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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED.

Representative Business Men Get Together To Boost Tillamook County.

The meeting at the City Hall on Friday evening, which was called for the purpose of forming a Chamber of Commerce for Tillamook County, resulted in a permanent organization being effected.

C. W. Miller presided and called the meeting to order. The first business was to receive a report from the committee on constitution and by-laws. Very few changes were made in the report of the committee, which was adopted.

The organization is to be known as the Tillamook County Chamber of Commerce, its object being to advance the agricultural, commercial and industrial welfare of Tillamook county. Officers of the Chamber is to consist of a president, vice-president, treasurer and five directors. The management of the Chamber will be vested in a board of five directors in conjunction with an advisory board of seven members. The advisory board is to be chosen by the board of directors, from the following localities: Nehalem Bay, Bay City, Garibaldi and vicinity, Tillamook City, Fairview, Beaver and Cloverdale. The board of directors will select its own chairman and employ a secretary.

The committees appointed by the board of directors, are grouped as follows:

- 1—Membership and nominating. Finance.
 - 2—Railroad transportation, Port and navigation, Highway, Tourist, (game and fishing.)
 - 3—Civic Improvement, Publicity, Judiciary.
 - 4—Agricultural, horticultural and dairying.
 - 5—Commercial and industrial.
- One director to be chairman of committees as grouped above.
- The annual dues are placed at \$12, payable in four installments in advance, and the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber is the third Wednesday of each month at the City Hall. Meetings can be called at any time by the president or on petition of 15 members.

Election of Officers.

After the adoption of the by-laws, election of officers were in order, with the following result:

President—C. W. Miller.
Vice-President—Fred C. Baker.
Treasurer—W. J. Riechers.
Board of Directors—1st, W. G. Dwight; 2nd, H. H. Rosenberg; 3rd, J. P. Maginnis; 4th, Wm. Maxwell; 5th, C. J. Edwards.

These gentlemen will be chairmen of the groups of committees as indicated.

To Boost Roosevelt Highway.

In the matter of the Roosevelt memorial military highway, this was discussed at some length by State Senator T. B. Handley and Representative C. J. Edwards. There is to be a meeting of representatives from the coast counties in Portland on Friday, and it was decided to send a delegation from Tillamook county, H. H. Rosenberg, who is the chairman of the committee on highways, was authorized to select the delegation. As the coast counties will form an organization to carry on a campaign to boost the Roosevelt memorial military highway, the Chamber pledged its financial support to furnish this county's quota of the expenses.

Loganberry Industry.

C. S. Graves, of the Sheridan Cannery Co., who operated the fruit cannery in this city last year, addressed the chamber with a view to creating more interest in the loganberry industry in Tillamook county. He was anxious to see more loganberries planted in the county, and wanted the chamber to take some action. William Maxwell being the director in charge of agriculture, horticulture and dairying, W. G. Dwight was appointed a committee of one to bring this gentleman and Mr. Graves together. Mr. Graves in the course of his remarks stated that his company had paid out \$40,000 for berries last year.

On Reorganizing Commercial Clubs.

Robt. W. Spangler in the New West One of the surest indications of the return of good times is the activity now noticeable among the Commercial clubs of the western states. When times are bad the Commercial club languishes and sometimes fades away entirely, and the business men speak of it in hushed tones as among the things that have been. But the instant good times appear on the horizon the live up-and-coming citizenry gird up their loins, issue a call through the local paper, the always-faithful reassemble, and again they go forth to put another young Chicago on the map.

This last sentence is not written in a spirit of levity. There are too many "young Chicago's" now in existence west of the Mississippi river that owe their life, growth and vitality to the Commercial club, that nursed them through infancy, kept the bottle warm on cold nights when the timid ones saw the outlines of disaster hovering in the offing, and worked with might and main and sometimes without thanks—until victory crowned their efforts.

The Commercial Club is one of the

great institutions of the West, and a bunch of good live men, armed with a Commercial club, can go forth, kill the dragon, plant his teeth and bring forth the warriors to build a great city just as our old friend Cadmus, did in the early days. The story of "The Dragon's Teeth" may indeed be properly considered as the history of the first commercial club. To build a city in those days required armored warriors; today, the warriors must be armed with three things—vision, to see the possibilities, determination, with proper staying power, and capital to accomplish.

Among the multitudinous duties of editing a magazine whose thought and purpose is "building the West" is that of reading more or less thoroughly about five or six hundred weekly newspapers. There's no better or surer way of feeling the pulse of a community than in reading the local newspaper. It is the mirror by which that particular section of the country may be accurately judged. Captious critics who read this may lift their eyebrows, sigh dolorously and say, "Heaven help our town if it is to be judged by our newspaper!" Ten to one the said captious critic is not a subscriber to his local paper, and is therefore not in a position to pass judgment. He does not know that he and his kind comprise the real drawback—the poor, weakly weekly is but a reflection of him and his ilk. On general principles it is a safe bet to say that the man who is not a paid subscriber to his local paper is a tightwad and a detriment to his home town.

The Commercial Club is, in a way, the fruit of the local newspaper. Without the latter the former would die aborning. Publicity is the first food on which the Commercial club thrives. Then let us, brethren, first pay our subscription to the home town paper, then go to the Commercial Club rooms and start something. The local paper is the S. O. S. of the army in the club rooms.

All this is inspired by the various reports I have been reading recently of Commercial clubs being reorganized throughout the West. There will be something doing this spring if they all live up to their promises—and a goodly number of them will. The aims and ambitions of the Commercial clubs of the West are epitomized in the open letter of President E. G. Robinson, of Canby, Ore., as published in the Clackamas County News. He says in part:

"I have heard from all sides about the former efforts along this line. This is the history of all such organizations. They have organized and reorganized until at some time it is finally made a go, and it becomes a permanent and powerful agent for good and for progress. It can be made a success only by the entire cooperation of the many and varying interests. It is not in the power of the officers and the various committees alone to make this club a success and a continually felt power for good and progress. It must be the unrelaxed energy of the majority of the members.

"With the proper co-operation and energy put into the club that the members put into their various occupations this club will become a power for progress and prosperity in this vicinity. There are various activities that should be pursued. A few are the securing of better roads into Canby and vicinity; the opening up of new roads making shorter access to the Pacific highway; securing new rural mail routes. This goes hand in hand with road development. The securing of new industries that will create payrolls, putting before the public the vast resources of this valley and its climatic advantages. A tax committee should be formed that will assist this community in securing an equitable distribution of the burden of the taxes.

This club should also co-operate with the city council in solving the many problems that come up that are of general interest.

"There is one thing that is often overlooked in organizations of this kind and often this very thing will be just the saving feature that will keep the club alive and active. I refer to the social side of the community. We should have an entertainment committee and at stated and advantageous intervals we should have a nice lunch after the business is over. At other times we should have the ladies with us and have refreshments and a number of forms of amusement and recreation.

"At the beginning of each year, when the road program is being made up for the year we should invite our commissioner from this district to meet with us and have an open meeting for all in this road district, and they will coordinate with a general plan of road development. At such meetings sandwiches, coffee and doughnuts make our guests feel that we really want them. This creates a feeling of co-operation and mutual understanding between the merchant and the farmer.

"I have outlined briefly a few of the many ways that we can help this good cause along. Now we want you all there next meeting, Monday night, at the city hall. We want you all business man and farmer, employer and employee; we want you

all there.

"Now listen. We want you to bring your hammer and while at the meeting we want you to use it; use it freely and unhesitatingly. But when you start home we will insist that you put your little hammer in the box that we will have prepared for them and there we will keep them locked and lose the key until the next regular meeting of the club. It may be that the majority will not always agree with your ideas, but after a decision is reached it is your duty to get behind the project or scheme and push it to completion just as though it were your own and exactly to your liking. Majority rule is the keynote to all free people everywhere and if you are not willing to submit thereto you are adding fuel to Bolshevism.

"All together all the time for the progress of this country. Come Monday night to help fully organize the club."

Substitute the name of your own home town in the above and read it again. Then, if your Commercial Club is started, go to the next meeting with this article in your pocket and follow its teachings. If your town has not yet awakened and revived its Commercial club, here is your inspiration.

And remember one thing—the one big thing that will make for success in your Commercial Club. Get the farmers to join. Don't let them come in as poor relations who are bidden to the feast just because they are relations. Ask them in on a basis of equality. They are the backbone of the community, and without them your town would be a flat failure. If your Commercial club adopts as its slogan: "Help the farmer already here to develop," the getting of more farmers will be an easy matter. There are plenty of men looking for homes. When they see a contented and happy community they have a better argument before them all the three-colored, pretty pictured booklets will give them in a hundred years.

Get next to the farmer, work with him and not at him, and your Commercial Club, your community, and let us hope, your local paper—will prosper and grow apace.

ROAD FEVER SPREADS THROUGHOUT OREGON.

Many Counties Seek To Issue Highway Bonds.

Road fever is spreading in Oregon since the legislature adjourned after enacting a \$10,000,000 road bond bill. Half a dozen counties have already signified their willingness to shoulder a road bond issue, the money to be expended, in most instances, on the construction of laterals to the primary trunk roads.

Marion county, which has voted down road bonds in the past, and refused to approve of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue of 1917, is now sitting up and taking notice. There is a movement to float an issue of nearly \$1,000,000 for market roads in Marion, the money to be used in connecting up the towns, and these road markets gearing into the Pacific highway which runs north and south through the county.

Linn and Lane counties have the fever and are considering bond issues for market roads. The voters will probably have a chance to express themselves at a special election held June 3. Tillamook county expects to float about \$420,000 of road bonds this spring, and Umatilla led off a week ago with \$1,050,000. How this money will be expended has practically been determined already, for the Umatillas want action this year.

Kalamath has \$500,000 ready, and if the June election goes as Kalamath wants, that county is preparing to issue \$1,000,000 bonds, most of which will be used for a hard surfaced road from the California line to Creater lake.

Deschutes county will have a substantial bond issue this year, the people back of the movement being farmers. They want the county crisscrossed with roads and are particularly interested in the building of the Dalles-California highway through their sector. Wheeler county may have a bond issue also, this year, amounting to about \$200,000 or more.

Forgot What He Needed.

From the Republican, Mt. Gillad, Ohio: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know!" "What is it you are looking for, we inquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named over everything in the line on the shelf except Chamberlain's. I'll try again and I'll not go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of the stores, that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers loose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers.—Paid Adv.

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