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THE BASEBALL TEAM.

Fear is expressed that Cascade Locks may be getting in too fast company when it joins the Mid-Columbia league. We don't share that fear. Tucked away among the hundreds of workers must be some of the best amateur and semi-professional talent in the state. But it is of no value unless uncovered and trotted out on a diamond. We are confident the players will be found if everyone interests himself in building a team. And a good team is splendid advertising for a town.

POLICE PROTECTION.

Hood River county's assessor has been quick to visit Cascade Locks and up valuations, now that the town is teeming with life and demand for property is becoming active.

The county commissioners have moved with less speed in providing police protection. It is commonly realized that budgets are adopted for the express purpose of balancing expenditures against receipts, but in time of emergencies it becomes both necessary and desirable to move quickly and wisely.

Cascade Locks is entitled to a deputy sheriff. If he cannot be paid out of the sheriff's appropriation he can be paid out of an emergency fund. Surely a county court with such a beautifully balanced budget as it professes to possess must have provisions for the unexpected.

A PUBLIC PARK.

Upon completion of the Bonneville dam the present locks in the river will be drowned out. But the strip of land which lies between the railroad tracks and the river and the island beyond the locks will rise above the lake.

This land is the property of the federal government. But the government can have no further use for the reservation after the locks are abandoned. When that time comes the land will become principally valuable for park purposes. It would make one of the most beautiful parks along the entire river. It would be a park that should belong to all of the people. And now is the time for the town to begin asking the federal government for title. The mammoth lake that will be formed by the dam promises to make Cascade Locks a popular summer resort. An attractive park fronting on the lake would create a desire in the minds of people for summer homes here.

WE NEED THE LOCKS.

From Washington, D. C., comes word that United States Senator McNary is demanding immediate construction of deep sea locks in the Bonneville dam. Benefit of his interest in the project is observed in the announcement that army engineers will go forward with a hearing without throwing the entire proof of convenience and necessity for the locks upon the people of Eastern Oregon and Southwestern Washington.

With a public hearing promised at an early date, it is to be hoped that the state administration at Salem will aid in obtaining data and preparing exhibits. Development of the mid-river section and the upper river will increase property valuations and place new properties on the tax roll. The state will gain in proportion to the development which will follow when the Columbia becomes an arm of the sea for a distance of 200 miles.

It is to be hoped, too, that business men and owners of Cascade Locks property will contribute their whole-

hearted support to the opening of the river. We have heard men in Cascade Locks say that they could see no advantage in deep water. This is not unexpected, for it has been less than 100 years ago that the great Daniel Webster expressed the opinion in the United States senate that the West was a desert and would never be inhabited by other than Indians.

With completion of the deep sea locks the people of the Yakima valley will come to the Columbia river for a seaport. And so will the Inland empire and southern Idaho.

Sceptics cannot understand where ocean going ships will find cargoes on the upper river. Cheap transportation, coupled with cheap power, within themselves create cargoes by bringing the markets of the world to towns which will stand on the shores of the huge lake that will be formed behind the Bonneville dam.

EFFORTS BRING RESULTS.

No prophet's vision or Solomon-like wisdom is needed to determine that Cascade Locks is on the threshold of greater material advancement, and there should be no failure to recognize opportunities that are offered and beckon approach. We are situated in the most delightful land the world has given, peopled by intelligent, industrious and patriotic men and women; favored by advantages of climate, soil, water, raw materials, surrounded by every charm of mountain grandeur and with the mighty Columbia at our doorstep.

Nature has left nothing lacking that would add to the pre-eminence of Cascade Locks as an abiding place. But it remains for a civic club, commercial club or chamber of commerce—upon which the city must rely—for publicity abroad, to advise the outside world of the opportunities, advantages and resources that obtain—a necessary part of a program of community building. Publicity beyond the city gates, with an invitation so strong that it cannot be resisted, has made many another town. It has been done, and can be done again.

History teaches us that a country, city or town seldom stands still, the indicator either swings forward or backward. It may hesitate momentarily, but it soon points unerringly in one or the other direction. Possibly there are towns that have grown into great cities and become prosperous in spite of themselves, but in such infrequent instances there have been fortunate combinations and conditions aiding the forward march. On the other hand, towns with comparatively little future have overcome seemingly unsurmountable obstacles and become important cities by reason of the helpfulness of their public-spirited citizenship. There is often such little difference between success and failure, just a mite one way or the other may throw the scales. The combined weight of the people can easily determine the course that their town is going to follow. If they are progressive, their town will prosper. If there is any considerable differences the most diligent application of progressive citizens is nullified to a greater or less extent.

Combined efforts and perfect harmony on the part of all being essential and necessary to bring about desired results, the chief duty incumbent upon a commercial organization is to harmonize the various interests of Cascade Locks and its immediate surrounding territory that all may unite into a wholeheartedly common weal.

THE WILL TO ACHIEVE.

When the Mormons, who had been driven out of Illinois, reached the Salt Lake valley in the late summer of 1847 they halted to rest. Behind them lay the Wasatch mountains. Before them lay the great Salt Lake.

Brigham Young, leader of the band, surveyed the scene. What he saw pleased him. Seizing a stake, he drove it into the ground and exclaimed: "Here we shall build a city."

And they did build a city. A thousand miles from civilization and with only their own labor to depend upon, they founded Salt Lake. The story scores of western cities and towns of Salt Lake has been repeated in

Los Angeles was built by men who possessed the will to conquer. So was Portland. And Seattle. And Denver. They were built by men who smiled

at defeat and laughed at skeptics.

Men possessed of the pioneering spirit will found a city in the vicinity of Bonneville dam. Natural advantages abound in abundance. The city may be up the river or it may be down the river from the dam, but it will be within a few miles of it.

That city may be Cascade Locks. But whether it will be Cascade Locks depends upon the spirit of the people who have made the town their homes for years and upon the people who are pouring into the town.

Hundreds of western towns with greater natural advantages than neighboring towns have withered and died because their people lacked the fighting spirit, and neighboring towns less fortunately situated grew into cities.

Cascade Locks can remain a small town or it can grow into a very large town or into a city. It all hinges on the determination of the men and women who call it home and who have investments, for the will to achieve is a powerful force which recognizes no obstacles.

Race tracks have just cut their admission charges in half. So now even a poor man can afford to go in and see his horse lose.

Most of the dirty work at the crossroads this season has been going under the name of highway repairs.

Some people are born dumb, others acquire dumbness, and still others try to open a milk bottle by pushing the cardboard disk in.

An old-timer is one who remembers when Americans used to go to Canada for a drink.

About the best recommendation a movie could have would be that it left even the ushers limp.

Carveth Wells, a well-known wild animal hunter and explorer, goes Ripley one better by telling about a bird in Africa that lays square eggs and says, "Ouch!"—Pathfinder.

A pessimist is a fellow who has loaned money to an optimist.—Passing Show.

As we understand it, the French want America to swallow their defaulting with good grace, and use their wines for a chaser.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Radio has now progressed to the state where, if you don't like a program, you can always turn the dial and get something worse.

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