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OF MARSHFIELD.

FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT.

For forms of government let fools
contest;
Whate'er is best administer'd is
best.
For modes of faith let graceless
zealots fight;
His can't be wrong whose life is in
the right.
—Pope.

THE TIMES hastens to extend a
courteous and cordial welcome
to the ranks of the soldiers for
the common good of that hitherto
rockribbed individualist Dr. E. Min-
gus. It is true that the Doctor pre-
faced his letter declaring for a pub-
lic owned railway track with the
statement that he did not believe in
municipal ownership and that it was
the duty of a government to govern
and not to compete with its
citizens in various enterprises. He
finds, however, that conditions justify
a municipal railway track along the
waterfront that it may be pro-
tected for all time for the common
use of all railways that may wish to
find terminals on the shores of Coos
Bay. The raw recruit is never
found at the head of the army, and
for a new recruit Dr. Mingus is
doing well when he declares for a
public railway track. To switch meta-
phors, it is no small victory that
Dr. Mingus is willing to linger in
the outer lobby of municipal own-
ership and declare a railway should
be owned and controlled by the city
even tho' the railways do the oper-
ating.

The Times, however, takes issue
with Dr. Mingus' assertion that it is
the exclusive duty of a government
to govern. The organization of soci-
ety into governing bodies long
since outgrew the single purpose of
doing police duty for its citizens. It
is the plan and purpose of modern
governments to do all those things
which will materially add to the
convenience, comfort, health, happi-
ness and prosperity of its people. The
government may and does engage in
many acts to make the pathway
easier along which we pursue life,
liberty and happiness. The Doctor
has in his own home evidence that
the functions of government em-
brace a wider range than merely the
duty to govern. The weather bureau
with its extended ramifications,
scientific and systematic organiza-
tion and millions of dollars invest-
ed and involved is one of the com-
paratively recent additions to the
functions of government. It has

nothing to do with the governing
features of our political organiza-
tion but it adds largely to the con-
venience of mariners and agricul-
turalists of the land.

There can be no absolutely rigid
rules along which mankind must
march in the matter of government.
Such a thought presupposes that
man was made for the government
when the converse is true and gov-
ernment is made for man. The gov-
ernments of the earth are in a con-
stant condition of evolution. We
are as yet but little children groping
in the dark. Glorious and golden
are the possibilities of government
in its most advanced state. One
hundred years from now our suc-
cessors will look back at the present
age with the same pity that we best-
ow on those who in former times
bowed at the behest of kings. Gov-
ernments are not by divine, but by
human right. When anything is
enacted for the common good, it
ought to be done either by the mul-
titude of the people or by their rep-
resentatives and under their imme-
diate direction. Civil power acts on
society through law, which is dic-
tated by reason, the aim of which is
the public good, and which is promul-
gated by those who have the
care of society. The people owe
obedience to the public law but the
public law should be just; iniquitous
statutes have no right to obedi-
ence in themselves. Where the
public good of the governed is not
kept in view, the state cannot last
long.

**ABYSMAL IGNORANCE REVEAL-
ED BY WOULD-BE SCHOOL
TEACHERS.**

THE abysmal ignorance revealed
by some candidates for pos-
itions as teachers in Idaho is
astounding.

If the replies to some of the ques-
tions in the recent examination at
Boise had been perpetrated by chil-
dren the matter would have been
more amusing than serious. All of
us remember how hazy were our
ideas in childhood as to various
items in our studies of geography or
history, no matter how clear, pain-
staking and repeated the explana-
tions of the teachers. But the spec-
imens of the answers published in
The Times last Saturday make one
gasp.

It is to be expected that every
adult should know what Arbor Day
is, or a forest reserve, or the coast
survey, or the Smithsonian institu-
tion, or reclamation projects, or the
Vatican.

But Arbor day is defined as "a
day set apart to mourn for the blue
and the gray," confusing it with
Memorial day.

A coast survey is "ordered by a
nation to see if any other nation is
fighting against it." (What is "it"?
The survey or the nation?)

A forest reserve is "a place where
people who have done much mental
work go in summer," or it exists "to
preserve the living and dispose of
the dead." (These several purposes
and features ought to render forest
reserves popular resorts with Idaho
candidates for teaching.)

Reclamation projects comprise the
army and the navy, the Panama can-
al, reciprocity with Canada and the
White House. (The unconscious
humor with which the scope and
meaning of reclamation are expanded
is refreshing. There's a blind
kind of truth in the replies.)

Noted Smithsonian Institution
"was founded by a Smith as a re-
fuge for his descendants"; or "by
Booker Washington at Tuscooke, (?)
Ga. (!) for negroes"; or "by Roos-
evelt and the government for exhib-
iting his African specimens." (There
is a fun in the statement that
specimens of scientific men are
kept at Smithsonian Institution.)

The Vatican is anything from a
city, desert, mountain or river to
"the man who discovered (!) the
reformation," of "a school for girls
at Poughkeepsie, N. Y."

It is to laugh—with multitudi-

**DEER SEASON
OPEN TOMORROW**

**Large Number of Coos County
Hunters on the Trail of
"Bucks."**

The season for killing deer opens
tomorrow and closes November 1.
Only grown male deer (bucks) may
be slain, and not over five of them
by any individual during the sea-
son. It is unlawful to kill any does
or fawns at any time, to traffic in
the flesh of any deer or ship it out
of the state, to traffic in hides with-
out a license and to hunt deer with
dogs or at night.

A large number of Marshfield
crackercracks are already out in the
game resorts and many more left to-
day. The number of hunters in this
section grows larger each year and
while the number of fatal accidents
have not been numerous this section
has had its quota of those who have
been mistaken for deer and killed
while many narrow escapes have
been recorded.

This occurs every season and so
far it has seemed to be impossible
to avoid such accidents. If hunters
will dress in bright colors, in con-
trast with that of the deer, accidents
would undoubtedly be less than they
have been in the past. Thoughtful
men should take this matter in hand
and find some way to save the lives
of the hunters.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Is Fined.—Fred Neime was today
fined \$5 and costs for speeding Sun-
day. It was his first offense and City
Recorder Butler made the fine the
minimum.

Is Injured.—Miss Lola Coffelt of
Catching Inlet is suffering from in-
ternal injuries sustained by a fall the
other day.

Brother Is Better.—Eugene O'Con-
nell returned Saturday night from
San Francisco where he was called
by the serious illness of his brother.
His brother suffered from the burst-
ing of a blood vessel in his head. He
was unconscious for forty hours but
was considerably improved when Mr.
O'Connell left.

Water Deal On.—Mr. Nolan of
Omaha, who is negotiating for the
Coos Bay Water Company and for a
new franchise, has returned from
Omaha. He is accompanied by a
Mr. Jackson. The franchise matter
will probably come up Tuesday night
at the Marshfield city council meet-
ing.

Militia May Go to Bandon.—Capt.
J. J. Reynolds is making an effort to
have Bandon recruit a division of
the Oregon Naval Militia which with
the Coos Bay divisions would show
up well in the state organization. E.
S. Gear, a member of the Coos Bay
division who is now located in the
city-by-the-Sea is greatly interested
and is active in forming the new
company at Bandon. If they suc-
ceed in getting sufficient recruits
there, Capt. Reynolds has promised
to take the Coos Bay divisions to
Bandon as an attraction at their
big carnival in August.

nous and Inextinguishable laughter
—as these replies and their mates
roll around the world in a tidal wave
of glee.

There is material in such replies
for a comic opera on American
schools.

The incubations of professional
humorists pale into funereal sadness
beside the effusions of the uninten-
tional humorists of Idaho. Their
equal in fun has not appeared these
many moons.

But the teacher of would-be teach-
ers has much to do in the "23,000-
000 miles across the panhandle of
Idaho."

STAND BY COOS BAY.

THE way to make good times and
to keep times good is to stand
by your community, show your
faith in it by always pulling for it.
Success or failure in this life, of the
individual or the city, is predicated
upon the manner of doing things.
Did you ever stop to think that all
there is to this life anyway is just
what you can make of it and that
success or failure depends entirely
upon you, the integral, and without
you, the integral, there could be
neither life, success or failure. Get
a correct line upon yourself and
your value to the world and you will
be a factor in its development, for
when a man can realize the fact
that he is an essential factor in the
progress of the community he at
once becomes a sound, conservative
builder.

Read the Times' v... Ads.

**ALLOW BILLS
FOR EXPENSE**

**Federal Court Passes on Kin-
ney Bankruptcy Proceed-
ing Claims.**

The Kinney bankruptcy cases were
finally disposed of by the United
States court at Portland Saturday
when the expenses of the proceed-
ings were passed on and the peti-
tions dismissed a second time. The
cost of the bankruptcy proceedings
as allowed amounted to about \$7-
000.

Some of the claims were reduced
considerably by the court, especially
that of the attorneys for Major Kin-
ney in fighting the proceedings. Geo.
N. Farrin in behalf of Farrin & Far-
rin of Marshfield, Beach & Simon of
Portland and Judge Watkins of
Marshfield presented a bill to the
court for \$7,500. The court allowed
them \$1,000 to be divided be-
tween them. The other claims al-
lowed were:

C. F. McKnight as special referee
in bankruptcy \$1,500.

Selby and Tucker as attorneys for
the petitioning creditors, \$4,500. It
is also understood that Judge Ham-
mond of Coquille and one or two
other attorneys may get a share of
the latter allowance.

There are one or two other small
bills in connection with the proceed-
ings, the amounts of which were not
fixed.

After passing on these bills, the
petitions were dismissed. These
bills become preferred claims and as
such will have to be paid out of the
first proceeds from the property by
W. J. Rust as trustee. Mr. Rust is
allowed two years under the agree-
ment in which to settle up the prop-
erty but in case he is not able to
complete it by that date, it is ex-
pected that an extension of time can
be easily arranged, especially if suitable
progress is being made.

Major Kinney is still at a sanita-
rium in California and it is stated
that there is some improvement in
his condition.

NANN SMITH IN.

**Lumber Carrier Arrives From South
Sunday Morning.**

The Nann Smith crossed in Sunday
morning from Bay Point and is now
at the Smith mill taking on lumber
for her down trip. She will leave
Tuesday at 3 p. m. Mrs. J. V.
Szeaton and two sons will leave on
her for Berkeley where they expect
to make their home in the future.

MRS. H. H. McPHERSON is recov-
ering from a severe cold that has
confined her to her home.

EMERY BROWNLEE, who is a
guest at the A. T. Haines home, is
suffering from a severe attack of
la grippe today.

MRS. P. HENNESSEY is reported
quite sick at their home in South
Marshfield.

H. E. JOHNSON and wife arrived
Saturday from Los Angeles to vis-
it Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Geo. W. Tribbey.

Is Better.—Mrs. Wm. Wilson of
North Bend, who underwent an oper-
ation at Mercy hospital the other
day, is reported recovering rapidly
and will soon be able to return to
her home.

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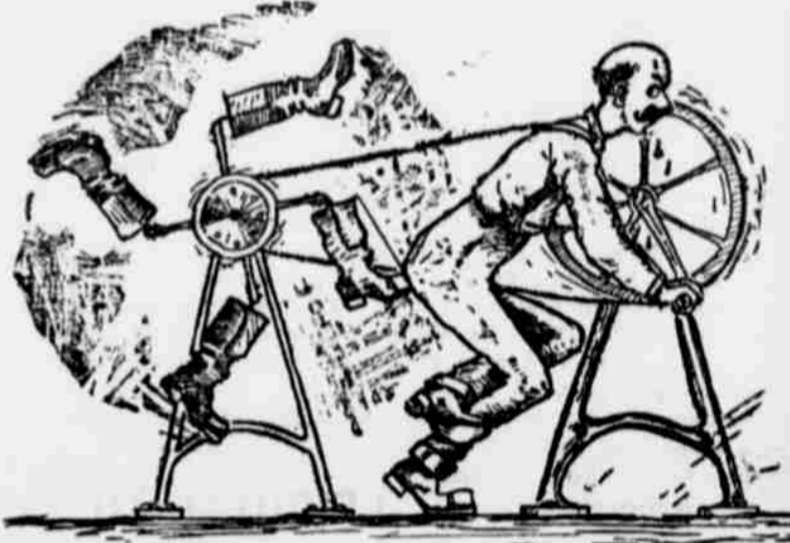
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