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THE CITY COUNCIL AND RAILWAY FRANCHISES

IN AND OUT of season The Times has preached the importance of the city council guarding any railway franchises. For its strick adherence to this program, interested parties have called it an obstruction but The Times has continued unwavering to this policy. It has pleaded that Coos Bay should profit by the experience of other cities in this particular. Now comes the Spokane-Spokesman-Review and in a leading editorial refers to conditions in Seattle and Spokane endorsing the principles and policies which The Times has pleaded should be adopted as standards of conduct for the local council. The Review says: "In many ways Seattle has been a badly-governed city. Big corporation and railroad influences have openly controlled the politicians there, and through them exerted a powerful influence on the politics of this state. But public sentiment in Seattle, while eager to invite new railroads, has long been considerate of the city's rights and needs and has held the council to a pretty rigid line in the granting of railroad franchises.

All the terminal franchises granted there to the four transcontinental railroads now entering the city over their own terminal tracks contain common user clauses and require the roads to construct and maintain overhead crossings at such places and such times as the city authorities may now or in the future demand.

The staff correspondent of The Spokesman-Review reports that under these provisions the railroad companies have already been called upon to expend hundreds of thousands of dollars in overhead crossings and will be compelled to spend other sums eventually running into millions of dollars.

This far-seeing policy has been of incalculable benefit to the people of Seattle. With proper firmness in a city council it is an easy matter, when a railroad asks for valuable right of way or terminal franchises, to write into those instruments a provision like that required at Seattle, which will be of inestimable service to the people in after years.

It is the practice of railroads everywhere to stand upon the "conditions of the bond," and to exact from the public a rigid compliance with the terms of their franchises. They will open no streets that they are not compelled to open, separate no grades that it is not to their financial interest to separate, build no viaducts where the cost can possibly be thrown upon the people. It, therefore, becomes the duty of a city council, when granting franchises to railroads, to look ahead and provide for the protection of the people with intelligence and firmness."

COOS COUNTY SCHOOLS.

COOB COUNTY has something besides its timber and coal and dairy lands and bay and harbor and prospects to boast of, for State Superintendent Ackerman says that Coos county stands at the head of

the state in the manner of advancement of her school system and that outside of Portland the high schools of that county lead the state. The school buildings at Marshfield, North Bend and Bandon are finely equipped, and everything possible has been provided for the convenience and success of teachers and pupils, including departments for cooking and sewing, for girls, and great swimming tanks. This is something to be proud of, indeed, and all the more so because Coos is a county without a railroad connection it with any other region. A people who support their schools like this are going to do large and excellent things otherwise.—Portland Journal

THE DOCTRINE OF WORK.

IN PRESCRIBING the rockpile for a lad of 17 years, in Portland, Judge Bronaugh laid down a doctrine of reformation that beats all other expedients for completeness and effectiveness. There is nothing that has the salutary results of healthy hard work, says an exchange. It takes the bumptiousness out of the youngster faster than anything we know of, and clears his disordered mind of absurd fancies quicker than anything else of a corrective nature in the penal catalogue.

One of the curses of the day is the irresponsible leisure to which the young of all classes, boys and girls, are indulged; and that they should run up against the disciplinary qualities of a good day's work once in a while will do them good. The candidate for the reform school has but little to fear; he knows he is going to be well cared for, in sickness and health, and that the state will have a keen eye for his comfort and safety at all times should he be sent to that institution; but the rockpile is a very grave and different matter; it is coarse and hard and stern from the jump, and its attendant officers are rarely given to gentle consideration with the people placed in their charge; it is sheer work, and the work has a tendency to open up the consciousness and permit the sinking of some very plain and wholesome suggestions upon the mind of the delinquent. When a lad is ready for the reform school he is primely ripe for the more convincing penalty of the rockpile.

WORK OF LOCAL PAPER.

DR. ALBERT SHAW, editor of the Review of Reviews, in a recent address before the national conference of charities and corrections in Buffalo, N. Y., on "The Opportunity of the Publicist For Social Betterment" said:

"It is as reasonable to expect of a newspaper that it shall be guided in its conduct by motives of the public welfare as to expect of a physician that he shall not minister to social debasement by disseminating harmful drugs.

"When the editor of a local newspaper has a symmetrical and constructive idea of what human progress ought to mean for his town or his county he is in a fortunate position. He can help to do a world of things for improving the schools and for making them minister to the refinement and prosperity of town and country life.

"He can use his paper in the endeavor to bring local methods of dealing with poverty and crime up to the best standards. He can cooperate with every group and agency that is making his region more intelligent, more attractive, better governed and more obedient to the law.

"Thus he can make his paper an institution and a vitalizing center for the social upbuilding of the town in which he lives—an institution which can supplement and co-ordinate the work of the churches, schools, the agencies for charity and relief and all other instrumentalities for social progress."

BIG ACHIEVEMENTS OF SEVEN DAYS

THE FOLLOWING new records "in heavens, in the waters, under the waters and on the roof of the earth" have been established within seven days:

- August 27—M. Henri Farman, long distance flying in heavier-than-air machine, 3 hours 14 minutes 26 2-5 seconds, distance of 115.06 miles.
- August 28—Glenn H. Curtis flies 12 2-5 miles in 15 minutes 50 3-5 seconds.
- August 30—United States submarine boat Narwhal breaks submarine speed records.
- September 1—Dr. Frederick Albert Cook of Brooklyn, N. Y., announced discovery of North Pole, April 21, 1908.
- September 2—Cunard liner Lusitania breaks trans-Atlantic records, covering distance between Daunt's Rock, out of Queenstown, and Ambrose Channel lightship in 4 days 11 hours 42 minutes, an average speed of 25.85 knots an hour.
- September 4—Commander Peary cables that he discovered the North Pole, April 6, 1908.
- Decoy DUCKS at MILNER'S.

HARBOR WORK IS APPROVED

PORTLAND VIEW OF THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE BY THE PORT OF COOS BAY.

The Portland Oregonian says: "Coos Bay cities and those of the surrounding district will soon have the satisfaction of seeing the harbor at that point dredged out and made accessible to practically all deep-sea craft, for the enterprising citizens recently decided not to await the government's action, but to go ahead with their own improvements.

In order to accomplish their object the citizens have incorporated the Port of Coos Bay and have opened the sale of bonds for providing for funds to establish a first-class harbor at the Southern Oregon port. Sealed proposals for these bonds are to be received by J. C. Gray, treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the port, and are to be received at the First National Bank of North Bend, November 9, is named as the closing date when all bids must be on hand. The bonds to be issued are of \$1,000 each and are to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent, and payable semi-annually at the United States National Bank of Portland, or the Hanover National Bank, of New York. The first 25 bonds are to be due in 20 years, and the next and final 25 are to be redeemable each succeeding year until the entire issue shall have matured.

In issuing these bonds the citizens of Coos Bay realize that a good harbor means added opportunities in many lines, and they figure that in opening up transportation facilities by water they will enjoy increased traffic.

The resources of Coos and Curry counties are yet only partially developed, and the providing of transportation facilities by the water route means much to that section of the state. Coos Bay forms a natural harbor, but in its present state it is unable to accommodate the heavier draft vessels. With a first-class harbor Coos Bay can accommodate some of the largest deep-sea craft, and this is the object of the projected work"

CULLINGS OF COQUILLE.

Coos County Seat News Taken From The Herald.

A. R. Enyeart and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Born—in Coquille, September 11, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas B. Holloway, a daughter.

J. M. Hodge of Fishtrap, has gone to Albany to be with his children while they attend school. He will be back in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Muetzel of Lakeside, came over Saturday, the former going to Bandon on business, while the latter went up the river to visit relatives and friends.

The steamer Myrtle, belonging to Captain Panter and Engineer Kime, of Myrtle Point, was brought to this city Monday and was inspected by the proper officials yesterday. With a few minor changes, among them the enlarging of her wheel, she will be able to take the Coquille-Myrtle Point run while the Echo takes a rest and undergoes repairs.

Superintendent McLeod at the county farm has garnered in his crop of wool. Sheep shearing was the order of the day last week. Mr. McLeod is well satisfied with results. This gentleman is planning to make the farm self supporting and he insists that with a little help for one year he can put the place in such a shape that it will pay, as do the best managed private farms. Mr. McLeod states that a few acres of strawberries could be handled profitably, which with the dairy and garden truck, as well as home raised feed for stock, the county would have little to do but audit returns.

NORTH BEND NEWS

E. R. Hodson of South Coos River, was a North Bend business visitor yesterday.

Mrs. J. F. Hall and Miss Roxsie of West Marshfield, are visiting North Bend friends.

Mrs. C. H. Walters and Mrs. Zugg of Marshfield, attended the W. C. T. U. meeting here yesterday.

Mrs. J. V. Hodson and Miss Joella and Evan Hodson are visiting at the David Wallace home on Ross' Inlet.

Miss Pearl Johnson is entertaining a few friends at her home on Sherman avenue today in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. S. Bettes came down from Portland today to remain while her husband is engaged in revival work in this section.

The W. C. T. U. had one of its most interesting meetings this week. The meeting was opened by the president, next was a song, a scripture reading by Mrs. R. G. Summerlin, a prayer by Rev. S. Bettes and later an instructive talk by the latter

on "Distributing W. C. T. U. Literature." Ten new members were secured. The closing prayer was by Rev. J. C. Lininger.

COUNTY DIVISION FIRST; DISCUSS SEAT LATER

Drain to Thresh Out Subject at Big Picnic Saturday Several Towns Are Interested.

DRAIN, Ore., Sept. 17.—There will be a harvest picnic here next Saturday of all the people in this locality, to consider the question of the division of this portion of Douglas county into a new county. The people of Florence are already moving for a division of the county in that direction, taking in Gardiner, and the people of Cottage Grove are moving for a new county to be called Nesmith, taking in a portion of this county.

The question of a county seat does not enter into this move so far, it being simply a question of division for the present.

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STAPLES WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT POLE

Ashland Man, Well Known On Coos Bay, Asks What Kind of Nails Peary Used to Tack Up Flag.

E. T. Staples, the jovial Ashland Elk who made many friends on Coos Bay during his trip here with the Ashland B. P. O. E. team to put through one of the first classes in Marshfield, has butted into the North Pole controversy. The members of the class that Mr. Staples helped put through will guarantee that he has the nerve to go through with anything he starts. But about the North Pole, the following dispatch from Ashland tells the story:

"Ex-President Staples of the Ashland Commercial Club, sent the following telegram to Herbert L. Brigman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, Sydney, Cape Breton:

"Anent Peary's clean-cut, unfrilled narrative and nailing of the flag to the Pole, please publish whether the nails were cut or wire.

(Signed) "E. T. STAPLES."
"Oregon of course is interested particularly as to the kind of wood comprising the Pole. If Oregon pine, it will last many generations of explorers."

SCHOOL Supplies at the COOS BAY CASH STORE.

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