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**MUCH JOY OVER APPROPRIATION.**

The announcement of \$90,000 appropriated for the Coquille river water way is the source of great satisfaction to the people of Bandon and the Coquille Valley. The people of this valley feel that it means an era of new development in this section. It will not only benefit the shipping interests, but will mean employment for a large number of men and will bring just that much more money into the country. Since the organization of the Port Commission the outlook for the lower Coquille Valley was never better, as each year it is certain to bring something new in the way of harbor improvement, and the government will now give us recognition in the way of appropriations as never before.

**PROSPEROUS COOS COUNTY.**

It is said by real estate men that there are practically no dairy ranches in Coos County for sale. This would indicate that ranchers are well satisfied with their conditions and are busy making money.

There is room, however, for several times as many dairy ranches in this county than we now have, and if people of the outside world could only be brought to realize what great opportunities there are here, in this line, there would be a great influx of people and the country would become much more rapidly developed.

The move now on foot to import a bunch of Holstien cattle into this section is a good one and there is going to be a great development in the way of better stock.

No doubt when the excellent dairy reports of this section are brought before the public eye, there will be many people flock here for the purpose of bettering their own conditions and grasping the opportunity to make more money with less work.

**THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.**

There seems to be a prospect for a new awakening of the Commercial Club, as was indicated by the large attendance and great enthusiasm of last Friday night, and the good part of it is, that those who were there pledged themselves to come again next Friday night and bring another with them. Now if these men keep their word we are assured of a rousing meeting. But it must not stop there. We should have a large attendance at every meeting.

It has been the history of the Bandon Commercial Club that about every six months or a year we work up a little enthusiasm for a few weeks, and then it dies down again and the burden of keeping the club going falls on the shoulders of less than a dozen of the faithful. It is to be hoped that this revival will be of a more permanent nature and that the enthusias will last from year to year.

A good commercial club is undoubtedly the greatest factor in the development of a city and if it is kept alive there will always be prosperity in the city. Of course we must all make some sacrifice if we would keep up a good live commercial club, but the sacrifice will be made up to us ten fold, if we keep the good work going.

Be out to the meeting next Friday night and then don't let that be the last meeting you attend, but keep it up. Let's have something doing in the Commercial Club line all the time.

**HOMES OF THE SYRIANS.**

Where it is Little Trouble to "Take Up Thy Bed and Walk."

On the right as you enter the house stands a small structure of sun dried brick called mekhdah. It is about five feet high, six feet long and a foot deep. On the inner side it is divided into openings of different sizes and serves the cosmopolitan purpose of a china closet, kettle cupboard, a place for father's Turkish pipe (nargile) and tobacco and whatever other little articles it may be convenient for the moment to thrust into it.

The mekhdah (fireplace) is at the forward end of this structure. It is such a fireplace as you would build at a picnic-square, open at one side to admit the fuel. It is built of clay mixed with straw and fine quartz. There is no chimney. The smoke floats in the house with the sufferance of public opinion. The ceiling is black and shining, as if it had been varnished. The earthen floor is painted frequently with red mud and rubbed with a smooth stone until it shines. It is furnished with straw mats, cushions and in the winter season soft and fluffy sheepskins.

There are no chairs, no bedsteads. The family sit and sleep on the floor. The bed consists of a thick cushion for a mattress, stuffed with wool or cotton, a pillow of the same material and a quilt for a cover. So when Jesus said to the man he had healed, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk," the man did not have very much to carry. In the daytime the beds are either rolled up, each one, in a heap and left on the floor next to the wall or put in a recess in the wall, constructed for the purpose.—Atlantic Monthly.

**TACT OF EUGENIE.**

Diplomacy of the French Empress on a Question of Dress.

A curious instance of the diplomatic methods of the ex-Empress Eugenie is worth recalling.

When Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and the princess royal were about to visit Napoleon III. and the Empress Eugenie it was feared at the French court that the young princess royal would not be dressed in a style that would harmonize with French taste. The question was how to beguile her royal parents into dressing the child in a suitable manner.

In this difficulty the empress had a really brilliant idea. The height and other measurements of the princess royal were obtained and a doll of exactly the same size procured. The doll was provided with a large and exquisitely finished trousseau, and it was then dispatched to Buckingham palace as an imperial gift to the princess.

The expected happened. Queen Victoria, enchanted with the doll's wardrobe, transferred most of the outer garments to her daughter for use during their visit to the emperor and empress. The result was that the princess appeared at her best, and everybody was pleased.—London Spectator.

**Criminals of Manila.**

"Criminals are practically unknown in Manila," observed an official of that city. "I mean by this that there is no criminal class in the islands, as there is in European countries and in the United States. The yeggman, the professional pickpocket and sneak thief do not exist there. Of course we have to deal with high crimes, and there are a considerable number of murders. Doubtless this is due to the mercurial temperament of the people. The Filipinos are much like the Spaniards. They are easily angered and commit murder in a moment of passion. The spirit of revenge also is pronounced among the Filipinos. I have found that most of the murders committed are traceable to that old motive—the eternal triangle. I don't recall any murders in the Philippines that were committed with guns. The weapon ordinarily used is the knife or bolo."—Washington Post.

**Woman's Influence.**

It is at the foot of woman we lay the laurels that without her smile would never have been gained. It is her image that strings the lyre of the poet, that animates the voice in the blaze of eloquent faction and guides the brain in the august toils of stately counsel. Whatever may be the lot of man, however unfortunate, however oppressed, if he only love and be loved, he must strike a balance in favor of existence, for love can illumine the dark roof of poverty and lighten the fetters of the slave.—Disraeli.

**Ringless Weddings.**

A wedding without a ring seems incongruous, but in some parts of Spain no ring is used. After the ceremony the bridegroom moves the flower in his bride's hair from left to right, for in those districts to wear a rose above your right ear is to proclaim yourself a wife.

**Soothing the Bride.**

"I told Maud that Jack was simply crazy to marry her, and she took offense."

"Why was that?"

"Don't know, unless it was that when I said it they had just been married."—Boston Transcript.

**Whips at Weddings.**

At Swedish weddings among the middle and lower classes the bridegroom carries a whip. This is an emblem of his authority in the domestic circle.

Repentance is a goddess and the precursor of those who have erred.—Julian.

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