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A WORD OF COUNSEL.

AS ONE AMONG the best friends and champions that Coos Bay possesses, The Times has a right to offer a candid word of counsel, at the moment it is most needed; and it proposes to say that word right now, deeming the time propitious and the cause well-founded.

There is far too little loyalty to Coos Bay among her own people: There is very little civic spirit here, and practically no solidarity whatever; there is too much clashing of personal and private interest when the interests of the public are at stake; there is no sense of specific obligation to the place; there is no merger of commercial concern and unanimity, and no significance of Coos Bay's first claim upon her own prosperity. This is not arraignment it is mere suggestion.

Loyalty to one's own peculiar interest does not mean loyalty to the city. There is nothing of sacrifice and local pride in that; that is but a distinguishing mark of selfishness, per se. The civic pride that moves a man to do, and speak, and give, for the good of the town, is what is needed to make for solid, adhesive, successful spirit and action. The subsidence of the personal end to the communal end, and the avoidance of all attempt to foist the private concern to the front until the larger mutual concern of the city is fixed and first, is what is needed to create the realized idea of actual obligation of the citizen to the city. "Coos Bay's commerce first, then mine," must be the sentiment and slogan that shall move us to unison and real achievement.

The Times is moved to this statement by the overt act and covert sneer of some of Coos Bay's prominent business and professional men in reference to the present railway movement and prospects. Whatever else may be asserted it cannot be successfully denied that the present railway survey has served to advertise the requirements and resources of this section more than anything else. It is also the first real tangible effort of the people to solve the railway problem themselves. The fact, also that it is the most conspicuous example of united action for communal advancement ever made on Coos Bay should be sufficient to make these men at least give the community the charity of their silence if they are not in favor of the proposition.

We are about to entertain a large number of prominent men from Oregon and Idaho drawn here by this splendid evidence of the Coos Bay spirit of self help. The Times hopes that these obstructionists will at least have the grace to present a harmonious front to visitors at that time. There must be more straightforward, honest, friendly feeling generated among the men who are in a position to direct things on Coos Bay. There must be more concern for the mutual good of the entire community. There must be more general realization that as citizens we should remember that our first duty is to Coos Bay. Until we reach this conviction and live up to it her advancement is impeded and held stationary by the very men who should be the last to lay a stone in her way.

"CASTLEWOOD" at the P. K.

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Those men ought to be principally regarded who excel in the quieter and more peaceable virtues of modesty, temperance, and especially justice. . . the virtues that seem more peculiarly to constitute a good man.

CICERO.

Same Old Thing.

Got up and dressed, and ate and went to work; Ate, worked a little more, and ate again.

Read a little while and went to bed; and then

Got up. Truly, I do not wish to shirk

My daily task, knowing the things that irk

Me thus are but the common lot of men,

But what's the use? Is life worth living, when

A bard's no freer than a dry goods clerk?

And, if reincarnation's true—me-thinks

It is, because it seems so much the same

As life—why, I must drink the selfsame cup

For ages, die and wake and play the game

Again—a bigger round, that's all. By Jinks,

I wish Eternity would hurry up!

STORY OF THE DAY.

Souvenir spoons, knives, forks, plates, photographs, postal cards and what not have been a perfect passion with the multitude. The thing seemed to have been carried a little too far when somebody at a reception to Mr. Wu, the Chinese ambassador, some years ago tried to snip off a piece of that eminent humorist's pigtail with a pair of pocket scissors; but even that was surpassed by a certain Chicago woman.

A stranger speaking of her to another woman observed that she had heard that she was a confirmed souvenir hunter.

"Not really a kleptomaniac, you know," she said.

"Oh, no, not at all," was the reply.

"She is just the ultra of souvenir-hunting. I happen to know her, too. You see, some years ago she paid a week-end visit at our country place, and when it was over—"

"You missed your silverware?"

"No, indeed," was the answer.

"My husband!"—Lippincot's.

It is easier to join the mob than to argue with it.

A woman married to a good fellow has a hard time.

The honest man never has to waste much time telling about his honesty.

We never could understand how fleas could keep still long enough to raise a family.

Nine out of ten arguments are to combat the proposition that two and two make four.

You have probably noticed that the man who succeeds attends to his business pretty steadily.

Don't get to know people too well. If you do, the chances are that you'll begin quarreling with them.

The pecking women do at the dock which they call kissing, is about the funniest thing in the world.

A man's idea of an easy chair is one so heavy it breaks his wife's back every time she moves it when she sweeps.

Abusing the prosperous in order to curry the favor of the envious, is an old game that still works better than it should.

When there is a bay window in a house daughter plans on a home wedding with the idea of standing in the bay window for the ceremony.

When a girl plays the piano she lays a handkerchief on the keyboard; when a man plays the piano he lays a cigar on the keyboard.

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