

SMALL TOWNS OF 3 STATES LITIGATE

135 Mayors Co-operate in Whitman Survey. MANY NEED IMPROVEMENT Only 13 Desire Sewers While 81 Report No System; 6 Wish Water Plant, Ten Without.

WHITMAN, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Results of a study of the needs and problems of the small town, ranging in population from 100 to 3000, in the three states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, have recently been made public by the Bureau of Municipal Research. This town collects. The mayors were requested to answer questionnaires stating conditions in their towns, and what was needed to improve their community.

On one item of the questionnaires, "What do you feel your town needs most?" nearly all the mayors had some comments to make. Many of these twenty-five country English Whittingtons are extremely alert to village needs, others are somewhat self-conscious, some were bored, and a few fitted with a fine sense of humor.

Many Are Humorists. "One writes: 'Our people are very enterprising and prosperous and at present are amply supplied with all necessities.' Another, far less sanguine, admitted 'This town needs two or three funerals, another that a new mayor would be a blessing, and still another that his wife needs almost anything.' One law-abiding mayor declared that his habit was to read 'The W. W.' while another longed for a 'win'.

The great majority of these mayors had definite material objects near their hearts. One village was tabulated. The investigator, however, must be cautioned against hastily concluding that such a view correctly views the shortcomings of his little domain. A mayor fresh from the city would naturally have the same opinion, and would long for 'live-wires'. A mayor with local investments would be more interested in factories and banks than in another.

Only 15 Want Sewers. In tabulating the needs of these 135 towns the following results were obtained: The material needs, so-called, may be divided into three improvements and business expansion. Eight mayors called for better public buildings of various kinds. Only 15 longed for sewer systems, despite the fact that 81 of these towns had no sewerage of any kind. Only 15 wished paved streets, though 60 of them had no pavements whatever. Ten of these 135 mayors thought only 10 of these 135 mayors thought of the matter when filling in the questionnaire.

Capital, either from private or public sources, for the purpose of irrigation, was somewhat emphatically insisted upon by five mayors. The recent droughts in so many parts of the west would warrant one expecting that such a stimulus would be much greater. In fact, the far-western press has been late in fairly reeking with cries for water.

MARSHFIELD VIEWS



C. R. CLARK, DEPUTY CUSTOMS COLLECTOR, IS IN CHARGE. 723 Vessels, Pleasure, Passenger and Freight, Under Jurisdiction of Marshfield Office.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special).—Clark, deputy customs collector for this section, has a territory reaching from the Umpqua river on the north to the California line on the south, with seven ports of call, including Bandon, Coos Bay, port of Port Orford, Rogue river and the harbor of Brookings. This extended jurisdiction naturally comprises a long list of motor, steam and other craft. Of the smaller gas-turbine craft, such as fishing boats, pleasure and a few passenger and freight craft, there are 63, under five tons, and within a few days the negative tonnage number 73.

Two weeks' work at Marshfield filming airplane races for their current serial production, "Fighting Fate." The Allen Holubar production, "Man, Woman, Marriage," starring Dorothy Phillips, is now in the hills near Marshfield. The picture is being taken in Chicago for prints by Albert Kaufman, sponsor for the production. It is planned this film shall first be shown at a Broadway house in New York.

THE adventures of an Italian tenor in a suspenseful laundry basket and in a general mix-up of wiven and husband, provided the ripening series of hilarious comedy situations of "Twin Beds," the present feature of the Majestic theater programme. The picture is a film adaptation of the well-known stage farce of the same name. The story concerns the results of a blunder made by Signor Monti, a singer, upon his return home from a little party at the club in which the signor sady overestimates while their mother, Mrs. Williams, in his befuddled condition, Monti wanders into the wrong rooms of the apartment house in which he lives.

Other attractions of the Majestic include Pathe News, a Chester outing picture and the motion picture in Italian, "The Passion," directed by George C. Shroyer, art director; J. C. Hutchinson, cameraman, and the picture "The Passion," directed by George C. Shroyer, art director; J. C. Hutchinson, cameraman, and the picture "The Passion," directed by George C. Shroyer, art director.

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7 PORTS UNDER DISTRICT

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