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**"The Needs of Tillamook."**

The Tillamook Headlight complains that The Oregonian is not well informed as to Tillamook's needs in business and commercial lines, because an article published a short time ago, congratulating the people of our somewhat isolated coast county upon the development, even if slow, of their abounding resources, the necessity of the improvement of the government of Tillamook bar as an element in this development, was not urged. Having had the Headlight upon its exchange for a considerable length of time, The Oregonian may, it is trusted, without offense claim a moderate familiarity with the commercial and industrial needs of Tillamook County. Nor has it been wholly bereft of other means of information upon this point, as the communications by wire and mail published from day to day in its columns may be held to prove. This aside, it is plain that commerce must meet industrial enterprises or there can be no substantial development of the natural resources of any section. All Oregon suffered from the lack of transportation facilities necessary to its industrial and commercial progress for years. Some of its outlying districts are still under the commercial ban of isolation. Tillamook county is one of these. Relief will probably come to it within a few years, both by railroad and sea, since its resources are of a character that commerce seeks rather than ignores. The Oregonian hopes to see incorporated in the next river and harbor bill a substantial appropriation for improving Tillamook bar, and that as soon thereafter as the somewhat ponderous and slow-moving machinery of the government can be set in motion, the work will be begun. The matter is one that concerns a wider public than that designated by the Headlight as "Tillamookers." All loyal Oregonians may justly be held to have a friendly interest in the development of the natural resources of the state, without regard to special locations. It may not be amiss to suggest that an unquestioning acceptance of this idea would make sundry of our people much happier and very much more agreeable than they are upon occasion. It is the part of neighborliness to take for granted the goodwill of our fellow citizens of the whole state. Such a mental attitude would, moreover, save, in the aggregate, a vast deal of wasted effort of the "strain-a-gnat-and-swallow-a-camel" order.

The above, as our readers will perceive, is an answer by the Oregonian to an article in our last issue. Although it fails to mention the actual reasons for our criticism, we are glad to note that the Oregonian sees the necessity of and recommends the improvement of Tillamook bar by the government. It is only fair to state that we do not want any erroneous statements to gain currency at this time, for it may be the means of defeating the efforts of those who have devoted much time in procuring considerable information to show the necessity of the improvement. A previous report by one of the engineers gave Tillamook county a black eye when it stated that the commerce of Tillamook did not warrant the government spending money on this improvement. It is well-known that this was a regular hoodoo, and to show the fallacy of that statement it has been no easy matter to overcome. The Oregonian will pardon us for looking after the interest of this county, and for fear that its remarks might be construed the same way as the engineer's report, it is well to correct a misstatement right off. We all realize that the Oregonian has zealously advocated government improvements in places where it was most urgently needed. The commerce of Portland today over that of ten years ago shows the wisdom of that newspaper in contending for the improvement of the Columbia bar and river. This not only made that city an important shipping port, but the benefit it is to the whole state can only be realized by those who have watched the immense amount of business done on the docks with the shipping in Portland. It is time that the commerce of Tillamook was keeping pace with the rest of the state, and by improving Tillamook bar it would do so.

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**The Alaska Boundary Question.**

The democratic allegation that the United States has surrendered territory in Alaska to Great Britain, like most of the statements from that source directed against the present administration, untrue. There has been no surrender of territory in Alaska and no abandonment of any American right there. There is no power in the Department of State to surrender a square inch of American territory and nothing of the kind has been proposed or contemplated.

What has been done in regard to the Alaska boundary dispute is simply provisional. A year ago a *modus vivendi* was drawn by Secretary Hay and Ambassador Pauncefote. This provided for a compromise between the claims of the two powers, pending a final settlement. The State department has distinctly declared that the line marked by the surveyors in pursuance of this agreement is not permanent, but merely a provisional boundary set up to render friction between miners and the two governments impossible while the question is being settled for all time. It has also stated that the interests and rights of American citizens in the territory claimed by the United States have been fully protected. Moreover it is claimed by the State department that the concessions made by Great Britain in the compromise exceed those made by this government. It is well known that this is the Canadian view.

The talk about "hauling down the flag in Alaska" is simply campaign claptrap. There has been nothing of the kind and for the reason, as we have already said, that the executive department of the government has no authority to surrender an inch of American territory. This boundary question has long been a vexatious one and the discovery of gold intensified feeling on both sides. When the two governments took up the matter a year ago there was an acute situation, which seriously threatened a conflict in Alaska that might have involved the United States and Canada in war. In this exigency the American and British governments deemed it expedient to enter into a provisional agreement and this necessarily required concessions on both sides. But there was no surrender and no abandonment of any American right, and so far as appears the American miners in Alaska are not now complaining of the arrangement. The effort of the Bryanites to make political capital out of this matter is another illustration of the desperate straits of that party.

One might suppose that the Chinese would be more easily Christianized if the missionaries pointed to the cross more and waved alien flags less. The "flag" theory is beautifully exemplified, it may be added, by the remarks of a Miss Dow, a missionary just arrived in San Francisco. "There is no use talking settlement," she says, "until we have the heads of Prince Tuan and of the empress down. It is foolish to think of honest peace while they are living. In my judgment, they should be beheaded before negotiations for peace are entered into." If Count von Buelow, or even Mr. Hay, had said that, no one could express surprise, perhaps, since they represent Caesar. But does a demand for the heads of Tuan and the empress benefit a Christian missionary who represents the unutterable pathos and moral sublimity of the cross?

When we consider what Bourke Cockran said about Bryan four years ago it is not strange that his voice has failed him after one speech in favor of the national Populist ticket.

A City Boy who went to the country with his people for a visit was sat upon by a Village Lad, who smote him on the jaw. A Benevolent Gentleman seeing the Scrap asked smiter Why he treated a Guest so Roughly.  
 "He's nothin' but a Gol Bug, and besides, he Wears good Clothes," was the Reply, which Teaches that All the Hoodlums do not live in Victor.

Jimmie Maverick—My pa's a stock raiser. He marketed 1,500 steers this year.  
 Billy Broker—So's mine. He hoisted Tinhorn stock 25 cents a share the other day.

**A Query for Church People.**

[TO EDITOR OF TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.]

MR. EDITOR,—Why is it that there is such a small proportion of the people of Tillamook who attend church services? This is a question, Mr. Editor, that, to the mind of the close observer, is of great significance.

Here we have a beautiful little city, nicely located and populated with an enterprising, intelligent class of people, and seemingly wide awake to every good word and work with few exceptions.

And among those exceptions one is the meagerness of the attendance of the people as a class or as a people at divine service. The fact that so few, comparatively speaking, of our people attend church is one to be deplored.

Here we have much to be thankful for, as with our surroundings we are made to exclaim, "The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places; yea, we have an goodly heritage," and yet seemingly as a class we do not appreciate the many blessings which are all wise providence has strewed along our pathway.

Now the query arises, "Why is it that our congregations are so small?" Is it because of lack of church room, or lack of talent in pulpit, or lack of good music, or sociability, or is it because the poor cannot attend divine service without having the contribution box passed before them at every service, or is it because we, as church people, have lost the fire and spirituality of Bible religion out of our souls, and the masses see that our service is naught but a form and dry theology?

Now, Mr. Editor, these queries are only made for information, and to get at a solution of the matter. Your humble writer has some crude ideas regarding the trouble. We believe in justice to the masses, especially those from the common walks of life, the poor, that under proper adjustment of all these questions, which we think can be met and answered, our congregations would be enlarged and a few more souls be saved.

Let us look at these questions from our stand point, with all charity for the opinions of those who may honestly differ from our article.

We certainly cannot say the fault lies in lack of church room, with six church edifices in our city, viz., Methodist Episcopal, South Methodist, United Brethren, Presbyterian, Advent, and Christian. Could we see all these buildings filled to overflowing on service day, then we might say lack of room. Neither can we lay the fault at the door of the ministry as a whole, so far as talents are concerned, for we think that Tillamook ministers as a class will compare favorably with the ministers of other frontier towns and villages. Please pardon this word for the ministers, as we are of the ministerial class ourselves.

With our trained choirs and nice toned organs, surely no lack in those lines. Seemingly our people are sociable and are kind to all who now attend service.

The contribution box in a measure, perhaps, will have to share with other things the blame for the slim attendance at church services. We have conversed with a number of people and have heard the same story time and again, "The church people cry money, money, money, all the time, and for that reason I do not care to attend church!"

Now, Mr. Editor, cannot we as church people reform on the lines of continually asking contributions? Of course, to our mind, it is all right to take collections, say, once a month, and by so doing disabuse the minds of the people of the idea that it is money, money that we are after all the while.

Again, Mr. Editor, the last and to my mind the most important query is before us and it is one we have asked ourselves time and again.

Of course, Mr. Editor, you remember in other days when the church people met at service that as a rule they were all plainly attired, and when a few had assembled some good old saint would lead in singing one of those rich old songs of Zion, all the congregation joining in the hymn of praise, and before the piece was ended some one or perhaps two or three would be praising the Lord. Then some one would say let us pray. The congregation would kneel, while not only one but several would pray and the fire of heaven would fall, i.e., Spiritual fire. Some would shout, and the

preacher would say amen. He was then prepared to preach God's word. He could tell of the wonderful love of Jesus, also preach the terrors of the law, and while preaching the word the saints would shout and pray. Then the power of God would be manifest and sinners would be brought to bible repentance, and a revival fire kept burning continually, and places of worship were always well attended, no lack of interest, no lack of singing, no lack of praying, no lack of a congregation, no lack of good old fashioned preaching, no lack of revivals, God was honored, souls saved, and brotherly love prevailed.

Now, Mr. Editor, those good old times may be seen in Tillamook and the same interest in church work may be manifest. We write this not in a condemnatory spirit, but in a spirit of brotherly love and fellowship for every one who walks according to God's bible and believer in old apostolic religion and is in love with primitive christianity.

REV. R. H. DOLLARHIDE.

**How Tillamook has Progressed.**

[TO EDITOR OF TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.]

DEAR SIR,—Knowing that a word of encouragement and commendation, is always thankfully received, I will try and give the result of my observation about your rapidly developing County. Returning, as I did after an absence of over five years, I was astonished and delighted to see the great progress that your town and county had made. Arriving as I did on the Yamhill stage I found it hard to locate myself by the old landmarks, they having to a great extent disappeared, being replaced by others of modern times which denote the rapid and lasting progress which your County is enjoying and which I hope will never abate.

Your dwellings are fully up to date with any other place of like size in the state. Your business houses are commodious and well stocked, showing that their patrons have quit the pernicious habit of sending their money "outside" for their supplies. Your people seem to be busy, happy and content, with money in their pockets and plenty to eat and wear. Your roads and streets can't be beat in the state. Any of you who may think that I am overdrawn, just take a trip, as I did, through the Willamette valley and be convinced. Though they say they are prosperous, yet they don't show it to the traveler like Tillamook does.

Your dairying, which is only in its infancy, is hard to comprehend by me, for when I first moved in there thirteen years ago there was not a creamery or cheese factory in the county, one of which has paid its patrons twenty-five thousand dollars thus far this year for their supplies of butter and cheese.

What other place on the coast can equal your advancement in the last decade? None! And if you will stand and pull together it will so continue.

What you want now is to have your bar improved so that large vessels can come and take your lumber to foreign shores, and to that end you must make every exertion, for this is an age of progression and you must exert every nerve to keep up or ahead of the procession. Next you want quicker and cheaper transportation with the "outside" world, and to that end do not sit idly and wait for Mr. Hammond, for he will surely disappoint you, to build a railroad that you don't want, but exert your energies to get an electric road built to Forest Grove or Portland. The route is good. The cheapest motive power in the world is going to waste. So all you require is capital and that can easily be obtained if you will only go to work and show that it is a paying investment, which it surely would be. Think of the advantage and profit it would be to you to put your products on the Portland market in four hours. And then go to work to get it.

Now, in conclusion, let me say a word to the democrats of Tillamook county. Think and study well before you cast your vote. Lay aside for once your party affiliation and vote for prosperity and honor, and not for calamity and dishonor.

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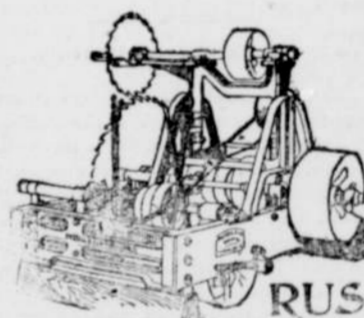
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