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ECONOMY IN CITY EXPENDITURES

A subject of interest at this time is the question of retrenchment in city expenditures. This paper has not commented editorially on this subject. But the facts are that heretofore the city has received as revenue about \$7,000 annually for saloon licenses, and the regular eight mill levy on property has amounted to about \$3,000. Miscellaneous receipts such as fines, etc., have made the city's total income about \$11,000 per year. Out of this sum we have paid between \$6,500 and \$7,000 yearly as salaries to officials. Then the city lights have taken about \$1,500 to \$1,800 per year and the number of lights has gradually increased. Added to this is an ever increasing sum for interest on outstanding warrants amounting at this time to something near \$1,500 and then there is to be added sums for street and sidewalk repairs and general maintenances, not to mention occasional jolts of \$3,000 or more entanglements like the famous Sixth St. case.

In fact the city at its best was not on a sound financial basis. At this time, \$7,000 annual revenue from the saloons appears to be glimmering, and the sole revenue for running the city's is about \$4,000 per year for \$12,000 expenditures. We do not favor permanent retrenchment, but at the present time when all lines of business are being re-adjusted, and when business is dull, and particularly when the city has recently suffered a near calamity from fire, closed mills, etc., it is high time that our city officials retrench, until our city which we call home can be re-adjusted to our new conditions. And if so, where can the pruning hook be better applied than to the item of \$6,500, annual salaries for officialdom.

To the city officials we say "Draw a mental picture of a river, broad, deep straight and calm, which we will name the City of Bandon. Descending that river is a ship labeled "The Administration of the City of Bandon". This river, near its mouth, divides into two channels making an island. Each channel flows into the ocean. One is narrow, full of many shoals, rocks and curves, and is beset with treacherous breakers. The other channel continues straight, broad and deep and if followed will carry the ship to an entrance onto the high sea of future success. The one branch may be labeled unnecessary expense and the other, economy. The good ship, "Administration" has arrived at the division of the ways. The flight of time will not permit a return, nor anchorage on the spot. The administration must choose, and parson, the people are watching every movement.

IT WAS UNANIMOUS

Having reference to our recent editorial commenting upon the 2 to 1 vote of the school board, we desire to say that each member of the board has since then called upon us and assured us that the vote was unanimous. Having looked further into the matter we find that the 2 to 1 vote was at the eleventh hour and 59 1/2 minute unanimous, and accordingly desire to acknowledge our error. We shall not further comment upon the incident.

AN OLD STORY

The European war has now reached a stage where its details become no longer novel. At first the accounts of battles by sea and land, of exploits with air ships, the destruction of historic landmarks, the tales of misery and privations noted not to our contemporaries gave us that thrill of

sensation journals seek to awaken. We felt horror, and pity and sympathy.

But these emotions can not be made to respond unceasingly. We become calloused in sentiment by over handling of such themes and now pass, too lightly, it is to be feared, over the accounts of the latest butcheries and works of destruction.

FAITH IN OURSELVES

The Power of Vision is a phrase that is a favorite one with evangelists but one that is as potent in worldly matters as in the realms of theology. The ability to see by intuition, beyond obstructions and barriers is a happy one for its possessor and makes him a person of prominence among men. The ability to see beyond one's nose, to consider the distant future instead of only the impending tomorrow is something that should be cultivated. To most men, a penny in front of the eyes seems larger than a dollar a short distance away.

Men with little vision, when the pinch of hard times come, set about curtailing expenses. Economy is something that should be practiced by all at all times. But if ever there is an excuse for extravagance it is in hard times. In times of financial depression the more people contract their field of activities and limit their outgo the harder the times will be.

For some years past Bandon has been so busy making money that it has not had time to consider and cultivate the amenities of civic existence. It has experienced a prosperous present up to within the past year. Now it has leisure to take stock of itself and consider the future. It should consider whether it can afford to invite strangers and show them its streets in its city hall or its churches. There is no Bandonian who would not resent any imputation as to the future of his home town. If Bandon is to have a future, now is a good time to prepare for it.

GETTING IT STRAIGHT.

In a recent article of the Recorder concerning the history of the debates of Bandon High School some errors were made which should be corrected. A few of the names given as having composed the teams were incorrect and a unanimous decision won at Coquille by Kate Chaburn and Jack Kronenberg was entirely overlooked by the writer of the article. While we have not won the County Championship for three successive years we have never made a complete failure in any debate in that time as in 1912, Jack Kronenberg, Letner Gallier and Harry Craine won one point for Bandon from Myrtle Point and Margarette Haberly, Velma Klepper and Pearl Craine won one point at North Bend. In 1913 Kate Chaburn and Jack Kronenberg won a unanimous decision at Coquille while Pearl Craine and Ernest Watkins won one point from North Bend at Bandon and at a later date in the same year, Jack Kronenberg and Pearl Craine won one point from Marshfield at Bandon. While we do not wish to detract from the praise given the winners in debate that year, yet we do wish to give honor where honor is due.

SOMETHING TO MEMORIZE.

When earth's last picture is painted,
And the tubes are twisted and dried;
When the oldest color has faded
And the youngest critic has died;
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it,
Lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all good painters
Shall set us to work anew.
And only the good shall be happy;
He shall sit in a golden chair
And shall splash at a ten-league canvas
With brushes of comet's hair,
He shall have real saints to draw from—
Magdalene, Peter and Paul;
He shall work for an age at a sitting
And never grow tired at all.
And only the master shall praise him
And only the Master shall blame,
And no one shall work for money
And no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working,
And each in his separate star
Shall paint the thing as he sees it,
For the God of things as they are,
— Rudyard Kipling

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