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Business Men's Dinner

About one hundred of the business men of Marshfield met at the Chandler hotel Monday evening of last week, where a business men's dinner was served for fifty cents a plate, every man paying for his own dinner. After dinner a number of toasts were responded to which were all in the interests of harmony among the various industries and projects on foot for the city. Perhaps more was accomplished at this meeting than at any meeting ever yet held in that city and the business men are considering the advisability of having more of them. Perhaps something of a similar nature might be a good thing for Bandon business men to undertake.

The Commercial Club

The excellent attendance at the meeting of the Commercial club each week shows what result will come from perseverance. During the entire summer a faithful few met every Tuesday evening, and many times there were not enough for a quorum and the outlook seemed exceedingly discouraging for a long time. But these few were determined to succeed and finally the suggestion was made that every one present bring at least one more with him at the next meeting and a real effort was put forth to revive interest, with the result that now there is always a big attendance and an interesting meeting. The meeting last Friday night was the liveliest one we have had for some time, and will be the means of accomplishing much good. Let's keep it up and boost! WORK! AND NEVER GIVE UP.

More Railroad Prospects

It has been announced in some of the daily papers that J. J. Hill had acquired control of the Oregon Electric Railroad, which secures him entrance into the Willamette valley. If this be true and in all probability it is, then it is evident that Hill is figuring on pushing through to the coast, which means a railroad for Coos county, and Bandon as it has even been rumored that Hill has Bandon as his objective point for terminals, but we hardly give credit to this as he will likely build a road all the way down the coast, if he builds this way at all, but any kind of a road that will give us transportation is what we want, and what we are sure to have in the near future. With both the Hill and Harriman interests making eyes at the coast trade, it would seem that there should be something doing, and that right soon.

What Others Say of Us

The Bandon RECORDER urges people to use articles of local manufacture. The RECORDER hits a nail on the head with a center lick. In too many towns the residents are inclined to knock their own local product. They should encourage local manufacturing enterprises, and next to exempting them from local fines, called city and county taxes, on machinery, stock, products and buildings, the demand for the products locally would reach far in establishing and maintaining local industries. The writer once heard a manufacturer

say that he would not locate in a certain town because the people in the town "knocked" the product of the local flour mill, its quality being fully up to the standard. He moved on and established his industry (quite different one) in a town that appreciated home products more. — Coos Bay Harbor.

The Use of the Recall

The recall is a good weapon, but one to be sparingly used. Its use should perhaps be made more difficult by providing for an increased number of petitioners, and there might be some other restrictions; but the people ought to have the power of recall, and where they have it are not likely to give it up.

It is improbable that the recall will be exercised in many cases where it is not justified. Such a case apparently occurred recently in Ashland, but the expense of the extra election was the only harm it did, for the mayor who did not deserve to be recalled was reelected by two to one. An instance of the right use of the recall occurred in Los Angeles last year when it was invoked against Mayor Harper. He made a bluff at running again, but withdrew during the campaign, it appearing clearly that he had grossly abused the power of his office and was totally unfit for it. Under the recall a worthy man was elected, and he has been since re-elected. Thus the recall enabled that city to exchange an admittedly bad mayor for a concededly good one, and so was a very useful instrument in the people's hands.

A great deal is being said these days by the nonprogressive press in opposition to the recall, and it is denounced as the worst of all progressive ideas and methods, but considering their sources these strictures are a recommendation for it. There should be but rare or occasional use of it, but the people would better keep it laid up in their toolhouse to use in case of emergency.—Portland Journal.

Revise of Our Shipping

It is encouraging to note that the tonnage of sail and steam vessels built in the United States during the last six months of 1909 was nearly twice that of the corresponding period of the previous year. The bureau of navigation reports that 562 vessels of 82,425 gross tons were built in the last half of 1909, as against 528 vessels of 47,250 gross tons in the same period of 1908. Can this be taken as an indication of a revival of our shipping? It will be gratifying if it can be shown that there has been a turn in the tide of our maritime interests, which have long been in decline. Prior to the civil war the greater part of our foreign traffic was carried in American ships, while now less than 9 per cent is so transported. During the same time that our shipping has fallen off the foreign trade has more than quadrupled.

The claim is made that this traffic has been taken away from us by European powers by the payment of subsidies and subventions and other government aid to their merchant marine. This may be true to a

certain extent, but a large portion of the British merchant marine is not subsidized. American capital that has been employed in other avenues of trade is turning more and more to the sea. We may win back what we have lost and much besides. Within four years the tonnage engaged in our coasting trade has increased from 5,441,888 to 6,451,042 tons, a gain of 1,009,154 tons. What we might do with free ships is illustrated in the case of a German line that has prospered, through efficiency, without any subsidy. The subsidy policy is being earnestly advocated in the present congress, but there are many who hold the belief that it is not needed, and that American shipping interests if given a fair show will again regain their former supremacy against all competition. — Coos Bay Times.

To Open First Street

At the meeting of the Commercial Club last Friday evening the matter of opening up First street, by removing the K. of P. building and the Ellingson building was brought up and discussed at length. The committee that had been appointed the week before, reported that the work could be done at an approximate cost of \$6,200 and then the method of raising the money was discussed finally a motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to circulate a petition among the voters of the precinct and if one half or more of the voters would sign such petition to then put it up to the city council, to bond the town for the amount and go ahead with the work immediately. It is evident at this time that First street and Atwater street will be the main business thoroughfares of the city and it now behooves the people to get these streets in condition while the cost is the lowest that it will ever be.

The opening of adequate streets is certainly a step in the right direction and should be pushed through to the very limit, and if the expression of feeling by the men at the Commercial club is any criterion from which to judge then there should be no trouble in getting First street opened by the people, as a vote at the meeting, showed 25 in favor to one against, with probably a half dozen not voting.

The Spanish Swindle

The so-called "Spanish swindle" has attracted so much attention and has evidently secured so many victims that the department of state at Washington has taken the matter up and is explaining the plan through a department bulletin. The bulletin states that the swindle has been worked in this country for the past twenty years, and it is certainly time that the people were learning. It is doubtful if there are many newspaper readers who are not "wise" to the plan, but those who do not read are more likely to get caught. There are several organized gangs promoting the swindle and it seems that the laws are such that they cannot be readily apprehended. The plans of the swindlers is to represent a prisoner in a Spanish jail who is rich. He has a handsome daughter and finds in the party selected for the graft a long lost relative. He wants the American to assume guardianship of the handsome daughter and accept a portion of the father's fortune of \$30,000 as compensation. Finally the priest friend of the prisoner writes that he has died and that the priest and the girl will start for America as soon as money for

their passage and to secure the release of the girl's fortune is received. Thousands are foolish enough to respond by sending money. Other phases of the graft are also worked, the scene some times being laid with a Russian prisoner. — Myrtle Point Enterprise.

Twenty six students have been dropped from the rolls of the Oregon Agricultural College and forty-five others have been placed on probation because of failure to satisfy the scholastic requirements during the first semester. The work as a whole has been better this year than ever before. The faculty is determined, however, to keep the grade of work up by dropping those students who fall behind because of failure to make the proper application. To this end the parents and guardians will be asked to cooperate. At the close of each semester a report of the standings of each student will be sent directly to the parent or guardian.

Since the Portland Union Stock yards opened for business last September, 2189 cars of livestock have been handled there, representing an approximate valuation of \$4,000,000 according to Manager D. O. Lively. The market thus established has been of great value to the city and to livestock growers throughout the Pacific Northwest for competition for their products has resulted in better prices and quicker sales than formerly. Hogs this week have been hovering around the \$10.00 mark and mutton has been very high as well.

Notice to Contractors

Bids will be received at the residence of R. Pomeroy, near Lampa up to and including April 10, 1910, for the grading of one mile of road in district No. 20. Grade to be 14 feet wide with a turnout every 100 feet.

R. POMEROY, Supervisor.

New P. O. Building

Washington, March 5—The Senate passed the Bourne bill, appropriating \$1,500,000 for a site and postoffice building in Portland, the proposed building to be used for the postoffice solely, leaving the present, public building for courts and other federal offices.

Settlement Notice

Business calls me away from Bandon in 2 or 3 months for an indefinite time. All who are indebted to me must call and make settlement by cash or approved note by the 20 of March. DR. S. L. PERKINS. 7-41X

Investors Flood Portland

Mr. E. Hooker, manager of the land department of Hartman and Thompson, Bankers, Portland states that the demand for timber lands, farms and orchard is unprecedented and that the records sales are amazing. If you wish to sell or buy it may pay you to write to him. 8-21

City Transfer

All kinds of draying and transferring FOR SALE—mill wood, from Cody's mill \$2.00 per load. Good sold and delivered at lowest prices. J. Jenkins, Prop.

Taxes Received

All those desiring to pay taxes without the trouble of going to Coquille can pay them at the Bank of Bandon. 8-21

Little house-maid says it is hard to take an interest in cleaning house with all those old things.



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Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, March 5, 1910. Notice is hereby given that William A. De Long, of Bandon, Oregon, who on April 6, 1908, made Homestead Application (04468.) No. 14826, for lots 6, 7, 10 and 11, Section 4, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before A. D. Morse, U. S. Commissioner, at Bandon, Oregon, on the 22d day of April 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: George W. Rea, F. F. Baird, George Tyrone, H. A. De Long, all of Bandon Oregon. BENJAMIN I. JONES, Register.

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