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PATRIOTISM—OUR MOTIVE

THAT "COMMON USER CLAUSE"

An interesting contest is going on at Coos Bay and its outcome will have the greatest influence on the future of that port, directly, and of all Coos county indirectly. In its endeavor to bottle up the harbor the Southern Pacific is using considerable finesse and it seems now as though it had a fighting chance to carry its point. It has the east side of the bay effectually under control; it has North Bend over a barrel; it needs is to capture Marshfield, and the trick is done, so far as the upper bay is concerned. What hold it has or may get on the remaining water front, from Pony inlet to South inlet no one seems to know or care.

Just now, the S. P. is trying openly to secure the franchise of the Terminal Railway Co. If that be turned over, then it is all off with Marshfield, so far as any other road is concerned. The "common user clause" of the Terminal Co. franchise is a joke—not to call it a harsher name. It is no more a common user clause than a rabbit. How so many wise men of Marshfield have rested in the assurance that under that franchise the terminal company must allow all railroads to run their trains over that road on equal terms passes understanding. Any school kid who has gone far enough to diagram a sentence (if sentences are still "diagramed") ought to be able to show that all this clause does is to compel the terminal company to receive and switch cars or trains over its lines at reasonable rates. This, as it is generally understood, all roads are compelled to do, and that is all the terminal company is compelled to do. The much-discussed clause reads as follows:

Section 11. The City of Marshfield expressly reserves the right and power to permit and allow any and every railroad company which shall desire to run its freight or passenger cars or trains of cars into or through the City of Marshfield upon Front street north, and Front street south, Broadway south, and Kruse avenue east, and any person, firm or corporation who shall desire to receive any freight cars at any warehouse or factory in said City of Marshfield to connect with the above main tracks of said grantees, their heirs or assigns, with proper spurs or switches, and to require said grantees, their heirs or assigns to receive said cars or trains of cars and transport and switch the same on and over said tracks at such uniform and reasonable rates, and under reason-

able regulations as the City of Marshfield may by ordinance fix and order, and this shall apply to their roads constructed on rights of way acquired over private property on its road where steam may be used in said city.

For a confusing conglomeration of words this would be hard to beat, but no one can possibly read more than one meaning into it by any of the rules of English as she is wrote. To clarify it somewhat, we have printed in italics above the clauses which, coming where they do seem to send the wits of the reader on a wool-gathering expedition. Skip the italics as you read, and the meaning is perfectly plain: "any and every railroad company" may connect up with the terminal tracks and "require said grantees to receive said cars or trains of cars and transport or switch the same" over the terminal tracks. There is no shadow of a provision that other roads may run their own trains over the tracks. The Marshfield city attorney says he thinks the clause is a good common user clause. It is not a question of law; it is a question of the plain meaning of language. If Marshfield allows itself to be bamboozled into letting the S. P. get control of the terminal road under such a franchise, it will have only itself to blame. J. W. Bennett and J. H. Flanagan long ago expressed a perfect willingness to accept a revision of the disputed clause, and a revision was in fact prepared, then the council returned to its slumbers. If the S. P. gets the franchise in its present condition it will have the whole upper bay effectually corked and sealed.

GET OUT

The resolution amending the constitution so that only taxpayers can vote on bond issues should be adopted. It is not just that irresponsible persons should be permitted to vote heavy burdens on the taxpayers. They bear none of the burden, but are every ready to vote for any fool thing that will increase the load of the ones who have acquired a little property.—Jefferson Review.

Get off the earth, you "irresponsible persons" who own no property on which you pay a tax. You "bear none of the burdens." You are contributing the rent money which enables your landlord to pay his taxes; you are contributing the added profit which the merchant must add to his selling price in order to meet his taxes. You are working for a little lower wages in order that the manufacturer may meet his taxes. You are taking a little less for everything you sell and paying a little more for everything you buy, so that the "property owner" may pay his taxes, but you "bear none of the burdens." What right have you to "vote for any fool thing that will increase the load of the ones who have" made enough out of your labor or your trade to acquire a little property? You ought not to be allowed to vote at all, for the officials elected by your votes have the power to spend the money wrung from those who have accumulated a little property.

How can you be interested in good government? You "have no stake in the country." It is true that you may be raising a family and may imagine that you ought to have something to say about the conditions under which you must live and rear your children; but what's a wife and a few children compared to "a little property?"

You are "irresponsible;" you are an "undesirable citizen;" you are just laying for a chance to rob your neighbor, the taxpayer. Get out!

MR. GEER'S STATEMENT

Significant statements were made by ex-Governor Geer at the Lane banquet Friday evening. He said he believed Statement One had become so firmly grounded in the public mind in Oregon that even if the pledge were not taken by members, the legislative body would feel bound to ratify the people's choice. He said that though it had been a hard lesson for many to learn, he believed the manner of Senator Lane's election showed it to be the better method. Possibly it is so. It would be were men of sense and sobriety elected to the legislature.

But with the legislature as the dumping ground of such a considerable percentage of unfits and flat-heads, there is no telling what might happen. It is beyond the bounds of speculation to divine what might not be done by such a menagerie of impossibles as might at any time be elected.

It is however reassuring to the cause of people's election of senator in Oregon, for a man of the intelligence of ex-Governor Geer not only to declare Statement One to be irrevocably established, but to himself publicly acknowledge its efficiency. It is the true attitude for all leaders of political thought in Oregon to maintain. The failure to do so has produced in this state a large crop of political cadavers.

Incidentally, if the Mays law had contained a Statement One provision, ex-Senator Geer would probably have served in the United States senate, the term that fell to ex-Senator Fulton. Geer received the popular vote and under the Mays law, was entitled to the legislative choice.

But those were the days of senatorial riot and ruin at Salem, and there was no mandate of the people that the legislature felt bound to respect. The struggle continued forty legislative days and the election took place on the last night of the session eight or ten minutes after midnight.—Portland Journal.

NATIONAL WATER-POWER

(Saturday Evening Post)
In water-power the Federal Government owns out-right a national asset the present value of which is great and the future value hardly calculable. Most of the other so-called natural resources of the country that were once public property have been given to private owners, with little or no compensation to the public. Upon some of them great individual fortunes have been built.

No water-power that is publicly owned today should be surrendered to private ownership upon any conditions whatever; neither should it be leased except with explicit reservation to the Government of broad powers of regulation over rates and service of railroads that were created mainly by private capital. There can be no reasonable question of its duty to reserve a like right with respect to publicly owned water-power; and there should be a reasonable compensation to the public for use of it.

There ought to be no dispute about these propositions; but unfortunately Washington is so obsessed by antimongopoly notions that it may waste the public water-powers through excessive fear lest they be captured by some monopolistic bogey of its feverish dreams. It may hedge them about with foolish conditions that will keep them idle. Reserving broad power of regulation over rates and service, so that the capital invested can never earn more than a reasonable return, what ground remains for fearing a monopoly? In case of a water power it is hardly feasible to prescribe that every citizen who wishes to travel a mile shall draw his barrelful of water, convert it into electric current and propel himself the desired distance. If Washington is going to deal with this subject in a horror of all large aggregations of capital it will get nowhere.

The Sentinel says that the Herald's suggestion that literature be prepared for mailing in answer to inquires from the outside had been adopted a week or ten days before the Herald said anything about it. That just corroborates the old adage that great minds run in the same channel.

The garden seeds that Knowlton sells are northern grown—are fresh stock and the best seed it is possible to produce. Three papers rec. Knowlton's Drug Store.

CLEAN-UP DAYS

The following from the Bandon Recorder is worthy the attention of every country town in Oregon—and of some of larger growth:

At the last meeting of the Women's Commercial Club, a "Clean-Up Day" was proposed. It was finally decided to set aside one day in the first week of April for that purpose.

As we walk the streets of our city how many unsightly yards and corners are seen. The streets also are littered and untidy; often tin cans and other rubbish are dumped by the roadside to offend the eye of every passer by. More attention should be given this matter by the city authorities, and will in time undoubtedly.

Meanwhile the ladies propose to remedy conditions in some degree. First by securing a place where rubbish of all sorts can be dumped and burned as far as possible. Second, by arousing every one to the necessity of making our city neat and thus more attractive. Third, by setting a day for general spring clean up when they will provide teams to cart away the rubbish.

Let every citizen "get busy" and clean up their individual yards, and beautify them as much as they can. Try and have your own surroundings in a cleanly condition, and then on "clean-up day," give a hearty co-operation in the street and vacant lot cleaning. The children can do much to help in this. Their bright eyes, active feet and willing hands can accomplish much. Begin now, citizens, all who have the welfare of the city at heart and clear out the unsightly, unhealthy spots. Let us have a clean city to attract and not repel the people who may come here.

Will Build Another Boat

A. F. Estabrook of San Francisco has been on Coos Bay figuring on the building of a new vessel. He has not yet let the contract but has been negotiation with Kruse and Banks the North Bend ship builders. The new vessel will be a little larger than the steamer Fish which the Estabrook company now operates out of Bandon.

The Tidewater Lumber company mill on the Siuslaw river is to be open for operation March 1st and Mr. Estabrook has secured the contract for carrying that lumber from the mill. The new vessel it is understood will be used on the Siuslaw run. Pending the building of the new boat some other vessel will be on the run for the Tidewater Mill.—Marshfield Record.

When Burton Holmes recently gave his celebrated travelogue on "Panama" at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, he was seriously interrupted by continual coughings of the audience. No one annoys will fully and if people with coughs, colds, hoarseness and tickling in throat would use Foley's Honey & Tar Compound, they could quickly cure their coughs, and colds and avoid this annoyance. Fuhman's Pharmacy.



Leave your call with Big Ben, he'll call you on the dot at any time you say.

And if you roll over and try "just-one-more- nap," he'll repeat his call 30 seconds later and keep on calling until you're wide awake.

Big Ben stands 7 inches tall—He's heavy, massive, handsome. He's got a great, big dial you can easily read in the dim morning light, a sunny deep toned voice you'll hear distinctly on your sleepiest mornings.

I've placed him in the window look at him when ever you go by

W. H. SCHROEDER
The Jeweler
COQUILLE, OREGON

Cause for Alarm

Loss of appetite or distress after eating—a symptom that should not be disregarded.

It is not what you eat but what you digest and assimilate that does you good. Some of the strongest, healthiest persons are moderate eaters. Nothing will cause more trouble than a disordered stomach, and many people contract serious maladies through disregard or abuse of the stomach.

We urge all who suffer from indigestion, or dyspepsia, to try Rosall Dyspepsia Tablets, with the understanding that we will refund the money paid us without question or formality, if after use you are not perfectly satisfied with results.

We recommend Rosall Dyspepsia Tablets to customers every day, and have yet to hear of one who has not been benefited. We believe them to be without equal. They give prompt relief, aiding to neutralize acidity, stimulate flow of gastric juice, strengthen the digestive organs, and thus promote perfect nutrition and correct unhealthy symptoms. Three sizes, 25 cents, 50 cents, and \$1. You can buy Rosall Dyspepsia Tablets in this community only at our store:

FUHRMAN'S PHARMACY

Coquille, Oregon
There is a Rosall Store in nearly every town and city in the United States, Canada and Great Britain. There is a different Rosall Remedy for nearly every ordinary human ailment especially designed for the particular ill for which it is recommended. The Rosall Stores are America's Greatest Drug Stores.

The Herald is in receipt from the U. S. Department of Agriculture of the "Monthly List of Publications" for January. The list is too long to publish here, but it contains many titles which should be of interest to every one engaged in agriculture. The list is sent regularly to every one who applies for it, and we would suggest that our farmers and fruit growers send their names to the Division of Publications, Washington, D. C., to be placed on the mailing list.

Henry Nebin, of Boise, Ariz., was convicted of a misdemeanor and sentenced to the county jail at Yuma. He was given his ticket and commitment papers and set out for the county seat unattended. While at Maricopa he was robbed of his cash and commitment papers, but proceeded to Yuma. The sheriff refused to receive him because he had no papers. That's what you call hard luck.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN COQUILLE CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Frank H. Adams, Pastor.

Christian Science Society
Corner Third and Hall streets.
Services at 11 a. m. next Sunday. Subject lesson sermon "Spirit." Wednesday evening meeting 7:30.

M. E. Church South
Services Sunday as usual.
Services next Sunday as usual Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.
You are invited to be present.
C. H. CLAIVES, Pastor.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL.
Services first and third Sundays of each month. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m.
You are heartily welcome.
Archdeacon Wm. Horsfall, rector.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., except third Sunday of each month.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening of each week at 7:30.
You are cordially invited to all these services.

T. B. McDonald, Minister

Socialists Have Plans

A Socialist convention was held here last Saturday, the locals at Bandon, Marshfield and Coquille being represented. Plans were formulated for the proposal of organizing a county local of which all the existing locals are to be branches. These plans will be submitted to a referendum vote of the membership for approval or rejection. If carried out, the new plan embodies the employment of a paid secretary to devote all his time to the work of organization.

Licenses to Wed

County Clerk Watson issued the following marriage licenses during the week:
William Smith and Ella Long.
Carl E. Matthews and Stella L. Culbertson.
George L. Watters and Florence E. Dye.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Booneville, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. For sale by all druggists.

"CORONET" GERMAN ALUMINUM WARE

A high buff polish outside, "sun ray" inside. Extra heavy rolled edge on cooking utensils. Not the cheap, light weight, but heavy, high grade goods.

- LIPPED SAUCE PANS
20 centimeters, \$1.10
22 centimeters, \$1.30
24 centimeters, \$1.50
- PRESERVING KETTLES
22 centimeters, \$1.50
26 centimeters, \$2.00
- BERLIN KETTLES, COVERED
20 centimeters, \$2.25
21 centimeters, \$3.40
- TEA KETTLES
26 centimeters, \$4.55
- LADLES
9 centimeters, 40c
- PUDDING PANS
20 centimeters, 65c
24 centimeters, \$1.05
- RICE BOILERS
14 centimeters, \$2.55
- PIE PLATES
25 centimeters, 50c

ANDERSON

New and Second-Hand Goods

TO COMPLETE ROAD BEFORE NEXT FALL

Encouraging Assurances From a Man in Whose Word the People Believe

(Marshfield Record)
Thomas Dixon representative of the MacArthur and Perks company construction department, who has just returned to North Bend from a business trip to Eugene, says that his firm will be building the railroad at the Coos Bay end of the route immediately. The company is now assembling construction material at both San Francisco and Portland and part of it will commence to arrive here within the next two weeks. The company will bring in steam shovels, dump cars, track iron and everything necessary to railroad building.

Crews will be assembled immediately to commence the work of clearing the right of way between Coos Bay and the Umpqua river and men will be on the ground next week. There is about 17 miles of this work to be done between the bridge site and the south portal of the tunnel. Camps will be established along the route and the work is expected to be completed within a very short time.

Mr. Dixon says the contractors on the Eugene end of the line have orders to get the railroad ready for operation from Eugene to tidewater by next fall and they are expending every energy towards that end. The tunnel will be completed at Noti before summer and the work will then be greatly advanced since the material can be brought in that way from the main line.

Ex-Printer Now Farmer.

L. J. Roberts, formerly one of the proprietors of the Myrtle Point Enterprise, was in town Friday. He is now located on a farm at Bridge and says he is well satisfied at the change to pure air from the atmosphere of printer's ink and lead poison. He is paying considerable attention to apple culture and says that last season he raised bellflowers that went 38 to the box, and he has realized good prices for his output.

A Home Industry.

A. R. Wilmont assistant manager of the North Bend Sash and Door factory, was on the river last week on one of his monthly business trips. His firm is furnishing the furnishings for the new city hall here, as well as for several buildings at Myrtle Point. The North Bend plant is equipped to furnish anything in its line needed in Coos county, and our builders have no reason to send their money out of the county for what they need. They can "keep their money at home" and save freight bills too.

Str. Elizabeth

Regular as the Clock
San Francisco and Bandon
First-class fare only \$7.50
Up freight, per ton 3.00

E. & E. T. Kruse
24 California Street, San Francisco

For Reservations
NOSLER & NORTON
Agents, Coquille, Oregon

Str. Brooklyn

Plying Between
San Francisco and Bandon
First-class fare only \$7.50
Up freight, per ton 3.00

Sudden & Christiansen
Agents, San Francisco, California

For Reservations
NOSLER & NORTON
Agents, Coquille, Oregon

VITAGRAPH NIGHT

A BIG FEATURE AT THE SCENIC TONIGHT "AS YOU LIKE IT"

Featuring Rose Coghlan, the famous actress, and Maurice Costello, the popular Vitagraph favorite. This is one of Shakespeare's noted stories told in three big reels. A feature par excellence.

A good comedy reel will be shown entitled "ALKALI IKE'S CLOSE SHAVE," featuring that funny comedian, ALKALI IKE.