

COOS BAY TIMES

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

(From Des Moines Tribune)
Des Moines is wise in going in for municipal ownership of its water plant, especially if it can make such a success of public ownership as is in evidence in Cedar Rapids.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

COMPARATIVELY few cities of Des Moines size do not own their water plants.

It seems to be well established that city-owned plants give better and cheaper service than privately owned plants.

Canadian cities own all their public utilities, and very generally do their own paying. Their experience has been uniformly favorable.

GETTING READY FOR THE PANAMA CANAL

ONE steamship company in Germany is building six steel vessels to ply between Germany and Pacific Coast ports north of San Diego, via Panama Canal.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company is building four steamships for coastwise trade through the Panama Canal.

The Philadelphia shipyards are overcrowded with orders for American vessels for Panama Canal trade.

Boston, Massachusetts, is improving Boston Harbor to accommodate Panama Canal business.

New Orleans is increasing her dockage room, anticipating a tremendous increase in maritime business as a direct result of the opening of the Panama Canal.

San Diego is said to be spending \$25,000,000 to improve her harbor before the opening of the Panama Canal.

Oakland, California, is competing strongly with San Francisco for the bulk of the business that will pass through the Panama Canal.

Astoria is agitating the building of a concrete sea-wall and the extension of her harbor-line, preliminary to Panama Canal business.

Aberdeen, Washington, is about to create three miles of water front inside the city limits, with a 300-foot strip on either side for the public dock purposes, before the Panama Canal opens.

Seattle has voted bonds to improve the water front in time for the Panama Canal opening.

Tacoma is hustling to meet the enormous influx of new business that the opening of the Panama Canal promises.

Portland has voted a bond issue for the construction of public docks and cannot find a location with reasonable cost, with adequate facilities and equipped with other suitable conditions.

Every city in the world that will be benefited in any way, shape or form by the opening of the Panama Canal is doing its utmost to improve its facilities to take care of the trade.

What are we doing on Coos Bay?

MORROW TO RETURN.

District Engineer to Return to Portland from Washington.

A Portland paper says: "Major Jay J. Morrow, corps of engineers, U. S. A., and in charge of river and harbor work in the First District, will not return home from Washington, D. C., until about January 8, according to advices received in this city. The Major is chairman of the railroad commission appointed by the president to report on the feasibility of developing various lines of industry in Alaska. With other members of the board he went East to submit an official report on the project."

BANDON MINISTERS UNITE.

The clergymen of Bandon met Monday morning, Dec. 23, at 10 o'clock in the library rooms. Those present were: T. J. Owen, H. C. Hartranft, J. J. Mickey and S. R. Steele. The following officers were elected: H. C. Hartranft, president; J. J. Mickey, vice president; S. R. Steele, secretary-treasurer.—Bandon Recorder.

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PRINTERS

—BY—
BOB STANLEY

I would not be a printer unless I was a sprinter, and then I'd never feel so very brave, because there's not a minute that hasn't danger in it for printer man, poor, patient, public slave.

The printers take our sonnets developed 'neath our bonnets, and with a gladsome smile they look them o'er, but when these gems they publish, we find they look like rubbish, and so we with the printers wipe the floor. We won't hear explanation. We're mad as all creation because the printing force has made mistake. We hunt for linotyper, foreman, and galley-swiper, and bluster 'round till all with terror quake.

When all their knees have bended, and our wrath is expended, we find the printing force was not to blame, and then with hearts, 'most breaking, we're sorry for the shaking we gave them all before our reason came.

Poor printer men, so clever, we know you o'er endeavor to do your best in ev'rything you do, so, we are every ready, as soon as temper's steady, to overlook your faults, and errors, too.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest. Each letter must be signed by the writer, and so far as possible be limited to 200 words. In publishing these letters it must be understood that The Times does not indorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

PENSIONS:

Editor Times:

I am a great believer in pensions. To enable senators and congressmen to hold their jobs, pensions are a wonderful help, ranking neck and neck with brains. I am told it is not hard to give away that which don't belong to you, hence pensions are not the source of any regret to congressmen otherwise I fear there would be much shrieking of eagles and frigid pedal extremities.

I think ex-presidents ought to be pensioned. Uhuh! It is not right that Mr. Taft should be obliged to practice law nor T. R. to shoot lions, skunks and things. They should be pensioned, put in a glass case and labeled concentrated dignity. Exhibit A.

And there is Aunt Della; think how often, oh, how oft she has filled the commodious pie basket of the present incumbent. She too, should have a pension. Exhibit B.

And here are the ex-vice presidents; it is not their fault they were not presidents, hence they should be entitled to a pension. Exhibit C.

Next, "slowly winding o'er the sea," are the ex-secretaries of state. Under condition, they too might have been president. They deserve large and plethoric pensions. Exhibit D.

Then we have the federal employes of high and low degree, poor, overworked, underpaid and underfed souls who bleed, groan and dye that their country may live. Pension them all. Exhibit E.

Here are also Bryan and Debs, master frescoers of ozone. Either of these might have been president had he received votes enough. No doubt pensions would look good to them, especially Debs, who, poor soul has lost so much time in jail. To the glass with them. Exhibit F.

Come to think of it, consarn if I don't think we all ought to be pensioned. Not a mother's son of us is to blame for not being president.

Besides for one, I am tired of this eternal round of work. Pumpkin culture on Pony Slough is nixumarius. Drawing a pension, I am told, is an easy job. That's me. I believe a pension policy would beat flat money, shootin' fish, or a division of assets. Anyway, it would afford a little more hunting, while the soap box warblers land Utopia.

Put congressmen on the bum? Oh, dear, no! Every mother's son would want a pension raise at once. Hence the statesman who could cause the increase of the most pensions in the shortest time would be the one whose name would last be heard thundering down the ages. Me for pensions! Exhibit Z.

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