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**FIRE HYDRANTS ARE NEEDED**

At the fire last Tuesday night, that destroyed the residence of Thos. Bachelor the fire department could do little but watch the destruction of the property.

First there was no hydrant near enough to serve and second the pressure in the mains was so low that a nearby hydrant would have been of little use.

Bandon should awake to the fact that it pays a heavy interest on the money that it does not spend for fire protection—a higher rate than can be secured elsewhere—and that the original cost and maintenance are lost annually.

The interest goes to the insurance companies in the form of premiums.

There is a financial loss in every fire. Even if the houses burned are insured the insurance never covers the actual loss. Articles are destroyed which money could not replace.

In the fire last summer which destroyed a large part of Bandon's business district how many merchants received half value for the loss they sustained? For the interruption of their business the insurance companies paid nothing. The whole community lost heavily through the city being set back on account of it.

Fires often cause loss of life and injuries.

Fire protection is the greatest inducement a city may offer to business and industries seeking a location.

It will encourage the building of beautiful and substantial residences.

Bandon has the greatest need for hydrants so placed that every part of the city can be efficiently served by the city fire department.

In addition there should be an abundant supply of water, under sufficient pressure at each of these hydrants, day and night that they may serve their purpose.

We fail to realize that Bandon is a city with a city's needs.

Failure to realize this fact and to act accordingly will cause ever increasing disaster in the future.

We need and should have fire hydrants and a water supply giving a fire protection pressure.

**THE PORT AND THE LAW**

Improvement of the harbor of the Coquille river is an urgent necessity. Needless delay in this matter would simply mean that the Coquille river will stand still or go back while Coos Bay and those other places which are awake and willing to advance their money on improvements will forge ahead.

The spirit of the west is enterprise. Coos Bay has only followed in a minor scale the initiative and courage of all the growing cities of the Pacific coast from Seattle to San Diego. Six hundred thousand dollars is a large sum of money for a port like Coos Bay to spend, but that is to their credit and to their future advantage.

It would be poor policy to change the state law to make the undertaking of public improvements more difficult. The people of the Port of Bandon have chosen commissioners in whom they have confidence.

Whenever a plan of improvement has been designed by competent engineers it should be executed. The fact that the U. S. army engineers who are specialists in this work, approve all plans goes far to guard against the wasteful use of money.

The people of the county have already passed judgment on the matter. The order of the day is not retreat nor delay, but advance.

**LEGISLATORS AND THEIR CORRESPONDENCE**

One frequently hears the criticism of the present legislature that it started out with a profession of economy and straightway proceeded to vote each member a stenographer.

We doubt if this is just criticism. Many of the legislators undoubtedly while men of ability, are unaccustomed to handling much correspondence. Again, the legislators are sent to Salem to solve problems of large affairs and they should be kept as free as possible from petty details and clerical work.

With each one provided with a personal stenographer this can be much better accomplished than if they only had the service of a stenographical office.

Then, too, much of the correspondence of a legislator is necessarily of a private nature partly and partly of a public nature. A legislator's correspondence should not be the common property of a state office or stenographic force.

Failure to provide each legislator with a private stenographer would doubtless prove a penny wise and pound foolish economy.

**SOCIAL LIFE IN THE CHURCHES**

One often hears the criticism of the church that it no longer has the influence that it once had, that it is in a state of decline or decay.

Various reasons have been assigned for this alleged state of affairs. One claims that the teaching of science has weaned the people away from the church by destroying their faith in revealed religion or its dogmas.

Still many of the churches have revised and brought up to date their respective creeds until the difference between the various churches is vanishing and the variance with science is ever lessening.

Another asserts that the churches stand for conservatism in political and it is a dead weight to be removed. That is a dead weight to be removed from the path of progress by those striving for greater social justice.

Yet one cannot help but be impressed by the sympathetic understanding and concern for the up-to-date thought and action looking towards greater economic freedom and justice of many of its ministers.

Others claim the churches decline through spiritual decay. If the church has declined the cause will probably be found in other than those reasons usually assigned.

Has not the church failed most seriously in its social duty?

The time was when the church was the social center of the community life. The courting was done under its chaperonage and encouragement.

It was the friend and counselor of the young and old. It proved its right to exist by the necessary service it rendered the public. There all met on a plane of equality and fraternity.

Lately it has, in a measure, failed in this duty. There are city churches which have a large membership but where there is as little social life or common sympathy to be found as in a counting house. It seems more like attending a theater than a house of worship.

The richer members scorn social association with most of the members and lives their social lives apart from the church. These churches give some social functions but it is so near to accepting social charity that only a few attend and they are of poorest financial and social resources. The minister sets himself up as an autocrat and is so accepted by the members who try to follow his example, each one to his less fortunate brother.

So other agencies that better serve the social instinct of mankind have taken up the work such churches failed to do.

But have these new agencies served as well as the old time church? It is feared they have not. If the church would thrive and fulfill its mission it must resume its social function.

The church to be progressive must have a social awakening. It is a big and glorious duty to concern itself with the whole problem of human life—to administer to the social life of the members and to guide it right.

It will justify its existence and prosper by administering to human needs social as well as spiritual.

**GOOD ROADS.**

I suggest that the offices of state engineer and state highway engineer be combined under the state engineer who shall have an unsalaried advisory board of three members, especially qualified in road matters, to cooperate with him in all that concerns state highways.

Wide roadbuilding is probably the best investment the state can undertake, and for its encouragement I recommend consideration of some plan for the establishment and use of a larger state road fund. I suggest a 1/2 mill state tax, the combined revenue of it and the existing (or improved) graduated motor vehicle tax to be expended from the state treasury in cooperation with the various counties for trunk roads within their boundaries, their construction to be under state supervision.

It is generally conceded that agriculture is our basic industry, and if we are to realize a truly Greater Oregon, we must lay the foundation by means of constructive legislation for agricultural development. Among the most vital problems of this industry are better roads.

—From Gov. Withycombe's Message.

In last Thursday's Recorder the statement was made that P. J. Rasette and wife of Lampe were in the city, but since that time we have learned that the Mrs. Rasette was P. J.'s mother. We are sorry the mistake occurred, but it is one of those that will creep into a newspaper occasionally, no matter how careful the editor may be.

Public Stenographer.  
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