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### THAT TELEPHONE FRANCHISE.

I'd like to love my neighbor,  
But my neighbor gets a gun,  
Resisting civilized appeal,  
And fights us just for fun.  
I offer moral teachings,  
Which my neighbor will not hear,  
He simply makes rejoinder  
With a bolo or a spear.

He struggles for advantage,  
In a grim, commercial way;  
He does his best to profit  
By the taxes I must pay.  
He lacerates my feelings,  
All oblivious to my fate,  
I try to love my neighbor,  
But he won't reciprocate.

IN ANOTHER column of this evening's paper The Times publishes a communication from W. U. Douglas in which he contends that the Marshfield city council should be complimented and commended instead of criticised and censured for its action in reference to the recently granted telephone franchise. From the tenor of his letter it is evident that Mr. Douglas does not understand the position of The Times in this matter. The two principal features in The Times criticism were:

First—The power vested in the city council to take up and place on its final passage in one night any ordinance that it desires, is too extensive and far reaching and is inimical to the public welfare.

Second—That in meeting in secret session to agree on this franchise the mayor and city council establish a bad precedent. Anything so important to the entire city as a public franchise should be discussed and acted upon in a session open to the tax-payers and property-owners of the city.

The Times still maintains the correctness of this position with all the vigor, earnestness and sincerity which it possesses. The Times has not attacked or criticised the franchise granted the telephone company. It may or may not be perfectly fair in all its features, but let us not obscure the principal issue by a multiplicity of problems that will only result in confusion. The consideration of the franchise is something to which "A Citizen" devoted himself in his communication, and The Times believes he is able to care for himself in a newspaper discussion. The Times will confine itself to the main features of its criticism as given above.

As Mr. Douglas does not excuse or defend the matter of the council having power to take up and put on its final passage, any ordinance desired at one session, without previous publicity or discussion The Times assumes that as a good citizen and a taxpayer, Mr. Douglas does not endorse this arbitrary power in rapid fire action by the council. When it comes to the secret session, Mr. Douglas speaks in no uncertain tone. He defends it with earnestness and enthusiasm. He says that "an important measure of this kind can hardly receive the consideration it merits in open session. There is usually a line of twenty-five to fifty people present at these meetings ALL WITH AXES TO GRIND, concerning street improvements, licenses, etc."

The Times must admit that this statement is a little bit confusing. Does Mr. Douglas mean to intimate when the big fellows have a big axe to grind the little fellows with the little axes should be barred out? Or is the man seeking a franchise a public benefactor without any axes concealed about his person, while the man looking after street improvements is the man with the axe. From some of the reports that emanate from the council chamber, The Times was of the opinion that most of these street improvement fellows had hammers instead of axes. The Times scarcely thinks Mr. Douglas would care to go on record as defending secret sessions of the council to consider important public matters at all times. Possibly conscious of his own integrity of purpose in the present instance, Mr. Douglas can conscientiously defend the present action, but there may be occasions when the promoters of franchises will not be animated by such lofty purposes of public weal, and there may be times also when the men on the council will not measure up to the present standard. What would Mr. Douglas think of another council going into secret session with some foreign franchise grabbers, seeking valuable railway or other concessions? If it is proper and right one time why not another? The Times maintains that it is not right and cannot be successfully defended on either a moral or commercial basis.

It is inconsistent of Mr. Douglas to intimate that the franchise is not a valuable concession by saying the stock subscription books are open while in the same letter he frankly admits that this franchise is the basis on which the company expects to float a loan to make improvements in the plant. Financiers are not accustomed to let money go on cheap or valueless securities. If they furnish money on the basis of the Marshfield franchise, it may be taken for granted that the franchise has some value.

### STAMPEDING CUPID.

A Kansas City preacher, doubtless actuated by the most wholesome motives in the world, contemplates the opening of what he terms a "spooning parlor" in the basement of his church for the express pleasure and protection of working girls and their young men. The enterprising divine has been airing his idea with considerable enthusiasm, and by now, most of the employed young women of his city are aware of his desire to make their lives less loveless and prosaic. Strangely, they are most ungrateful, resenting both his solicitude and his innuendoes.

"I consider that he has highly insulted the girl who must make her own living," writes one of the minister's involuntary proteges. "Spoon- ing parlors, indeed! You may think I am an old crank, but I am not. I am simply a girl of 19, working to support myself and widowed mother, and no one enjoys having a good time or has more company than I, and yet I do not entertain them by spooning."

The assumption of the preacher that spooning is a necessary feature of every woman's youthful existence emanates from a wholly masculine point of view. The average man is secretly of the belief that the girls of his calling acquaintance exist only in the anticipation and retrospection engendered by his visits and the fleeting hours during which he consents to make mild and meaningless love. Whether such attitude is jus-

tified it would be most indiscreet to observe. One young woman, at least, clearly objects to imputations tending to brand her sex with inherent mushiness. The preacher's scheme is admirable in purpose, but his methods of advertising it are entirely too brash. "Come in here to do your spooning," he invites the world through his megaphone, and then wonders why the persons he would befriend linger in despair in the parks where there are only the unsympathetic policemen. If this well-disposed minister had been a woman he would have merely advertised a helping hand parlor of platonic companionship, or something of that sort, thereby ensnaring, without startling, that ubiquitous and extremely shy angel, bird or aerial urchin known indifferently as the god-o'-love, the Paphian gamin, or more vulgarly as Cupid.

The Peerless, the Fearless, and the Fearless is the way someone has characterized the Democratic prohibition and Republican presidential candidates respectively.

### FIRE AT MYRTLE POINT.

J. Machado's Barn Burned And Hospital Endangered.  
MYRTLE POINT, Ore., Sept. 12.—The barn of J. Machado at Myrtle Point was destroyed by fire Thursday evening. The loss is about \$300 and the local fire department had hard work to save the hospital of Dr. J. D. Wetmore.

## WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

### GOOD EVENING.

Those of us who have learned the art of making the best of things, should extend it to the point of making the best of people. Look at their good points. Put the most charitable construction on their acts. Give them credit for honest purposes even when they blunder. If your first impulse is to ascribe unworthy motives to those about you, it shows a serious weakness in yourself. You cannot make the most of life till you have learned to make the best of others.—Anon.

### A FRIEND OR TWO.

There's all of pleasure and all of peace  
In a friend or two;  
And all your troubles may find release  
With a friend or two;  
It's in the grip of the clasping hand  
On native soil or in alien land,  
But the world is made—do you understand?  
Of a friend or two.

A song to sing and a crust to share  
With a friend or two;  
A smile to give and a grief to bear  
With a friend or two;  
A road to walk and a goal to win,  
An inglenook to find comfort in,  
With a friend or two;

A little laughter, perhaps some tears,  
With a friend or two;  
The days, the weeks and the months and years,  
With a friend or two;  
A vale to cross and a hill to climb,  
A mock at age and a jeer at time—  
The prose of life takes the lilt of rhyme  
With a friend or two;

The brother-soul and the brother-heart  
Of a friend or two  
Make us drift on from the crowd apart  
With a friend or two;  
For come days happy and come days sad  
We count no hours but the ones made glad  
With a friend or two;

Then brim the goblet and quaff the toast  
To a friend or two;  
For glad the man who may always boast  
Of a friend or two;  
The fairest sight is a friendly face  
The blithest tread is a friendly pace,  
And heaven will be a better place  
For a friend or two. —ANON.

You have no right to sigh except when you are alone, and then you won't.

It's the daily dull grinding that produces the keen edge for some crisis.

It's the man who forever is running away from pain who gets most bruises.

The man who has much starch in his neck is likely to have none in his backbone.

Some Coos Bay people's idea of being sincere is to show it when they dislike someone.

At 16 a girl will fall in love with a man she will be ashamed to speak to when she is 20.

The pessimist has his faults, but his ideas about the Drain road are likely to be accurate.

All the world loves a lover except the man who happens to have the lover in his employ.

Most people who receive charity are compelled to give more gratitude than the charity is worth.

Tell a Coos Bay woman she is not looking well and she will look triumphantly at her husband.

## VOTING CONTEST COUPON

NOT GOOD AFTER, SEPTEMBER 24, 1908.  
THE COOS BAY TIMES  
VOTING CONTEST

For .....  
Dist. .... Address.....  
Good for one vote filled out and sent to The Times office by mail or otherwise on or before expiration date. No ballot will be altered in any way, or transferred after being received by The Times.

## NEW BUILDINGS IN NORTH BEND

### Large Number of New Homes and Structures Now Under Construction There.

A large amount of building is under way at North Bend and plans are being made to start a number of residences and small buildings within a short time. While building has been fairly active during the entire summer on and around Coos Bay, it has been particularly so in North Bend and its suburbs. A large amount of municipal work is under way there and in addition to this, the following buildings have been started since the last list was published in The Times, according to the record kept by J. F. Bode, manager of the North Bend Manufacturing Company:

High School building	\$40,000
Theatre building, Backey & Vanzie, owners	3,000
Four neat cottages, G. A. Gurney	2,000
Three-story store and apartment building, J. Gunn	2,000
Russian and Turkish bath house, J. Gunn	2,000
Six-room modern cottage, W. H. Richards	3,000
Two-story modern dwelling, A. H. Hoelling	3,500
A. L. Hunt, 1 two-story modern dwelling	3,500
Eight-room modern residence, Oakley & Arnold	5,000
Cottage, O. E. Murray	5,000
Modern residence, R. A. Wernich	3,500
Modern residence, J. F. Bode	6,000

The Swedish Lutherans are breaking grounds for a church.

### HOTEL MAN SUICIDE.

Frank Bennett of the Arlington in Washington Shoots Self. (By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Frank Bennett, 56 years of age, and manager of the Arlington Hotel of Washington D. C., and one of the best known hotel men in the country, committed suicide by shooting himself in the hotel Gotham today.

### COQUILLE TO PAVE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leneve, S. M. Nosler and Mrs. E. M. Furman drove to Coos Bay from Coquille yesterday. Mrs. Leneve coming to take the Eureka for Eureka. Mrs. E. M. Furman expect to leave for her home today. Mr. Leneve says the property owners, with one exception, on Front street in Coquille, have petitioned the city council to reconsider their action in calling for bids for the replanking of that thoroughfare and also petitioned to have the two blocks laid with bituminous rock. W. O. McCann was in Coquille last Friday and looked into the matter and will make them an estimate this week.

### ALLIANCE IN FROM PORTLAND TODAY

Steamship Brings Good Cargo of Freight and Large Number of Passengers.  
The Alliance crossed in about 1:30 o'clock this morning from Portland with a good cargo of freight and a fair sized passenger list. Capt. Olson says they had fine weather down but they encountered some heavy swells near the bar. In all, the Alliance had 288 tons of freight, including a big boiler of the Hibbard laundry. The Alliance will sail for Portland at 1 o'clock Tuesday.  
Among those who came down from Portland were:  
John Minto, A. J. Notter, C. M. Ellis, E. H. Spanger, Mrs. J. A. Gilden, Joe Emery, S. Templeton, Mrs. N. Stein, A. L. Mackey, R. L. Dignon, Mrs. F. Todd, A. V. Field, A. P. Buchanan, Ben Berry, Wm. Jacobson, J. W. Gunn, M. Smith, Sam Bennett, P. Eskildson and wife, A. W. Long, Elijah Smith, G. B. McLeod, W. R. McMillan and twelve steerage.

FINANCIAL

## STRENGTH

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M. C. Horton, Vice pres.-manager.	

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