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BE CAREFUL ABOUT FRANCHISE CHANGES

THE PROPOSAL of Marshfield business men to improve the train service between Coos Bay and the Coquille Valley is one that should have the heartiest approval of every citizen of Coos County.

One of the troubles of the past has been the lack of communication between the communities of Coos County. Scattered as they are and without easy means of communication between them, the citizens of these communities have not enjoyed the benefits that accrue from free association with their neighbors.

The Coquille Valley is endowed by nature with many things that Coos Bay needs and Coos Bay has advantages which would redound to the benefit of the Coquille Valley if only traffic conditions permitted one to enjoy the fruits of the other. It seems little less than a crime against one's neighbors to have Coos Bay importing fruits, vegetables and produce from Portland and San Francisco, even at seasons of the year when the same products are almost going to waste in the Coquille Valley.

Freer intercourse between the two would serve to remedy this and the agitation for better train service is one that should have the co-operation of everyone. In addition to improving the mail service just now, it would be a step towards home development of Coos County.

But in the desire to get this, the future should not be lost sight of. Don't throw away the future for a temporary gain. The franchise requiring good service between Marshfield and North Bend is an asset that should not be quickly bargained away. The value just now is possibly not so apparent as it will be in the future. Under no circumstances should this franchise, having thirty-odd years to run, be abandoned.

If a suspension of the franchise for a few months would hasten the improvement of the service, there should be no serious objection by anyone to it, providing the suspension does not furnish a loophole to abrogate it.

Should such a suspension of the franchise be deemed necessary and advisable, it should not be for a longer period than one year. If at the end of a year it should again be desirable to suspend the franchise for another twelve months, it can be done again.

In dealing with corporations, individual promises should not be considered—because they are often lost sight of by the company. It recognizes only those pledges or agreements that are in black and white, couched in such terms that the meaning cannot be perverted when it means dollars and cents to the corporation.

The relation between the Southern Pacific and Coos Bay should be one of cordiality. The interests of the two are now too closely linked for personal animosities or an ill-grounded spirit of antagonism to be allowed to enter into the consideration of a business proposition which will redound to the benefit of both. The Southern Pacific has spent and is spending a lot of money in Coos County and is entitled to fair consideration. Increased traffic, both passenger and freight, between Coos Bay and the Coquille Valley, means increased earnings for the Southern Pacific and the growth of the home trade means a development for Coos County which will benefit the communities and the company.

NORTHWEST LUMBER

FOR some reason the condition of the lumber industry in the Pacific Northwest is not what it ought to be. This is a matter of recent demonstration. We venture to say that there are many lumber manufacturers in this section who would declare that it has been a matter of rather constant demonstration.

The current Timberman carries a tabulated statement of the average cost of the manufacture of lumber covering all grades, which tabulation omits the items of expense for selling, logging and stumpage. These omitted items added the total average cost, as figured in twenty representative

trails and cargo mills in Oregon and Washington, is \$14 a thousand feet. This cost embraces, as it properly ought to do, plant depreciation, interest on the investment, interest on lumber and log stock and on accounts receivable and current cash. It assumes that profit should be figured from the activities of the going plant and operation. It represents in the strict business sense the real cost of manufacture.

The cost so ascertained is below the average selling price of lumber f. o. b. at the mill. In this section, indeed for the past several months such price has been below the \$10 mark more often than it has been above it.

The condition thus described is peculiar to the lumber industry of this section; and inasmuch as that industry is one of the mainstays in the progress of this entire region, the condition demands attention to the end that some remedy may be found.

It has been disclosed that the government is cognizant of this condition. Government agents have looked over the field out here and have reported findings in essential conformity with that which is disclosed in the

Timberman's statement of the cost of manufacture, as compared with the actual selling price. As a matter of fact, the forest service assisted in compiling the statement published by the Timberman.

It does not appear that the retail price of lumber lags. But the fact in this industry, in these sections at least and as it appeared in other industries, is the producer is not able to control the price. On the contrary he is obliged to wage rather an uphill fight in order to break even; and in altogether too many instances he fails even in this.

If there is any sort of trade regulation calculated to benefit business, the lumber industry of this section is certainly eligible to its application. If there is any legitimate privilege to be granted that will improve conditions, the lumbermen of these two states are entitled to its exercise. If there is any reasonable action on their part, as acting together for their mutual interests, which will tend to put the business on a basis of fair profit, it would be better for the entire Pacific Northwest if that action were to be permitted.—Telegram.

How to Economise

THE TIMES invites its readers to the careful consideration of the announcements in our advertising columns. This is a time of year when people are spending a good deal of money for new material. It makes a big difference to the family balance sheet at the end of the year, whether or not the purchases of the spring season are made carefully and thoughtfully.

If you go down town haphazard, blunder into offered, without previous consideration, you are apt to regret it. The wise purchase is the one made after study of the announcements in The Coos Bay Times, the home newspaper. Examination of the advertising gives a clear idea as to what merchants are the most enterprising, and what special bargains are being offered just now. Pick out the men who bid the most actively and intelligently for your spring trade, visit their stores, and inspect their offerings, and you will find the chance for selection that you won't regret.

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City Management Plan is Popular

California is struck with the city management idea. In quite a number of California cities the advisability of that latest advance in the form of city administration is a matter of lively discussion; in two of them, at least, it is a matter of adoption. San Diego and San Jose are the two.

In San Jose the plan is to be rather absolute and complete; that is to say, it is to embrace all departments of the city government, while in the more southern city some of the departments will be omitted. As we understand the plan from the report of it in the San Diego Union the police department will not be under the supervision of the city manager, nor the health department. The idea is to include only departments of strictly business activity, like those which have to do with public works and public revenues. The manager is already employed by the Mayor and the Council; and according to all plans and specifications, if we may so state the matter, he is expected to save between one and two hundred thousand dollars a year for the city.

It is well for every student of municipal government, and every intelligent city-dweller ought to be such a student, to take careful account of this city manager plan and the progress it is beginning to show throughout the country. The form and the substance of it is, of course, of more consequence than the spread of it; because the mere adoption of any idea does not in and of itself prove its right to exist and persist.

The city manager plan is an outgrowth of commission government. It is the simplifying and the perfecting of the main idea in the commission program, which is to concentrate and fix responsibility upon certain individuals in their respective fields of municipal administration. The record of commission government shows that that has been done as a whole, but not as effectually as had been hoped; and the reason for this disappointment has been a division of responsibility as between the individual commissioner and the commission as a body. Too frequently this division of responsibility creates conflict that is more or less embarrassing to the entire government. We have had some manifestations of that sort here in Portland.

By the city manager plan the purely administrative phases of the government are centralized under one control, and the responsibility fixed on one man. In the score or more cities where this plan has been put into effect, the result has been in a business way to bring about more direct and therefore more expeditious and economical action, with another result of better discipline and greater efficiency among the working forces of the several departments.

The commission plan of government is practically a necessary precedent to the other, as the more expert judgment of the commissioners and the keener sense of their personal responsibility for the success of the government, as compared with that of the body of the electors, make the selection at their hands almost essential.

Perhaps it is not yet to be said that the city manager plan is the future plan for the scientific government of cities, but experience, so far as it has gone, indicates that such is the trend. If that is the fact the closer study we give to it the better.—Portland Telegram.

Letters From Times Readers

AN APPRECIATION

Editor Times: Last Tuesday evening Miss Sophie Hammer, assisted by Mr. Horik Gjerdrum gave a brilliantly successful recital before the largest audience that has ever gathered to hear a soloist in Marshfield.

A beautiful voice well trained and under perfect control together with a charming personality completely won the audience. Miss Hammer's voice is distinguished by intensity, sympathy and dramatic effect and she showed herself capable in the widely varied program of many different styles of interpretation.

The program opened with a group of Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish songs which brought out admirably the sweetness and power of her voice. Especially interesting was the "Pat, Pat, patressu by Merikanto and the Sibelin number. The next group was in German and English and included the Vergiliches Stuechen by Brahms and the "Moon Drops Low" by Cadman which was given a wonderful interpretation and was sung with deep feeling.

The difficult aria from the Merry Wives of Windsor was the most enjoyable number and showed the technical and tonal resources of the singer to the finest advantage. The interpretation was brilliant and vivacious and appreciation was shown by vigorous applause. The last four numbers which were Norwegian folk songs were given in the native peasant costume. These were sung with a delightful abandon that was altogether captivating.

Miss Hammer was presented with many beautiful flowers and responded to several encores. Mr. Gjerdrum's numbers the "Caprice" by Olsho, and "March of the Dwarfs" by Grieg, were played with his usual brilliancy and superb technique.

Mr. Gjerdrum played exquisite accompaniments and the perfect ensemble that one expects from two such artists was at once noticeable. A vote of thanks is due Mr. Gjerdrum for this splendid music and the beauty of it will long remain in the minds of those who were present at this concert, the most notable that Marshfield has ever enjoyed.

Music Lover

A MEMORIAL

The following in memory of the late Otto A. R. Peterson is presented by a friend:

Dearest Uncle, thou hast left us And thy loss we deeply feel; But in Heaven again will greet thee Where our sorrows will be healed. Thou wast kind and true and faithful, Faithful as a little child, Fell asleep to wake with Jesus, Blessed Savior, meek and mild. Rest in Peace, thou dear departed, Till our trials of life are o'er. Then with love and joy will meet thee. On that happy, golden shore.

STORY OF OIL FIELDS SHOWN

STANDARD OIL COMPANY HAS REMARKABLE EXHIBIT AT SAN FRANCISCO EXPOSITION—ACCURACY WAS WATCHWORD—ASK ALL TO VISIT IT.

That petroleum has done much to advertise California is apparent from the large numbers of visitors from other states who each day at the Exposition head immediately for the exhibit of the Standard Oil company when they visit the Palace of Mines. Almost invariably oil men of California or elsewhere make this exhibit their objective point. By far the greater number of visitors, however, are people who have heard of this state's wonderful gasber well, but whose actual first-hand knowledge of petroleum deals only with its refined products.

Every exhibit in this Standard Oil Company booth whether a refined product ready for delivery to the consumer, or a working model of an oil field, is an illustration of this company's activities during what has been done and is now doing in California's great oil industry. In every branch of the oil industry the company is active, and in its exhibit no phase of its business is slighted.

When this display was being prepared the belief ruled that the chief purpose of an industrial exposition is properly educational. Explained one of the company's officials yesterday, "Accuracy" was the watchword, and as a result every one who visits this display is afforded opportunity to learn facts and truth relative to California's petroleum industry. The enlightenment of the visitor will vary in degree with the visitor's tastes and interests, but it is publicly that anyone will not find the exhibit well worth the time he spends in giving it. And of course we hope everyone will come and see it.

Petroleum, in some form or other, is so common a factor in the present epoch that practically no one is not in a measure dependent upon it. While the exhibit is in part of a technical nature, the most of it will be readily understood by the average visitor. Amendments are here to answer any questions and will gladly assist the visitor in his pursuit of knowledge having to do with the company's products, their uses, and with the various phases of the industry.

BIERLE SAYS THE TURK WILL COME TO HIS END

Editor Times: The awful scourge that has a mighty avalanche is now devastating the fairest parts of Europe is not the time of trouble of Daniel's prophecy, but it is undoubtedly the day of salvation will end, the great day of the Lord will begin, the time of trouble such as never was will suddenly break upon the world, the King of glory will appear, and the great conflict so long waged with sin will forever end.

What has the Eastern question of the future of the Turk to do with Scriptures, and why so much concern about whether Turkey or some other power shall occupy Constantinople? More than twenty-four centuries ago, the Lord revealed to the prophet Daniel events that would take place among earthly powers in connection with the closing scenes of earth's history, as follows:

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Dan. 11:45; 12, 1, 2.

This is the conclusion of a long prophecy that begins with the Medo-Persian kingdom and closes with the establishment of the eternal kingdom and the resurrection.

Soon after the death of Alexander the Great, his generals formed a compact for the government of the empire; but it was soon broken, and out of his conquests four kingdoms arose "toward the four winds of heaven." It was not long after this division had been effected that Cassander had succeeded in conquering all that portion of Alexander's kingdom lying to the north of Jerusalem, leaving but two of the original four divisions remaining. These are mentioned in the prophecy as "the king of the north" and "the king of the south." Since 1453, A. D., when Constantinople fell into the hands of the Turk, this power has ruled over the territory of "the king of the north."

The prophet declares, "He (the king of the north) shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." Dan. 11:45. This verse speaks of two events that all the world has looked forward to with great apprehension, and has expected to see accomplished at an early date—the driving of the Turk from Europe, and his coming to his end.

The "glorious holy mountain" is where Jerusalem is located. Zach. 8:3. It is situated between the Mediterranean and the Dead sea. According to the prophecy, the seat of government of the Turk is to be removed from Constantinople and located at Jerusalem.

During the progress of the Balkan war in 1912, many writers in the daily papers and the magazines freely expressed their conviction that the time had come for the Turk to leave Europe. While he was driven by the Balkan allies to the verge of Europe, their hands were stayed by the conference of the European powers in London, and the Turk still holds Constantinople. Scarcely had the present war begun when it was freely predicted that this would end the stay of the Turk in Europe.

Paraphrasing the scripture in the light of simple deductions, we have the following: The Turk shall lose his seat of government at Jerusalem, and shall come to his end, and at that time Christ shall begin His eternal reign. The time of trouble of the nations, such as never was, will follow, and at that time all God's people, whose names are found written in the book of life, will be delivered.

The thought that Christ takes His kingdom and begins His reign at the beginning of this time of unparalleled trouble to the nations may seem strange to some, but it will be seen to be in perfect accord with the scripture.

Like the muffled tread of the thief in the night, the day of the Lord is stealing upon us. More sudden than the present war broken over Europe, and with much more dire results, will the war of the great day of God break over all the world. The only safety in that hour will be found in Jesus.

"He that dwelleth in the secret

HOPE

Marshfield, Or., May 18.—Editor Coos Bay Times: Kind enclosed a poem written by myself. The reason I wrote this poem is because hope has been and is still the greatest part of my being, as small as I am. Hope saved my life at the age of eight and many times since, and for that reason and others, it became the inspiration of this poem.

When I was a soldier in the Philippine Islands I felt it my duty at many times to tell the wounded soldiers around me, without hope, the greatest power of my life, and I have seen the shadow of death flee and the power of hope shine where all had been mental darkness before—many recovering where it seemed impossible. There is great power in hope. Yours truly,

HIRAM O. NETTLETON.

THE GODDESS OF HOPE

When we think of the great achievements Of the world, our Nation, and man It's well to think of the power Of hope behind the plan. For hope has ever been the power Of thought until the end, In men who wear the shadows Of the real they comprehend.

The Masters—every one of them, Were men of hope and dare; Their names are like the stars— They shine in history there; And beckon us to higher hope No matter who we are; For after everything has failed Hope bids us not despair.

Look up! let hope sustain thy goal; For hope must go before The victory every triumph In hallowed peace or war. And when we learn that difficulties Were made to overcome We've learned the greatest power of man, The master power of some.

Hope is the pathway of the soul, The brave fear not to tread Though hard may be the conflict Yet hope must go ahead; For all of life's a battle If we would live it well; And we are what our thoughts are In hope they must not fail.

The greatest leaf in the book of life Is a record of our hope; Its power is our expression We are our power of hope; For the greatest men were those who knew The power of hope in thought The greatest nations built on it The world in all its wrought.

Could I but paint a Goddess To enlighten all the world In the secret of achievement By the power it ever heralds "T'would express the powers of hope and will With up-turned face aglow From a ray of light behind the clouds Hope's our mental light, you know.

Then I would be a master Of art, in power its true For that would be a symbol Of hope's great power for you. —HIRAM O. NETTLETON

Very Sincerely yours, E. R. HENDERSON, Elder of Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

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No. 2—Running, one half mile, purse, \$80.00
No. 3—Trot or pace, one-half mile, best two in three heats, free for all, purse, \$125
No. 4—Novelty race, one mile, \$30 for first to quarter post, \$40 for first to half-mile post, \$55 for first to three-quarter post, \$75 for first to mile stake, \$200
No. 5—Motor Cycle, 5 miles, \$25 to 1st, \$15 to 2nd, \$10
SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1915
No. 6—Trot or pace, one-half mile, two heats, each heat a race, 2:35 class, purse, \$100
No. 7—Running, five-eighths mile, purse, \$100
No. 8—Trot or pace, one mile, three heats, every heat a race, purse, \$150
No. 9—Running, one and one-eighth miles, for Coos and Curry County horses only, purse, \$200
No. 10—Consolation race, for all horses not finishing as good as second, purse, \$75
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