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## COOS BAY'S FUTURE LAUDED AT MILLICOMA CLUB SMOKER

**Tom Richardson Guest of Honor at Enthusiastic Booster Session**  
**MANY PROMINENT MEN TALK ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
**L. J. Simpson Says Coos Co. Shall Have Fair Building If He Has to Build It**

The significance of the \$300,000 bond issue for the completion of the harbor improvement project, and other matters of vital interest to the community were discussed at length by speakers bubbling over with enthusiasm at the smoker held at the Millicoma Club last night. Tom Richardson was the honored guest and principal speaker, others were Mayor L. J. Simpson, of North Bend, R. M. Jennings, of the Oregon Power Co., Engineer Potter, of the Government dredge Michie, F. E. Conway and J. L. Smith, of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Mayor Simpson of North Bend, said that he was confident from the first that the voters of the district would uphold the bond issue and that by doing so they changed a prediction into a certainty. He said that a 25 foot channel 300 feet wide is now assured and that it means the opening of this port to vessels of all nations. Mr. Simpson declared that the Government would take care of the harbor that a deeper channel is assured on the inside.

"The business men of this community have been asleep too long," he said. "It is time that everyone of us awoke to the wonderful possibilities that are lying at our feet. The Port Commission put gold into your pockets, when after receiving the petitions signed by about 2500 of the 3000 registered voters they decided to go ahead and order the bond issue and I wish to thank every man who attached his name to a petition."

**Would Build It Himself.**  
Coos county can and will have a building at the Panama-Pacific exposition. To back up his assertion he brought forth a plan showing that space has already been allotted for the building. He pointed out that Coos County was the only county in the entire United States that had been granted permission to erect a building on the grounds. To emphasize his statement he declared that Coos County would have the building if he had to build it himself. Simpson also reiterated that he had been assured by the engineers of the Southern Pacific that the railroad between here and Eugene will be in operation before the first of July 1915.

**Richardson for Unity.**  
Tom Richardson was greeted with a round of applause when he arose to speak, then the members of the club broke loose in unison "He's a jolly good fellow which nobody can deny." Richardson emphasized the necessity of strengthening the organizations like the Millicoma Club, Commercial Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He urged that they hold regular meetings to discuss the things that are vital to the community. Richardson said that he had found the proper spirit here and that nothing could stand in the way of progress.

"You must have greater friendships, closer relations with each other and the people that live in the adjoining counties," said Richardson. "You've got the best start of any town on the Coast and you must keep it moving. Make Coos County a great big family, help establish colonies for the promotion of agricultural pursuits. The immigrants will come in proportion to those who have already located. Keep a committee of at least twenty-five studying that problem along with the study of industries, and by all means establish a woman's auxiliary. The building of a community is the world's greatest religion and it cannot be done without the assistance of the women."

**Harbor the Magnet.**  
R. M. Jennings of the Oregon Power Company, said that the harbor was the first thing that drew the attention of the company he represents to this locality. And he pointed out that along with the improvements, which are now assured, other corporations are sure to come. Mr. Jennings said that a public utility is a partnership business with the public. He told of the efforts of the company to furnish the farmers of Coos County with gas and electric power.

**Wants Better Exhibit.**  
J. L. Smith, representing the Oregon Agricultural College, deplored the lack of a worthy exhibit in the windows of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out that at present the window contained nothing more than a lump of coal, a few corn stalks and a pot of geraniums. Smith said that Coos County was the first to make an appropriation for the extension work that is now being carried

## SMITH URGES CANAL TOLLS

**Georgia Senator Talks in Favor of President Wilson's Panama Policy**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Senator Hoke Smith has championed the repeal of the tolls exemption clause in the Panama Canal act. He told the Senate today he would vote for the repeal, "because of our treaties with Great Britain and Panama," and because, in his opinion, "it is right that the owners of these vessels should bear, for their use of the canal, a fair part of the cost to our government of building and operating it."

Senator Smith declared today that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was made part of the title to the canal zone in the treaty of conveyance with Panama and that talk of terminating it from a legal standpoint was an absurd termination of the treaty. He asserted "it would compel us to give up the canal unless we abandoned our attitude as a law-abiding nation and resorted alone to battleships."

## CANAL MAY OPEN SOON

**First Ship to Pass Through Early Next Week, Says Colonel Goethals**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
PANAMA, May 12.—The first ship to pass through the canal under regular conditions will probably make the trip early next week. According to Governor Goethals the channel through Cucaracha will be completed next Thursday.

## BIPLANES MEET HIGH IN AIR

**Two English Army Men Killed and Third Injured in Flying Machine Collision**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
LONDON, May 12.—Two army aviators, Capt. Anderson and his mechanic, were killed, and Lieut. Wilson was severely injured when two biplanes collided in the air at Aldershot.

on by the Agricultural College. In that connection he told of the close associations which have been formed for the purpose of raising the standard of cows in the state.

**Dredge Michie Work.**  
LeRoy Potter, Government Engineer in charge of the dredge Michie, made the startling assertion that the government dredge could not only clear the bar but could dig a channel in the lower bay before many months. He paid high tribute to Mayor Simpson who preceded him. Potter said that he had heard many eloquent speeches and particularly those of a former mayor of New York City, but he wouldn't hesitate to take that the Mayor of North Bend back to the metropolis any time and call on him for a few remarks.

**Other Contributors.**  
As a diversion from serious things the committee of the Millicoma Club arranged a delightful musical entertainment. Miss Wood, of the Royal Theater, rendered several vocal selections which were strongly applauded. A. V. Bowhay, who has distinguished himself as an impersonator and entertainer, gave several humorous monologues and Mr. Phillips of North Bend contributed several stories.

F. G. Horton, Claude Nasburg and Dr. A. L. Houseworth formed the committee on arrangements and are to be congratulated on the pleasing program.

**Conway Boosts.**  
F. E. Conway of the F. E. Conway Company, spoke of the increasing dairy business in and about Coos Bay. He said that he expected to see great developments in this and other lines before long.

## THE PEOPLES BUSINESS

THE primary election will be held Friday. The list of candidates is before the people and it is their duty to make a choice. It is an important duty, and should not be regarded lightly or with indifference. Whether we will have good government or bad, expensive government or economical, will be determined by the choice the people make on May 15, supplemented by the final choice they will make in November.

Politics is not a game for the few but a serious and important task for all. It is through politics that those in whose hands the government of the state, the counties and the cities will be placed, and choosing good men—or women—to fill these offices is certainly a task of sufficient importance to command the close attention of every citizen.

At present there is a loud cry against high taxes and a corresponding cry from the candidates for office that they will see that the taxes are reduced as soon as they are elected. These promises are all very well, but it is not the promises that count so much as the manner in which the promises are finally fulfilled. In determining this important point, the people must rely upon their own judgment. They must study the past records of the men who are asking for preferment and must take into consideration their reputation for accomplishing the thing they set out to do. It is well worth everyone's time to do this.

Our present system of choosing candidates leaves everything to individual effort. Each candidate is running wholly on his own responsibility. Each voter is consulting only his own likes and dislikes in the matter of whom he is going to vote for. In making choice, however, the general public good should be at all times kept in view.

The Times as a Republican paper has refrained from any attempt at influencing voters in their choice of candidates, leaving it to individual judgment. The attempt in some quarters to inject bitter personal prejudices into the campaign is to be deprecated. These efforts to control, prejudice and punish candidates should be rebuked at the polls. There should be just one consideration in making your choice next Friday, and that should be the candidate's ability and efficiency. The greatest need in government, particularly local government, is efficiency.

One of the weaknesses in our democracy has been the habit of people to concentrate their energies upon efficiency in private business and utterly disregard it in public business.

The Times thinks that in the promotion of this efficiency the Republicans should support the men who would best promote this desideratum in good government and it believes this may best be secured by voting for these men at the primary election:

For Supreme Judge, CHARLES L. McNARY.  
For Supreme Judge, LAWRENCE T. HARRIS.  
For Representative, S. P. PERCE.  
For County Judge, JAMES WATSON.  
For County Clerk, F. D. KRUSE.  
For Sheriff, ALFRED JOHNSON, Jr.  
For County Commissioner, THOMAS B. JAMES.  
For Republican State Central Committeeman, RALPH E. WILLIAMS.

The Times believes these men will best serve the public interests in a clean, capable, economical and efficient administration of public affairs.

## JAMES WATSON FOR COUNTY JUDGE

THE TIMES believes the people of Coos Bay and Coos County know James Watson too well as a man and an official to heed the bitter personal and prejudiced attacks that have been made upon him in some quarters. The animus, and purpose of this campaign is understood.

James Watson has served the people of Coos County faithfully, economically and efficiently as County Clerk. To the office of County Judge he will bring the same capacity and capability.

The false and foolish attempt to hold Clerk Watson in anyway responsible for high taxes is too ridiculous to be recognized. As a matter of fact, the County Clerk's office under Watson's management has proved a source of profit instead of an expense. The total monthly fees of this office have amounted to about \$800, while the total expense has been but \$600, leaving \$200 net profit to the county. These are facts that may easily be verified by the county records.

A vote for James Watson is a vote for economy and efficiency. And this article is not paid for, either.

## ROAR OF CANNON NEAR TAMPICO

**Rear Admiral Badger Reports Hearing Heavy Firing in Direction of Huerta's Seaport Today**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Secretary Daniels received a message from Admiral Badger stating that heavy firing was heard throughout the day at Tampico.

**CRUISER TO TAMPICO.**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
LONDON, May 12.—The British cruiser Bristol now stationed at Portsmouth has been ordered to proceed to Tampico as speedily as possible.

**CLAIM HUERTA STILL MAINTAINS POSITION**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—A message from foreign diplomatic channels says the situation at Mexico City is not abnormal. The people are not particularly alarmed over the reports that Zapata might swoop down on the city and that there is no apparent weakening on the part of Huerta.

**BATTLES ON WEST COAST.**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Rear Admiral Howard reported a battle between the Federals and the Zapatistas near Acapulco. The fighting at Mazatlan continues.

## SEVEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION THREE DIE IN FIRE IN YUMA

**Fatal Accident Occurs on Old Dominion Ship Jefferson**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
NORFOLK, Va., May 12.—Seven persons were killed by an explosion in the engine room of the Old Dominion Ship Jefferson near Cape Henry last night. Several others were injured. The ship returned to Norfolk, left the dead and injured and then resumed the trip to New York.

The dead were members of the engine room crew. The vessel was not badly damaged.

**FIRE IN SEATTLE.**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
SEATTLE, May 12.—Fire today destroyed the four-story building of the Goettstein Furniture Company and damaged neighboring stores causing a loss of \$300,000. This was the most serious fire Seattle has had in many years.

**ROOSEVELT IS COMING**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
Party Arrives Today at Barbadoes En Route Home.  
BRIDGETOWN, Barbadoes, May 12.—Colonel Roosevelt, with G. K. Cherry and Leo L. Miller, of the American Museum of Natural History, arrived here on their way from Brazil to New York.

**YUMA, Ariz., May 12.**—Three women were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Hotel Imperial here today.

After the flames were subdued the bodies of Miss Naomi Strong and Miss Genevieve Brown, school teachers, and Miss Brown's mother were found together where the head of the stairway had been. The loss is estimated at \$8000.

## GEN. FUNSTON SAYS NO DANGER OF MEXICANS BOTHERING VERA CRUZ

## TRUCE DURING PEACE SESSION

**American Force at Vera Cruz Will Not Inaugurate Any Military Activities**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
VERA CRUZ, May 12.—While the Mexican commissioners are en route to attend Niagara Falls peace conference and during the session, there will be no inauguration of hostilities by the American forces here and there is no reason to believe that the Mexicans will advance their lines.

## HUERTA CALLS SOLDIERS IN

**Troops on West Coast Evacuate Mazatlan and Hasten to Aid Capital Defense**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
ON BOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA. MAZATLAN, (Wireless) May 12.—The Federals defending San Blas, a seaport between Mazatlan and Manzanillo have evacuated the town. It is understood that they were ordered by General Huerta to proceed to Mexico City to strengthen the forces there. It is also believed that other troops on the west coast will be ordered to the capital.

## JACK ROSE IS STAR WITNESS

**Tells How Becker and Rosenthal Entered into Partnership**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
NEW YORK, May 12.—"Bald Jack" Rose, the star witness in the trial against Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, appeared in that role again today. Rose recited how Becker and Rosenthal entered into a partnership in a gambling establishment, how they quarreled, how exposure for Becker was imminent and how Rosenthal's death was plotted.

**PROTECT ANIMALS AS WELL AS PEOPLE**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Following its ban on the common drinking cup for human beings, the board of health forbade common drinking troughs for animals. It is declared that glanders and other diseases are spread by the common trough.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT

**Mount Etna Becomes Active Again—Tongues of Flames Seen**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
CATANIA, Sicily, May 12.—Slight earthquake shocks were felt today in this vicinity and Mount Etna became active again. During the night tongues of flame issued from the crater, which is surmounted by a high column of smoke.

**AID OFFER DECLINED.**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The Italian Red Cross declined the offer of \$5000 tendered by the American Red Cross for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

**Meet Wednesday**—The Marshfield M. E. Brotherhood will meet Wednesday night at the M. E. Church hall.

## Sends Reassuring Message to President Wilson Concerning Water Supply

**CABINET CONFERENCE OVER PEACE MEETING**  
**President Wilson Maintains Confidence That Mediation Will Terminate War**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—President Wilson and the Cabinet discussed plans for the participation by the United States in the Mexican mediation conference at Niagara Falls and various problems which have arisen since the occupation of Vera Cruz.

A message was received from General Funston saying that no attention should be paid to alarming reports that Mexican forces were threatening to attack the water works.

Officials regarded as unimportant the Lobos Island incident, which caused Huerta to protest the landing of American forces to reopen the light house. Secretary Daniels said there was no thought of occupying the island in a war sense of the term.

Members of the Cabinet, after prolonged conference with the President on the Mexican situation, declared the President maintained confidence that mediation would succeed and further serious consequences in Mexico would be averted.

**CONSIDER APPEAL.**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Among the issues the President and his cabinet had under consideration today was an appeal from the Brazilian minister at Mexico City to Funston on behalf of five South Americans under arrest at Vera Cruz for sniping American soldiers from a tramp steamer. Three Brazilians are among the prisoners and the appeal, coming from the diplomatic representative of the mediating nations, has presented a delicate problem.

**TO RELEASE SILLIMAN.**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The Brazilian minister at Mexico City has informed the State Department that the Mexican government has ordered the immediate release of Vice Consul Silliman, who is held prisoner at Saitillo.

**SUFFRAGETTE USES HATCHET**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
LONDON, May 12.—A militant suffragette, armed with a hatchet, seriously damaged a valuable portrait of the Duke of Wellington in the Royal Academy.

**PRIMARIES IN ALABAMA**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 12.—At Democratic headquarters it was estimated from yesterday's Democratic primaries that Charles Henderson will have a majority of over 11,000 over former Governor Comer for the nomination for Governor. The nomination is considered equivalent to election.

## TENT COLONY IN COLORADO

**Union Leaders Prepare for One at Trinidad, but Must Furnish List First**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
TRINIDAD, Colo., May 12.—Union leaders today began preparations for the erection of a new tent colony at Ludlow. Military authority for the construction of the camp will not be given until the union has obtained the approval of the men selected to have charge of the colony and submitted a roster of its inhabitants.

**DOG GETS HERO MEDAL.**  
*(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)*  
PORTLAND, Or., May 12.—For saving the life of another dog, a bronze hero medal was awarded to Buck, a bull-dog, by the Oregon Humane Society. Buck's friend was exhausted in the river and sank twice when Buck swam out to him and dragged him out by the ears.