

# The Herald

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During this session of the legislature we should have our charter amended to provide for its being amended by the people without having to wait until the legislature is in session. This can be done and it should be attended to at once. There will be a number of things come up inside of the next two years and among them will be the proposition of the city putting in its own light and water system. This cannot be done under the present charter as it does not provide for the bonding of the municipality to a sufficient amount to cover the cost of these improvements. If we had these two improvements they would pay for themselves and improve the city, besides giving us a better service than we are now getting. We cannot expect any large business enterprise to locate here when we have no fire protection. We are near enough the river to give us the benefit of river transportation and far enough away to avoid any danger of high water. We are near enough to large bodies of timber that we ought to have planing mills and factories for the handling of the rough lumber and putting it in shape for the market. Situated in the midst of the largest body of cheap land west of the Cascades, we should soon become the center of a large and prosperous community. Nowhere can so many kinds of farming be carried on as profitably as here. Nowhere is there better educational facilities, nor can they be had as cheaply. Rent is so cheap here as to be merely nominal. Houses that in Portland would rent readily for \$45 a month can be had here for \$8 to \$10. Shall we reach out after the good things that are floating around or sit idly by and see other towns less advantageously situated secure them? A little effort exerted at the right time may bring us big returns, but first we must provide protection from fire. A kind Providence made this valley as near perfect as it was possible to get so large a body of land and as a consequence the good things of life came to us who lived here 30 years ago, but times have changed and now we must rustle if we get ahead, for the other fellow is hustling hard. We have heard it asserted that there are people here who believe that we do not want any more people here. We hope this is not true for they are coming and we cannot prevent them, but if we get the best we must tell the world of the inducements that we have to offer. We believe that every farmer would rather have clean wheat than tailings, so it is with immigration, if we hustle we

will get the wheat, if we sit around and wait for what comes to us we will get the tailings and the chances are favorable that there will be a considerable quantity of French pink among them.

Brownsville has organized a booster club and has raised a fund to advertise the town, which amounts to one dollar apiece for each inhabitant. If Monmouth would spend 25 cents a head for advertising we would soon be on the map in dead earnest. As it now stands there is hardly anybody outside the state that knows there is such a place, unless it be some who have lived here in the past. Can't we possibly organize some sort of commercial body and get down to business. It has been stated that the reason a Board of Trade could not be kept up here was that no secretary could be had to do the writing and look after the distribution of literature. If that is the reason we will remove it by volunteering to do the work gratis if the citizens will only get a move on and do some advertising of the resources of this part of the state. Who will be the first to start the ball rolling?

Help us get 600 new subscribers during the next six months. We are going to get them and we want you to take enough interest in this paper to help boom it. As soon as our list will warrant us in doing so we are going to enlarge to an eight page six column paper and then we will have room for more good matter. We will be able to keep more help in the office and can then get out among the farmers and stockmen, the fruit growers and gardeners of the country and give full accounts of what is being done by all.

Indications point to the fact that the saloon element will make a hard fight to vote this county wet at the first opportunity. While some of them are carrying on business at the old stand, yet there is the element of chance entering into it that was not there under the wet system, besides the bulk of the money paid them heretofore is going to the wholesale houses and they don't like it a little bit.

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### A Pretty Warm Fish.

A well known fisherman was fishing for perch and was seated along the edge of a lake near the roots of a large tree, which was a favorite spot for the perch. Luck had been only fair, and he was debating on the question of hauling in the line and going home when there came a powerful tug.

He knew that he had a huge fish and struggled vigorously for twenty minutes before he landed his prize. It was a sunfish, one of the largest he had ever seen. He landed it on the bank, and then he noticed that the rays from the fish were so powerful that he was almost blinded, and the grass in the vicinity was shriveled up by the heat.

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