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THURSDAY.....July 21, 1910

Aladdin in the Wheat Belt

A farmer from one of the Oregon river counties was in Portland Tuesday endeavoring to collect money to pay an itinerant "rain-maker" \$1000 for showers which fell over the wheat district. The work of relieving the Almighty of the necessity of supplying rain for the just and the unjust was first started in Kansas a number of years ago, after the farmers quit signing lightning-rod contracts and began applying the acid test to gold bricks. The industry reached Sherman county three years ago, and for two years the "rain maker" succeeded in convincing the farmers that he had Providence badly distanced when it came to producing moisture. Unfortunately for the permanent success of the scheme, it was learned that the maximum rainfall when the rain maker was at work was under the average for a number of years previously. This year, to make matters worse, generous rains fell all over the river counties, and by a strange circumstance the heaviest downfall was in counties and localities where the rain-maker was not busy.

As a result many of the first victims of the game refused to pay the assessment, and it remains for a faithful few to make up the deficit. While "the laborer is worthy of his hire" it would seem that the money

which our farmers have to spend for rain making should be distributed nearer home. Why not patronize home industry instead of depending on imported rain-makers? Just across the river from the dry belt it is always possible to find a Klickitat Indian "medicine man" who can make rain or perform any other kind of miracle, while you wait. Or if it is necessary to draw the color line, and patronize white labor only, there is Col. Holer, who not only "delivered the goods," but delivered them in such quantities that it became necessary to work the reverse levers on his rain-making system.

It may, on the whole, prove beneficial to the country if the imported rain-maker fails to collect all of the money. If it should get noised about that the people of Oregon paid good money to rain-makers, many Eastern people who might be intending to make homes in Oregon would not come, but instead would divert their funds from foreign missions to enlightenment of the Oregonians.—Oregonian.

Report is Overdrawn

The Coos Bay Times says: "It is believed here that the report started at Roseburg that Bandon is suffering from an alarming epidemic of spinal meningitis or 'spotted fever' is overdrawn. While there have been

a few deaths there from the disease, it is not believed that the following, from the Roseburg Review, is in accord with the absolute facts."

"That a heavy epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis is raging at Bandon, the popular Coos county summer resort, is the report brought here by Napoleon Rice, the local furniture dealer, who returned from that city Sunday with his family. Intent upon spending his summer at Bandon, Mr. Rice and his family journeyed there early last week. On the day of their arrival and on the two days immediately previous, fifteen new cases of the deadly malady, developed and four deaths resulted. Mr. Rice lost no time getting his family away from the place."

Yes, the report is extremely overdrawn, and Mr. Rice could have found out that there was nothing to the report if he had taken the trouble to investigate, and why he should start such a report is more than we can understand.

Join The Commercial Club

The Bandon Commercial Club is an organization that does things and is composed of some of the most progressive business men of Bandon. It is true that Bandon has some very good business men who are not associated with the commercial club, but these same men could do even more if they would but affiliate with this progressive organization. The best way to get at public improvements of all kinds is for men to get together, discuss and plan the methods for carrying on the campaign. This can best be done through the medium of organization. The commercial club has accomplished a number of things for the public good of Bandon, perhaps the most visible result is the new sidewalk to the beach which is now practically completed and which adds greatly to the value of our beautiful beach, because of the easy access.

Other things are being undertaken and will be carried through, but the club needs the support of every business man and citizen of Bandon.

President Oakes is a hard worker for the club and is a most efficient officer. He has the support of a faithful few, but there should be many more enlisted in the good work. Join the commercial club, if you are not already a member and help boost for Bandon in a systematic way.

A Gradual Growth

Bandon is no boom town, for which everyone is duly thankful, but there is a constant, gradual growth that is sure to continue and that will make of this city a more important place every year. If one starts out for a survey of the city he will see a number of new houses going up, all the time, which is a healthy sign, and the new business buildings which have just been completed, together with the other new ones that are under contemplation and practically sure of construction, shows that Bandon will continue to increase in importance for some time to come. We are all proud of the record Bandon is making, but there are reforms that might yet be made in the way of a cleaner city. People who come here from a distance may be ever so well impressed with the growth and business enterprise of the city, but hardly with the condition of the streets, alleys and back yards, so far as cleanliness is concerned.

Let us clean up and have a City Beautiful as well as a City Prosperous.

It Will Pay You To Look Into This

When You Can Buy Lots in The Industrial Addition Within 5 to 10 Minutes Walk From the Cody Mill at

HALF the PRICE

That Lots on the Adjoining Property Are Selling For And at Less Than ACRE PRICE

Where Houses Rent for a Better Per Cent than anywhere else in Bandon it Must be a Good Investment

For the Next SIXTY DAYS ONLY These Lots will be sold \$80. to \$90. each on Easy terms with no building restrictions, Build any old thing you like. City Water in.

I Have a Special Reason for Closing out This Addition at This Time

There are only a Limited Number of lots left and there are NO MORE AT THE PRICE and Never will be when These are Gone. Act Now. This Sale Will Close 60 Days From This Date, July 7, 1910

T. B. WHEELER

UP STAIRS IN RASMUSSEN BUILDING

We Lead-- Others Follow

Less than three months ago we entered the local hay and grain business, inaugurating a strictly cash business policy. This has been attempted before in Bandon, but the policy was never strictly adhered to, there were always exceptions made and credit given to a few, with the result that, regardless of the so called "cash business" you were not getting the advantage of strictly cash prices. We, in every sense of the word have done a "strictly cash business" and have given you the benefit of it, selling on a smaller margin, but turning our real money (not book money) over many times. That our system has appealed to you is evident, it has been getting the business for us, and at such a rate that among our competitors, you will find that one or two are advertising that after such a date, you must do business with them on a strictly cash basis. This proves our past assertions, beyond a question of doubt, that it "pays to pay cash." Our entering the local field has resulted in materially reducing the price of all hays and grains. This you know to be a fact.

We are pleased to note that Bandon is growing to value the "cash business." Allow and encourage this feeling to grow until the whole town is established on a cash basis. Arriving at that stage of the game, you will still find us able to sell to you at the lowest prices--There is a reason. We are not price slashers, or cutters, but merely doing business on a FAIR margin of profit, and turning our money over many times.

BARLEY	-\$.90 sack
A No. 1 WHEAT HAY	-\$ 2.10 bale
A No. 2 WHEAT HAY	-\$ 1.90 bale
BRAN	-\$.95 sack.
SHORTS	-\$ 1.20 sack

Bandon Warehouse Co.

Reducers of the HIGH COST OF LIVING

The Land of Opportunity

Former Gov. Black, of New York, in Leslie's: I believe there never in the world were opportunities so great and the rewards of honest industry so high as they are now in this splendid country. They are not alone for the rich and favored, but spring up on every side and ask no price but industry and character. The wealth of the millionaire of today may not remain with his son, but may seek that other youth whose character and training have made him the better man. The capitalist of the future is not surrounded tonight with the luxuries. He is on his way home from a spelling bee in the district school house in Maine, or asleep in the trundle bed on a farm in Minnesota. The children of the rich still retain the wealth they inherit only because they are able; if they are not, the children of the mechanic and farmer will come in and take it. Nothing remains stable in human affairs, and fortune with impartial hand is awarding prizes every day to those whose names ten years ago were buried in obscurity.

This is the proper method and proper spirit with which to work and will result, not only in people enjoying themselves, but in permanently helping them as well. There is nothing like systematic advertising and systematic effort for a combination of enjoyment and mutual benefit.

Bandon, the wide awake city by

BEGINNING July 9th this bank will be open Saturday Evening From 7 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. for the Accommodation of the Public.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Bandon, Oregon
Designated STATE DEPOSITORY

3 PER CENT. INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS

THE
GEO. W. MOORE LUMBER CO.
WILL
SOON
BEGIN
CUTTING
Stove Wood

the sea, has plans well under way to spend \$60,000 for a modern system of water works, to be owned and controlled by the city for the benefit of the people who live there.—Coos Bay Harbor.