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A NEW CITY CHARTER.

Nearly everybody in Marshfield recognizes the necessity of adopting a new city charter. The progressive members of the city government who are certainly having some knotty problems presented for their solution, are nearly all about ready to get a new suit, so to speak, and throw aside the old suit which, in addition to being quite worn out, is altogether too small to allow the municipal lugs to expand in the simple process of breathing. But when it comes to adopting a new charter it is quite important to consider a few things.

The first thing to consider is that North Bend needs a new charter, too. The next thing, and far more important than the first, is that if Coos Bay weren't here there wouldn't be any Marshfield or North Bend, and there wouldn't need to be any. It follows that the first, last and everlasting thing that North Bend and Marshfield should keep before them in every act which they do, is the well being and improvement of the bay by and through and on account of which they live and move and have their being. Now the Supreme Court has rendered a decision lately which should make the peninsular cities stop and think. That decision means that the cities of Coos Bay are a law unto themselves and that Coos Bay people have no business to look beyond their own powers, to provide themselves with the necessary machinery to care for their life-giver, the Bay.

In other words if Marshfield gets a new charter it should make a municipal harbor commission one of its chief features. North Bend should do the same. The charter should provide for the raising of money to provide towage, to improve the channel and water front, to dredge and to police the harbor. It is entirely within the municipal powers of Marshfield. North Bend should do the same. But even the suggestion of this all important matter shows how vital it is for these two cities to unite NOW. How absurd it is to arrange to improve the harbor within the small area which each can control. The only true policy FOR HARBOR PURPOSES is to consolidate all the territory in the vicinity of the navigable waters—including fifty square miles—and make one great district which shall exercise municipal powers. By doing this no part of the bay can be abused for the harbor commission can control all.

LARGE POWERS.

Whatever may be the general value of Oregon's initiative and referendum in connection with state legislation generally, it is one of the most fortunate things conceivable for the people of Coos Bay that the constitution of the state has been amended in that respect. It may be that the suspicion of Coos Bay people that Portland has been able in times past to prevent legislation favoring this locality is groundless, but if Coos Bay doesn't take advantage of the power which is now lodged in her hands to control her own affairs in a very large and very independent sense, then she can blame nobody. Portland cannot control the right of Coos Bay to legislate for herself.

The initiative and referendum permits this district to solve its own problems of municipal control without invoking the aid of the legislative assembly in any respect. They have no limit to their power except as the criminal laws and the constitution of the state limit it. They can do anything as cities which comes within the meaning of the term "municipal powers" and there is

nothing which Coos Bay will ever need to do which exceeds such powers. In the case of Cook vs. the Port of Portland the Supreme Court of Oregon defines what municipal powers are and among them are all the powers which the Port of Portland received at the hands of the legislature in 1891. In that case the court held that the people of the territory embraced within the district described could be taxed to raise money to improve the navigation of the Columbia river, far beyond the limits of the Port of Portland. This was regarded judicially as of such great advantage to the city of Portland that it was upheld in very strong terms. But the Coos Bay cities would have to exercise the same municipal powers as cities with charters providing for them. So necessary is it to undertake the dredging of the harbor at once, that measures should be taken to organize a city with the municipal powers of the Port of Portland and the initiative and referendum should be invoked to accomplish so necessary a purpose.

UNCLE SAM WILL DIG HIS OWN COAL

War Department Sending Party to Develop the Island Deposits.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—Uncle Sam is to undertake the mining of coal on his own account from deposits found on one of the southern islands in the Philippine group, and that fuel will form the naval supply for a coaling station at or near Manila.

Ralph John MacKenzie, mining expert for the war department, is at the Fairmont hotel on his way to the Philippines. He will embark on the transport Sherman next Saturday noon, accompanied by Mrs. MacKenzie, a beautiful San Francisco girl, and his staff of engineers.

"These coal mines," said MacKenzie yesterday, "are on the island of Batnan, about 200 miles to the northward of Manila. The coal is bituminous. There is one six foot seam and it is supposed to be a very cheap working proposition to mine it. I am going down there to open up the mine. We'll use Chinese and Japanese labor under American supervision."

"The government is shipping out a lot of machinery. It will go across on the next transport. My work will include the opening and development of the mine and the construction and installation of the necessary landing places and buildings. I suppose it will be two years before I return."

"This is the first time the government has ever undertaken the mining of its own coal. We rather expect an additional appropriation of \$750,000 to establish a fine plant and its accessories."

STABBED TO DEATH IN PUBLIC STREET

Sergeant McKnight Killed in Seattle By Unknown Assassin.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 10.—William McKnight, a Sergeant in the United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Lawton, was murdered this morning by a man or men, so far unknown to the police. The assassin attacked McKnight with a knife while he was walking with Lizzie Bailey, and he had no chance to defend himself. The attack occurred near the corner of Rainier boulevard and Atlantic street a few minutes before 4 o'clock this morning. McKnight died in the Wayside Hospital at 9 o'clock this morning. The police are now making a search for the woman and McKnight's assailant.

McKnight, in his ante-mortem statement, said he met the woman at First Avenue and Jackson street and was walking home with her. At the corner of Rainier boulevard and Atlantic street he said two men who looked like Italians approached him from the rear. One of them without warning buried a knife in McKnight's shoulder. Then as the soldier turned around he was stabbed in the neck, and as he fell he was stabbed in the left side.

—To test advertising, a discount of ten per cent given Saturday and Monday on all purchases at Prentiss & Co.'s, to customers mentioning this ad.

TO WED MAN SHE HAS NEVER SEEN

Pasadena Woman Starts for Canada to Become Wife of Stranger.

Pasadena, October 7.—Mrs Esther Michener, a well-known woman and sister of M. D. Palnter, proprietor of the Hotel La Pintoresca, started to-

day for Ontario, Canada, where she is to become the bride of a mysterious man she has never seen. She has corresponded with him for years, but his name only is known to her and members of the family, and they have nothing to say about him except that he is worthy of the trusting woman, who, without looking upon his face, is willing to cross the continent to give herself to him. The romance is said to be an extraordinary one.

Mr. and Mrs. Palnter accompany her, and her sister, Mrs. Dr. J. C. Michener, also of this city, awaits her in Ontario to attend the wedding. Mrs. Michener is a widow, her husband having been killed some years ago in a railroad accident.

Notice.

—Since the first of the month Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cooper have taken charge of the Garfield. The house has been thoroughly renovated and refitted throughout.

MARKSMEN TO HOLD TELEGRAPHIC SHOOT

Teams Consisting of Ten Crack Shots From Each Department to Be picked—Distance 20 Yards.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 7.—Sergeant Williams, captain of the crack police team of pistol marksmen, received a letter today from J. A. Addleman, of Portland, Or., but formerly of this city, asking that arrangements be made for a telegraphic pistol shoot between a team of ten crack shots of the Cincinnati department and the same number of the Portland police force.

Addleman writes that there are some crack shooters of the Portland force, who are anxious to lock horns with 10 good shooters of the Cincinnati police force. Chief Milliken has given his consent and will communicate with Colonel Moore, Oregon's Chief of Police. Sergeant will pick the 10 best shots in the department to compete. The match will probably be at 20 yards and 20 shots to the man, or 200 shots in all.

Would Sell Epidermis.

New York, Oct. 7.—Having lived for five weeks on a penny's worth of milk a day and tried in vain to find work that would enable her to support her baby, Mrs. Marguerita Pasquan who said her husband had been secretary of the Italian Embassy in Vienna, today went to the Bellevue Hospital and offered to sell her skin for grafting purposes.

For \$30, she told the superintendent, Mrs. Armstrong, she would sell as many inches. When she was told there were no patients in the hospitals in need of cuticle, Mrs. Pasquan was in despair.

She said she had walked the streets for five weeks in search of work, but could find none.



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