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MARSHALL'S ✕ OPPORTUNITY

Who Will Be the Moses to Lead? ✕ ✕

Two Public Meetings Should Be Called

✕ ✕ The People Should Be in Action

WAYS SHOULD BE DEvised--MEANS SHOULD BE PROVIDED:

For Bringing the Main Line of the
Missouri Pacific into the City.

For Definite Organization for Locating
Factories.

The Missouri Pacific Railway strikes Marshall here only as if by a rear-end collision. The main line does not enter the city; only a spur from the main line reaches our people and our shipping. This should not be longer continued. Now is the opportunity for securing the change. The company is now building from Boonville to Jefferson City, and contracts have been let for thoroughly ballasting the present line from Boonville to Independence. The object of the company is to have a superb road, with light grades from St. Louis to Kansas City, over which to run heavy freight and fast mails. This will add greatly to the importance of the road, and give additional influence to the towns along the line. Marshall should not lag behind. All the traveling public are interested; every shipper in and out of our city is interested; every interest in the city and county will be benefited. An important market lies at either end of the road, and the easier it is reached the better for the general public, and particularly for shippers of stock and merchandise.

If the present plans of the railroad company are carried into execution, it will then be too late to make the much-desired change. A little systematic and organized work by representative citizens might bring about a change in these plans, so as to bring the main line into town, giving us a more advantageous position, greater influence with the company, and of increased advantage to us.

Let some man of influence and business interest take the initiative and call a meeting of our citizens to discuss this subject and make the effort to secure the change.

In our last weeks issue we presented a plan by which a substantial foundation for a manufacturing interest could be laid in Marshall, at once beneficial to the entire population of the city and the county. We believe an elaboration of the plan would convince all intelligent minds of its feasibility, and the certainty of results. It surely needs no argument to convince the people of a community that the location and successful operation of manufacturing concerns will add greatly to the population and material welfare of the city and surrounding country. Home markets encourage home industry. By providing for a home market for the produce of the county, the money is kept at home and finds its way into new channels of industry. Why send the home produced wealth to other and distant cities and people thus paying tribute to their growth when it may as well be kept at home for the betterment of our own city and county, and their people? No town reached greatness by merely trading a few pounds of sugar or coffee for a few dozen eggs. No man ever reached greatness who did not produce something for the betterment of mankind. Man to grow cities to prosper, must produce and add to the wealth and material welfare of the world. Nothing so largely contributes to this as a well ordered manufacturing industry. A pay roll which would distribute \$65,000 yearly, to be spent among our people and our merchants, would be an immense inspiration to the business of a community like Marshall. Let the good work take shape. Let a meeting of the citizens be called for a discussion of the question and an organization be perfected for putting the work in operation.