable street signs would be well expended. The sign used by the city of Portland is very good and would stand the salt atmosphere better than any other. They are blue and white porcelain mounted on boards, with brass screws and are known to last longer than any other sign. The cost is about sixty cents each. There are woman's clubs organized in Bandon for the purpose of improving the town, and this might be a tip to them well worth considering.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY have been fined the modest sum of \$29,400,000 and there is probably weeping and wailing among the shiny tops connected with the greatest bluff at a legitimate business the United States has ever known. How long will it be before another cent will be added to the ever increasing price of oil? Distillate has gone up a cent in the last three weeks. There was a time when it wasn't necessary to use a piece of blotting paper under the gasoline can to catch the overflow, but that time is past. The effects of the big fine will no doubt send the price soaring in the sky, and then away with the gas engine, and back to the good old elbow grease to grind out the regular edition. It has come to a time when the railroad commission will even have to take a back seat, and a commission will have to be appointed to arrange the price of the Standard Oil Co's products.

A FIRST CLASS HIGH SCHOOL for Bandon is necessary and the growth of the city will warrant the provision of such an educational institution inside of another year. The school house problem is exactly where it was a year ago. The old buildings will have to be used again this year, as the proposed new buildings are still on paper. When the board does get ready to have the new buildings erected, provisions should by all means be made for a convenient laboratory and a lecture room. The additional requirements for a twelve graded school is not much more than for the ten grades. A large assembly room is essential, and a couple of extra class rooms will be all that is required. Many people have to send their children away to school who would much

rather they would finish their high school education at home. A good many cannot afford to pay tuition and board, and consequently their education must be neglected after they have finished the ten grades, at least until they can themselves provide means to pay for their schooling elsewhere. A high school in Bandon will bring students from all along the river here. In building the new educational structures this next year, let the school board arrange for the additional rooms and provide for instructors that will keep the standard of this school up to that of any in the State. Inside of a few years the enrollment will be doubled and by all means let the educational interests keep pace with the advancement of the town.

THE NEW CHEMICAL recently purchased by the City Council was given a trial the other evening by the fire laddies, and it was not found to be wanting in any respect. A pile of boxes was set on fire and after the fire had a good start, the chemical was turned on it, doing very effective work in short time. This will be of great assistance in the main part of this city in case of a small fire; where, if a stream from the mains was turned on, the damage from the water would exceed that of the fire. A shed should be made right in the business part of town for the engine. In case of a fire it could be in use much sooner than if it was left in the city building. Five minutes might make a big difference in case of a serious fire, and in a wooden town, the fire, fanned by the wind, would get a big start at the onset. There is some talk of obtaining another and larger engine that could pump from the river. Salt water is considered much better than anything else for extinguishing purposes, and a main laid throughout the business and manufacturing section of the town, would be large enough to provide for any fire emergency. A steam pumping arrangement is now on the market, that can get up steam within a few minutes after the fire alarm is turned in. It is constructed similar to the steamers used by large cities that can get steam up while on the run. This pump could be placed at the town hall with a lead out into the river. The cost of the pump and the main would not be much in the consideration of the risk. There are comparatively few of the business houses that are insured. The rates run as high as 10 per cent, and with adequate fire protection, would be much lower.

Thread.

And now it is thread upon which the trust system has laid its unholy hand. The Chicago Tribune (Republican) prints this editorial:

"If street car fares were to be jumped to seven cents and then to ten cents the entire community would be up in arms. If the price of the glass of beer were to be advanced thus there would be wild indignation among the beer drinkers. To the woman five cents is as much the natural price of a spool of cotton thread as to a man five cents is of a glass of beer. The price of thread, raised a short time ago to seven cents a spool, has been put up to ten cents. Will the women of the country submit uncomplainingly, or will they call upon the men to join with them in demanding a return to the old price?"

"There are women who will protest against the advance in price not because they will feel it, but 'as a matter of principle.' There are other women who will be hard hit. The garment workers who buy their own thread will earn a few cents less a week. That will be no trivial matter, for their earnings are scanty enough at best. With them every

cent counts. When the coin which used to buy two spools of thread buys only one they feel it keenly. Their finances are disarranged.

"Raw cotton costs more than it did a few years ago. There have been recent advances in the wages of the cotton spinners. But as an offset there have been improved processes of manufacture and a rapid increase in the volume of sales. Whatever net increase there may have been in the cost of production is not enough to justify a 100 per cent advance in price. There would be no such advance if there were any real competition in the manufacture of cotton thread. The industry is practically monopolized by one great concern, and it is utilizing its monopoly for the oppression of poverty stricken sewing women.

"The women of the country do not take a deep interest in the prosecution of railroads which pay rebates or of such industrial concerns as the tobacco trust. If the government were to attack the cotton thread monopoly they would all sing the praises of the department of justice.

"Perhaps they will be gratified. It was reported recently that the law officers of the government had started a preliminary inquiry into the affairs of the American Thread company with an eye to beginning legal proceedings. It is generally believed that while the company bears an American name it is controlled by foreigners. The Coates and Clarks, who are British manufacturers of cotton thread, are understood to dominate the affairs of the English Sewing Cotton company, which in turn controls the American Thread company. It is not pleasing to be dictated to by a domestic trust. It is even less so when an alien trust exploits American consumers.

"There is nothing to justify the recent sharp advances in the price of spool cotton. They are made only on the principle of charging all that the traffic will bear. The trust believes the consumers can pay ten cents a spool, and the intention is to make them pay it."

Milwaukie Club Closed.

Acting under instructions from District Attorney Hedges and Sheriff Beatie, of Clackamas County, the Milwaukie County Club closed its gambling games last night at nine o'clock. This order, said J. E. Cullison, manager of the club, was issued by the two officials a week ago, but the club management did not make up its mind to obey till last night. Whether District Attorney Hedges and Sheriff Beatie gave an additional order last night for obedience to their mandate, the managers of the club decline to say.

The order if issued a week ago was concealed from the public and the club did not feel obliged to obey it at once. It seems evident that public clamor became so loud that District Attorney Hedges and Sheriff Beatie felt the need of suppressing the unlawful business. The gambling included pool-selling on horse races and games of faro, roulette, craps, draw and stud poker and black jack.

Who said picnic? Are you going to get some of those sweet pickles and chipped beef from Lorenz & Hoyt's to take along? The picnic won't be a success unless you do.

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