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## THREE SUGGESTIONS.

Now that the new charter has passed, it is presumed that the millennial dawn for Corvallis is very near. In the past, if anything were unsatisfactory or went wrong in a civic way, officials insisted that the lack of a charter was responsible, and the people finally came to the conclusion that the representation was correct, hence the acceptance of the new charter yesterday. The document is supposed to remedy defects of the old charter and to add a few extra up-to-date provisions, so officials can no longer fall back upon the old excuse. It is theirs to be up and doing, not hurriedly but temperately and sanely. It is theirs to put into action all the forces available for the betterment of Corvallis as a place in which to live and die happily. This can not be done in a minute, and should not be if it could, for usually it is best to make haste slowly. The Gazette-Times has no desire to serve as a mentor for the council, but it would suggest at this time there are a few matters wherein action can be taken hastily, however, without danger:

1—Passage of an ordinance requiring all business houses within city limits built in the future to be constructed of something other than wood.

2—The appointment of that Park Commission—if possible, with power to regulate planting and removal of trees and shrubbery outside of property lines, as well as with supervision of all public grounds.

3—Condemnation of the few extremely bad board walks.

There are many great needs, but these will force themselves upon the attention of the people and the council. For a substantial city and a city beautiful the provisions named are even more necessary than some of the very apparent needs, hence the suggestions at this time. The council can take action on these three questions at any single meeting night. The Gazette-Times would like to publish before September 15 the fact that the council had taken favorable action as hoped for.

But the stubborn old thing probably wouldn't do it, just because the suggestion has been made, so there!

## NO DANGER OF HASTE.

A fear that officials clothed with greater power might push too strenuously along progressive lines, led some men to vote against the new charter. Men in favor of a certain amount of improvement at such times as it will not prove too burdensome on taxpayers, voted against the charter simply for the reason that talk of street paving, side walks, curbs, water works, etc., had rasped their nerves too strenuously. These had begun to feel that the instant a new charter

was passed the city of Corvallis would be turned topsy-turvy, perhaps plunged heavily into debt, and property owners all but forced to dispose of their holdings in order to keep from going to the poor-house. Imagination can greatly increase the size of an apparent but misunderstood danger, and this paper feels that an excited imagination caused more than a few votes to go wrong yesterday. The Gazette-Times has confidence in the present council as a safe and sane combination anxious to push improvements, but not more rapidly than a majority of the citizens desire. The city council is more than likely to wait for petitions in the matter of large improvements rather than attempt to force any situation. Doubtless it will show a progressive spirit, and exhibit a real stiff backbone in matters where it has been forced to attempt bluffs heretofore, but beyond this the council is more than likely to look for inspiration from the people whose servants it is. The city council is composed of fairly able and well-intentioned men who will hardly abuse the power entrusted to them. The Gazette-Times looks for a successful administration and believes that all who voted against the charter yesterday will yet be pleased that their own will met with defeat.

## A SANE PROPOSAL

A new source of government revenue has been devised by Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, and he feels confident that its adoption would bring millions into the treasury. He believes also that it would add materially to the average length of human life in this country. His scheme is to levy a tax of \$2 and 25 per cent ad valorem on every revolver, dirk, stilleto, bowie knife, or pair of metal knuckles manufactured in or imported into this country. He proposes that there be a tax of one-tenth to one-fifth a cent each on cartridges, according to size. All of which is covered by a bill introduced by Sisson and now pending in congress.

"I estimate," he says, "that the tax on weapons would produce about \$1,500,000 and on cartridges \$500,000 a year. There is no use for a pistol or stilleto but to kill. Those who use them cause the government much expense and there is no reason why they should not contribute to the treasury. Tobacco, whisky and cards are subject to taxation and it would be well enough to add an assessment on the owners of deadly weapons. It would be better to tax pistols and not plows, cartridges and not corn planters."

## A TERRIBLE HAPPENING

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the cavern Mrs. Ellis sat, fanning her husband with her hat, while the blood flowed freely from the man's face over the grief-stricken woman's hands and body.

Realizing that she had been deserted, Mrs. Ellis made cry for help, but no answer came, save the echo of the caves. Thus she sat for four hours, nursing the dying man and hoping for aid. In her desperate efforts to save his life she tore up her white undershirt and filled the wound with bits of rags to stop the ebbing life blood, until finally he died.

## Crawls, Saturated With Blood.

Exhausted and nearly overcome with grief, Mrs. Ellis began to crawl on her hands and knees over the slippery floor in an effort to find the guide string, which fortunately had not been broken in the retreat. This she secured to a rock and laid it on her dead husband's body, with the intent, if she failed to reach the mouth of the cave, of returning there.

Then, with her clothes saturated with blood from wounds of her husband, Mrs. Ellis started out and by fortunate circumstances finally reached a line of light and the cave entrance, and thence walked over the precipitous mountain to a settlement nearly four miles away.

## Woman Presents Awful Sight.

The sight presented by the unfortunate woman was awful. Smearred from head to foot with blood, her clothing torn, her hair hanging and disheveled, the unfortunate woman's appearance shocked all beholders.

She was brought here today, a nervous wreck, after a strain of 30 hours, five of which she had spent in the dark recesses of the cave watching the life of her husband ebb away. Her condition is precarious.

Officers say a most groomsome sight was presented where the body was found, as the opening through which he had attempted to enter was bespattered with blood and his brains. In the fall his skull had been cracked.

The strangest feature of the case, which cannot be fathomed at this time, is the action of Vineyard and the women in not returning to the cave. After their panic-stricken bolt from the cave, they notified Joe Fetzer of what had occurred. He went to the nearest telephone and summoned aid, but Vineyard and his party were so excited and frightened that they hastened to his father's ranch at the head of Williams Creek and could not be prevailed upon to return.

M. D. Ellis, father of the victim, arrived today from Dallas and will take charge of the body, which is expected to arrive here some time this evening.

## Letter List

The following letters remain uncalled

for in the Corvallis Ore. P. O., for the week ending July 31, 1909:

M. J. Cannon, H. Haroon, Mrs. Mary Park, Wilbur B. Storer, Johann Ploner (foreign).

B. W. Johnson, Postmaster.

## Notice to Our Patrons

During the month of August we will open for business at seven o'clock and close at five o'clock, Saturdays excepted.

J. M. Nolan & Son.  
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Frank Wilson left Sunday for Newport on a week's outing.

## Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the Estate of Mary Mitchell deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of said Mary Mitchell deceased, by the county court of Benton county, state of Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate of Mary Mitchell deceased, are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned, at her residence 10 miles south of Corvallis, Oregon or at the law office of E. E. Wilson in Corvallis, Oregon.

Dated this July 30 1909.  
ANNA L. JONES, Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Mitchell, deceased.

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## Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.  
July 20, 1909.  
Notice is hereby given that Arthur Rust, of Alsea, Oregon, who, on December 21, 1903, made Homestead Entry, No. 12295, S. R. 0292, for 2 1/2 of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 10 Township 15 South, Range 8 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before County Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on the 28th day of August, 1909.

He names as witnesses: G. E. Peters, of Alsea, Oregon; Thos. Taylor, of Alsea, Oregon; Ernest H. Sapp, of Alsea, Oregon; J. F. Sapp, of Denzer, Oregon.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.  
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Proposals For Central Agricultural Building and Green Houses.

Sealed proposals, plainly marked on the outside of the envelope, "Proposals for the Agricultural building, and also for the Green Houses, for the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or.," and addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Regents, E. E. Wilson, at the college office, until 2 o'clock P. M. of August 14, 1909., for the construction of a four story agricultural building, and for the construction of Green Houses, at Corvallis, Or., in strict accordance with the plans, specifications and instructions to bidders which may be examined at the office of the secretary, at the college, and at the office of the architects, Benes, Hendricks & Thompson, 67 Labbe Bldg., Portland, Or. 6-26 e.o. d.-9t

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