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#### THE DREDGING OF COOS BAY.

The report of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to dredging the Marshfield harbor is well worth the careful perusal of every citizen of Coos Bay and all others who may be interested in Coos Bay and its future. It is a very encouraging report, too, for it shows that with a single dredge the private enterprise of citizens will improve the harbor so that large boats can reach the head of the Bay and Isthmus Inlets without delay. Already boats drawing fourteen feet of water can reach any part of the Marshfield water front, but there is an immediate necessity for accommodating boats drawing eighteen feet.

One of the interesting features of the report is the estimated cheapness of the work proposed—that is, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This is reduced by forty thousand dollars which owners of land in Railroad addition are willing and glad to pay to have their lands raised. The money to be raised is therefore only about one hundred and ten thousand. The cost is merely nominal compared with the immense advantages which will accrue, not only to abutting owners, but to the public at large. While it is estimated that with a single dredge it will take some three years to complete the work, yet it is very probable that the conditions will change so rapidly in the near future that other aid will be invoked whereby the work can be accelerated. The widening of the channel by moving the line of the harbor east four hundred feet will constitute an improvement which will double the value of all water front both in Marshfield and East Marshfield for commercial purposes.

This proposition to dredge the bay is the most important which the citizens of Marshfield have to consider and all other questions are of minor consequence compared with it. Every improvement which is made on or in connection with Coos Bay materially increases the prospects and importance of this port. Other matters should not, of course, be neglected, but every energy should be directed to making a great harbor where nature has made it possible to make one at very small cost, and where commerce demands one at any cost. Coos Bay is such a harbor. It is gratifying to observe that the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, composed as it was of responsible citizens and some who, from their position and expert knowledge of such matters, were able to ascertain facts with exactitude, have investigated the subject with conscientious and scientific attention to details. It is the duty of the Chamber to continue the great work undertaken and of the citizens to give every possible aid to its prosecution and success.

#### SOCIALISM.

The belief that political socialism is becoming more and more powerful as the days and years pass does not seem to be borne out by the fact, in the United States. There has always been a radical party in this country and it may well be supposed that there always will be one. Never has a radical party succeeded in becoming dominant. The Free Soil party did not succeed. The Greenback party did not succeed. The Populist or People's party did not succeed. The Democratic-Republican party of Thomas Jefferson was not radical. It merely advocated Democratic tendencies and a strict construction of the constitution. The Whig party was merely a protective tariff commercial party. The Republican party did not insist on the abolition of slavery, but proposed to check it.

The Socialist party has never elected a governor, a senator, a member of congress or any important executive. Its only political victories seem to have been scored in Haverhill, Mass., and Anaconda, Montana, where it elected mayors and one or

two members of the legislature of one or two states. Even these victories were speedily lost and the party has now no political representation anywhere. It is not a political factor at all, and there are no indications that it ever will be. The Socialist would proudly reply that he cared nothing for the offices, and was merely contending for principle. Of course, if he does not seek the offices he is not in politics at all, and he is therefore only an idealist. Like all radicals he forgets that he is simply an advance agent of the great mass of humanity and that, as such, he can not force that mass to follow him. He may think he can "blaze the way," but it is likely that many generations will come and go without ever reaching a place sufficiently advanced to discover the "way that has been blazed." The whole world is certainly advancing along socialistic lines but so slowly and safely that they scarcely recognize it. Nor is it at all likely that the dream of Socialism, however vividly told, or brilliantly depicted, will hurry the slow march of the ages. It has taken many hundred years to get the good we have and some of us would be glad if we had more and could get many times what we have, all at once. But the mass—the power—the army of humanity do not see it that way. There is no more danger that the Socialist party will win than that the streets of Marshfield will pave themselves automatically.

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