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## EDITORIAL

### THE NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Every one who has the best interests of Coos Bay at heart, must give unqualified approval to the movement to organize a comprehensive and live Chamber of Commerce.

Such an organization never was so badly needed here, nor was the time ever so favorable for its inception.

Coos Bay has dropped away behind in the race. In fact the whole state of Oregon has been sleeping, while California, first, and Washington, later, have been taking giant strides to the front. It is Oregon's turn now, and everything points to a wonderful exhilaration of development all over the state. Oregon is being advertised and the stream of immigration is being turned in this direction. It remains for Coos Bay to wake up and take her proper place as one of the finest sections of the coast; and the one presenting the best opportunities for the investment of capital in small or large amounts in the development of natural resources.

Coos Bay has already been getting an amount of advertising that will prove of the greatest value if it be properly followed up, and for this work a Chamber of Commerce, on the lines proposed, is an absolute necessity, if we wish to see the best results.

The fear that if we place the resources of the country before the outside world, and encourage people to come here, it may result in a boom, is an out-crop of mossbackism with which it is hard to have any patience. The idea that we must hold this country back, discourage immigration and development, and try to revert to the conditions of twenty years ago, when Coos Bay was a little world by itself, must give way, and the sooner it gives way the better.

And let no one fondly imagine that he can stop the wheels of progress. Concerted action can retard the forward movement, it is true, but can not

### PROPOSED CHARTER AMMENDMENTS

Special attention is called to the meeting of the city council this afternoon to finally determine upon the proposed amendments to the town charter. These amendments contemplate no radical change. They are mainly corrective of the present charter, where it is ambiguous, or not binding enough. By the present charter the right to vote at city elections is restricted to those paying taxes on \$100 worth of property; the amendment provides that the said property must be situated within the corporate limits of Marshfield.

If the theory of the present charter is the correct one, then the amendments can not be objected to.

If Marshfield wishes to assume and keep the attitude of a close corporation, with an aristocratic or oligarchic form of government, the restriction of the right to vote to those paying taxes on

\$100 is right and proper, so far as it goes. But if the payment of taxes on \$100 makes a man a good citizen and qualifies him to take part in the town government, then the payment of taxes on \$1000 ought to make him ten times as competent, and the MAIL suggests that the line be drawn there.

It is probably useless to advocate a change of policy at this time, yet it would be better for Marshfield, especially just at this time, to sweep away the restrictive ideas altogether. A man who is qualified to vote for the president of the United States and members of congress ought to be qualified to vote for mayor and councilmen of the town in which he lives, and in whose good government he is more immediately interested. The idea that only property owners can be good citizens is an exploded theory. Furthermore the principle is un-American and ought not to be tolerated in any community.

### THE DIRECT PRIMARY LAW

The bill for direct primary nomination seems to be having a hard time of it in the Oregon Legislature, in spite of the fact that both parties professed to be in favor of it during the campaign. This very fact proves the need of just such a law, in combination with the initiative and referendum.

As things go now, the party bosses, large and small, run the party, and about all the people have to do with it is to pay the freight. The would-be candidate must deal mainly with the bosses, for if they oppose him, popularity with the dear people will do him little good.

Therefore it takes a man of much more than ordinary stamina to go counter to the wishes of the bosses, even when he knows the will of the majority of his constituents, and he usually has to guess at that.

The bosses and wire pullers large and small are mostly opposed to the primary nomination law, for that would be a severe blow to their power.

Make the office holder responsible directly to the people; let him know that his renomination will not depend on a few men skilled in the art of manipulating a convention, but on the temper of the mass of his constituents, and he will be much more likely to do that which in his judgement will best fulfill the wishes of the body of the voters; and that is what we are after.

Our public servants are almost universally honest, and desire to do what is right, but under the present system they are simply obliged to cater more or less to the bosses, in order to stay in public life. It takes a man of extraordinary strength, a man like Roosevelt, for instance, to follow his convictions and stay in public life; and, unfortunately, there are not Roosevelts enough to go around.

This is what gives the party manipulators their power. They were able to cause the defeat of the direct nomination measure in the Oregon senate the first time it was up, and the great wonder is that on reconsideration the bill was passed.

We are sorry to note that our senator from Coos was among those who in both instances opposed this measure which was advocated by all parties during the campaign, and the passage of which was demanded by every principle of political integrity. He probably had reasons which seemed good to him, which only illustrates how far an undoubtedly honest man can get off his course.

### NEED OF ORGANIZATION

The Coquille Herald copies the MAIL's article on the proposed new Chamber of Commerce, and adds these pertinent remarks:

The above, which we take from the Daily Coast Mail, shows somewhat of proper spirit in regard to the encouragement of popular settlers and the right enterprises to cause a healthy growth in the development of the county. A similar organization to the one above mentioned on this side, ready at any and all times to lend a hand in a forward move, would prove a good thing. Who will be the first to make a move or wise suggestion in this matter. By the time the people begin to arrive in Oregon to take in the Lewis and Clark exposition this county should see to it that we get a goodly number of visitors to look this way. Such organizations are all that will do this. There must be worked up a first-class steamer service between Coos Bay and Portland, and by all means the wagon roads from this county to Roseburg put in better condition, and a sufficiency of good conveyances to bring all those wishing to see Coos county by the overland route in a manner that they may reach here without becoming so thoroughly disgusted that they refuse to look about when they reach here, and get out the first opportunity.

### NORTH BEND CAPTURES MANUFACTURING PLANT

T. W. Clark's Bandon Woolen Mills to be Moved to the New Town

Another piece of good news for the bay was given out yesterday, when a deal was closed between L. J. Simpson and T. W. Clark, proprietor of the Bandon Woolen Mills, whereby the mills will be moved to North Bend and doubled in capacity.

This deal has been under way for some time, but the news was not ripe for publication. It can now be stated as an accomplished fact.

Mr. Clark has been hampered in his operations at Bandon by the lack of adequate and regular shipping facilities, and this is his main reason for desiring to get over to the bay, where he will have no trouble in that way. With the business sagacity which makes Mr. Simpson a leader in the development of the Bay, he has offered Mr. Clark inducements to locate at North Bend, and this adds one more big item to those which go to assure a solid foundation for our sister town down the bay.

Mr. Clark's plans include a plant at North Bend of twice the capacity of the one at Bandon. As the latter employs 120 hands, this means nearly 250 wage-earners and all their dependents added to the population of the new town, and a steady payroll of many thousands of dollars a month. As is well known, Mr. Clark has made a solid success of his business at Bandon, and has established a market for his products which keeps orders piled up for a year ahead. It is such industries that we need on the Bay. We of Marshfield would, of course, like to see them established in this town, but we have every reason for congratulation if they are established anywhere on the Bay, and the example set and the success achieved by our neighbors can have only a good effect on the spirit of this town, aside from the material benefits to flow from the growth of our sister towns.

Mr. Clark will begin work at once on preparations for the construction and equipment of his new plant. The plan is to put in a plant of the same capacity as the one at Bandon, running that one in the mean time until the new one is ready, then transferring operations to the new one and moving the other over, thus making no suspension of the work of manufacturing.

Bandon will feel keenly the loss of this industry, but the enterprising people of that seaside burg will undoubtedly recoup themselves in some other way.

### Crude Logic.

It is told of an East Indian law student that he once threw his examiners into confusion by declaring matrimony to be an illegal state. "How so? How so?" he was asked by the perturbed examiners, many of them married men. The student smiled beatifically. "Marriage," quoth he, "is a lottery, and lotteries are forbidden by law."

### Generosity and Epileptic Fits.

A remarkable historical fact which has frequently been noticed by scientific writers, but never accounted for satisfactorily, is that Julius Caesar, Wellington, Napoleon and the Archduke Charles of Austria, four of the greatest generals the world has known, were all subject to epileptic fits.

### A Slight Difficulty.

The dictionary to my sight  
Discloses words and words again.  
If I could but arrange them right,  
I'd be a genius with the pen.  
—Washington Star.

## For Coos Bay's Growth

### NECESSITY OF ACTION IN LINE OF PROGRESS

Public Spirited Correspondent Points Out Some Facts for Consideration.

### EDITOR COAST MAIL:

When we stop to reflect upon the old maxim that "Man is what man makes of himself," we can but conclude that the same is and must be true of an aggregation of men or a community, a village, city, state or a combination of states—a nation if you please. That the United States as a nation is equal to the "steel of any foe," she has demonstrated time and again in every walk of life, whether on the field of battle or in the more common arts of commerce and trade, literature or diplomacy. The energy, enterprise and undying efforts of its people, the golden hours of life, of youth and of hope will gain for it future wealth, glories and fame.

The recently adopted policy of expansion by our government, whether the same may have been the result of a mere chance or accident or have been brought about by the judicious and wise management or foresight of our statesmen, must, by the very nature of the case, be upheld and if necessary be enlarged. A new era, seemingly has dawned upon our nation. The events and progress of the past are but stepping stones for nobler deeds and greater advances, of a young and proud nation just entering upon a new era as the

"Leading Power" on the face of the earth. To maintain this most enviable position, we must fortify our shores, build and equip a navy capable of coping with any foe. While this position may be fraught with many dangers and may well tax the nerve of the nation the exigency demands the great sacrifice. But we must console ourselves with the knowledge that the sequel of this great task will create an activity in our commercial importance that we can not possibly calculate at this stage of the proceedings, and while the commercial activity and prosperity will effect every part of our body politic, it will more immediately effect the coast districts, and more directly the cities of the Pacific. It will be from here that the arteries of commerce will be supplied with the blood of life.

Old Oregon, the most fertile and productive in all-around resources of any state on the Pacific coast, seems to have been somewhat neglected commercially, in the past, evidently due to the lethargy of its people. In recent years, however, our old Oregonians have taken a "tumble" to themselves so to speak and are now, with the exception of a few derelict black sheep which are dying from their own obtuse stubbornness, fully alive and awake to the necessity to get a move onto themselves, and will say, with credit, are spinning along the road of prosperity with the speed of a new 500-volt dynamo.

Portland has reached the apex of the new move, and is just now giving our sister states cards and spades in the art of acrobatic contortions.

In order to keep in line in the new march of progress, it may be necessary for us to take a few lessons from the denizens of our metropolis. While they are lavishing \$500,000 contributed by themselves, they are also spending \$400,000 appropriated by the state, and it behooves us to see that we get a respectful and our respective share of advertising to which we are entitled. Aside from this \$1,000,000 of cold ducats, it is more than likely that the national exchequer can be tapped for as much more. With this amount of money judiciously expended in exploiting and advertising the resources of the Pacific Northwest, and Oregon in particular, there is no question but the manifold benefits that we will receive will by far exceed the trifling amount expended. In fact the free advertising that we have already received is proving to be a great source of revenue to us.

In a conversation we had recently with a gentleman who had just arrived from one of the Middle States, this party stated that one of the transportation companies had positively assured him that they alone expected and were making calculations to carry 50,000 people to Oregon this year. These people, of course, are home-seekers in one capacity or another, and while they may not all stay here, it is a good prediction to say that most of them will. There is little doubt in our mind but what the population of Oregon can be doubled in the next few years. For reference we should kindly refer our readers to our sister state of Washington. Look at the number of thriving towns, veritable throbbing pulses of commerce, that the energetic and plucky people of that state have erected. Spokane, for instance—what more did she have to back her than many another sagbrush town along the line of the Northern Pacific? It is only a repetition of history: God helps those who help themselves—"Survival of the fittest," as it were.

As for Coos Bay and Coos County, what are we going to do in the matter? Are we going to turn a deaf ear to Dame Fortune, when she knocks at our door and smiles upon us? No section or county of Oregon, and we dare say of the Pacific Coast, has by nature been endowed with more riches and natural resources than Coos county. It only remains for us to let these facts be known to the outside world.

The promoters of North Bend are making a move in the right direction. They are following a "systematic course of city building" that is sure to win. The Railroad people will no doubt fall in line in a few months, and you may expect a move at Bangor in the early Spring.

In the mean time we should remember that in unity there is strength, and the different elements of Coos Bay, and in fact Coos County, should get together, form a bureau of information and publish a suitable amount of literature, and let the outside world know that we are alive and have resources enough to supply the wants of 100,000 more people.

## R-I-P-A-N-S Tablets Doctors find A good prescription For mankind

The 5-cent packet is enough for usual occasions. The family bottle (50 cents) contains a supply for a year. All druggists sell them.

## Things not generally known

will come to light

We have just completed our inventory and have discovered good many broken lots in our departments—These odds and ends will be greatly reduced in price so as to clean them out.

## Remnants

Of all kinds marked down to less than the goods cost.

## JACKETS, SKIRTS, MACKINTOSHES.

Are pretty well sold out—What we have left over will be sold at a sacrifice so as to make a clean sweep.

# Wm. Nasburg.