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JOHN PREUSS.

IN SPITE OF the fact that John Preuss had been a dangerously sick man for many months, and that he was, like the late E. H. Harriman, the victim of one of the accepted incurable maladies, his death came as a shock to the people of Marshfield, where his name and work are builded in on the rugged face of the record that his many years residence here has made. That record was not flamboyant or flaunting it was the record of a self-made man, an honest man and a good citizen. He was modest, unassuming and attended so strictly to his own business that he won the esteem of other business men. In his last illness he displayed rare fortitude and courage. He was so sanguine himself, so plucky and ambitious to continue at his daily task that the hope was begotten, that even in the certainty of the inevitable, something might occur to give him leeway and make it possible for him to serve out life's allotted span.

Any community can ill afford to lose such men and citizens as John Preuss.

WHEN MEN GROW OLD.

EVEN WHEN men are old and stricken in years they encourage the hope that they may be the subjects of miracle and have resurrection of the flesh—that their blood shall be purified and given strength, the stiffness pass out of their joints, and they, indeed be young again. But the truth is, no medicine can cure the disease of death, and threescore years is the solemn solace in the life of the spirit whose sustenance is in the love it has harbored and from the love returning to it as bread cast upon the waters.

The days of our years, which are threescore years and ten, or perhaps fourscore years, are as the space of a hand in any retrospect. Life is only long in the prospective. The child is in haste to put the years away and, the time comes quickly when the possible years remaining are grudgingly counted on the fingers of a withered hand. It is strange what different estimate is placed on the earlier and the later years. On the one side is summer, and on the other is winter; and the winter is cold without, and many are hungry, and many cold. Who can tell how it will be when the frost is stronger than the sun?

A weight of years is a heavy burden, and there are many who carry it and put away complaint. "How are you?" "Never felt better in my life, thank you." There must be forgiveness for the falsehood; for it is in evidence that there is a limp in the legs and that the cane is made an expression of energy. The wise old man knows that the suppliant for sympathy is a nuisance and a constant temptation to business on the other side of the street, when the air is thin and gray and the face pinched by a power unseen, to avoid condemnation as a block in the way. Why should men want to live be-

WONT CHANGE THEIR PLANS

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naturally give our best service and in return receive good salaries.

"The Corps of Engineers is in favor of the dredges recommended, and we cannot change that recommendation at the dictation of your community, for if we permitted such a course, our usefulness would be destroyed. We must settle on a course as the best course in the light of our training and experience and follow that course until convinced by actual experience or by argument from technical contemporaries that we are wrong. Whenever we are convinced that we are wrong, we will right-about-face as soon as the next man, but we must be convinced in a reasonable way and upon technical grounds and not be wheedled about by the layman sentiment of each community.

"The harbors of the coast are our pet projects and we are as much interested as the local communities in building harbors that will be as efficient as possible in assisting in the development of our commerce. But unfortunately we are forced to consider the item of expense, for we have before us many harbors which need appropriations. Considering your commerce, it was believed that \$500,000 would be your pro rata share of a general appropriation. The problem before us was to expend that money in such manner as to bring about the best results. After carefully going over the situation, we decided that a bar dredge, or Project No. One, would be the most economic expenditure of this fund and tend to bring about the best results for your harbor. If we had not thought so, we would not have recommended it, and had we thought that the money could have been expended to better advantage in jetty work, we would have so recommended.

"We cannot positively say that the bar dredge will be a success at yond their strength? Why should they want to live when they are constrained to turn about to hide their pain? Why should they want to live to keep a feeble tally of the loss of friends?

The mystery of life is as great as the mystery of death.

Blessed are the old if sprigs of green are not beyond the palsy of their hands.

"Now, King David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with cloths, but he got no heat."

About Jays and Leaders.

A jay will do more for his leader than he will for his family. A jay may not pay his debts, and he may neglect his children, but he is always hollering his head off for his leader. His leader is any one who strikes his fancy. Sometimes it is Bryan, sometimes it is a noted specialist; sometimes it is a noted doctor who advertises to raise the dead; sometimes it is a preacher; sometimes it is a weather prophet, but whoever his leader is, the jay is always talking about him, and is always faithful. A jay will quit work any time in order to visit another town in order to hear his leader "speak," although it may cost him considerable money. The jay doesn't care about expenses; he will defraud another creditor, and thus manage to afford it. There is a rule you can depend upon pretty steadily: The more sense a man has the less confidence he has in leaders. A man who gets along pretty well, and makes a success in life, is apt to be his own leader.

By the will of Mrs. Mary E. Jones of Knoxville, Ill., \$250,000 has been left to that city for the erection and maintenance of a home for aged women.

The seaweed known as Irish moss is used to some extent as a food by the peasantry along the coasts, also as a jelly for invalids, and as a stiffening for calico in the printing process.

FIRE MAKES CHERRIES BLOOM.

FINDLAY, Ohio, Nov. 2.—Many of the cherry trees in the vicinity of Cygnet, near where three 35,000-barrel tanks of oil were burned several weeks ago, are in full bloom. It is supposed that the heat from the oil fire started the blossoms.

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Coos Bay, for each bar is peculiar to itself when considered with reference to the success or failure of a bar dredge, but considering the nature of the Coos Bay bar, and comparing it with other bars where the dredge has been a success, it is our opinion that the dredge will be a success on the Coos Bay bar. It is not, therefore, wholly an experiment for we can, with our experience on other similar bars, foresee with reasonable certainty the success of the bar dredge at Coos Bay. The bar dredge is now being used with marked success on the Atlantic and gulf harbors, as well as in foreign ports, where the water is fully as rough as on the Coos Bay bar. It is not true that the bar dredge Chinook is a failure on the Columbia bar. The fact is, that she was built with old boilers, and with too much draught; she is now being remodeled to draw less water, her condemned boilers are being removed, and during the coming year she will be at work on the Columbia bar. But even if the Columbia experiment in this direction were a failure, it would not necessarily determine the failure of a similar project on Coos Bay, for your conditions are much different.

"Now if your people don't want the dredge, there are plenty of harbors that do, and we can recommend it elsewhere where it will be very acceptable. Dredges are costly plants and recommended only when necessary and after considerable deliberation.

"If I had property on Coos Bay, I should be fighting for the dredge, for I believe that it will not only give you the depth of water which you desire, but you should also consider that the continued maintenance of a dredge in your harbor with \$60,000 a year is an item not to be lost sight of. It will give you a local pay roll and give your harbor a standing.

"After you have got the dredge, it will be a simple matter to get recommended the re-establishment of your jetty. In case the dredge does not get the desired results. In that case, it would not be necessary to have a resurvey or a new project, but the recommendation would be made under the head of maintenance work for a plant already established. Such a recommendation would slide through easily for it is the policy of congress to protect the investments of the government by maintenance appropriations when it is shown that continued maintenance is necessary. If the dredge does not give you the relief which we expect, then you may be sure that the engineers will be behind you on the jetty project.

"The fact is we are doing away with jetty projects wherever possible, for we find that the same outlay of money in bar dredges will, in many cases, give us better results. The maintenance of a dredge is less expensive than the maintenance of a jetty and if the dredge will do the work, we are bound to install that system as an economic proposition.

"I certainly would not advise any opposition to the dredge project, for such opposition would necessarily be without the support of the engineers, and you will find that very few appropriations are made by congress on projects which are not recommended by our department."

"The above is in substance the opinion of Major Cavanaugh."

Statement By Dr. Mingus.

Dr. Mingus, a member of the Port Commission and a member of the committee recommended by the Chamber of Commerce to the Port said: "With reference to the criticism that the port was slow in appointing the committee recommended by the Chamber of Commerce, would say that in the first place, the Port Commission has never been officially advised of the action of the Chamber of Commerce, and in the second place, we had no funds with which to send a committee to Portland. Mr. Peck, as attorney for the port happened to be visiting Portland on other matters, and we asked him to take the matter up with the engineers, thinking that if his report covered the ground, it would not be necessary to go to the expense of sending another committee at a later date. Mr. Peck's report was laid before the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce this morning, and there appeared to be no suggestion that a further conference with Portland engineers was necessary. I would say that the Port Commission will at all times, when possible, listen to the voice of the people, and in our official capacity will not be governed by personal enmities."

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