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#### SENATOR FULTON'S SPEECH.

port of which appeared in the columns of the Times yesterday morn-ing was one which will please every citizen of Coos Bay. He did not indulge in politics and in that respect he certainly satisfied the citizens of the bay cities. Senator Fulton may have a few political ideas which it is possible some of the Times staff would not fully approve, but on the whole, even if those views should be adopted it would not overturn the nation. He is a sincere, patriotic and earnest man and what is more to the purpose, he comes nearer to understanding Coos Bay than any candidate for the office which he now holds. Any good, able man, who believes in the republic, is good enough for Coos Bay, provided he is a friend of Coos Bay and is able, ready and willing to devote as much of his time to getting proper conditions for this harbor as for the Columbia river. In fact, just now more work is needed for Coos Bay than for that see tion, because Coos Bay is becoming a necessity. Senator Fulton fills the bill. He understands what this bay needs and he knows the ropes in

The difficulty of getting any assistance from Congress or any other body is due in no small measure to the fact that the small bay is only sufficient in size to be one great and capacious harbor. Yet there are sev-eral cities on this small bay without enough unity of feeling and action to combine their political and eco-nomic forces to make their great harbor all that it should be. Senator Fulton's spech was not intended to be a plea for consolidation but every word he uttered simply emphasized the need of that consumation as soon as it can be effected. He made it plain that about all that the Federal government can do is to reduce the bar at the mouth of the harbor and to provide the harbor with a dredge. It can not and will not purchase mudflats or riparian rights or improve water front or channel. things must be done by the people who reside on the bay and it these people do not do them they will not be done. How to do them? is the question. Of course the only way is to organize the city of Coosbay and raise money by taxation and exercise the right of eminent domain where it

The government dredge has been explained to the people quite fully of late. Mr. Loggie presented his views and now Senator Fulton has also told the history of that project. Summing it all up, we would say that the dredge was made for the Oregon coast and that Tillamook may have it after Coos Bay gets through with it. But the dredge is not yet built. It is one of those things which come under the list "It will be built." But when, how and where "it will be built" is a mystery. The money has been appropriated, between \$75,000 and \$100. mystery. The money has been appropriated, between \$75,000 and \$100,000. But nobody seems to know when it is to be built. The "how" has been suggested because it was recommended that the big Coos Bay mill men offer to furnish the material cheap. The "where" would be solved if Coos Bay could have her way. Now if we had a consolidated municipality with a harbor commission, we could pound away at the mission, we could pound away at the proper department and get the "when" changed into "now," and the "how" into "action" and "where" into "Coos Bay." The Port Com-mittee of the Chambers of Commerce might take it up but its hands being full, it will have to be taken up by the joint chambers and they ought to do it at once and set their committee to pounding.

Pounding is a kind of a Congressional word applicable to committee work and work in the various de-partments. The great congressman and senator is one who knows how to pound the committee and department chiefs on the back in behalf of his state or locality. Pound! Pound! Pound! And you get what you want at last. That's the reason the Chambers of Commerce should not be modest in representing their rights as the custodian of one of the Pacific coast's three greatest harbors Keep sending your resolutions-your advertisements and your literature to the River and Harbor Committee and if they don't take notice of one argument make twenty more and if they don't notice those send them a ton of literature, and if that don't suit them send them a car load. Pound—pound—pound. That is

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