

Edited Under the Auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

To the readers of the Times: The members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union extend greeting and thanks to the managers of this paper, who have kindly granted us permission to speak to the public through the press. And while they tell of the happenings abroad, and the news in and about Marshfield, we, being only women, shall speak on different lines. The noble manhood of our state have magnanimously placed us on an equal footing with themselves by granting us the franchise. And while we are very thankful for the long coveted privilege, we would not faintly display our opportunities. We know it is wise to go slow on new and untried fields; and so, we start out with much diffidence under our motto: "For God and Home and Native Land." Trusting if we do not make a brilliant showing at the beginning, we may have a better ending. We extend our grateful thanks to the editors of the Times for the use of their columns; we thank our brothers of Oregon for the gift of the ballot, and may every woman realize her responsibility and use her sovereign privilege for the benefit and uplift of needy humanity. Our Uncle Sam has a large, and in the main, a well-kept house, but like most households, it has its dark and smutty corners, and while our brothers attend to the larger departments, it is peculiar province of woman to cleanse and brighten these. The temperance work is by no means new, but it is still one of the foremost in our lines, and time has told, and will still tell, we trust, grand results. We hope the readers of this paper will kindly give a few minutes to our corner, with impartial and unbiased minds—and so, with good will to all, and malice toward none, we send our message forth. MRS. J. S. BAKER, Press Supt.

filling of which, will lose to the its equity therein. Considering that this cannot be cell, the latter will be held to account by the people, should they permit this to occur without securing a portion in return for the said company. Either this, of the parties claiming the right to the lands (some 200 acres) resulting therefrom, should not be allowed to fill it in, as equal are not bestowed upon individuals, "gratis" in these modern days of ill gotten gains. The filling in of this slough will mean a tremendous impetus to the values of this particular property for no other reason than the fact that it is situated in the heart of the city, this manifest increase would be regarded to those individuals for practically nothing when by every law of justice, equity and the public conscience it pertains entirely to the city, or the public, and the public should receive the dues therefrom or employ its own therein, giving it the privilege of dredging and bulk-heading, or walling up the sides, which would make it a safe harbor for small craft, including in with milk, vegetables, fruits, meats, etc., to the market place, which will be a dire necessity, say within a year or two. The people should foresee this and realize its advantage what a tremendous economic opportunity it would be to the community to have a basin some 200 to 400 feet square located at the mouth of this slough and a huge market place or public market erected in its immediate proximity, making it necessary by public ordinance for all produce to enter the city through this via, having sufficient space around the building to make it ornamental. In this way the price of produce could be controlled, to conform to the purse of poverty, in other words, of the wage earner, and not be to the detriment of any man. A question of health cannot be urged against Mill Slough for the reason that the water front near the docks is a thousand times worse than anybody ever saw Mill Slough. The filling of this slough would likewise give to these people more advantage in the shape of water front when the city controls too little now for the public's welfare. These interests and the public should halt a moment to consider these things ere they are each brought face to face with a sudden jolt from which it will be easy to see their error. Many cities would be rich in the possession of a portion of Mill Slough from the mouth up, and we, in our forthrightness and over occupation, are idly waiting for the City Fathers to give it away to some individual, who are in no need of it whatever. The people interested in the welfare of Marshfield better attend to it in time. Signed, C. H. McLAUGHLIN.

State University Athletic Instructor to Visit Coos County. EUGENE, Feb. 7.—William L. Hayward, athletic instructor of the University of Oregon will visit several of the high schools of the state soon, delivering a series of lectures on "Proper and Improper Methods of Track Work." One of these trips will be to the Coos County schools, according to the present plans. The idea is to advise the high school students who are going into athletics on the best methods of training. The trip is scheduled for the early part of March.

OIL SCANDAL CASE. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Representative Garner's resolution calling upon the attorney general for all papers in his recent order directing a United States marshal in New York not to serve warrants for the arrest of John D. Archbold, W. C. Teague, Henry C. Folger, Standard Oil Co. officers, recently indicted in Texas, passed the House today.

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THE CITY'S EQUITY IN "MILL SLOUGH." Marshfield, Oregon, Feb. 5, 1913. Editor "Coos Bay Times": As a matter of fact, the City of Marshfield has an equity in Mill Slough, in its present condition; the

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