

FAVOR FORMING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Oakland Business Men Speak Enthusiastically of the Pro- posed Organization.

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OAKLAND, November 11.—A meeting was held to-night at the Athenian Club, corner of Fourteenth street and Broadway, for the purpose of discussing the formation of a Chamber of Commerce for Oakland. A representative lot of bankers, merchants and business men were present. F. W. Bilger acted as chairman of the meeting, and Bernard Miller of the Realty Syndicate as secretary.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings for the welfare of Oakland was held, and, with one voice, the sentiment prevailed that the establishment of a Chamber of Commerce was a necessity to Oakland's success. Mayor Frank K. Mott, in a warmly-delivered speech, advocated the new body.

"I feel that the time has come when the formation of a Chamber of Commerce is an absolute necessity. Not only would it help the present administration, but the future effects for good could not be gainsaid. I am heartily in favor of the new body."

Attorney Charles E. Snook made a strong appeal for the new Chamber of Commerce. He stated that there was no time like the present for such an organization, and made comparisons between Oakland and northern and southern cities, claiming that at the present time Oakland could stand on an even footing with her sister cities if a combination, barring all sentiment, should be formed.

H. C. Capwell, president of the Board of Trade, reiterated recent published statements, and again alluded to the difference between the slow moving of the two organizations at present in force and such a progressive body as the new one could be.

Judge Gibson, Frank A. Leach and other representative men all spoke, in most emphatic terms, in favor of the new Chamber of Commerce. Among those who were present and who strongly affirmed the necessity of a new organization were: H. C. Capwell, Frank A. Leach, W. J. Laymance, C. E. Snook, Bernard Miller, F. W. Bilger, A. W. Kirtland, George W. Fisher, Judge Gibson, Theodore Gler, Councilman Edwin Meese, G. W. Langan, Frederick Kahn, Charles Jaergens and Edson Adams.

After a most enthusiastic meeting committees on organization, interview, membership and location were appointed.

The meeting adjourned to assemble next Friday night at the Athenian Club, in the meantime the respective committees to interview and render full report from the Merchants' Exchange and the Board of Trade.