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"THE BEAST IN THE JUNGLE."

JUDGE Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, has an article in Everybody's magazine that should be read by all who are interested in political righteousness. It is called the "Beast in the Jungle," and is a powerful arraignment of the political system in effect in Colorado's capital city.

In his story, Judge Lindsey tells how the Denver Tramway company and other corporations have been running things in Colorado. They dominate political bosses because they are willing to furnish money for campaign expenses. The bosses through the convention system run politics. Laws are made and administered, not for the benefit of the people, but in order to gratify corporate greed. The story is one that makes American blood boil with indignation.

A direct primary law. If such could be had, would free Colorado from the grip of this beast of the jungle. But Colorado cannot get a direct primary system. The people do not have the use of the initiative as in Oregon and the legislature is dominated by the bosses to such an extent that it will never pass a primary law. So the tramway company, the Guggenheims and others have their way and the public suffers.

In Oregon we have a direct primary system and through this system the people have direct control of affairs. Men do not secure nominations by kissing the feet of party bosses as in the days of old. They run for office and win or lose according to their strength. They know that if they are to remain strong with the people they must serve the people. Our state officials and our judges do not owe allegiance to corporations or to machine leaders. They are responsible only to their people. It is a splendid system.

THE FASHIONS.

THE St. Louis Post-Dispatch is regarded as an able newspaper, but it is certainly grouchy upon certain matters. It recently had the following upon the subject of women's dress:

Clothing will continue to be popular. Some will wear more than they did in the summer, one reason for this being that they could not wear less without being arrested. Ultra-fashionable women will wear more than one garment, and it is rumored that a few will even go back to petticoats.

One radical change will be that it will now be possible to tell at a glance whether a woman is going from you or coming toward you.

The new hats will not entirely conceal the face, but will disclose enough of the features at least to indicate that the wearer is a human being and not a clothing-store dummy. Women who use brooches and "beauty pins" to fasten their collars in the back, will, as heretofore, always so fasten the pin that the design will be upside down.

BOURNE ON
HARBOR WORK

United States Senator Writes
of Plans and Prospects
For Coos Bay.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—Senator Bourne in a review of the Oregon river and harbor improvements and the prospects for federal appropriations at the coming session of congress has the following to say of Coos Bay:

Coos Bay and Harbor.—The object of the original project to secure a depth of 20 feet at the entrance to the harbor was accomplished by the construction of a single jetty on the north side. By authority of the act of congress, March 3, 1908, the balances remaining from appropriations for this work were made available for the operation of the dredge Oregon in Coos Bay and river. Work under this authority was begun May 1, 1909. According to information obtained about the 15th of last month from the engineers' office, about \$13,000 still remains available for this work.

In addition to the above work upwards of \$50,000 has been expended by the United States on the inner harbor for a low water depth of 12 feet to the town of Marshfield, and between October 13, 1908, and April 30, 1909, \$21,270.41 raised by the commercial interests of Coos Bay was expended in dredging within the bay. Approximately 320,000 cubic yards of material were dredged during that time and depths as great as 16 and 18 feet at low tide were secured at certain shoal places with the dredge Oregon.

Work Waits On Congress.

Further work at the entrance and in the bay depends upon the action taken by congress on the new plans of improvement published in house document No. 958, Sixtieth congress, first session. The government engineers recommend two projects.

Project No. 1—
Hydraulic seagoing dredge \$350,000
1,000,000 cubic yards
dredging at 12 cents per
cubic yard..... 120,000
Superintendence and con-
tingencies..... 30,000

Total.....\$500,000
Annual maintenance, dredg-
ing on bar..... 50,000
Dredging inside channel... 10,000

Total.....\$60,000

The Second Project.

Project No. 2 includes all of project No. 1 but recommends the postponement of the conditionally approved work on north and south jetties necessitating an expenditure of \$2,200,500, until a demonstration should be made under the adoption and operation of project No. 1. Thus it is seen that the Oregon delegation's efforts must be confined to obtaining authorization and appropriations of project No. 1 covering \$500,000 for a dredge and \$50,000 for the annual maintenance as specified above in project No. 1.

I am sure that Senator Chamberlain (and I assume the balance of the Oregon delegation) are fully impressed with the importance of Coos Bay as a harbor capable of being made one of the best on the Pacific coast. I think the government engineers realize the possibilities of this harbor. In view of the present period of necessitated economies, I feel that the Oregon delegation are to be congratulated if successful in securing at the coming session of congress the authorization and appropriation covered by project No. 1. I do, however, pledge my own best efforts and feel confident the entire Oregon delegation will do their utmost to secure this appropriation.

Causes Landslide.—The heavy rain last night, today caused a few landslides around town, one of them being at the corner of Commercial and Broadway and resulting in the new walk of R. C. Cordes being covered.

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