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LET US LOOK AT IT SQUARELY!

The port district is unnecessary. This fact is being generally grasped by intelligent citizens despite the frantic attempts of the port district boosters to picture Tacoma as a city whose glory has departed.

The people do not believe Tacoma is going back. The Times does not believe it. We know Tacoma is the best city on the coast, made such by the progressive citizenship which will continue to keep her in the lead.

John T. Bibb's letter in the Times last night shows the true relation of things and almost exactly expresses the attitude of this paper. We do not need a port district. If it is plans we want, we have those of Virgil Bogue, the greatest expert in the world.

The Times is for development. We stood for it in the acquiring of the Municipal dock, which most of the present port district boosters opposed. We stood for it, and fought alone for it, in getting the municipal power plant which most of the port district boosters fought bitterly.

The Times wants development, progressive advancement, but it does not believe in using the people's money to gamble, to speculate in margins, nor plunge into tax eating schemes for the creation of new jobs.

President Savage of the Commercial club says tideloft owners have not contributed "as yet" to boost the port district. The bill board campaign, the big headquarters with paid agents, and the literature all smacks of a big slush fund and while tideloft owners may not "as yet" have paid for it, it must be that a studied effort has been made to create the situation so this letter could be written at this time.

But it matters little who puts up the slush fund. The question is, do the people want to burden themselves with another commission to pile taxes upon them when they can get all they need or want through what they now have?

Good men, no doubt, have been swept to the support of this port district scheme—albeit they are rapidly being swept away from it now that they are looking into it, AND GOOD MEN HAVE BEEN DECEIVED BEFORE. Some of them opposed the power plant, some the municipal dock, BUT THE CITIZENS ARE FEW INDEED NOW WHO DO NOT ADMIT THAT THE TIMES WAS RIGHT IN ITS DEMAND FOR THESE UTILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF TACOMA.

We need some development now and we are going to get it, without a port commission to forever prevent manufacturing activity by high taxes and to drive home owners into bankruptcy.

Cutting the cost of government does not mean necessarily the cessation of progress. We want fewer jobs, not more as we would get through a new port commission.

The same people who will vote on the port commission April 7 in Tacoma, will vote on a city commission. If they are competent to pick a port commission that would give development, they are competent to pick a city commission that will give the same development without the additional burden of another taxing board for the people to carry on their backs forever.

REMEMBER, ONCE CREATED, THE PEOPLE CAN NEVER AGAIN GET RID OF THIS NEW BOARD WITH POWER TO TAX THEM.

REPEAL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—By a vote of 247 to 161 the House of representatives last evening adopted the resolution to repeal the provision of the canal bill exempting American vessels from payment of tolls.

JOHNSON SAYS HE SOLD NO MATCH STOCK

A. R. Titlow in the port district meeting last night, in an endeavor to discredit Harry H. Johnston, who has been exposing the fallacy of the port district scheme, declared Johnston was one of the men who years ago sold stock in the old defunct match factory on the tidelifts.

REJECT PLANS

NORTH YAKIMA, April 1.—Plans for a branch road, to be known as the Richland Northern Railroad company, to connect Richland and Hanford, and giving right-of-way from the Milwaukee road to the Oregon Short Line or the North Bank road, were presented for filing yesterday at the land office, but refused because the land is not all in this district. It is believed to be a Milwaukee project.

Federals Try to Regain Torreon

EL PASO, April 1.—Strenuous efforts to relieve Torreon are being made by federals. Yesterday's announcement received from Juarez of the city's capture by the rebels proved erroneous. How it came to be sent, Gen. Carranza, who made it public, did not know. Confirmation has been received of earlier reports that federal reinforcements are approaching the city by forced marches.

45,000 Quit Jobs

CLEVELAND, O., April 1.—Forty-five thousand Ohio coal miners quit work today. Their wage agreement with the employers expired at midnight. Representatives could not come to terms with the employers on the new scale.

It's One On The Skipper

The "Skipper" is not a sea captain, but he is foreman of longshoremen. This morning he was called up and asked to get a gang and come to work at the coal bunkers. Gathering 18 men he set forth blithely.

APRIL FOOL!



REDFIELD COMES TO TACOMA

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR MUCH IMPRESSED WITH POSSIBILITIES IN NORTHWEST — "UNTHINKABLE," HE DECLARES IN COMMENTING ON THIS REGION'S FUTURE.

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BURLY THUGS IN NORTH END BEAT WOMAN

Waiting for a Point Defiance street car at North 45th and Pearl streets early last evening, Mrs. Ethel Gibson, wife of Joseph Gibson, 4508 North Bristol street, was roughly attacked by two strange men.

STATE BANKS PROSPEROUS SAYS REPORT

OLYMPIA, April 1.—State banks of Washington show a healthy condition in reports to W. E. Hanson, examiner, in response to the call of March 4, the second of the year.

Railroads Lose

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—Every American railroad, especially those in the east, is losing money on freight traffic as a result of the enforced low rates, according to representatives made before the Interstate commerce commission today by F. A. Delano, president of the Monon railroad.

SCHOOL FOR ELECTION OFFICERS

The city council this morning made a place for \$1,000 of the people's money by boosting the pay of election judges and clerks for next Tuesday from \$3 to \$5.

Trying to Agree

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—Representatives of the owners of Central Pennsylvania mines and the employees are trying to agree today on a wage schedule superceding the one expiring April 3.

OCTOGENARIAN WOMAN NEEDS HELP BADLY



Mrs. B.A. Lockwood

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—Friends of Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, octogenarian woman lawyer, have made an appeal for financial assistance for her. A heavy mortgage is said to hang over her home.

FEAR MOB MAY TRY TO LYNCH MURDER BANDIT

MOUNT VERNON, April 1.—With the anger of Mount Vernon residents increasing hourly to the extent that an attempted jail delivery is feared, dozens of extra guards were placed about the Mount Vernon county jail today when Charles Hopkins, the "tot-toed bandit," is confined.

All Right, Hump, It's Up to You!

SEATTLE, April 1.—The following telegram was sent to Congressman Humphrey today by Thomas R. Horner, a leading attorney, and a number of prominent citizens: "We have read your brilliant speech declaring your own and America's willingness to fight the world."

NEWS SUPPLEMENT

(Issued as often as it comes out. Free with every copy of the Times. All the LATE news. Everything absolutely incorrect.)

A DAY OF FOLLY

This is a peculiar day. It is very fine for the nuts, withal. Place no trust in human nature today. If some kind friend says you have been left a fortune, express your gratitude by awaiting him with a rock.

LOCAL ITEMS

Harry Phelps has an awful sore toe today. He kicked a hat with a brick under it.

FATAL MISTAKE

Dr. Royal A. Gove laughed long and loudly today when some small boys yelled after him that he had dropped a dollar, but he isn't giggling now. He did drop it.

FLOODED WITH ANSWERS

The puzzle editor is flooded with replies from interested readers, who give their reasons why five and five are eleven. Remember \$1,000 is offered for the right solution. Contest closes May 1.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

C. J. Langford says he should be elected mayor because he is in sympathy with the port district. Evidently he doesn't want to be elected.

THE TANGOMASTER'S BRIDE

By Robert W. Chambermaid. (Yesterday's instalment was stolen by the office boy. We are very sorry.)

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Lucky. Just as Guinevera and her lover were about to fly in the aeroplane, a stern command was heard, and the cruel father appeared. In his hand was a trusty revolver. Very calmly, he told them he was going to kill them both.

SYMPATHY'S LETTERS

Q.—Who originated April Fool's day?—Crazy As A Loon. A.—We don't answer fool questions.

CLEAR GOVERNOR

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 1.—Governor Emmet O'Neal was cleared of any knowledge or complicity in the embezzlement of Theodore Lacy, a state official, by the grand jury called at his request.

To Make 'em Pay

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The senate is scheduled to vote late today on Senator Robinson's proposal to limit the free postage of congressmen and senators to \$600 worth annually.