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GROWING PACIFIC COAST INDUSTRY

Ship-building is becoming one of the great constructive industries that appeal to the pride of the people.

The Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Co. is a striking illustration of one unit of this great industry.

It has \$1,000,000 invested in its plant and when operating at full capacity employs 5,000 men with an aggregate monthly payroll of \$472,000.

During 1916 it secured business aggregating \$12,800,000. During the same year it spent on improvements to plant \$30,000 and will spend \$200,000 additional in 1917.

The people of the Pacific coast have been given a taste of ship-building and have seen the benefits derived from this single line of industry. They are beginning to realize what individual companies employing thousands of workmen mean to a community.

San Francisco, Seattle, Portland are fully awake to the benefits derived from an industry which brings millions of foreign capital to this coast to be spent.

The interior sections are realizing that this industry is making a sale of their lumber, ores, hardwoods, and many other products heretofore languishing for want of a market.

Fair legislation both state and national, low taxes and satisfactory labor conditions are necessary for the permanent success of any great industry. Laws discouraging investment of American capital in American ships must be eliminated, taxes must be held down and measures looking to the settlement of costly labor disputes must be evolved.

YOUR KIDNEYS

Stayton Residents Must Learn The Importance of Keeping Them Well.

Perfect health means that every organ of the body is performing its functions properly.

Perfect health cannot be enjoyed if the kidneys are weak and disordered. Thousands testify that Doan's Kidney Pills have a reviving action on weak kidneys.

What this remedy has done in so many cases of this kind is the best proof of its merit.

Read the following. It's testimony gratefully given by a resident of this locality:

Mrs. M. E. Beasford, 335 N. Eighteenth St., Corvallis, Ore., says: "I was all run down and sick all over with malaria. My back nearly killed me at times, it pained me so. I could hardly get up or down, as I was so stiff and sore. My kidneys were congested and inflamed. The kidney secretions were unnatural and this trouble made me weak and nervous. I had no ambition to do anything. Three boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills practically cured me of backache and put my kidneys in good, working order."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy--get Doan's Kidney Pills--the same that Mrs. Beasford had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

WHO PAYS

Seattle for some time has been investing millions in municipal undertakings--street car lines, light plant, water plant, docks, etc., until today the tax rate is some 45 mill.

At the election last week the politicians had loaded the ballot with another crop of municipal undertakings but the people were evidently sick and tired of the increasing cost of government for they voted everything down by large majorities.

When the politicians propose these things to the people they show they will be money makers for the city with a nice profit left over each year above expenses.

When it comes to paying the bill, however, the tax payer finds that for each new municipal enterprise started for his benefit

and to give him "cheaper service" he has a few mills extra tax burden to pay. Instead of being a "money maker" the undertaking turns out to be a "tax eater." The profit shown on paper by the political promoters has turned into a deficit which the taxpayer always has to meet.

Politicians now tell Portland that it needs a \$2,000,000 electric plant and that such a plant will earn a net profit above all expenses of \$57,000 a year.

A nice statement with which to buy votes but who foots the bill if it doesn't pan out, the taxpayer of course. What does the job seeking politician care, he is not responsible for the debt.

The municipal plants pay no taxes and in addition robs the city treasury of taxes formerly paid by a private plant.

With state regulation of rates there is not a reason for destroying private investments with unfair competition.

If a municipal plant is necessary make it sink or swim on its own earnings, put it under the regulation of the public utility commission and make it pay its share of the taxes. Put the officials who operate it under a heavy bond and do not allow it to be simply a million dollar plaything with which to buy votes. Conservationists say the west already has more power developed than it can use and they ought to know for they are way up politicians.

CONGRATULATIONS

When Carl Cyrus, battery man at the Pendleton Auto company, and Miss Ruth Copeland were quietly married Saturday afternoon, Cyrus didn't inform his friends and coworkers and thought he had "slipped one over." However they became suspicious says the Pendleton East Oregonian, and investigated. When Cyrus brought his bride into the auto show Saturday evening, one of his fellow mechanics "lamped" him and announced his presence with a stentorian "Here they are." Immediately the automobile horns began to honk and an impromptu parade formed while the orchestra played the wedding march. Walter McCormack pinned a "Just Married" sign on the cottails of the bridegroom and in other ways they were advertised. They were game, however, and stayed through the demonstration.--Portland Journal.

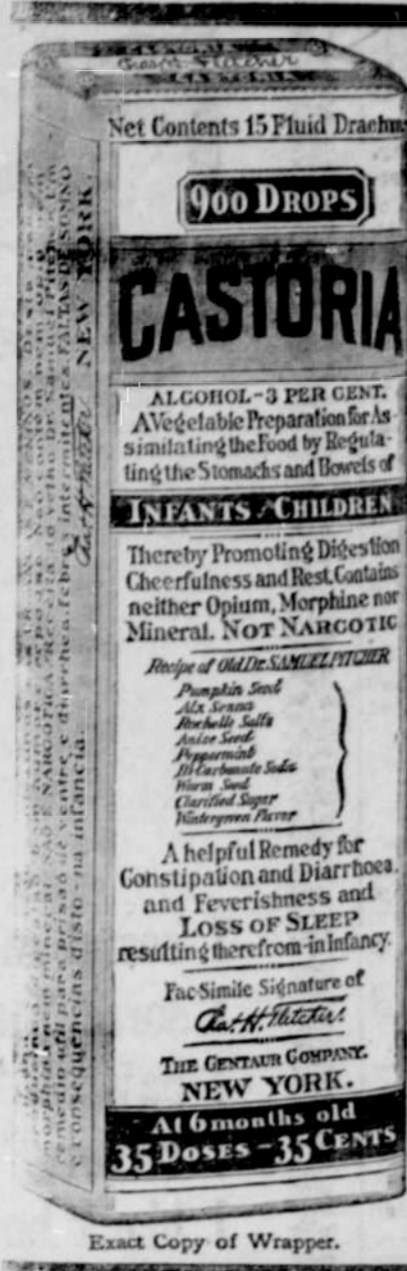
Mr. Cyrus, who is a former Seio boy, was employed at Cladek's garage a few years ago and has many friends in Stayton and vicinity.

OLD RESIDENT VISITS CITY

A pleasant visit was made at the Mail office Tuesday afternoon by H. C. Porter, of Aumsville, and David A. Porter, of Lexington, Ore. The gentlemen are cousins, and had not met for about 23 years. When D. A. called at the home of his cousin he was introduced to Mr. Porter as a preacher, and as H. C. had no occasion to think otherwise, the conversation was carried to considerable length before he made known his identity. D. A. Porter was a resident of Stayton over 33 years ago, and a portion of the town is built upon what was the D. C. Porter donation land claim. Mr. Porter was a schoolmate of Hon. W. H. Hobson and M. A. Stayton. Naturally, he finds little in the present town to remind him of the place he left 33 years ago.

The house on the Porter claim was near the spring on the hill on what is now the Gehlen farm. The old log house has crumbled and decayed, but the spring remains. The gentlemen visited the spot as a reminder of olden times.

Mr. Porter is on his way home from California, where he spent the winter.



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Coos Bay--During January this port shipped more lumber to San Francisco than any other harbor on the coast.

Grants Pass--Practically all Corome mines in Illinois valley will be worked this year.

Portland--Standifer Clarkson Co. get contract to build large lumber schooner for Smith Mill of Marshfield.

The movement to do away with 48 state railroad commissions and substitute one national Interstate Commerce Commission, is slowly restoring confidence in railroad securities as a safe investment.