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NEED OF PUBLIC SPIRIT.

THE abstract essence of the communication appearing in another column this evening is the earnest desire of the writer for a better public spirit on Coos Bay whether it be applied to a railway or an exhibit at the Panama Exposition or any other advantageous development; and in this particular plea and its presentment, we agree most heartily; in fact we commend him freely for the candor and timeliness of his expression. We believe we are justified in assuring this good citizen that there is plenty of amendment afoot and this city and section are living up and taking stock of the possibilities confronting them; that this sensing of the good things in store for us and the fine activity apparent in their pursuit, is sound and dependable, and that Coos Bay will not hark back to the stupid and stultifying courses which have marked her past career. We are so sure of this that we are congratulating ourselves upon having at last achieved some show of compensation for the work done in this big cause.

The incidents of municipal progress alluded to by the writer of the communication, and which are well known and understood, have each had, for their initiation, some extraordinary expected, and assured, advantage, to warrant the enormous efforts and unlimited monies requisite for their fulfillment; something to work to, and for, and within the course of the sacrifices they made to progress.

Coos Bay has this incentive in many directions, a railway, harbor improvement, manufacturing industries.

Let us take heed of these other successful cities and emulate their fine example.

NEW PORTS.

THERE is not only a powerful suggestion but food for thought for the earnest friends of Coos Bay harbor in a knowledge and a study of the tremendous changes that are taking place in ocean commerce all over the world.

It would seem that the pre-eminence of such great English ports as Liverpool and Southampton, London and Glasgow, is doomed. Such is the case with many another port in the world, and the cause is not far to seek. It is the building of monstrous steamers, some of which have a gross capacity of upwards of 50,000 tons. The English are providing for the new conditions with an energy which seems to be more American than British. They are making the Solent, those historic waters in which the America's cup was won, into a new port. The Solent is a narrow strip of sea, a strait lying between the Isle of Wight and the mainland of England. It has deep water. Here a gigantic dock is being constructed, with an entrance 300 feet wide and dockage

space for 13 to 15 vessels, each 800 feet long. In addition, four dry docks each 1000 feet long are also being constructed. This port would only be an hour and a half from London. Of course, this will not provide sufficient space and other ports will have to be constructed. It is probable that this will mean even the further extension of London seaward and the construction of a port at Southend, forty miles below London bridge in the estuary of the Thames river. Exactly what Liverpool and Glasgow mean to do has not as yet been developed, but it is unlikely that the Glasgowwegians, at all events, will yield without a struggle. The Glasgowwegians are intensely proud of their port they made out of the muddy ditch that is called the Clyde, and that pride will lead to great undertakings.

There is a characteristic story told of the pride of the Scot in his port: A Glasgowwegian showed a son of St. Louis the Clyde, and the American, looking at the little runlet, said, "If you want to see a river go to the Mississippi. It is 4,000 miles long and ten broad." "Heck," retorted the Scot, "the Auldclity made you river, we made this yun orrael."

And that's the pride and the inspiration the people of Coos Bay should feel in their harbor. The Almighty has done much for Coos Bay and we should do something "oor-sels."

THE YOUTH CITIZEN.

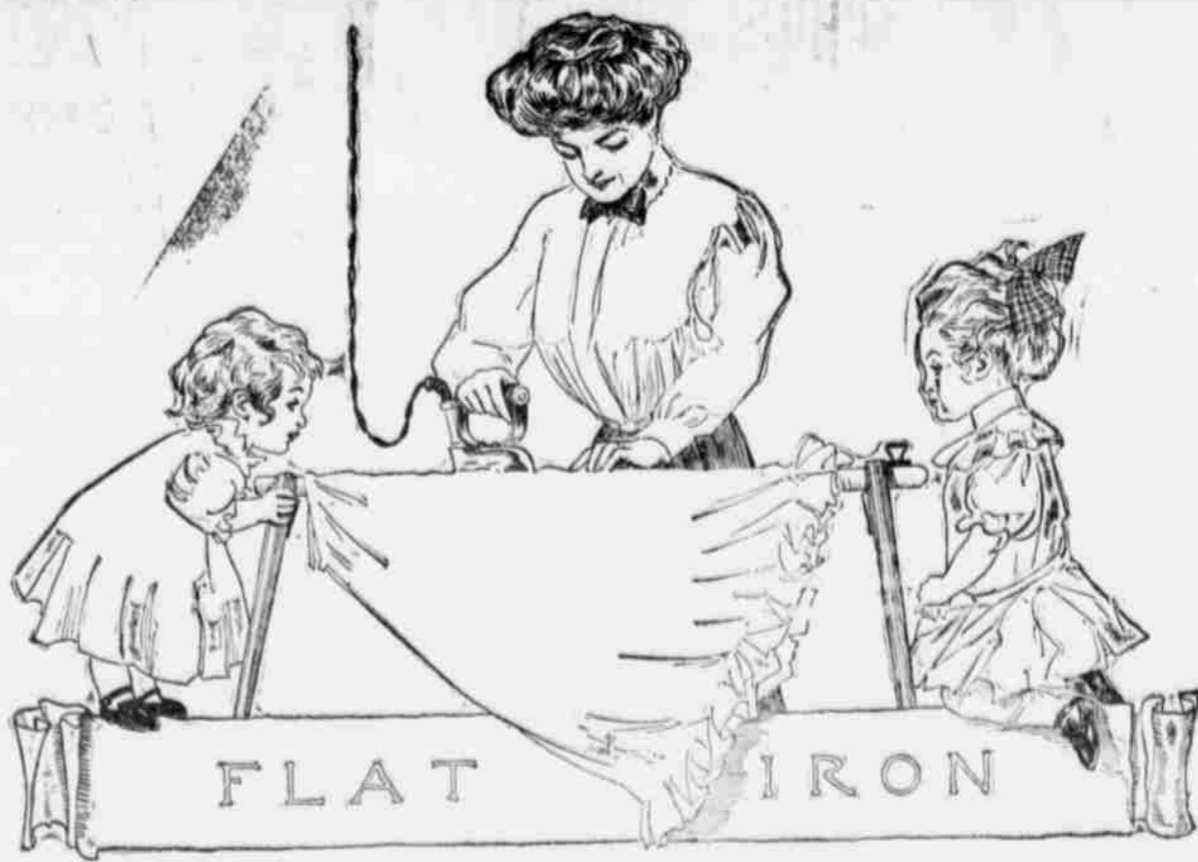
THE HOPE of every nation lies with its young; they are the heirs of its glory today, the hostages of its glory tomorrow. They are of the very meat and marrow progress and the reliability thereof. Whenever a community is called upon to sacrifice its best and most virile, to disease, accident, death, it loses heavily, because its future is discounted just that much in the lost force of character, power, example and measure of success.

The old, the world-weary, the experience-worn, the time-tired, may be easier dispensed with in the great game of life, because of their fulfillment of the tasks set them and the anticipated end, approaching duty; yet greatly as we may grieve for their passing, we know we are required by the good they have done, the histories they have wrought, that death in their case yields its blessing as did their lives. But with the young it is all different. They are so charged with the beauty and grace and worth of living, so keenly strung to high endeavor and splendid ambitions; so eager and ready and strong and rich with hope, that whatsoever annihilates them and denies society the culmination of their dreams and vibrant faculties must be charged to the bitter debit of the life-account of the nation.

The possibilities, even the probabilities, of a young life well nurtured to engage with the world, are almost infinite; no one knows what superb development lies dormant capacity of the young, that, at the supreme and psychological moment, may burst forth in the fruition of big and universal service to mankind and glorify the people giving and sponsoring that life. This is the only gauge wherewith to safely regard and cherish our young, as has been proven in thousands of instances where the world has been served magnificently, and forever, by some unfolding of genius; some unsuspected, yet propitious, play of wisdom and gracious inspiration. We do well to give them the uttermost advantage, the last surges of public and private interest and help in forming their standards and shaping their careers: For in the end, even though it be achieved in obscurity, they will recompense us to our heart's content, and oftener than not, to our national pride and glory. God bless and preserve the young!

THE WRITER'S MISSION.

WHEN one comes down to the last analysis, the writer, in the true sense, is a message-bearer. Whether his work be in poetry or prose; whether it be immediate, or permanent, whether it be in romance, or in history, biography, essays—whether it be the work of the moment in daily journalism, or the great work of play-writing, or novels, or whatever form it may take—the writer is, primarily, a transmitter. He must have something worth transmitting. It may be in the highest creative work; it may be in the reportorial tasks of daily journalism—but its keynote is significance. . . . Whatever the difficulties, the obstacles, the hardships, he must "follow the gleam." He must



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MODEL DWELLINGS FOR WAGE EARNERS IN MILWAUKEE.

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