A Business Man's Views.

To the student of history, there is perhaps nothing more striking than the fact that the greatest commercial centers of the present and past, have sprung from the advantages of the location. The insignificant appearance of some of our large cities in the early days, is a remarkable contrast with the present magnificence of the same today, richly endowed with location, encircled by its source of mineral and surface wealth. Coos Bay stands today on the eve of its liberation from isolation. And without a doubt to become one of the important factors, in the development of the Pacific Coast.

Many instances of the early struggles of our coast cities might be mentioned if the space of the paper would admit; but we feel that we must mention some of those industries that have been instrumental in the building up of the business interest of Coos Bay and Marshfield in particular. There is a freedom in the air of Coos, that as soon as you cross the bar you will find a life giving effect. There are many cities along the coast, but we think there are none that affords such a home as the quiet waves of our rivers and streams. To the man of knowledge, experience and travel this quiet and the serene location turns him, not from the better business life of the larger cities, but not remain so long as the time. We will readily pardon the pride of those who come from the cities both North and South, but as we are out in the formation of the future of Marshfield and Coos Bay, we look boldly into the face, we can see many changes come—but these changes are necessary.

"We must not let the shell" in Marshfield. There will be men from the East, North and South who do not believe the splendid opportunity for locating with a business view, and there are those who believe that the growth of Coos Bay business interest in the next twelve months will do the forces of nature in Steamer, Rivers, Lakes etc. in our immediate neighborhood. There are valuable additions to the economy of life are left to run waste, and there future the grand water courses will be harnessed for the benefit, and used for the purpose that nature designed they should be. We do not attempt to prepare any solution of the question, as to what is the most important industry for the future of Marshfield and the Bay in general. We do know the extent of present population in lumber.Just shall we say that this will make the future of Coos Bay? We rather think not. We believe that when the dairying future for the future of Marshfield, Shinglet, Inleaus, Creeks, Lakes and the magnificent grazing lands adjacent and brought under control, that will become the permanent basis of the future of Coos Bay.

All wealth comes from the soil, and the battle fought in past ages for some advantages "terra firma" (dry lands) will be fought over again on the shores of Coos Bay. The geographical position is such to make the hardest man unit of the weak. Touched by the warm wave that passes along the coast on its way South, we find the local condition such as to make for the future happiness of the local.

Coos Bay has ever been proud of its inland home, and justly so. With Churches and Schools. Lodges of all kinds, an even temperate climate, institutions to add all, any thing to suit the most fastidious taste. The remark is made and without a doubt is true. On decent shade of comfort and cleanliness, a sanctuary of ease and quiet. And the desire is to see a rapid and permanent development, and then, in the future, as we look back upon the years that have gone, may we say:

"Where'er I roam whatever realms to see, My heart untraveled founds turns to thee.

Charles George

Steamer Alert.

Residence of C. H. Merchant.

One of the Stand-bys.

The Bay City Mill of E. B. Dean & Co. is situated about a mile from Marshfield, where it stone and offices of the company are located. Its capacity is about 60,000 feet a day, and it is one of the old stand-bys of the town having run steadily year in and year out for nearly a quarter of a century.

Dean & Co.'s Mill

Coos Bay Iron Works

A notable institution, which has been a valuable acquisition to the business and mechanical equipment of this country, is the Coos Bay Iron Works, of which E. F. Nelson and R. A. H. Schmid are proprietors. This business was established in March, 1901. The machine shop, which is located on Front Street, and already been built up by Mr. Nelson. One of Marshfield's young men, whom mechanical genius had early development, from a small beginning to a well-equipped shop. In the foundry and pattern shop he was joined by Mr. H. Schmid a well-experienced man from Astoria.

The first plant erected contained 2000 feet of floor space. This expanded inadequate an addition of 400 feet in the front and of about 500 feet in the rear, giving a floor space now available of 6000 feet. A further addition of about 500 feet is to be put the foundry building as soon as possible, to give room for a new shop furnace which will be installed, the present furnace, of about half that capacity being inadequate for the work to be done.

The foundry is equipped to handle, up to a certain limit in size, all kinds of casting in iron, brass, bronze, etc., and has turned out some difficult piece of work in the past year. Perhaps the most difficult was a cylinder for one of the Coquille river steamers, the finished casting weighing 9000 pounds. Bronze propellers have been cast for the Coquille steamers, one of 44 inches diameter and for the Antelope and one of 42 inches for the Schooner. The heaviest castings made have been the hawsepipes for the schooner, the last vessel built in the Marshfield yard. There were 7 feet and 1 inch long and weighed 1000 pounds each. The plant has turned out much of this ship work, and is now engaged on the iron and bronze work for the vessel under construction in K. V. Knox's yard.

From four to six men are constantly employed in the foundry and pattern shop, and the business is growing fully up to the expectations of the energetic and progressive founders. To have an institution of this kind on the Bay is not only a great convenience, but often saves delay in refitting damaged machinery when time is a matter of dollars and cents, and the Coos Bay Iron Works may be rated among the most valuable enterprises of the Bay.

Th: McCormac Residence

Foundry Building