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FOR STRAW'S ANNUAL MESSAGE TO COUNCIL CAUSES COMMENT

Citizens' League Interpret
Parts Of It As Direct Thrust
at Organization.

DEFENDS ACTS OF
THE ADMINISTRATION

Urges Council to Investigate
Advisability of Municipal
Water System.

In his annual message to the city council, Mayor E. E. Straw took occasion to hand a few packages to those who have differed with the administration. The message was read the other night but was not filed with City Recorder Butler then, the council granting Mayor Straw's request that he be given an opportunity to revise it. Consequently, it could not be produced in The Times until today.

The revised message differs somewhat from the one read to the council by the mayor.

Members of the Citizens' League, which took such an important part in the recent city election, see in Mayor Straw's message direct thrusts at their organization although he does not specifically name it. It is likely that the message will be made a special matter of business at the next meeting of the league.

The recommendation that the city council take steps to secure a municipal water system was unexpected and has also started considerable discussion. It has been reported that Seymour H. Bell has been negotiating for the Marshfield Water Company's holdings but this cannot be verified.

Mayor Straw's message in full is as follows:

"To the Common Council of the city of Marshfield—Gentlemen: From time immemorial there has always been manifested in every community a species of cynicism which progressive civilization has had to oppose in its development; the people who constitute this retarding element have always set themselves up as 'High Thinkers' and clothed in their robes of pessimistic conceptions have marshaled with all their strength and ingenuity, their forces of opposition against the natural betterment of religion, morals, national and state industries and civic improvement; they speak in fervent tones of the golden past and recount the glowing conditions of their boyhood, when railroads were unknown, electricity was looked upon as a message from the devil, streets were nothing but winding paths between houses, and highways were strewn with disasters and wrecks.

"The old wooden bucket suspended from a sweep may be a fit subject for a dreaming poet, but the necessities of the present day require the adoption of a better and faster means of securing water. It is with much regret that we still observe the cynic and the obstructionist receiving public consideration, but it has always been thus, and the only hope progressive movements find, in the melee is, that majorities do not always constitute right. Almost every community, fortunately possess a few citizens who have the energy and intrepid daring to keep step with the progressive movement of the age, and institute modern methods in their business enterprises; they are big and grand enough to rise above petty bickerings and factional jealousies, and, prompted by a sense of public and personal pride strive to free their fellow citizens from the drawbacks and discomforts of a primal state.

"The stage of moral, intellectual, and social development of any community is reflected in the appearance of its cities, public and private buildings, highways, parks and appliances, and provisions for the protection of life and property, and as representatives of the public it is the duty of municipal officials to improve such property and service entrusted

ATTEMPTS TO END HIS LIFE

Tom Maguire, a Logger,
Slashes His Throat With
Razor But May Recover.

Tom Maguire, a logger, attempted to commit suicide at the Central hotel this morning by slashing his throat with a razor. He succeeded in severing his windpipe but the large veins escaped and in consequence, he may recover. He was taken to the Marshfield General hospital where Dr. Mingus dressed his wounds.

Maguire is about forty years old and his attempt to shuffle off the mortal coil was the result of despondency. He was working near Allegany but came to Marshfield shortly before the holidays to do a little celebrating before his New Year's resolutions became effective. The resolutions were evidently lost sight of in the remorse that followed.

The following note was found by Marshal J. W. Carter in Maguire's room and was evidently written after he had slashed himself as it was not complete:

"Thomas McGuire, Tiller, Oregon—I am not to blame for any of this trouble and never had anything to do with any of those girls. I am so sick I cannot—

to their care. Now we are not here as officials for the purpose of indulging in altercations or vituperative argument, but as trusted representatives of the people, it is our duty to improve the condition of the city as a whole, and to provide means whereby the safety and comfort of its inhabitants are commensurate with their social relations. We should bear in mind that penury is not economy, and that lavishness is not prudent expenditure, but having in mind the just necessities imperatively or future, of a growing municipal corporation, we should be guided by reason and discretion.

"It is with pleasure that I look back upon the achievements of the city council during the past two years and feel that the intelligent and appreciative citizens of Marshfield, commend in the highest terms the wisdom and prudence manifested by the council in city improvements. The expenses of the city during the past year have increased for natural reasons, but the public has, and is now enjoying the benefit of those expenditures in the shape of better protection, sanitation, and facilities for travel, which are rated in every community as substantial and meritorious assets.

"In the life of every growing community there comes a time when it must assume new obligations and provide for a larger scale of conduct, and it should be a source of pride to know that that situation has thrust itself upon this municipality. It denotes development and not a retrograde movement, and all prudent and intelligent citizens are glad to meet the prosperous burden. It is only the cynic and 'High Thinker' who walls, jeers and protests about better streets, public buildings, parks, utility franchises and police protection. During the recent past the work of the council has been the target for uninformed and thoughtless remarks, but I desire to say that in place of these sputtering and biased criticisms the members of the council are entitled to the highest commendation for their faithful and honest service rendered the city of Marshfield. The mushroom hostility which has recently sprung up against municipal improvements and a more progressive state of the city's management will wither and die when calm reasoning shall supplant bias and prejudice, then once more will

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SAY QUAKE WAS FELT HERE

Many People Positive That
Coos Bay Experienced Three
Distinct Shocks This Fore-
noon.

Did Coos Bay experience an earthquake tremor this morning?

This is the cause of much debate on the streets this afternoon. A large number declare it did and others ridicule the idea.

W. S. Turpen, who went through the Frisco earthquake a few years ago, declare that there were three distinct shocks between 10 and 11 o'clock this morning. He was in his office on the floor above the Chamber of Commerce and is positive he was

not mistaken. He says others in the building noticed it. H. W. Skinner and Otto Schetter, Mrs. E. Mingus, Miss Mamie Mahoney and others declare that they felt the tremor.

Dr. E. Mingus said that there was blatin being done back of the city and it was barely possible this might have caused a tremor like a real earthquake but he doubted if it would be felt as far down town.

Today was one of the days for which the big quakes for Sicily and Southern Italy was prophesied but it is beyond reason that a quake there could be detected other than by the seismograph at this distance. Owing to the telegraph wires being down, it was impossible to secure any information from possible earthquakes today.

WILL FIGHT COUNTY PLAN

Residents of Douglas Object to
Proposed Division For
New County.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 8.—Messrs. J. A. Buchanan and J. D. Zurcher have returned from Drain, where they were present at a well-attended mass meeting of citizens who discussed thoroughly the proposed county division question. The Cottage Grove movement for taking a big slice out of the northern part of Douglas county, together with a section of Lane, and thus forming a new county with Cottage Grove as the county seat, was the principal theme and it was opposed by every speaker. The natural contour of the country makes it impractical for any considerable portion of territory this side of the summit of the Calapooia mountains to be equitably annexed to a county lying on the other side of those mountains. Other good reasons were also urged against such action, and the following resolutions were adopted at the meeting without a dissenting vote:

Resolutions Oppose Division.
Whereas, There is a movement on foot, originated by the citizens of Cottage Grove, to organize a new county out of the southern part of Lane county and the northern part of Douglas county;

Resolved, By the citizens of Drain, in mass meeting assembled, that we are unalterably opposed to the said movement, and will do all in our power to defeat it.

Unanimously adopted.

Yoncalla Also Opposes Action.
At Yoncalla a similar mass meeting was held on Monday evening and they also adopted resolutions opposing any division of Douglas county. At the Drain meeting several letters from prominent citizens of Elton, Scottsburg and Gardiner were read, and they, likewise, were unanimously opposed to county division, as proposed by the Cottage Grove people.

BREAKWATER IN TODAY.

Steamship Arrives From Portland
With Many Passengers.

The Breakwater from Portland arrived in this morning at 3 o'clock after a fairly good trip down the coast, the changing of the wind from southwest to northwest permitting the vessel to make greater progress. The Breakwater incoming passenger list was as follows:

Mrs. Hammond, Robt. Marsden, Richard Marsden, W. F. Rau, F. Brothner, C. E. Irwin, Sam Nae, T. Fisher, H. H. Clark, H. Anderson, C. Hagensen, W. W. Filter, Mrs. W. F. Gordon, C. Yost, Mrs. Yost, H. B. Shefner, Geo. McCutcheon, Jas. L. Gray, S. H. Bitters, Ira Gerber, B. F. Jones, T. Yenny, Wm. Fisher, M. Raitke, Miss O'Neill, N. A. Barrett, W. Yerlan, F. E. Jones, A. Walker, R. E. Gibson, J. A. Wager, Mrs. Wager, W. Murray, S. J. Tower, W. G. Howe, J. M. Adams, F. J. Hauer, H. O. Howe, L. M. Ackerman, Mrs. Ackerman, E. W. Hendricks, A. F. Burkhardt, A. W. Meyers, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. R. E. Gibson.

COAST ARTILLERY COMPANY TO BE ORGANIZED ON COOS BAY

WILL GET THE NEW RAILWAY

Editor of Dalles Optimist Deep-
ly Impressed With Develop-
ment Congress.

Editor Addison Bennett of The Dalles Optimist, was one of the delegates and speakers at the recent Oregon-Idaho Development Congress and writes as follows concerning it to his paper:

"Now briefly about the Congress; there never before was such a meeting in the state! I have attended many meetings of the kind, as for instance the meetings of our state development league in Portland. But at the little town of Vale, 16 miles from Ontario, session after session the theatre was full, and at one meeting, the night of the 18th, 150 people were turned away after packing seven or eight hundred in the theatre! Think of that! Is that country not alive, awake, in earnest? Can you keep such a people down? You well know you cannot.

"The prime, the fundamental idea of the congress is to get a railroad from the Boise basin to Coos Bay. They will get it. They will win. Such enthusiasm never fails. Some of the delegates to that meeting, several of them, drove 150 miles to get there. At the meeting of the postmasters one postmaster drove 105 miles to be at my meeting.

"As to the addresses, I cannot speak, for it would take too much space. But there were many able papers read. Judge Lowell, the president, made one of the finest talks ever listened to. It is well known that he is one of the most eloquent gentlemen in the state, but he quite outdid himself at Vale. And all the others did fine. There was something in the air, a spirit of optimism and good fellowship pervaded all, and it was more like what a religious conference ought to be than like a meeting to promote secular affairs."

dairy counties of the state, and the advent of the railroad will give such an impetus to this industry that Coos with her vast acreage of unclaimed land will eventually lead the state if not the entire coast in the volume of her dairy exports.

Coos county dairy products have always commanded the highest, and in some instances, from one to two cents per pound above the highest market price, and whenever entered in competition at the State Fair, have invariably been awarded the blue ribbon.

There are no doubt numerous cases, where the law is strictly complied with, and a few perhaps whose failings in this regard merit swift punishment, and I may say with certainty that these are to be found in all communities, and it is this class that render an inspector necessary, and to whom that official should mete out summary justice, instead of heralding abroad their shortcomings to be a reproach to the entire county.

These now are the main facts concerning the situation here, to which we have appended a few of our impressions. Trusting that they may be of service to you in placing the matter before the public in its true light, and in doing justice to those who have labored so earnestly to build up this great industry (for the dairyman has no day of rest like those of other vocations). We are

Sincerely yours,
MR. and MRS. W. C. HARRIS.

P. S.—We note in a late issue of the Homestead that Oregon's dairy products amounted to the sum of \$17,000,000 last year, the largest agricultural interest of the state.

MUSICAL KINDERGARTEN under Miss Horton. New class commences next Monday.—Academy of Music, phone 1955.

United States War Department
Issues Order
For It.

PROSPECTS GOOD
FOR FORTIFICATIONS

Gather More Data to Secure
Appropriation For Improv-
ing Harbor and Bar.

According to letters received by Col. Wm. Grimes and Dr. E. Mingus this morning from Walter Lyon, the United States War Department has sent orders to Adjutant General W. E. Finzer of Oregon to organize a coast artillery company in Marshfield. The order carries with it recommendations for the construction of an armory, a two-story building, as quarters for the new company.

Mr. Lyon also says in his letter that the Coast Defense Board has the plan for fortifying the Coos Bay harbor under consideration and will probably take early action on it. General Murray, a member of the board, expressed himself to Mr. Lyon in favor of fortifying the harbor at once and the secretary of the commission is now gathering data on the possibilities and need of fortifications here. Mr. Lyon says that everyone he approached about the fortifications knew of Coos Bay as the place where there is a lot of coal.

Gather More Data.
In response to a telegram from Congressman Hawley, the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce has had H. C. Diers of North Bend prepare a statement showing the business in and out over the bar and the necessity of carrying out the recommendations of Col. Roessler and the government engineers who have investigated Coos Bay. This report will be forwarded to Congressman Hawley tomorrow.

One particularly noteworthy fact that Mr. Diers states in this report is that the foreign trade henceforth must be handled on the big tramp steamers. It is for this class the Panama canal is being built. As the draught of these vessels is about thirty-five feet, San Francisco and Puget Sound are the only United States harbors on the Pacific coast that accommodate them. Much of the export business is bound to be lumber and coal and as San Francisco is not a center for either, Puget Sound will be the only United States port to get any benefit of it. Canadian ports consequently will get more benefit from the Panama canal construction, for which this government is paying, than will the United States unless the Coos Bay harbor is made available and the big lumber and coal resources of this section opened up for the world's commerce.

AT THE THEATRE.

For the first time in four years our friend James Keane will appear tomorrow night in the Odd Fellows' hall. The Keane Company were unable to make arrangements with the Masonic Opera House for their opening performance through some misunderstanding, but everything possible is being done by the Keane management to make the Odd Fellows' hall cozy and comfortable for their patrons. They have already made arrangements to have this hall well heated and lighted, so that nothing will be lacking in the way of comfort. On tomorrow night the young star will appear as Fabio Romani in Marie Correll's dramatization of "The Vendetta," entitled "Fabio Romani." The play abounds with strong dramatic situations and is well spirited with comedy lines. He has with him one of the most charming and able leading supports on the Pacific coast today in the person of Miss Nera West.

* Tonight the Keane Company go to North Bend to produce this piece and the house has already been sold out.

There will be specialties between each act so that their will be entertainment from the rise to the fall of the curtain.