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WILL COLLEGE BE A BURDEN?

ONE CORVALLISITE SAYS IT WILL; DOES NO BELIEVE BRYSON

G-T SAYS IT WILL NOT BE

State Cannot Force to Do More For it than It Will Do for Private Citizen; No Expense Necessary ---- What Secretary Jensen Says.

Editor GAZETTE-TIMES: While at first the writer of this was favorably impressed with the proposed suburban admissions to the city, upon further investigation it is thought that it might be a very foolish thing for the city to do. It might be entirely unobjectionable if only the College property were left out. But if that property is brought within the city limits, what is to prevent the State from compelling the city to furnish at a very considerable expense the same facilities of light, sewerage and police which the State now furnishes at its own expense? The State and the city are the real arbiters of the case, and the mere say-so of anybody else is no guarantee whatsoever.

So let the people of Corvallis look well into this matter before they vote to take in something that may prove a huge elephant on their hands. It is too bad that the whole proposition must be defeated in order to keep out a part. But this can be easily remedied later; while if the mistake is now made of taking in something that would be a continual burden for us to bear, the action is final and can never again be corrected. XX.

The editor of this paper is for annexation and is impelled to say here that the writer of the above in this office this morning said David Osburn, city councilman, had told him that to police the college grounds has cost, is costing, or will cost (we are not certain which) \$750 a year. In the presence of this gentleman

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Friday and Saturday

Continued success of the McKenzie Merry Makers

In a clever musical comedy

"King of the Philippines"

New Motion Pictures

"Pippa Passes"

Or the Song of Conscience.

"The Drunkard's Fate"

A great temperance lesson.

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A trip of exciting incidents.

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Tonight and Tomorrow Night

"The Governor's Daughter"

An absorbing drama of Colonial days.

"Jean Valjean"

The masterpiece of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables."

"The Heart of a Clown"

"The Wonderful Electro-Magnet"

the editor called Secretary W. A. Jensen, at the college, and learned that this statement is outrageously incorrect so far as past and present are concerned. At the present time the college employs a nightwatchman who goes on duty at noon and remains until 12 p. m. During the afternoon he does janitor work, and he also does janitor work part of the evening, keeping his police eye open during the late hours. For the whole service the man is paid \$50 a month. He works nine months a year. Secretary Jensen says no other police services are needed.

Attorney Bryson, in an elaborate legal opinion, made it plain that the state could not force the city to furnish it light, sewerage, or police protection, no more than either bank or the public school or a private individual could force such. The city does not have to furnish one policeman, two policemen, nor a policeman at half time. The city can not be made to furnish any service there. The city will give the college only such consideration as is given the Occidental Mill, the creamery, or either hotel. There can be no expense other than the city chooses to give.

But if there were expense, Corvallis, the very existence of which depends on the \$400,000 to \$500,000 the college leaves here each year, could not afford to say to O. A. C. "we do not want you in our city." We could not afford to assume the attitude of taking always and giving nothing. The payroll at the college is \$125,000 a year; 1000 outside students necessarily leave \$25 each a month, or a total of \$225,000 for the nine months; nearly \$100,000 is spent each year for buildings; and many, many families come here to live. These spend from \$600 to \$1000 each per year. The whole total we receive from the college is, not less than \$400,000 each year. May we not exercise a little sentiment in regard to a friend of this sort? Can we afford to say that we do not want the college within the city limits, when it is already in the heart of the city? Only a very, very sordid man will say we should.

Vote "Yes" at the polls tomorrow. The college will not "be a burden from which we can never recover." The man who said it ought to be ducked in the river.

W. K. TAYLOR FOR THE ANNEXATION

Walter K. Taylor, who will probably be hit harder by annexation than any other, is strictly in favor and thinks the people opposed are warped in their mental operations. The city proposes to take in half his farm, but he believes it is best for all concerned that the limits be extended. It means growth and prosperity, and health for the people north and west of the city. He can not see how those people can afford to turn it down. Mr. Taylor thinks he will have to pay more than his share of taxes, but for a long time he has been walking over city walks, riding over city streets and profiting from a city built by other people and he is now willing to do even more than his share. This is exactly the proper spirit. It is the only spirit that will make a good city, a greater and more beautiful and habitable Corvallis.

COUNCIL FAVORS SEWERS, LIGHTS

BODY WENT ON RECORD LAST NIGHT, AND WILL MAKE GOOD

PASS STRONG RESOLUTION

Council Says it Will Build Sewers Next Summer, and Also Favors Extension of Light and Water Systems---A Proper Move.

That they might determine to vote "yes," or "no" at the "election" tomorrow, many prominent citizens asked members of the city council their attitude in regard to extension of sewers, light service and water mains. That the whole people, those inside present limits and those in the district it is proposed to annex, might have definite knowledge of just what the council intends to do, that body in special session last night passed the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the council of the city of Corvallis hereby commits itself to the building of main sewers at the general expense of the city (to be defrayed by the issuance of the general bonds of the city) sufficient to serve all territory within the limits of the city of Corvallis or determined at Saturday's election, during the ensuing summer as well as the lighting of such territory. We further commit ourselves to assist in any way within our power in the extension of the water mains of the city to all such territory as soon as needed."

David Osburn voted against the resolution and in a type-written statement says he did so because in his opinion the resolution was brought up at this time and passed upon simply to gain votes. He says he is in favor of sewers but against this electioneering.

The council assumed that at

this time people have a right to know their attitude and so have gone on record. That ought to be sufficient for any doubter.

NEGOTIATIONS CALLED OFF

Prize Fight Company Loses Big Man and Breaks Up.

The Jeffries-Johnson fight is off, so far as Corvallis is concerned. Sam Wyatt has drawn out of the company and neither Jess Foster nor John Rowland will take his place. Mr. Wyatt has been reading about the big comet, which will be seen at its best about July, 1910, and he has a suspicion that that comet will be of such interest, and strike terror to so many souls, that there will be nothing phenomenal doing in the prize-fight line. His withdrawal from the company cast a cloud of doubt over the entire bunch with the exception of A. L. Stevenson and Wm. Bogue, but these stalwarts can hardly carry the burden alone. We have it from Dr. Bell that as he came home from Eugene the other night he sold six Albany sinners front row tickets at \$15 each. Dr. Bell would far rather collect money than give any back but he says he will refund to the Albanians, and he is really glad there will be no fight here. While he might have converted a large number of the toughs who would come to see the fight he feels that there are already here enough tough hides to keep him busy for some time to come. However, if this set back had not come at this time, another probably would have come later. There is a strong suspicion that the state would finally balk at using the Armory for a prize-fight. The annual football slaughter may be held there, but hardly a prize-fight where only two can suffer injury. This is a sad, sad, ending to the brilliant hopes of many royal good fellows here, sadder than that, in fact, but that which can not be cured must be endured.

RECOMMENDS A LOWER TAX LEVY

MAYOR WATTERS SAYS THAT 5 1-2 MILLS IS ENOUGH

NO BURDEN FROM TAXES

May Recommends that The Levy be Almost Two Mills Lower than Last Year ---- Also Recommends that Improvements be Made.

At the council meeting last night, Mayor Watters, handed in a report and made recommendations. The main suggestion was in regard to the tax levy. After presenting figures showing assessment, income from fees, and expenses, he made it clear that a total levy of 5½ mills would be sufficient, —3½ for general purposes and 2 for street purposes. In case the western section comes into the city, the recommendation is for 5 mills. He recommended extension of sewers and lights.

Last year the levy was 7 mills on a low valuation. The outlying district can see that there is no disposition here to impose a burden on anyone. In many instances last year the people in the outlying district, with their road tax and poll tax, paid more taxes than the people in this city paid. This year the tax is even lower, but with the higher valuation it is really about the same. The people who are opposed or in favor of annexation can see just what the recommendation is. In Portland the council imposed a lower tax than was recommended, and it may do so here.

May or Watters urged completion of sewer projects that have been discussed and advised that the council co-operate in any way possible in extending water mains.

At the meeting Mr. Fuller

offered to open 13th street between Jackson and Van Buren for \$360. He would relinquish a strip about 40x100 or 200 feet.

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- Toilet Cases
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- Collar Boxes
- Work Boxes
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- Tie Boxes
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- Puff and Powder Boxes
- Manicure Sets
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- Music Rolls, 65c to \$6
- Post Card Albums, \$1 to \$4
- Autograph Albums
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