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THOSE WATER BONDS

Last week we made the statement that Southerlin & Company had refused to take the Water Works Bonds, for which, that company's bid was the highest and best received, but our duties were such that we could not give extended notice, however, we will add a few lines and give a little further light on the proceedings.

Sutherlin & Company waited until the day on which bids were to be opened before giving out the answer, having written a few days prior saying: "We are doing our best to get our attorneys to examine and approve the legal papers you have furnished on your bond issue." etc., but on the day that the bids were to be opened a telegram from Sutherlin & Co. simply announced that his lawyers refused to approve the bonds. There was no reason given for their refusal.

G. Jaeger in bidding for the contract agreed to take the bonds and made the statement that his lawyer had examined into the bond procedure and it appeared from the way he expressed himself that he was satisfied with their validity, so that it appears that the ordinances and their passage have been regular and that there is no doubt as to the validity of the procedure all the way through.

The City Council will at its next regular meeting, Tuesday evening of next week, take action upon the bids, after which the HERALD may perhaps have more information upon the subject.

HAVE PLEAD GUILTY.

Labor unions have lost out greatly in the McNamara episode, and it will be a long time before the general confidence of the public will be regained to the degree it occupied just prior to the explosion at the Times Building in Los Angeles, or even prior to the confession of the McNamara Brothers as to their guilt.

The Brothers have plead "guilty," but even then it is hard to believe that the leaders of a great organization would so peril the future good of their order as to resort to the sacrifice of life and property, as was the case with these two men.

However it shows that the same spirit is prominent in these men which animates the dominant trust power, which cares not for the sufferings of its victims when it gets control of the necessities of life, and causes distress and death through the operation of enhancing values to the extent that the poor cannot provide themselves with sustaining food, raiment and

shelter.

The same spirit is dominant in each party, and neither, nor both of them will ever be able to create a paradise out of existing conditions.

A SENATOR WORKING FOR OREGON.

Is Senator Bourne a useful man for Oregon, or is he a disgrace to the state, as some high authorities declare?

The Capital Journal believes that when a public servant has made good and kept his pledges he should be renominated and re-elected.

It is absolutely upon this basis that Senator Bourne will ask renomination and re-election.

As a matter of record he has secured better committee positions in the senate than any other Oregon senator has ever held, and has been influential in securing for the state the largest appropriations it has ever had.

But it does not consider these of primary importance.

In fact, he dislikes the reference to the "pork barrel" phase of politics.

The work he regards as most important is that which he has done for the perpetuation of the Oregon system in Oregon and its extension to other states.

In less than two years his senate speech, in which he described the Oregon system, and declared it to be the best in the world, has had a circulation of more than one-half million copies, and, as a result of that speech, and based largely upon it, hundreds of public addresses have been delivered by other public men; thousands of newspaper articles and editorials have been written, and scores of magazine articles have gone into every nook and corner of the United States.

Oregon is known throughout the Union today because of its popular government system, and in almost every state efforts are being made to secure the adoption of that system.

Believing it to be his duty to stay in Washington and serve the people in the place where they elected him to serve them, rather than return to Oregon to look after his political interests, he has spent the entire summer there at the capitol.

By so doing he has been able to get river and harbor matters in good shape for legislation this winter, and has made the most extensive and complete compilation of parcel post data ever made anywhere in the world.

Even the postoffice department has been compelled to admit that it has not available in its archives the information Bourne has gathered this summer.

Senator Bourne does not pose as a great statesman, but as a real hard worker he has made a record that some of the alleged great ones might well emulate.—Capital Journal.

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HARVESTING SEAWEED.

The Crop Is Used in Northern France to Enrich the Soil.

Among the important features of the agricultural industries along the northern coast of France is the harvesting of seaweed.

As soon as the receding waters permit the seaweed gatherers fall diligently to work. Soon every rock and ledge is shaven of its brown, slimy fleece and left as bare as the back of a shorn sheep.

Then preparations are made for an attack on the reefs, so numerous along the southern coast of the English channel. Everything that will float is pressed into service. Huge rafts are constructed, and next morning, with the current of the ebbing tide in their favor, they are towed by the people in the boats eight or ten miles out from the coast.

Low water leaves them stranded on the reefs and all hands make the best of their time. The worker kneels on the dripping weeds, grasps a handful in the left hand and with the sickle in the right cuts it off close to the rock and places it in a bag. As soon as he has cut as much as he can carry the sack is taken on the back to the raft, upon which it is received by men with pitchforks, stacked and securely roped.

Towing the heavily laden rafts to the shore is tedious work, and progress is slow. The wet harvesters are soon chilled to the bone by the keen east wind that always prevails in this latitude during the month of March, the harvesting season for seaweed.

The morning ebb tide leaves the rafts and their spoils of seaweed high and dry on the smooth, white beach.

They are instantly surrounded by a crowd of people with all descriptions of vehicles. All work together hauling the weed to the field already prepared to receive the precious fertilizer. That it may be most effective the seaweed must be got into the ground as soon as possible after it leaves its native element.—Harper's Weekly.

Poor, but Wear Shoes.

The poor of London are very poor. But how seldom—in comparison with the poor of almost any town abroad or with Newcastle, Dublin or Glasgow in these isles—do they let their children go bare-foot. An entirely unshod man or woman you may live a lifetime without seeing in London, and bare-legged children only in certain districts.—London Chronicle.

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