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BIG FIGHT SURE TO COME HERE

MONEY AND RELATIONSHIP CERTAIN TO FIX THINGS PROPERLY

THE JOHNSONS URGE JACK

Peter Rickard is Relative of Tex Rickard; Johnsons Belong to Same Family as Big Fighter; Sam Wyatt Puts Up Big Money

Prospects of Corvallis securing the big prize-fight between Jeffries and Johnson have grown brighter. Peter Rickard is the relative after whom Tex Rickard, the fight promoter, was named. Wireless messages that have passed between them since yesterday morning offer the assurance that when Messrs. Rickard, Pun Avery and Sam Wyatt get to San Francisco they will undoubtedly be able to make satisfactory arrangements. The addition of Mr. Wyatt, who has recently sold his large ranch, is another golden spike driven, for this will enable the company to raise the bid from \$115,000 to \$175,000 without batting an eye. With Pete Rickard using all the persuasion there is in blood relationship and Mr. Wyatt putting up more coin than any other combination has yet offered, the local sports have occasion to feel that the next 4th of July in Corvallis, the date of the big fight, will, at least in a small way, surpass the demonstration of last year. It is expected that the fight will draw a crowd of not less than 30,000, and at the Fourth of July celebration last year there were a few less than 29,000. If it hadn't rained the other thousand would probably have shown up. As a precautionary measure, members of this company got in touch with "The Weather Man" in the "Land of Nod" here recently and induced him to guarantee perfect weather on July 4, 1910.

Palace Theater

Wednesday and Thursday Nights

Vaudeville--

The McKenzie Merry Makers will present "The Man in Mexico" A pretty three-act comedy-drama

Motion Picture Program

"Dora" Dramatized from Tennyson's great poem—12 acts, full of life interest.

"Children of the Sea" An absorbing story of the Breton Coast depicting the tragic fate of a sailor's sweetheart.

"The Bridegroom's Joke" Showing that the unexpected usually happens when friends interfere in the course of true love. A delightful comedy.

"Dirigible Balloons at St. Louis" The recent meet of the Aero Club showing the start, flight and landing of the big balloons.

A rumor that Mr. Johnson, the dusky champion, has his mind set on fighting at Colma or Goldfield is dispelled by members of the Johnson family in Corvallis. While Jack has been predisposed to one of the places

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WANTS CITY TO BUILD BRIDGE

County Farmer Would Help, but Says Corvallis Should Take Lead.

Wells, Ore., Dec. 13, 1909.

Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:

Corvallis papers claim that Corvallis and Benton county want a bridge across the river. Some people in Linn county want a bridge and personally I think if built on something like fair and equitable terms that everybody would like to see a bridge there.

However, in considering the matter, who would be the principal beneficiaries of this much desired improvement? There is no question as to the principal benefits going to Corvallis and the people across the river in Linn county, as few people in the country would be benefited in any particular except in a very limited degree in any distinct way, as they personally do not care whether there is a bridge or not any further than they are interested in the general welfare of their county and the people generally.

Now with these conditions plainly in evidence and a well known fact to every resident of Benton county, I would ask what does Corvallis and the people of Linn county, who want the bridge, propose to do in regard to it? What proportion of the bridge will Corvallis and the people of Linn county who want the bridge built, providing the county or rather the people in the county that have no use for a bridge, stand in with you for the rest?

I think a good thing to do would be to start something on the plan of our neighboring town. When they saw the need of a bridge they did not look to their county to build it for their special benefit, but did it largely themselves, with a little help from the people of Benton county who were interested in a bridge at that place.

I would suggest that when there is a kick about the ferry you find out how much a change is desired in \$\$\$ and also that Corvallis take some step to show what she is willing to do considering she is to be the principal beneficiary of such improvement.

Personally, I believe the ferry could be improved and made to accommodate all the people promptly and at any time and kept up at a much less expense than a bridge, but if Corvallis wants a bridge for her own special benefit and is willing to divide the expense with the county in proportion to benefits received, I think there will be very little, if any, kick coming from any part of the county.

R. N. WILLIAMSON.

This office is in receipt of several communications which it is impossible to use in this issue. It takes time to put these into type and when there is a flood of communications and advertising it is hard to handle. The articles will appear tomorrow.

ATTORNEY BRYSON SAYS THE COLLEGE CAN NOT PROVE EXPENSE TO CITY

GIVES ELABORATE OPINION ON LEGAL AND MORAL PHASE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF COLLEGE GROUNDS

WILL NOT HAVE TO SUPPLY WATER, SEWER OR LIGHTS FREE

City Will Have Police Authority over Grounds and That is All----City Attorney Tells Why it is an Advantage to Assume this Control, and Gives Moral Reasons Why College Should be Brought Within the Limits----Can not Understand Why Anyone Should Want to Exclude It.

Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:—

My attention is called to an inquiry made through your paper concerning the reasons for including the Agricultural College grounds within the territory proposed to be annexed to the city. I do not wish to engage in controversy but am familiar with the reasons which determined the Council's course and can think of some others:

The College grounds and the other territory proposed to be annexed constitute a territorial unit. If we leave out the College grounds we should have a tract of land in the very center of our city over which the city has no jurisdiction, police or otherwise. Territorially these grounds are as much a part of the city as is Job's Addition or Dixon's Addition. Is the fact that the College grounds are the property of the State and not subject to taxation a sufficient reason for excluding them from the city? A very slight consideration of the case will necessarily lead to a negative conclusion.

There is a well defined residential district all about the College grounds and the present boundary lines nearly surround a considerable portion of these grounds. The residential district about the College grounds and adjacent to the present boundaries of the city are so much a part of it that they

ought to be brought within the territorial limits of the city. Propriety, and a regard for the fitness of things, demand that we should not exclude the College grounds. Who would think for instance of excepting from the territorial limits of the city the Public School or Court House grounds? What would we think of Salem if it excepted the ground about the Capitol building or the Penitentiary or Asylum grounds (I believe the latter are included within the city), or of Eugene if it excepted the University grounds? Such a course would be indicative of a desire on our part to evade some sort of a public duty or obligation, and would not comport with our dignity as a city or our duty toward the state institution located in our midst.

If the College grounds are a part of the city we can regulate telephone, light and other public service corporations and see that they furnish as good service upon as reasonable terms to the College as to others within the city. The College will then have an unquestioned legal right to the use of city water and to join in the use of city sewers, both upon such terms as citizens enjoy their rights. We will not have to furnish any of these commodities or any service of any kind to the College free, any more than we would furnish any such commodity or service to any citizen within the city free of charge. Nor will the inclusion

of these grounds within our territory in any other way work any financial hardship upon us. We will assume no burden of expense by including the College within our limits. It must light its own grounds, build its own sewers,

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ALUMNI HAVE A GREAT MEETING

Seventy College Grads Have Fun at Shepard Hall Last Night.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the local alumni association was held last evening at Shepard Hall. About seventy of the old "grads" gathered around the hospitable fireplace, renewed old acquaintances, and looked back through the years to old "college days." The gathering afforded a long wished for opportunity for the old alumni to become acquainted with those of later years. A fine program was given, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The musical numbers given by Prof. Arthur Bouquet, Misses Johnson, Tartar and Gray were especially pleasing.

After the program a lively business meeting was held. Short spirited talks were given by different members, matters that should receive the attention of the association. The older members were especially interested in looking after some things of historical interest. Others were anxious regarding the completion of an alumni directory at an early date. The project of an alumni memorial at the entrance of the college campus was discussed. Committees were appointed to investigate the merits of the things suggested and report at the next meeting.

Light refreshments were then served while the hilarious crowd tested the capacity of the fireplace in turning out popcorn.

The next meeting of the local association will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, January 11.

WILL CUT OFF THE CITY WATER

IF OUTLYING DISTRICT VOTES "NO" IT WILL LOSE WATER

COMMISSION TALKS STRAIGHT

Water Commission Says It Extended Mains Outside of City Limits On Agreement That Section Would Come In at First Opportunity

The rumor that the Water Commission proposes to cut off the water now going to consumers outside of the city, in case those outside refuse to come into the city, is founded on fact. The Gazette-Times interviewed three members of the commission this morning—Harris, Blackledge and Groves—and these were emphatic in their statements that they would cut off water going to all not in favor of coming into the city. They also said that if the outlying districts vote "no" next Saturday, they will not extend mains any further and will not connect up where some mains are already laid. They say the water was taken beyond the city limits on the express agreement that that section would come in at the first opportunity. The Commission expects those who have water to make that promise good. They expect them to get out and urge all to vote "yes" next Saturday.

If the vote carries next Saturday the Commission promises to get water over all the annexed district, where it is desired, during next spring and summer. There is no question about the Commission meaning business as to extension, and cutting off of the supply.

Mrs. D. C. Rose is slowly recovering from a severe attack of intercostal neuralgia from which she has been suffering the past three weeks.

VISIT OUR STORE DAILY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

TOY LAND is Aglow with Gifts

The opening of Toy Land yesterday was a great success and many hearts were made glad. And still we have many things in Toy Land to make both the children and the grown-ups happy. Take a stroll through Toy Land and look and see the many beautiful gifts.



OVERCOAT SALE THIS WEEK

An Overcoat Sale is the heart of attraction for this week. NOW is the Time to make yourself a Christmas Present of an Overcoat at the very lowest prices that will be quoted this season.



KID GLOVES

A pair of Kid Gloves is a very acceptable gift for Christmas. We have all colors at prices \$1.00 and \$1.50.



MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Men's Ties, Shirts, Collars, Mufflers, Fancy Box of Socks, 3 colors, a very nice Christmas gift.