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R. D. HUME FOR JOINT SENATOR
Port Orford Tribune.

Hon. R. D. Hume, who is now in San Francisco writes us that it would be a great pleasure to him should the Republicans of Coos county conclude to honor him with the nomination for Joint Senator for Coos and Curry counties, and he would strive to prove himself worthy of the good will and confidence thus reposed on him. If elected, which he would evidently would be, Curry county has never had the naming of a Joint Senator, such nominations having always been conceded to our more wealthy and populous sister on the north and such a courtesy extended to Mr. Hume would be appreciated by his numerous friends in both counties, and would be an incident which would lead energy to all efforts of all needed legislation of Coos county. It being a district office, the selection of a candidate need not necessarily be confined to the selection of a Coos county man. While Mr. Hume's business interests are principally in Curry county, he is well acquainted in Coos, knows her needs, has friends there, and would make a strong candidate. He is one of Southwest Oregon's substantial and reliable business men, and his past legislative records proves his ability in that line. Coos might not go so far, and fare worse. Talk it over.

BRACE UP

Some time ago the MAIL issued a little note of warning, to the effect that it might be possible to bring on a good imitation of hard times in Marshfield, if a sufficient number of our citizens would put in their leisure hours spreading the idea that hard times were coming. This warning, of course, had no effect, but the last month or so has demonstrated its timeliness. Our merchants are complaining that collections are hard and trade is unusually slack even for this time of year.

If only those were the sufferers who were responsible for this state of affairs, the rest of us could endure the situation with a good deal of equanimity, but the difficulty is that the whole town must suffer together.

If there were any good reason on earth for the existing state of affairs, it would be a different proposition; but the fact is that Marshfield today ought to be enjoying unusually lively, instead of dull times, for this season of the year.

Every industry upon which the people of this community depend is in a prosperous condition. All the mills are running except the sawmill, which is tied up in litigation, and two are making substantial improvements to increase their output. Prospects for the lumber mar-

ket this season are universally reported to be good.

The coal mines are running full blast. A new steamer is on the way to carry coal from Beaver Hill, indicating a doubling of the output of that mine. The Crescent mine has just changed hands and the new owners evidently intend to develop it on a large scale.

The dairy business is certain to be unusually profitable this season, and the prospects are good for the establishment of a milk condensing plant which will make a still larger market for milk.

The producers of potatoes and fruit for shipment are making no complaints.

The prospects for a railroad were never so good since Coos Bay was discovered and the influx of people this summer is bound to be large.

The war now imminent in the far East is certain to help this coast.

In fact there is not a cloud anywhere except in the minds of some of our local people.

Then for Heaven's sake, brace up! Don't injure your own business and your neighbor's too, for the sake of exercising your pessimistic propensities.

Look down the bay; there is an object lesson for you. Some of you have been crying down North Bend from the start, and some have been going down recently and buying lots, at ten and twenty times as much as they would have cost you a year ago. Then brace up! you are in the best town on the coast today. Don't kill it by wilful exercises of the spirit which tears down instead of building up.

CONFIDENCE AND GOOD TIMES

What makes "good times"? Just one thing: "Confidence". That is the foundation. No matter what the confidence rests on; so long as it exists times are good.

Destroy confidence, and no matter what the natural conditions are, times will be hard.

Good times are a mere matter of the circulation of money. When people have confidence they put out their money; they make improvements; they start new enterprises; they live comfortably and consume the products of other men in liberal measure; they buy other men's products and give other men employment. The consequence is that each reaps the benefit of the activity of others, and all prosper. There can be no such thing as over production so long as a material human want remains unsatisfied; it is a matter of under-consumption—and that is a matter of confidence.

Destroy confidence; make people believe that hard times are coming; and what is the first effect? Every one begins to curtail expenses. They minimize the consumption of other men's goods and the purchase of other men's property; they cease to employ each other except from necessity. Each feels the depressing effect of the rigid economy of the others, and the prosperity they all ought to enjoy goes a glimmering.

To bring these observations to a focus, Marshfield is suffering right now from the effect of the pernicious activity of prophets of disaster, and nothing else. As was pointed out yesterday, material conditions were never better or more encouraging, yet the town is metaphorically in the dumps. Why? Simply because, unthinking or over timorous, and in some cases, no doubt, malicious, parties started in months ago to destroy confidence. They have, in a measure, succeeded; yet curiously enough, few of them seem entirely satisfied with the state of affairs which they have brought

about.

The MAIL:

city who were talking "look out", last were enjoying the best trade had, and there was not a sign of on the horizon. Is it any wonder that this talk had its effect; that some of these merchants' customers went out with the determination to cut down expenses and look out for breakers, and gave their friends the same advice?

The MAIL may be asked, "What are you going to do about it?" The MAIL is not prescribing remedies today; it is pointing out symptoms of a disease that ought to be eradicated—that must, be eradicated if Marshfield is to keep up with the procession.

It is up to Marshfield's citizens themselves to adopt remedial measures.

SURF BOAT NEEDED

To be Kept in New Boat House on North Beach

From Thursday's Daily.

A party who recently visited the Cape Arago Life saving station gives the MAIL the following interview as to the necessity of a boat on the beach, where it would be available in case of need:

"Doubtless it is because so few people know of the condition at the bar, that more has not been done to protect life. At times it is so rough on the bar that no boat could or would cross, and how can any one expect a life boat, manned by light men, to breast those waves? If a vessel stranded on the north spit no boat could reach her, as things are now, for it would take superhuman power to pull the beach cart with the surf boat on it from the station down to the jetty and then across the soft sand before being able to launch it. It is impossible to cross the sand hills north of the govt. works with the beach cart on account of the quicksands. So you can see that the coast north of the jetty is at times unprotected, while if the Chamber of Commerce and the steamship men would petition the department to place a self bailing surf boat in the boat house that has been built on the beach near the jetty for the last two years, without a doubt their request would be granted.

"There has been some talk of moving the station down to Charleston harbor, but even then the boathouse on the ocean beach would have to be used as much as it is needed now, and it would take but a few minutes to pull from Charleston over to the govt. works and across the sands to the boat house.

"A wreck illustrating the feature I am trying to put before you, occurred at the Humbolt bar when the Westcott went to pieces. She stranded on the beach and to reach her the life boat tried to cross the bar, but had to abandon the attempt and rescue the crew from the jetty, while if there had been a surf boat on the ocean beach they could have saved many more lives by their quicker work.

"If there were a surf boat on the beach the crew alone could haul it on the beach cart to the proper place and launch it. The boat house is built and the heavy apparatus there, and if the Chamber of Commerce would petition the department the boat could be obtained; but so long as the people are satisfied the department will not move.

"Another thing that is needed and would be appreciated by all is a cable across the bay; then we could know all the latest news from the bar. The best two places to lay the cable would be at Empire, which is one half a mile, or at Rocky Point, one quarter of a mile."

District Deputy Geo. F. Comer, for the Modern Woodmen of America and Clark Wallace, of the Cottage Grove camp at that place, are in Marshfield and will do some work for the Modern Woodmen. Mr. Comer will be at the meeting tonight.

From Saturday's Daily.

PUSH CLUB BUILDING

To Be Erected at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition

The Oregon commission to the St. Louis Exhibition have offered to allow Coos county to construct a pavilion within the stockade of the Oregon building. The Oregon building will consist of a block house and stockade, and Coos county will be the only county in the state to have a building within the Oregon headquarters, hence it is very important that the people of Coos county seize this opportunity as it will be the one great opportunity to advertise the resources of the county, and the good results will many times repay the outlay. This building will be used exclusively to display the Coos county exhibit. In order to take advantage of this offer it will be necessary for our people to furnish the material framed ready to be constructed. Mr. Peter Laggie is drawing the plan for a suitable building along the lines of the North Bend pavilion. This building is to be 36x60 feet and the inside will be surfaced and given a hard oil finish. The interior will be finished in native Coos county woods, finished natural and polished, a section being devoted to each of the many varieties of valuable timber found in Coos county. This building will be the main feature of the Coos county exhibit, the entire building being an exhibit of Coos county woods.

Apart from the wood exhibit, this building will contain the dairy, mineral, horticultural, agricultural, fish and manufacturing exhibits. Without a Coos county building these exhibits would be scattered throughout the different buildings at the exposition and would be lost sight of among the large number of other exhibits. With the building situated as it will be every person visiting the Oregon headquarters must necessarily become acquainted with the resources of Coos county.

In order to derive the full benefit from this exhibit it will be necessary to have for distribution a large quantity of pamphlets descriptive of the resources of Coos county. Inasmuch as the exposition will be open for 7 months and will be visited by millions of people it will be necessary to have a large quantity of descriptive literature, and the Committee have estimated the expense necessary for literature alone at \$1500. It is also estimated that it will require an additional \$1500 to prepare the building and the exhibit and the distribution of literature.

The County Court has appropriated \$1000 for this purpose, leaving \$2000 to be raised by the citizens of Coos county. All funds derived from the sale of Push Club Buttons will go into this fund, and the balance will be raised by public subscription. The committee will have a representative cover the entire county at once as it will be necessary for the committee to accept or reject the very liberal proposition of the State Commission and the Committee do not feel justified in acting until the funds are in sight.

Coos County will probably never again have so good an opportunity to bring her resources before the world and the opportunity should not be allowed to escape.

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT

Handy for Reference if the Big Fight Comes off

In view of the imminence of war between Russia and Japan the following glossary of native terms will be found of value in interpreting news dispatches from the far East.

Yu.—To the name of a city, indicates capital of province, a city of the first class.
Chou.—Indicates city of second class.
Yi.—A small post town, as Yehang-Yi Hiang, Ho, Yehuan, Yehu.—All mean

stream or river.

Hai.—Sea, sometimes lake.

Shan.—Mountain.

Kuan.—Camp, strong, fortified place.

Shan, Hai, Kuan.—The fortified camp where the mountains and sea meet aptly illustrates these three terms.

Ling.—Pass over a mountain.

Yeheng, Chen, Holo.—Town, large village.

In Corea the termination—
Po, or Pho—indicates that the place is a port or harbor on navigable waters for instance:—

Yongampho.—The harbor near the mouth of Yalo river.

Masampho.—The disputed navel base on the southern shore of the peninsula. Do.—As termination indicates that the place is a province, and means therefore "the district of" or that it is the capital city of such a province.

Han.—River.

At the beginning of geographical names the following prefixes may generally be translated:—Ya—great, large; Siao—small, little; Pei—north; Nan—south; Hei—black; Huang—yellow; Si—west; Tung—east; Strang—upper; Hlo—lower.

MAJOR LANGFITT'S REPORT

On Recent Conditions at the Coos Bay Bar

Major W. C. Langfitt, Chief of United States Engineers, in his annual report says of the Coos Bay bar:

"Vessels which can cross the bar can pass up to Marshfield, the principal town on the bay, about 13 miles from the entrance, but when fully loaded are somewhat delayed by an obstructive shoal in the channel opposite Pony slough. The maximum draft that could be carried across the bar at mean low tide June 30, 1903, is about 16 feet. The mean rise and fall of the tide on Coos Bay bar is 4.8 feet.

"The expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, were limited to caring for the government plant used in the work of construction in past years and the transplanting of about 62 acres of Holland grass roots on the north spit.

"A recommendation that the funds available be withheld owing to the relatively small amount and to the fact that the depths contemplated by the project had been obtained and fairly well maintained, was approved.

"A recent examination showed that 17 feet depth on the crest of the bar at mean lower low water. Should the shoaling which is thus shown not prove temporary or increase, further work will soon be necessary. It is hoped this will not be the case.

"The funds available will therefore be used for maintaining the present north jetty until such time as further funds are appropriated and necessary for expenditure shown.

Killed in Logging Camp

(Coquille Herald)

Last Friday evening while Roy King son of R. P. King was logging with oxen near the Bryant place at Bridge he was struck below the knee by a runaway log and died from the injuries later in the day. The accident occurred at 6:45 p. m. and was caused by one log which was acting as a brake, breaking its fastenings and allowing two other logs to shoot forward with great speed. While the young man was trying to save his team, he was caught between the runaway log and a stump and his lower limb was crushed. Dr. Stemler was called but nothing could be done to rally the unfortunate man who died at 1 a. m. Rev. J. J. Handsaker conducted services at the home and interment was at Myrtle Point Sunday.

Birds of a Feather

From the Eugene Guard

Mrs. William Robbin of Louisville, Ky., was recently married to David Buzzard. It is her fourth matrimonial venture. She was a Miss Martin, daughter of one of the best-known Bourbon

county families. She first married Robert Crow. He died and she married John Sparrow six months afterwards. She and Mr. Sparrow did not agree and a divorce followed. Mrs. Sparrow became Mrs. William Robbin, but again a divorce was advisable. After a year of lonely life Mrs. Robbin has become Mrs. David Buzzard. She has two Crows, one Sparrow, one Robbin and a Buzzard at her home.

Mark Defreese

Mark Defreese, whose death occurred at Sumner Thursday evening, Feb. 4th, was born in Knox Co., Tenn., Apr. 30, 1828. He was married in April, 1849 to Rebecca Grigby who survives him, and moved to Arkansas in the same year. They removed to Texas in 1858 and to California in 1889. In November 1903, he came to Coos Bay with his son, S. J. Defreese, and has resided at Sumner since then. He leaves a host of warm friends in the localities where he has lived. Of seven children, four boys and three girls, two are living, S. J. Defreese, of Sumner, and Mrs. M. J. White, of Redding, Cal. The funeral will take place Sumner at 1 p. m. today.

Coquille Herald.—The family of A. A. Nicola moved to Marshfield the last of the week, where they join Mr. Nicola who has secured a position at the Coos Bay Ice and Cold Storage plant.

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