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NEED OF A CIVIC COMMITTEE.

THE suggestion made by Prof. F. A. Tiedgen in a letter to the Progress Club yesterday that that organization concern itself in civic improvement is a good one.

The difficulty with the city government as with the conduct of all the large affairs of the people is want of group consciousness.

It is hard for the people to think for themselves and for the smaller groups that naturally form about themselves and their personal interest but to think for the city as a whole and to give that the primary consideration is almost impossible.

This is illustrated every day. There are many people on Coos Bay who are thinking exclusively about the raise of wages in certain classes of employment.

This disposition is not confined to the wage-earners. There are many others who think the city should aid by appropriations, all projects in which they have personal interest.

Every citizen that escapes adequate assessment feels satisfied with the assessor. Every man who is able to get city improvements where they will benefit his property is satisfied with the city government.

The number of people in any city who take into consideration the city as a whole, the people as a whole, educational advantages for the whole community, who consider that in a large way it is to their advantage to pay their taxes whether they are assessed or not; who can see that raising wages for one class of workmen out of proportion to what others are getting is not for the general good, is very limited.

And yet the future of the city is with the individuals who have this larger group consciousness, for no city administration can be expected to stand alone for the city as a whole.

In the end there will be little groups about individual members of the City Council, having their own interests to serve and in the end every matter will be determined with reference to the wants and interests of those smaller groups rather than with reference to the larger group, which is the city itself.

The Times thinks that a committee of fifty men and women chosen regardless of club, social or political affiliations, dominated only by the one desire to serve the city as a whole and who do not expect to hold office but who do desire to contribute something to the larger growth of the city would be a better solution of the problem than to turn such an important duty over to the women's clubs for it is a duty that belongs to men as well as women.

The Chamber of Commerce and occasional meetings of business men are constantly pointing out to the people the commercial possibilities of the city as a whole.

There is, however, room and a demand for some civic organization resembling the Chamber of Commerce, an organization having no selfish interest but holding out to the individual voter and to groups of individuals the civic possibilities of the city.

MONEY FOR BATTLESHIPS.

RENEWED attention turns simultaneously to the cost of battleships and to the growing demand for scientific inquiry by government into matters affecting public welfare.

The lowest bids for building the two new battleships are slightly under \$6,000,000 each. This cost does not include that of the great cannon and the secondary batteries.

What would not this money do for social betterment? It would better the methods of American farming. It would improve the conditions of American labor.

The country needs a navy, but naval experts more and more question the wisdom of spending money on such ships. It looks like waste of the people's money.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

LEAP YEAR.

We're up against it once again. The maids think they can "come it"

All over us. They're hunting men. And we are one, dad gum it! We crossed our fingers yesterday.

It is a pleasant sound to hear. And saves a lot of trouble. But this is such a risky year!

When a pretty maid is asking. Perhaps she has turned down the light.

If she should get down on her knees. Some night when you are calling. And tell you you are her whole cheese

How would you do your stuffing? You couldn't anger that sweet thing. A wrong you wouldn't do her.

That gentle maid you can't repulse. Her mother eggs her on. Then hurries in to learn results.

Oh, Leap Year is a funny time. There is no need denying. We're up against it, one and all!

TIME TO DIE.

When you have yourself persuaded that this life is stale and jaded; that there's nothing worth an effort underneath the frowning sky, when you've reached the dire conviction that old Truth herself's a fiction, and that all is false and shoddy, then it is up to you to die.

When you jeer at all things pious, when your breast's become headquarters for a case of doleful dumps, when you go your journey strewn prophesies of ruthless ruin, then I guess you're one too many, and it's time you bumped the bumps.

NORTH BEND NEWS.

Herbert Armstrong is spending the week in Portland on business.

Mrs. Ellen Ledgerwood, of Bandon, is the guest at the home of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mynatt, at Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams were given a pleasant surprise at their apartments at the Palace Hotel by a party of friends.

Returns Today—Chas. Lando, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. I. Lando, who has been spending a couple of years in San Francisco, returned on the Redondo to make his home here.

A WARNING AGAINST WET FEET.

Wet and chilled feet usually affect the mucous membrane of the nose, throat and lungs, and la grippe, bronchitis or pneumonia may result.

Watch carefully, particularly the children, and for the racking stubborn coughs give Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It soothes the inflamed membranes, and heals the cough quickly.

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NAMES THREE TO FIX VALUE

Arno Meeen, E. G. Perham and City Engineer Gidley to Appraise Water Property.

Mayor E. E. Straw has appointed Arno Meeen, E. G. Perham and A. B. Gidley as a committee of three to fix a value on the water rights and real estate of the Coos Bay Water Company.

Whether the committee will be able to complete its work by next Monday evening will probably be determined tomorrow.

Another thing that they will possibly determine will be as to the extent and validity of the water rights. Some think that this is a legal question for the City Attorney to look into and on this account the committee may possibly pass it over, merely fixing a valuation on the water supply of Pony Inlet.

NEED FARMERS, NOT CITY MEN

Gov. West Declares Oregon Wants Agriculturists to Develop Resources.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—Governor West has issued a Colonist Day proclamation, and coming on the heels of the circulars being issued by the Central Labor Council of Portland, picturing Oregon as a wilderness to be shunned, its optimistic view and wholesome advice are timely.

"Oregon is waiting for colonists. Her unclaimed acres need settlers. Farms need to be peopled and cleared, orchards to be planted and cultivated, homes to be founded. The state awaits investments and industrious and well directed effort. For this it offers unbounded opportunity, prosperity and success."

City Men Should Wait. "Oregon does not need the city man, subsisting upon a daily wage except as he may follow the institution of the factory, the workshop and the business house, or the development and the cultivation of the farm."

"Oregon needs investors, active men with active money and efficient effort. She needs energetic men to people the vacant places and reap the abundant products of a fruitful soil. Oregon needs rural development, men who have the training, the capability, the energy and the money to build homes and achieve independence in the country."

"True prosperity demands that the cities do not outstrip and overbalance the country. If we build up the country districts, the cities will keep abreast with their factories, mills, shops and stores."

"It has been the custom in the past to set aside a day to be known as Colonist Day, at which time it has been urged that all Oregon people write to Eastern friends, telling them of the opportunities here and inviting them to cast their lot with us. It is proper, as loyal and practical citizens of Oregon, for us to draw a true picture of the state and its possibilities for our Eastern friends, for the truth needs no embellishment."

February 22 the Day. "Now, therefore, I, Oswald West, Governor, by virtue of the authority in me vested, and in view of the foregoing premises, do hereby appoint and proclaim Thursday, February 22, to be known as Colonist Day throughout the State of Oregon, and I earnestly recommend that all the people on this day write their friends and relatives in other states showing to them the great possibilities of Oregon for the farmer, the stock-raiser, the dairyman, the poultryman, the fruit-grower—for all productive industries—in order that those whom Oregon needs may be induced to join with us in the up-building and the development of our magnificent state."

SELLING PANTS.

Ben Selling writes he'd like to be a senator for you and me. "Who's Ben?" you ask. "I think, perchance, 'Twill jog your mind if I say pants."

Pen's as progressive as can be. Least that is what he writes to me. Yet, he's aboard. The standpat raft Who'd turn the state Over to Taft.

I answered, "Ben, you have a chance Also the gall, and cash, and pants. Go in and win, Your scheme's immense— A platform on Both sides the fence."

If Ben does run I'll bet a plunk His boom will fall like so much junk. And if we go Up north by chance, We still will see Ben Selling pants.

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DRAKE FOUND GUILTY TODAY

ROSEBERG MAN WHO ATTACKED JUDGE HAMILTON AND OTHER COURT OFFICIALS CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL LIBEL.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 21.—The jury in the case of Jesse O. Drake, on trial for criminal libel as a result of his publishing an article charging Judge Hamilton, Judge Coker, District Attorney George M. Brown and other court officials with malfeasance in office and other things as a result of the murder trial of Roy McCallien, returned a verdict of guilty today.

SAN DIEGO IS HAVING BOOM

GEO. H. ROTNOR SAYS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOWN IS COMING AHEAD AT RECORD PACE—VERY DRY THERE.

"Talk about building and booming. San Diego knocks the spots off any place I have seen in recent years," remarked Geo. H. Rotnor, manager of the Woolen Mill store, who has just returned from there.

Mr. Rotnor went to San Diego to attend the marriage of his oldest daughter, Ruth, to Leo E. Drash, a prominent young business man of San Diego.

"The former Oregonians at San Diego held a picnic while Mr. Rotnor was there but he was unable to attend.

LIKES COOS BAY BEST

"Even if Coos Bay hasn't any railroad, I would rather live here a hundred times over than in Southern California," remarked Dr. W. A. Toye, who has just returned from a trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

"Oregon needs investors, active men with active money and efficient effort. She needs energetic men to people the vacant places and reap the abundant products of a fruitful soil."

FOR PUPILS TO BEAUTIFY CITY

Supt. Tiedgen Suggests Plan to Progress Club for Improving Town.

The Progress Club at its next meeting will take up a plan for instituting a civic improvement campaign here. The idea was suggested by Supt. Tiedgen of the Marshfield schools who has written the Progress Club as follows:

"I sincerely wish that some club of Marshfield ladies would take up the matter of civic improvement, organize the work and interest the children of the public schools in it. Some cities of the size of Marshfield have accomplished so much and our city needs beautifying so badly. More than all, our children need to learn the lesson that the matter of appearance of a city is important and of great concern to all progressive citizens."

"Until recently I had at hand a full and complete outline of work as carried on in one of the cities of the east—to be omitted—Charlottesville, Mich. It seems to be missing now but another one like it or similar could be obtained. I have no doubt some of your members have very definite information on the subject and know how to proceed with the work without any help whatever. Let me add that work of this kind would be particularly opportune at this time for Superintendent Alderman of the state department is doing all in his power to stimulate interest among children in the 'growing of things.'"

"If you are interested in knowing quite definitely what he is trying to do, let me refer you to the February number of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly."

"Bandon me but I believe you are the very organization to attempt a work of this kind and I commend my helm and that of all my teachers in any effort you may make."

Hot TABLES at Easterns' tonight at Elmore Hotel, this evening. Try The Times' Front Ads

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