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The policy of the Coos Bay Times will be Republican in politics, with the independence of which President Roosevelt is the leading exponent.

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PORT COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED

NEWS HAS BEEN RECEIVED from Salem to the effect that Governor Benson has appointed W. C. Harris of Sumner, Dr. E. Mungus and Henry Sengstacken of Marshfield and W. P. Evans and J. C. Gray of North Bend, the men recommended by the Marshfield and North Bend Chambers of Commerce, members of the new Coos Bay Port Commission. This is as it should be. The men named are all good citizens, property owners, taxpayers and prominently identified with the development and progress of this community. In making the appointments, Governor Benson merely follows the lines of precedent in recognizing the authority of an organic body to suggest men qualified to accept a public trust. It is regrettable that there could not be communal unity in the acceptance and acknowledgment of this action. The large and liberally signed petitions endorsing the action of the Chambers of Commerce served to clothe these civic bodies with popular authority and commend their judgment.

It is difficult to find an organic body, of any kind, commission, or council, as constituted today, that had not its little pettifogging cabal, eternally ready to seize the flimsiest pretext for disrupting, disorganizing, defeating, and damning the majority, no matter where that majority may lead nor who constitutes; it is the last privilege of the minority, in default of any other accomplishment, to keep the discordant note sounding, to "honk" on forever, whether there be danger or not. Coos Bay has the obnoxious little cabal in pretty much all its public bodies, and it is presumed that she will always have them, since no scheme of defense has ever been devised that will lay them.

All men have unqualified respect for the square, fighting minority; it is given place of interest and effect in the considerations of the community, and not infrequently makes a winning of worth and genuineness, not always attained by the majority. Under such circumstances, the cabal becomes an asset to the people and a reliance. But, in the main, these pony-factions are obsessed with the notion that they, the inconsiderable and unconsidered ones, hold the cream and crux of the wisdom necessary to propel and guide the destinies of the people, and will have it that way, no matter what trouble and confusion, and even loss, ensues.

The pettifogging cabal is a nuisance an impediment, a deterrent; and never popular. The men who pick up every insignificant, inoperative thing that may be used to worry and hinder and stall organic action otherwise timely and excellent, soon become known as pests, and pests do not last long. The intelligent and honest "butter-in" will always be recognized, whether of minority or majority; but the stilted, stifling, stagnant, stony hinderer who operates from essentially biased and selfish impulses, is without his own, or any other man's respect.

The thing to be done now is to unite in upholding the Port Commission that they may have an opportunity to demonstrate and prove their capacity and worth. They should not be hampered or hindered by a stilted public sentiment. The voice of the obstructionist should be swept away in a swelling chorus of harmony that will voice the new Coos Bay spirit of boasting. If any member of the commission attempts to prove false to his trust or use his position for the promotion of private

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

To think we are able, is almost to be so; to determine on attainment, is frequently attainment itself—Earnest resolution has often seemed to have about it almost a savor of omnipotence. S. SMILES.

UNESSENTIAL.

The thing that troubles me most, begad, Says I to myself, says I; The thing that I think about most, my lad, Is why—why—why? Why are we born to die? And why do we fight and lie For a little space in a useless place That we cannot keep and we may disgrace? Says I to myself, says I.

I needn't trouble you then, my lad. So answered myself to me; The "why" don't cut any ice, begad— The "how" is the thing, you see! For the "why" in the case, maybe, Will be plain when your soul's set free; But if you wait for your final fate. To learn the "how" it will be too late— So answered myself to me!

And it's good advice that you give, begad. Says I to myself, says I; For a fellow has got to live, my lad, As sure as he's got to die. So it's up to you to try Your best, as the days slip by; To do your task till the years unmask The secret at last—and then you can ask, And perhaps they'll tell you why!

Horses seem slower than ever since automobiles came in. Falling in love is as hard on the system as having a hard spell of sickness.

Speaking of women's hats once more this year's straws show how the money was blown in.

More women are making speeches, and they are making better ones, but the same can't be said of their pie.

Editor Savage reports that the Coquille town cow has commenced looking around to see who is putting in gardens.

It is the good fortune of many a bride and groom at the altar that responses do not permit them to introduce any bad grammar. The San Francisco Call defines a tariff as a choice of evils. And to the average consumer it looks like anything but a choice collection of evils.

"Women are no better than men," declares a prominent suffragette. Oh! well, if that's the way they are going to talk the men will be in favor of letting them vote.

A London magazine writer has re-scribed Mr. Taft as being "composed of adamant and sand." But those who rile him find he comes down on them like a thousand of brick. ends he can be quickly reached and dealt with accordingly. The Times has confidence in their character and capacity. They are individually and collectively too vitally interested in the welfare of this community and their position therein to jeopardize either by bringing to their new place anything but their highest endeavor and most earnest purpose to serve the public faithfully and well.

So here's success to the Port Commission and the Port Commissioners. May they be heralds of progress, prosperity and peace.

TO ADVERTISE COOS COUNTY.

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