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The Port of Coos Bay, If You Please

THE TIMES TAKES OFF its hat and makes its best bow to the alert, enterprising, wide-awake and progressive people of the Port of Coos Bay. They have more than justified its fervent faith in their civic pride and patriotism, their abundant common sense and their enterprise. It was a case of "much cry and little wool" with the knockers and kickers. The bunco men with the brick bats succeeded in stirring up some strife and making much noise but the people refused to be fooled. Today the brick bats are buried beneath ballots and the people and the port are triumphant.

And what a triumph it was, too. More than ten to one in South Marshfield and splendid majorities in all other sections of the proposed port district North Bend sustained its reputation as a live and progressive community by voting favorably to the tune of 6 to 1. Summer came to the front with a score of two to one. Everywhere it was a day of duty well and fittingly performed.

The people of the Port of Coos Bay have proclaimed to the world that they are not mere supplicants for financial favors from railway magnates and monopolists. They are a self-reliant, enterprising people who can and will do things for themselves if given opportunity. It was a splendid exemplification of the spirit of Coos Bay—the spirit of progress, the spirit of unity, the spirit of standing shoulder to shoulder and fighting as one man for the common good. Such a spirit, reasonable but indomitable can accomplish wonders. It was the dawning of a new era—an era of development—an era of doing things and not one of patient waiting.

Now, there should be no sort of delay nor failure in the organization of the Port of Coos Bay. It is one of the most essential things we have to do, if only to put ourselves and the port on a legal and actual footing to meet any exigency that may arise as between our own jurisdiction and that of the obstructionists, who may interpose obstacles in the way of enjoying the full fruits of our splendid victory. No man knows at what moment grave questions will arise demanding our attention and interest and there must be some organic body ready to meet and dispose of them with certitude and authority.

It is not, at present, so much a matter of the ultimate cost of the proposition, as it is of establishing a legal and legal port status; of being sharply and distinctively in line for action when such an attitude and such a franchise shall need demonstration in the preservation of Coos Bay's natural and inherent characteristics in this line.

She must not remain in the negative and unguarded condition that has prevailed all these long years; the commercial people and crews of the hour require that she shall be equipped to meet, legally, and aptly, the demands, encroachments, issues, ventures and successes of such fixed position and these things she cannot do without the full and exact right that goes with such organic plane and pace.

There is nothing now that may prevent her final assumption of all that goes to a good port a big port, and an all-around port, known and appreciated in every land that has dealings with the great Northwest of America. This is the first step to such an end and she has everything in the world to amplify her claim and maintain the new status.

The Port Commission will make her safe from a good many things, in the way of infringement and spoliation, she might not meet successfully without. The mere quality of a lawful port will enhance her rating in the commercial world, even if nothing large or effective be done in such behalf immediately.

In law, as in fact, this is a sea-port in the fullest sense of the term; and what of technicality shall be invoked to disparage the fact, legally, that disparagement can but act to fortify and perpetuate the reality. Since time left the formative conditions as they are, it has been a haven, a harbor, a refuge, always an excellent one.

It is up to our people to make the most of the actuality; not in haste and with improvidence; but quietly, determinedly successfully. To hold up the hands of the Port Commission; to study its needs and meet them wisely and promptly; to act understandingly next to the situation and make the most of it; to claim everything that goes with the status and fight for what shall be denied; to prepare the way for its surveying, protection, betterment, completion and maintenance.

Time will be required for all these things, and money; neither should be wasted. Let us start right in a small way, and follow the predicate as means and opportunity present themselves; it is not essential to do the whole thing at once; and yet there are one or two things that must be done to perfect the title, as it were, such as the hydrographic surveying and the establishment of official supervision to safe-guard the concerns of those who use the port, as well as our own rights in the case. These things may be wrought without undue cost, and yet serve a big and long end that will be profoundly appreciated in time. We are "in the saddle" and our marine population can all ride; what we want to guard against is a "runaway."

There is no earthly use in our sleeping upon our rights in this important premise. The thing to do is to perfect the creation of the port, put it in the hands of its commission, organize that and wait for such developments as are sure to come, in the course of its full and final establishment, or in the course of any dispute or invasion or confusion that may be injected from any source.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Sing us something full of laughter
Tune your harp and twang the strings
Till your glad voice, chirping after
Mates the song that robins sing.
Loose your lips and let them flutter
Like the songs of wanton birds;
Though they naught but laughter utter.
Laugh and we'll not miss the words.
—Hilley.

There Are Chances For You.
Don't complain that all is naught,
Don't be of sweet hope bereft,
All the big fish are not caught.
In the sea there's plenty left.
All worth doing is not done,
All the prizes are not won.
Much remains for strength and skill.
You have got some chances still.

Something still remains to learn.
Fallow land awaits the plow,
Anywhere that you may turn
Work invites the workers now.
Things to bring and things to break,
Things to bring and things to take,
Things to empty, things to fill.
You have got some chances still.

Lots to do for earnest men.
Hammer, shovel, ax and hoe,
Graver, chisel, brush and pen
Call them now as long ago.
Don't give up or lag behind.
All the gold has not been mined.
Tackle something with a will.
You have got some chances still.

Now,
Everybody!
All together, Now!
Hip! Hip! Hurrah and a Tiger.

It would be quite appropriate to drink to the success of the new port in Port.

Who said Meesback?

Fence posts are to be on the free list, according to latest reports, but the digging of the holes for them will cost as much as ever.

"About the most difficult task for a woman is to look and act composed," says the Topeka State Journal. Possibly because she dreads being compelled to face the music.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat prints a long editorial on "The Philosophy of Harriman." Bolled down, it looks to us like: "Gilt aplenty while you're a-gittin'."

A Coos Bay girl recently wrote to a young man as follows: "If hot air was music, you would be a whole brass band." Perhaps that fellow will now do less blowing for a while.

A Chicago judge advises the ladies to look their prettiest when they have to go to court. Heretofore, it seems, they have been doing that only when some mere man was coming to court.

A man in India has sent back, with interest a cent he stole forty-seven years ago. Very good; but would he have waited another forty-seven years if the amount had been two cents?

The New York World remarks that the departure of Mr. Roosevelt "removes from view a figure that has occupied the center of the American stage for seven years." The center indeed! Why, he occupied all of it.

A Clairton, Pa., poker player was fatally shot the other night because two of the four aces he held were aces of diamonds. That chap evidently forgot this good bit of advice: "If you can't be good, be careful."

Weary Waiting.
It may be fun to read about
Ball games in Tenn. or Texas,
But to my mind those fouls and flies
Just simply rise to vex us.

What we are wanting most of all
Is spring to show her dazzle
So we can see 'em on Coos Bay and yell
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MICKEY.

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