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WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE PLENTY OF WATER.

La Grande is enjoying a blessing right now that every one should appreciate. It is her endless supply of splendid spring water.

Baker has a fine water supply and plenty of it until recently. Today the dust is an inch deep all over Baker's residence district and lawns are parching in the hot sun.

This condition is not due to the lack of water in the mountains; it is not due to nature's failure to supply the water, but it is due to people of Baker City, and they should be ashamed of their action the longest day they are permitted to live.

Last spring it was apparent that repairs were needed on the water plant and the city council outlined what was necessary to insure a permanent water supply. A lot of wise acres who had resided in Powder valley for many years differed with the council and told the people there was no need of what was suggested.

Repeatedly Baker people had been warned that they would wake up some morning and there would not be enough water in the pipes to do a good-sized family washing, but they heeded it not.

It is another case where the old timer shows his unfitness to guide the destiny of a growing city. Another case of petty jealousy and neighborhood strife. The element that kept Baker from having a good water system is the same element that hopes to hold on to village customs.

La Grande may have a few people of this stamp, but she has not many. Citizens here are energetic for the best obtainable and they are getting

it. Those who would throw obstacles in the way of progress fear the results, consequently La Grande has a good water system, she is getting her sidewalks laid in all parts of the city, and she is heading straight for that great gateway over which is painted: "La Grande, the Eastern Oregon Metropolis."

WHAT THE STATES WANT.

A correspondent asks The Oregonian to define the Western idea of conservation as opposed to the Federal policy, or Pinchotism, so-called. Remarks the Oregonian editorially. The writer of the letter can probably do no better than to read the Salt Lake address of Governor Hay, of Washington, printed Friday, and the resolutions adopted at the Salt Lake conference of Governors, which appeared yesterday.

The states of the West, which have most at stake in operation of the latter-day scheme of conservation, intend also, if possible, to have something to say about what shall be done with the public lands. They have only lately awakened to the tremendous blight Pinchotism has placed and will continue to place on their development. They have found that the wholesale withdrawal of mighty areas of public domain has retarded settlement, discouraged immigration and increased the hold of monopoly upon the timber areas and power sites without the reserved space.

Under the Federal conservation scheme, one-third of Oregon, two-thirds of Idaho, a fourth of Washington and large parts of Colorado, Wyoming and other Western states, have been withdrawn from settlement. Water-power sites have been made inaccessible. The government undertakes to hold Western people from the resources of public lands within their borders. It puts over them a lot of salaried agents sent out from the theoretical and impracticable centers of the East. It denies the public the right to pass through the reserves without sanction. They cannot make homes on the land nor obtain timber, water power or minerals.

The states want the land developed. They want them settled. They want their resources properly utilized. They want control over the water powers, for in the states the title of such streams is vested. They want homes made, towns built, industries encouraged and civilization substituted for the howling wilderness. They believe that the proper attitude of the government is that the public lands are a mere trust held by the government for the growing states. They think that the nation should cooperate with the states in legislation for the purpose of utilization of the re-

sources within the states and not subject the states and their citizens always to the complicated exasperating and unreasonable operation of the present Federal conservation laws. We think, in brief, that the first duty of the government, is to permit these lands to be settled, cultivated and civilized for the benefit of the people who live, or seek to live, on them, and not for the benefit of the National Treasury, and the great horde of conservation employes and agents maintained at public expense.

FEARFUL FATE OF WALLACE, IDAHO.

In the Observer's telegraphic report today, will be found a story of the burning of Wallace, Idaho, which for heart-rending and sorrowful situations on the part of settlers, has never had an equal in the Northwest.

Everyone knew that forest fires were raging in all directions, but the tragedy at Wallace brings people to a halt and a full realization of what a forest fire means. Homes have been swept away, lives have been lost, whole settlements have been devastated and millions of property destroyed.

It shows how powerless man is to conquer such things. Water and fire are two of most dangerous agencies known to the world, yet they are necessities. Temperate use of either is a benefit to mankind and abuse of either brings death and disaster.

Quite likely the country will send in aid to Wallace and the other towns

just destroyed. This should be done by all means.

His Reason.

"You seem to be very fond of Mabel." "I am." "Why?" "Her mother makes such delicious hot biscuits."

Not Successful.

"You don't look happy. Isn't the fishing good?" "Yes, the fishing is good, but the bait doesn't seem to be working."

Undoubtedly.

"Many a man loves his wife dearly." "Well?" "But he does hate to pay for her hats."

Reverse Action.

If flying high we breast the sky To Mars and Venus calling, But coming down is slick enough, No trick at all in falling.

Real Trouble.

"What is the matter with Jones? Has he lost his wife?" "No; the hired girl has quit."

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising.

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C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability.

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favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people choice for senator and believe people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours C. A. BARRETT

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election.

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon.—I wish to announce my candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT

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