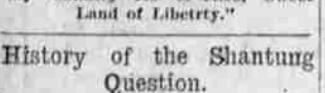


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History of the Shantung Question. In view of the present controversy over Shantung, it is well to get the facts straight.

Germany acquired the Shantung peninsula, including many business franchises as well as political control, in 1898, extorting these valuable concessions as a penalty for the killing of some German missionaries by a Chinese mob.

This was the situation when the peace conference met. Japan stood pat. The American delegation is said to have made a protracted fight to get Japan to yield up Shantung.

It is evident from all this that the peace conference has not taken anything away from China and given it to Japan.

Libraries For Use of Business Men.

Many people, perhaps, look upon the public library as a place to go for entertaining books of fiction.

of high grade advertising and data classified according to subjects are there for the publicity men.

This is a fine work for any library to perform. The business man who has already made his success can find here specific information on matters in which he is interested.

Legislation By "Rider" a Poor Plan.

The vote of the daylight-saving bill has called public attention once more to a subject that has nothing to do with the merits or demerits of the plan in question.

The daylight-repeal provision was made an appendage to the agricultural appropriation bill.

Whether the President was right or wrong in this veto is another question. The obvious fact is that if this important daylight provision had been incorporated in a separate bill,

It is only the most recent example of a practice all too frequent. The famous "war-time prohibition" measure was put through likewise not as an independent piece of legislation,

methods, and substitute direct, frank action for such evasive methods of enactment.

FORUM

OPPORTUNITY FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHTING

La Grande, Oregon, July 24, 1919. Editor of The Observer.

Some few days ago the Observer stated that the commission desired that all citizens and taxpayers that could, go to the intake and examine the water situation with a view of making suggestions.

It is also a generally admitted fact that the pipe line has served its purpose; that it is worn out and that it is so thin and rotten that a hole can be easily poked in it with a knife or other sharp instrument.

It therefore seems that we need a new and larger pipe line and I suggest that the city hold an election, issue bonds and build a modern pipe line and enlarge the upper reservoir.

The city commission should secure the services of a competent hydraulic engineer and also an electric engineer, survey the whole water system, draw up plans and have an estimate submitted.

The people of La Grande will be glad to vote bonds if they are assured a fine water system with plenty of water and municipal light plant.

The saving of \$7000 in street lighting each year will pay interest at 6 percent on \$116,000, and then we have the profit on the water used and the profit on the municipal lighting.

surplus electricity. These are only a few benefits. The three great public necessities are water, light and heat and the people should own these public necessities.

with our present pipe line and when the new one was completed all we would need to do would be to hook on.

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