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LIMITING VETO POWER.

THE TIMES is pleased to see that the agitation it started some time since in reference to the veto power of the governor is bearing fruits. The Grants Pass Courier in the following editorial indicates that legislators are already at work on a bill curbing the Czar-like authority of the governor over legislation. The Courier says:

In speaking of the abuse of the veto power, Dr. J. C. Smith, our member of the legislature, makes a suggestion in regard to this, which is worthy of consideration. He quotes the law which gives the chief executive of the state five days after the adjournment of the legislature in which to sign or veto bills which may be left in his hands. This, the Doctor, thinks, is wrong in principle, as it gives the representatives of the people no opportunity to pass such measures over the governor's veto. The legislation in the minds of the majority of either house may be of the most vital importance and yet it can be defeated by the action of the executive by giving him an opportunity to veto after adjournment. There is something wrong, he thinks, with the basic law of the state which permits a governor to undo the work of the majority at a time when there is no possibility of two-third majority to pass a bill over the veto. The protection of the people, the Doctor says, should be provided for by a change in the law so as to submit all such bills after adjournment to the electors of the state at large. It is his opinion that legislation is a burlesque when a governor can turn down a majority and uphold the minority; thus, destroying the very foundation of all law and power as expressed by the people at the ballot box.

The Doctor is certainly right as to the revolutionary measures which are placed in the hands of an executive, and it is high time for the amendment of the law, so as to prevent a governor, who may be only wise in his own conceit, from destroying legislation of the utmost importance to the people of the state.

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Temporary Wharf at Old Cooston Landing Is Illogical.

Editor Times:

The statement that, "We have lived here for so many years without a wharf, and can live here so many more years without any" is an erroneous representation of the view which the farmers of Willaniche have of the wharf question. True we have lived here for so many years or more with poor landing and wharf accommodations and now when the community has developed to merit a good wharf, we feel that we should have something permanent.

We, the farmers, alias "The Knockers" have the understanding that the Port Commission has agreed to dredge the Sether street project, to give us a temporary outlet; but we do not want a temporary outlet. We have as good if not better transportation and landing facilities at present as ever before, and we feel that, as we have gotten along without a wharf for the past years, we can wait until the Commission is in a position to dredge the mouth of Willaniche Inlet, where a permanent landing and wharf can be established. While on the other hand, if the Port Commission spends \$300 on the Sether street project, our efforts will be divided and our hopes of obtaining a permanent wharf in the Inlet will only fade further away in the distance.

It has been intimated that Cooston has progressed considerably during the past three years, which we acknowledge, but a few things will bear consideration. During the big boom a few "Fresh Bloods" settled in Cooston, and a little later a few institutions sprang up. We give "Two-year" Homme full credit for postoffice, store and voting precinct. We have a fine, large schoolhouse, but what credit is it to Cooston or the district in building a schoolhouse three times larger and more expensive than necessary. Very much like buying a number 9 shoe when a number 3 would be large enough.

The telephone line spoken of is a rural line extending through a series of inlets and was instituted through the efforts of Prof Raab with the assistance of Mr. Homme. The "Progressives" are interested to a certain extent as they may proudly boast of two phones in the city of Cooston; but when it is brought down to the fine point, the farmers are the financial basis of the entire line. And now when the wharf question was brought up the farmers, mostly old timers, and a few new settlers opposed the Sether street project, because they had lived in the community long enough to fully understand the conditions, and could see where the permanent landing and channel should be established. But owing to the stubborn opposition of a few selfish individuals the fight is still continued; further if misrepresentations, falsehoods and abuses have been systematically carried on the "Progressives" should not fall to be credited with their share. In a competitive struggle where all kinds of people are actively engaged, such things are necessary evils, and hardly bear mentioning.

The farmers, the taxpayers of the

community, herewith set forth the reasons why the channel and wharf should not be established in Sether street:

1. The statement that the people have shipped their produce from the old county landing for the past twenty years, is misleading. In part yes, almost all the scow and shipping has been through the Inlet. This was especially true in winter, as the unfavorable weather conditions made shipping on the outside unsafe. Old settlers will recall the efforts made to maintain boat houses at the old county landing, and that as often they were wrecked and smashed by the severe southwest storms which strike so heavy at that place. True, several of the ranchers have their potato houses at the old county landing, but they are already contemplating moving their potato houses into the mouth of Willaniche Inlet, where they will be sheltered from severe storms.

2. Cooston is not our market place. We want a permanent outlet to North Bend and Marshfield, so that we can safely and conveniently ship our produce out to these towns. The mouth of the Inlet, not the slough, is the proper place as it affords protection from the winds and storms the year round. May we ask, would not the people of North Bend and Marshfield rather tie their boats to a wharf protected from storms, than to leave them exposed and in constant danger of being smashed.

3. The "Progressive" hold that the old county landing is the most central and accessible place. This may be true of the precious few families who live on Sether street, but nobody has mentioned the people who live on the west side of Willaniche Inlet. As for the farmers who live further back, a distance of a few blocks would make no difference to them. And if Cooston progresses as marvelously in the next three years as in the past three years we would expect to have a city wharf without any effort on our part.

4. The majority of people of this community do not live on Sether street. The parties most actively engaged on the Sether street project are only working for their own selfish gains, not for the benefit of the community. As far as wharf is concerned, the majority of Cooston people will tell you that the mouth of the Inlet is the proper place for the channel and landing. Several parties who at the outset were in favor of a wharf at the old county landing, after experiencing some of our southwest storms have decided that the Inlet is the proper place for the channel and landing. The wharf in the Inlet will not cost as much as on the outside, but the dredging will cost more. A channel on the outside will be a constant expense as it will be constantly filling up.

The farmers are sending more produce out in one morning than all the "Progressives" do in a month. They are here to stay and if any money is expended, they want to see it go for permanent improvements.

5. A wharf on the outside would be exposed to the severe storms which prevail from the southwest. There is only one place on the bay where the winter storms strike as heavy as they do at the proposed site of the wharf, at the foot of Sether street, and that is at Glasgow. While on the other hand the mouth of the Inlet is protected from both summer and winter winds by a peninsula on each side.

6. That the majority of people in this community are in favor of the Sether street project is erroneous. This can be proven at any time by a fair and square vote.

Sometime ago one of the farmers was talking to several of the "Progressives" about the wharf question, and they confidentially admitted that they thought the mouth of Willaniche Inlet was the proper and logical place for the channel and wharf, but by the influence of unscrupulous parties, were led to believe that the Port Commission would not dredge the Willaniche Inlet channel. Was not the Port Commission instituted for the purpose of dredging navigable streams? North, Haynes, Larson and Kentuck Inlets we understand are on the map for dredging, then why should not our stream be opened up?

It is understood that the Port Commission has the power to levy a 10 mill tax on all taxable property, with the consent of the people. If this is the case, why should we not get our proper proportion of the improvements. We have a list of the taxpayers in this community, which shows who pays for the improvements and if cannot get a permanent channel at present, we feel that we can wait a while.

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The farmers of this community will guarantee \$1,000 toward the Willaniche Inlet project, and if the Port Commission and the county do what they can, we should be able to accomplish something, while if the Port Commission spends \$300 of the tax money on the outside, the \$1,000 subscribed for the Willaniche Inlet project cannot be collected.

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U. S. Bonds and premiums 25,250.00	Circulation 24,500.00
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