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with the government in the
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WORTHY OF CONGRATULATION

Voters of the Bandon school district, at least those who attended the meeting Monday night, are to be congratulated on the good judgment they exercised and the harmonious manner in which they conducted the affairs of the meeting. No better choice could have been made in the selection of directors and clerk, and it is to the good fortune of the district that Messrs. Jones, Wade and Nielson consent to take upon themselves the responsibilities.

The manner in which the business of the district has been conducted for the past few years has given the public confidence in the present officials. They have been conducting the schools progressively, yet at the least possible cost to the taxpayers, and at the same time with a view of gradually getting the district out of debt.

It took several hard scraps at annual meetings in the past to vote budgets amply large to make such a policy possible. At one meeting, the writer remembers, the necessary mileage passed by but one vote. This year the idea of voting less money than required in order to keep taxes down temporarily, regardless of future consequences, was conspicuously absent.

It was apparent throughout the meeting that the board held the confidence of the taxpayers and their recommendations were respected. That is as it should be, for the board has done remarkably well and is deserving of the hearty co-operation of those who placed the responsibilities upon them. The public may rest assured that school matters, at least for another year, are satisfactorily settled.

CITY SHOULD ACT

If the expression at the school meeting Monday night is a criterion, the people of Bandon are heartily in favor of making a city hall out of the old school building. The vote in favor of authorizing the school board to sell the property to the city for \$1,000, or leasing it with option to buy at \$1,000, was 60 to 3, which is almost unanimous. It could hardly have been otherwise after listening to the comprehensive explanation made by Mayor Topping.

With more than \$60,000 worth of records unprotected from fire, the necessity for a new place of safety is urgent. No business man would take the risk that the people of Bandon have been, and are, taking. The city authorities cannot act too quickly to safeguard these records. It is hoped that no obstacles will be placed in their way in putting into execution the idea of a vault and suitable city hall quarters in the proposed building.

Western World for several years past has advocated and favored this move. It would have cost considerably less to have done this then, but it is better late than never. No further time should be lost.

The outstanding feature in connection with the proposed sale and purchase of the school building is the fact, as expressed at Monday night's meeting, that to the taxpayers it means simply taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another. In doing so they save a valuable piece of property from going to utter ruin and at the same time provide a much-needed city hall and place of safety for the invaluable records the city possesses and must have.

POWER BEHIND THE NATION

In an address before the editorial convention held in the east it was shown that sixty per cent of the American people are served by the country papers and smaller dailies.

Baseball Should Be Encouraged in Times of War, Says John Tener

By JOHN K. TENER, President of National League



Baseball, in common with all other outdoor sports, in my opinion, should be encouraged in times of war as well as in times of peace.

Baseball really had its origin during the Civil war, when soldiers in that great conflict benefited themselves physically and in spirit by engaging in this then new game. This was true with the soldiers in our war with Spain, as it is true with our brave boys today who have enlisted under the colors and are either in the camps here or at the front in France. From the very inception of the present war England has realized that to keep her soldiers fit they must be given opportunity to indulge in their favorite sports, and by government appropriation that country has used a large sum of money for the purchase of athletic paraphernalia for use of the athletes of her army. President Wilson has given every encouragement to and in fact has urged the continuance of outdoor sports during the war.

Under the selective draft or conscription act professional baseball players are called to the service of their country precisely the same as those in any other profession, vocation or walk in life, and have answered, and are just as ready to answer the call either by enlistment or draft as other patriotic citizens; but until that call comes they must, as they should, continue to earn their livelihood in the profession which gives to them the greatest compensating return and in which they are most expert. Many players have enlisted and under the operation of the draft law baseball has furnished its quota.

We all realize, especially at this hour, the pressing call that is upon each of us to aid our country in doing all in our power to quickly furnish men and means to combat the enemy and to insure an early and complete victory to our arms, and this effort will be best sustained by getting into the open and into the sunshine occasionally and by either witnessing or participating in outdoor sports to gain that health and vigor and alertness of intellect necessary to do well the work that may come to our hand.

Canada for years past has played and accepted baseball almost to the exclusion of other summer sports, and has carried the game into England and, with our own boys, is now playing it in France, where, in fact, all the troops of the allied armies engage in playing our national game, which seems to have in it the very spirit and inspiration that fits the player for the supreme effort of the soldier.

While we must all do our utmost for our country at this time, we must also have our hour of recreation, and to recreate the body and sharpen our senses I know of no better tonic than baseball.

The smaller newspapers constitute the real driving force and police power of sixty million of the American people—more than half the people of the United States read the smaller newspapers.

The farmers, the men and women who feed the nation, and a great part of the rest of the world—the thinking, influential Americans who do not live in the big cities read the country weekly and smaller dailies.

While the city dwellers in flats and apartments spend their money on canned goods and picture shows, the readers of the country papers are the great buying class from farm tractors to jewelry.

The advertising value and the political power of the smaller newspapers is not yet fully understood by the great business interests and statesmanship of the nation, and still less appreciated.

Remember to tell your friends in other parts of the country that the place to spend the Fourth this year is in Bandon. The Home Guard has charge of the celebration, which guarantees its success.

Protection is demanded for Chinese eggs. Looks like by the time they reach here they should be old enough and strong enough to protect themselves.

Kerensky of Russian fame is scheduled to arrive in New York. We congratulate Comrade Kerensky on reaching near civilization.

This country is too busy to have loafers hanging around. Every state should adopt the slogan: "Fight, work, or go hungry."

According to reports the equalization board is going to make some local taxes harder to collect.

A woman first marries her ideal and then quite often she demands a new deal.

Airplanes being the eyes of the army, it seems up to us to "mind our eye."

Being an American is recognized as a real privilege these days.

It is unfair to judge some frames by the pictures they inclose.

If you "give till it hurts" then you may be sure it helps.

Are you for the Red Cross or the Iron cross?

True Friendship.

A true friendship is one of human kind's sweetest ties, and it should be sacredly regarded. That sterling soul who always has a smile for us—who sees in us only what is fine and commendable—should act, and will not, if we are made of the right stuff, be annoyed by our over-familiarity.

PRESENT FOR PRESIDENT



Beautiful bronze statue which is to be presented to President Wilson by New York Italian. The statue is about three feet high and weighs almost 400 pounds. A duplicate is to be sent to the king of Italy.

A String of Beads.

"Savages will trade vast tracts of land for a string of beads."
"Well," replied Miss Cayenne, "I know a man who wears evening clothes and carries a cane and he did the same thing. He went broke trying to pay for a pearl necklace."

How to Increase World's Bread Ration

With famine creeping through Europe, and every nation struggling to produce enough food to sustain life, the American farmer has a duty that he can not shirk. America must ship food to Europe for our soldiers. America must supply bread to starving peoples. No matter what other crops are raised, more acres should be devoted to bread grains. "Do your bit, Mr. Farmer," says a Food Administration bulletin. "Success depends upon you in this world war."

West Point is on a food-conservation basis, and the health of the cadet corps is better than ever. All bread used is composed of 45 per cent wheat flour, 45 rye, and 10 per cent white bolted grain flour; and many cadets consider it superior to the former white bread. Sugar consumption has been cut down, meatless days and meals are rigidly observed, and the reduced amount of meat has been beneficial to health. A lesson from a reliable source.

DO NOT NEGLECT YOUR TEETH

A Clean Tooth Never Decays

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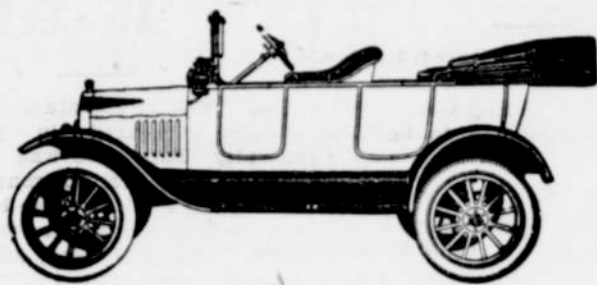
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