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LOOKING AHEAD

We knew a gentleman a number of years ago who, although quite wealthy, said that he could have been rich if his foresight had been as good as his hindsight, and we guess that is the condition of all of us—we see where the money was made after the opportunity is past, but somebody else got it.

But there are men whose astute business minds discern benefits to be enjoyed or conditions that threaten their business afar off and they align themselves either to take advantage of the profits offered or to avert the condition if loss to their profits is threatened.

In the past, and not very remote either, although we have not seen any of their literature for some time, there were a large number of men banded together and they spent money freely to make the public believe in a huge tariff. Were they working and paying out their money in the interests of the dear people? We doubt it since those same persons were willing to furnish us with a page of plate each week free if we would print it and all to further those same interests.

Just now we are receiving each month a bunch of free copy derogatory to Municipal Ownership, but we decline to do the work they want done.

Municipal ownership is growing and will become greater in the future, hence this class has become alarmed. They see a large share of profitable business being prosecuted by the public that was once conducted by private individuals, hence their alarm, and they wish to retard the tendency to operate municipal facilities.

The Naval Base at the Mouth of the Columbia River

By Rev. William Stewart Gordon

Since neighbor nations still insist
That the war of might is right,
We'd better keep our powder dry
And help them be polite.
So Uncle Samuel seems to think
That since this is the case,
He'd better guard his western line
With an extra Naval Base.

And he wants to put it at the spot
Where the skirmish would begin,
Right where the reckless visitor
Would come a-steamin' in.
And from Skagway down to Mexico,
Astoria is the place,
On this path to milk and honey
Is the normal Naval Base.

It's a sort of solar plexus
In Uncle Samuel's front,
Where any little scrapper
Would be sure to make him grunt.
Do you want the broad Columbia
To tempt an alien race?
Then put your fighting harness on
And get the Naval Base.

We have the ample harbor-line,
And the channel to the sea;
We guard the priceless hinterland,
And the millions yet to be;
Then whoop it up, and scoop it up,
And don't give up the chase,
Just hold the U. S. Congress up
Till you get the Naval Base.

Astoria, Feb. 21.—(Special)—There are rumors in the air that perhaps a little trading will take place in order to establish a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia; whispers that perhaps if Puget Sound will throw its influence with the Columbia basin for a flotilla of small boats to be stationed in the Columbia, then the Columbia basin will root to get large appropriations for Puget Sound.

As a bit of pork picking that would be very clever. But, thank you kindly, this is not hog-killing time!

This is a bit of business that must be taken very seriously. This is a matter touching upon the defense of the mouth to the shortest route from the Pacific coast to the Central West, and hence to the Atlantic seaboard.

Assuming that Puget Sound had a naval base three times the size of the present one, how much would the defensive strength of the Pacific coast be increased in case of war with England and her Japanese ally? Would it be increased at all? It would not! For there is a British naval station located at Esquimaux, halfway between Bremerton and the open sea, on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and at that point the Strait is just seventeen miles wide. It is questionable whether our fleet at the Sound would ever get out past that station.

We are not demanding this naval base for a protection in a war with this nation or that nation—we want to be ready to block any nation!

We want a first class station at the mouth of the Columbia because that is the most sensible geographic location on the Pacific coast to protect the greatest area of American soil.

There is no chance there to bottle up our ships and from there a fleet can be released to go to the rescue of the Puget Sound country.

To talk of trading at this time does not smack of patriotism. It smells of pawn broking. We of the Columbia river do not wish, under the circumstances, to have to rely upon assistance from five hundred miles away to defend the fruits of a generation of our toil and the pass into the heart of the nation.

We want a perfectly regular naval base of the first class, and this is the preponderating sentiment of the Columbia basin. There is no argument to be advanced against our having it. The fact that we are not adequately prepared for a contingency is a disgrace to us and a dawdling bit of evidence of our national carelessness. As citizens of America, and people who will foot our share of the bills, we demand that this coast be thoroughly prepared and that the mouth of the Columbia receive a naval base to fill the gaping hole in our naval defenses on the Pacific coast.

The very unbalanced conditions of the defenses of this Coast is so extraordinary that it makes a startling commentary on the recklessness of the future that is now stirring the whole nation. Most of the country is today shouting for adequate preparedness. The opinions for what adequate preparedness consists of, are varied.

Mr. Mann, leader of the Republicans in the house of Representatives, believes we should have an army and navy that can lick the whole world, and a little dog or two thrown in. If the people do not take him too seriously he will help the cause of national preparedness. If they do take him literally, they will be startled at the tremendous outlay his program calls for.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt calls for a professional army of two hundred thousand men, and the universal training in arms of the young men of the country on the lines of the Swiss system. This course, he maintains, will regenerate our spirit of nationalism by developing a will for public service.

President Wilson has just left the stump from which he has been calling on Americans to support him in his demand for a substantial appropriation for an adequate military and naval defense program.

Here then is the chief executive of the nation, Democrat, the leading Republican of the House, and the head of the Progressive party of the United States, for the first time in the history of the nation all singing the same tune on a great national issue.

If Russia is genuinely anxious to know what to do with its surplus stock of vodka, we suggest a want ad in the Charleston papers.

What has become of the old fashioned farmer boy who used to rub his head against a 'simon tree to cure a crick in his neck?

Another pathetic little feature of the situation is Japan pondering hard to see if there was anything she forgot to demand from China the first time.

We judge from the esteemed Congressional Record that the great trouble with some of our rising young statesmen is that they rise entirely too often.

Germany protests against the arming of Italian liners, and it does not seem strange that a nation doesn't want her women and children to be drowned if she can help it.

"Who Will Be The First to Meet Willard?" asks a headline. Somebody can have our proxy.

Though she won't join in, the Allies must admit that Hellas is paved with good intentions.

We suppose Wilhelm has come to feel that a boil on the stove is worth two on the neck.

Charity begins at home, and in nine cases out of ten it never gets farther than the front door.

We see by the papers that the Kaiser who is dying in Berlin has returned to the front.

We are just beginning to appreciate how the Ancient Mariner felt when he uttered that famous lament.

If the New York Tribune is so anxious to know "What is the Gary Plan?" why doesn't it ask T. R.

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WALTER L. TOOZE, JR.

NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY OREGON

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, her final account as executrix of the last will and testament of D. M. Hewitt, late of said County, deceased, and that said court has fixed the 27th day of March, 1916, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., as the time for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

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