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BOND NATION FOR HARBORS

Raise \$500,000,000 for Waterway Improvements.

On February 1, 1906, in seeking to impress upon the country the need of a broader view than it had taken as to the importance of developing its transportation facilities, having especial reference at that time to the development of the rivers and harbors of the country, the Manufacturers' Record said:

If it were possible by the touch of some magic wand to bring about over night the completion of all the river and harbor work which has for years been projected, and upon which the Government has annually spent a few paltry millions of dollars, it would be recognized that the annual saving to the country would far exceed the total cost of all the work. If the investment necessary to do this be \$500,000,000, the country would be benefited to a much greater extent in net earnings than this \$500,000,000, in addition to the tremendous expansion in every line of human activity which would follow as a natural result.

Great as may be the future value of the Panama Canal, revolutionizing upon the world's trade as its effect may be, well worth, when completed, if done within a reasonable time, the \$400,000,000, or \$500,000,000, which it will possibly cost, the worth of the Panama Canal will not be so great as would be the fullest development of our vast river system, furnishing ample water transportation for the increasing traffic of the country.

Then why not let the American people demand the immediate issuance of low interest rate bonds to a sufficient extent, whether that be \$500,000,000 or more, to carry out as rapidly as the work can be judiciously handled the full improvement of the Mississippi and the Ohio and all their tributaries, the construction of the inland waterway connecting the Hudson River and the Gulf, the Chicago and Mississippi Canal, the great works needed on the Pacific Coast and on the rivers of the South, and all the other river and harbor work, the importance of which has been fully recognized by the National Government?

In the light of these facts, the Manufacturers' Record suggests to the country that it give serious consideration to the issuance of sufficient bonds, \$500,000,000, more or less, as may be needed to carry out a broad plan of river and harbor improvements, in order that this generation may get the vast benefits to be derived from them, since the increased profit to the country by this work would almost certainly annually exceed the total investment.

That suggestion called forth a number of letters from leading business men and from some members of Congress. Some strongly favored the issuing of bonds, though several Congressmen opposed the idea. Some few members of the Rivers and Harbors Congress thought that the ground taken by the Manufacturers' Record was too much in advance of the sentiment of the country on the subject, and some of them in private conversation expressed the opinion that a suggestion of so broad a nature might do harm by the magnitude of the amount of money mentioned as necessary to be expended in this work. The position of the Manufacturers' Record, which so far as we know made the suggestion of \$500,000,000 bond issue in advance of any other publication or any individual in the country, has been justified. President Roosevelt, in an address discussing this subject said:

"Our natural resources are so related that the use of one affects the use of all the others. This is especially true of our waterways. We have neglected our waterways more than any other natural re-

source, and we must put an end to that neglect. The Inland Waterways Commission has told us how.

"First, let us prepare a comprehensive plan for inland waterway development along the lines pointed out by the commission. Such a plan must consider every use of the waters; it must put the interests of all the people in advance of any private interests whatsoever. The preparation of this comprehensive plan should begin at once.

"Second, let us proceed immediately with the construction of the waterways for which plans have already been approved and which we are now certain will fit into the outlines of the general plan. Our previous policy of procrastination, delay and fitful and partial action has borne its perfect fruit. Our waterways are deserted, and in return for our vast expenditures we have little or no actual navigation to show. The people are ready for a change. Let us have it, and at once. If we can pay the cost from current revenues, let us do so. If not, let us issue bonds. By either method let us have the waterways, and that quickly. The plan and the work can and should proceed together. While the work we are sure of is being begun the plan for the rest can be prepared.

"There must not be the slightest recklessness or waste of money. No work whatever should be undertaken that has not been thoroughly examined and fully approved by competent experts. Above all, not one cent should be expended to satisfy special interests, whether of a business or a locality, or to promote any man's political fortunes. Forests and waterways cannot be separated in any successful treatment of either. Forest protection and river development must go hand in hand."

President elect Taft has also put himself on record in favor of issuing bonds for river improvement work, and Mr. Carnegie, in his address in Washington a few days ago said:

"I was delighted to hear the President and the President-elect yesterday advocate the issuing of bonds for this great work, and to hear Vice-President Fairbanks indorse their sentiments this morning. The policy of issuing bonds needs no more proof. The improvement of our waterways will give back to the country tenfold the money expended."

On that point the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, at its meeting recently at Washington resolved that:

The Congress of the United States should at its present session authorize the issuance of bonds of the government to an amount of \$500,000,000 to be sold from time to time in such quantities as may be necessary, the proceeds of same to be used in the payment exclusively of such river and harbor work as shall be authorized by Congress; the provisions for the issuance of said bonds to be similar to those authorizing the bonds for the construction of the Panama Canal.

This is exactly the position taken by the Manufacturers' Record nearly three years ago.

In this case, as in many others the wisdom of the views of the Manufacturers' Record, though in advance of others, has been confirmed. More than a year before Mr. James J. Hill put forth his estimate, the Manufacturers' Record had taken the ground that \$5,000,000,000 was needed for the development of our railroad facilities to meet the growing traffic of the country. As the whole country has now accepted the correctness of our statement made several years ago, and constantly reiterated that \$5,000,000,000 is needed for railroad expansion, so the position of the Manufacturers' Record three years ago, that the Government should issue \$500,000,000 of bonds for river and harbor improvement, is accepted by the country at large as the wise thing.

Henrr Bright, aged nearly 81 years, died Dec. 29th at his home at Gravel Ford. He was a single man and an old-time miner of California.

MISS EVA SUGG WINS TROPHY.

Bright Coquille Girl Triumphant at North Bend.

A feeling of pride pervades the younger element of Coquille particularly over the victory achieved by Miss Eva Sugg, the bright young daughter of Mrs. Allen Collier, in the Frey Oratorical Contest at North Bend last Wednesday evening. The HERALD last issue told of Miss Sugg, accompanied by Prof. Anderson, going over to the bay town to take part in the final exercises. Of the young lady's triumph and the exercises generally the North Bend Harbor says:

The Frey Oratorical Trophy has gone to Coquille. Whatever hopes the North Bend school entertained, the beautiful loving cup, which L. A. Frey offered to the schools of Coos County as a permanent trophy for oratory, were shattered last evening when Miss Eva Sugg, representing the Coquille High School, delivered her splendid oration "From Slavery to Freedom."

Although it is regretted on every hand that the cup could not have remained in possession of the home school for at least the first year, the opinion is generally expressed that the decision of the judges has been fair, and that the deserving party has won the prize.

A large crowd filled Eekhoff Hall, where the contest was held, and after a short address of welcome and explanation by Superintendent Raab, followed by a piano duet by the Misses Miller and Applegate, Oscar B. Stauff delivered his oration on William McKinley.

Mr. Stauff's theme was well handled and he ranked well in thought and composition, but he failed in delivery. Had he put more fire into his oration and worked out a climax or two the decision of the judges could not have failed to award him the decision. He will do to watch in future contests.

Mrs. Cleaver rendered a vocal solo, "Queen of Earth" by D'Arcy Jaxone, in a very creditable manner. Miss Sugg, of Coquille, followed with her prize winner, "From Slavery to Freedom," and she had scarcely started before the majority of the audience had given her the laurels, unless Edith Alger, on whom many pinned their faith, exceeded their fondest expectations. Miss Sugg carried her oration through in a manner that showed no little ability on the part of the little lady from the city in the valley.

Dr. Bartle, L. A. Lilleqvist and J. D. Goss acted as judges on composition and thought, and awarded Oscar Stauff 79½, Edith Alger 82½ and Eva Sugg 78½. In oratory the committee, A. H. Derbyshire, W. H. Greenleaf and Rev. Bakin, gave them 80, 85 and 90, which brought the general averages up to 78½, 83½ and 84½, respectively.

After a reading by Miss Applegate, a take-off on the Webfoot people, L. A. Frey, whose presence on the stage was greeted by applause, announced the decision of the judges and presented the loving cup to Miss Sugg, who was immediately congratulated by the other two contestants.

This morning Mr. Frey expressed himself pleased with the decision of the judges, and said that although he would like to have North Bend win it the first year, that he was also glad to have Coquille carry it away, for he was sure there would be more interest next year in wrestling it from their possession than there would be in contending for it again in this city, it being his intention to hold the contest in the city in possession of the trophy.

The loving cup, which has been on exhibition at Frey's store the past week, is a beautiful piece of work and has attracted considerable attention. It is grey burnished silver, gold lined, standing 23½ inches high on the base, the whole encased in a globe 2½ feet high. It is the conventional design, three handled, and is ornamented on each side by a handsome Egyptian iris

design. There are 15 spaces for the names of winners, and if in that time one school has not won the trophy three times in succession, when it becomes their property permanently, six more spaces can be added. The cup was ordered through L. Barr, a local jeweler, from an eastern firm.

It is now in Frey's windows adorned with the victorious Coquille colors, and will be sent to Miss Eva Sugg to be presented by her to her school as soon as her name and the date of her victory is engraved in its place.

Finch Guilty in First Degree.

James A. Finch, the inebricate lawyer who shot in cold blood a fellow attorney named Fisher at Portland Nov. 28th, will probably wear a noose, as the circumstances in the case seem to justify. After but 28 minutes' deliberation the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree last Wednesday afternoon. This means hanging unless the Supreme Court changes the judgment.

Finch set up a very lame excuse of self defense at the trial, but everything went to prove that it was a most deliberate and cowardly murder, prompted simply by the fact that Fisher led the disbarment proceedings against Finch for disgraceful conduct. The deputy district attorney unmercifully flayed Finch in his address to the jury. The defendant's mother sat weeping in the courtroom as the verdict was read.

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Lady Burned to Death.

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The tragedy marks the third of a series of tragic deaths in the family, the husband and father, Walter Keating, having been drowned when the tug Fearless was lost off the Umpqua bar about twenty-one years ago, and the oldest son, Jesse Keating, having been accidentally killed in an accident in the old Dean mill a year ago last April.

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Ruef Gets 14 Years.

At San Francisco last Wednesday, when the defense had used its last expedient for delay, Judge Lawrence sentenced Abe Ruef, the convicted ex-loss and boodler, to fourteen years in the penitentiary. The sentence is the maximum in such cases. Ruef took the result without flinching. The spectators made no demonstration during the passing of sentence or afterward.

Notice of appeal was filed, and the court has signed a writ of probable cause. This will delay his going to the penitentiary until further legal procedure is gone through. There are still 113 indictments that hang over Ruef.

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