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EVERYBODY BOOST NOW IS THE TIME ALL TOGETHER

EVIDENCE IS ACCUMULATING on every side that Coos Bay is on the eve of an era of development and progress unparalleled in its history. The Coos Bay spirit is asserting itself. It is rising superior to the deteriorating influences of adverse circumstances. While the outside world is apparently more than ever concerned with the proposition of a railway to Coos Bay the people of this section are becoming more self reliant and the program of "waiting" is to be changed to one of "DOING." The earnestness of the people is finding expression in a proposition to build their own railway. And it will be done. To paraphrase an old shibboleth:

"We may not want to build a road
But by jingo, if we do;
We've got the men, we've got the means
And we have the money, too.

There are a few people on Coos Bay who do not fully appreciate the possibilities and prospects of this section. They do not have a conception of the beauty of their city, and the opportunities it offers for being made still more beautiful. They should give some thought to this side of the problem. Don't get discouraged because one or two efforts fail to produce desired results. Enter into the spirit of encouragement and if in your estimation the town is not what it should be, don't knock but redouble your efforts to bring it up to the standard you hold for it. Become imbued with the idea that we have a good town but we want a better one and above all get the inspiration from the gospel of boost. Don't be a backslider or a backbiter. Make boost your everyday religion. Boost six days in the week and even if you forget yourself and do a little boosting on Sunday God will forgive you, for is this not his own country and He will not punish His own people for saying a good word for it on His Own Day.

THE PORT OF COOS BAY.

THE SPECIAL VALUE of every foot of ground, whether it is used for agricultural or commercial purposes, in the proposed Port of Coos Bay, is due to the existence of a harbor for the world's shipping in close proximity. Destroy the harbor and the values will all disappear. It follows that unless the harbor is preserved and improved, men who now pay the taxes will, unless they have large means to enable them to hold unsaleable property for a long time, lose all they have. The farmer or merchant who permits his house to fall into decay, because it will take money to repair it and save it, would not be considered wise. In fact, he would be considered foolish. In the same way, people who base their expectations of prosperity on the presence of a good harbor close by would be regarded as foolish if they allowed it to deteriorate or be filled up.

What Coos Bay needs is as follows:

- 1.—To prevent the filling up of the harbor.
- 2.—To prevent unnecessary obstructions to navigation.
- 3.—To prevent the tidal area from being diminished.
- 4.—To dredge, deepen and widen the channel to the sea.
- 5.—To provide a dry dock for repairing ships.
- 6.—To enter into contracts with the United States so as to obtain appropriations for the extension of the jetties at the mouth of the bay.
- 7.—To provide rules for the regulation of shipping.
- 8.—To improve the inlets or sloughs entering the harbor.

In order to get these things she must organize so that there will be one body which can have jurisdiction over the whole Bay, subject to the veto which the constitution gives the people. By organizing as one body, Coos Bay may become an important port and the large landed interests may be required to contribute their just proportion of the expense, instead of compelling the smaller interests to bear it all.

Port organizations have been exceedingly successful in all parts of America. The city of Portland is a notable example. Her port organization has enabled her to make a harbor 110 miles from the sea where she only had 12 feet of water to start with. She has, through her Port Organization, obtained from Congress many millions for the mouth of the Columbia river. The people of Coos Bay will have no right to complain hereafter, should they fail to organize the Port, if all the appropriations go to the Port of Portland and none to the scattered communities around this bay.

The people at the mouth of the Siuslaw are about to organize a Port and the question is now before them with an absolute certainty that it will carry. It is more than probable that they will receive a considerable appropriation from Congress in the next Rivers and Harbors' bill. It is desired to obtain an appropriation in the next Rivers and Harbors' bill of \$1,800,000 for Coos Bay. To get it the Port must be organized and a commission appointed which can contract with the government. To get it the Port must do exactly as Portland does. To get it the Port must show that the people are ready to do their part. Congress will never appropriate money to improve the inner bay, and she will never consider Coos Bay materially until she is shown that the inner harbor is improved to meet and make useful the work at the harbor mouth.

The voters should realize that if they decide to create this district at this election they can make their own laws in the district so created hereafter. In other words—no bond issue, no ordinance, no important move can be made without their consent. They may even change the general law under which the port is created so far as it applies to the port. So says the Oregon Constitution.

A vote no, means that values will diminish, the bay will be injured by neglect, small land holders will lose out, big land holders will get tax titles, and paralysis will destroy the importance of this Port.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

It is one mark of a superior mind to understand and be influenced by the superiority of others. — Harriet Beecher Stowe.

The good old air of "Heidelberg" has been transformed into an Oregon Booster Song that is very popular at smokers and dinners given under the auspices of the commercial organizations of the state. It is as follows:

Oregon, Dear Oregon.
(Air: "Heidelberg")
Better than riches or worldly wealth,
Is life in a clime that's royal,
Teeming with happiness, hope and health,
And warmed by a sun benign;
Sweeter than pelf that is won by stealth,
Is building with citizens loyal;
So come, let us clink, but first let us drink
One toast with a brimming stein.

Here's to the state that knows no dearth,
Here's to the hopes that rise;
Here's to her sons, the best on earth,
Here's to her smiling skies;
Here's to her past so glorious,
Here's to her future great,
Here's to her ever victorious,
Here's to our own dear state.

Oh, Oregon, dear Oregon,
The state we love so well,
Where summer snows and beauteous rose
Deck mountain, hill and dell;
Where shimmering sheen and ever-green
Blend into heav'n above;
The thought of you, so old, so new,
E'er fills our heart with love;
The thought of you, so staunch, so true,
E'er fills our hearts with love.

The other day it required two Santa Monica, Cal., policemen to arrest a sailor 93 years of age. We hope the case will come to the attention of Dr. Olser.

A deaf and dumb Californian with \$100,000 wants to marry some woman who will love him for himself alone, and not his money. But how can any woman love a man who is unable to hear her when she scolds?

An eastern man who has reached the age of 101 years was asked the secret of his long life, and he shrewdly replied, "Breathing." Moral: Don't waste your breath.

The first spring poem of the season floated into the "Toast and Tea" corner of The Times sanctum yesterday. It would not be published only we desire to encourage budding genius and this bears unmistakable evidence of being just a bud.

ODE TO SPRING.

(Published under protest.)

Hail the springtime, with a greeting,
Hear the neighbors carpet beating!
See the lambs so gaily gambol
Till they stick fast in the bramble.

See the crocus bud a-waking,
Jack (?) frost too, his (?) plans are making,
Just to nip her nose so white
On some still and starry night.

Peach trees now show signs of budding,
Rains like thunder, rivers flooding—
All the old hens want to set—
Chicken squawking in the wet.

Now's the time the young man's fancy
Lightly turns to thoughts of Nancy;
Nancy's thinking of her duds,
Scrubbing brushes plus soap suds.

All the same, its Hall to Spring,
May she come and with her bring
Snowball that grow on the bushes
Balmy breezes, sudden slushes.
—Dorsey Kreitzer.

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