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THE SECOND STREET PIPE LINE.

It was very unfortunate indeed for the taxpayers of La Grande when those responsible to the city council failed to make good in their inspection of the water line on Second street last season. The negligence and failure of duty on the part of the ones delegated to that particular job will cost this municipality quite a little sum of money and if there is any way to firmly fasten the blame where it belongs no one should hesitate to assist in so doing.

There is this, however, which many people overlook. Too often a councilmanic body is held personally responsible for all defects in public work, when occasionally the accusation is not just. Remember the present awkward system now in use of electing

men to city offices which carry no salary—does not justify any individual in putting in all of his time for the city and therefore the best that councilmen can do is to place the work of inspection in the hands of men who are supposed to understand different kinds of public work, and who are also supposed to deal fairly with the public. The importance of having proper inspectors on the city work is shown by the Second street matter. Incompetency in small cities is always the stumbling block which costs the tax payers money and petty graft does for larger cities what incompetency does for the smaller ones, thus placing the tax payer between the devil and the deep blue sea in every municipality in the country.

Every effort should be made to let the public know exactly all the details of the Second street pipe line failure, for a little publicity on such matters will cause the inspectors, whom ever they may be, to be more cautious in the future and not accept work until it has been properly tested. True, the company that held the contract for this work proved to be financially irresponsible some time after the job was turned over, but at the time the work was done La Grande was in possession to recover and would have recovered any loss had the proper testing been made by those who were expected to and paid for such service.

THE CRIMINAL LETHARGY.

Portland held a city election last Saturday. The editor of the Observer happened to be in that city and witnessed the criminal neglect of citizens to attend the election and name a man for mayor. The largest business enterprise in Oregon today is the city of Portland. It handles more money and has more responsibility than any other concern in the state, yet with all of that the residents of that city paid little attention to the primary. Only 33,000 votes were registered and but 11,000 of those whom were registered voted.

What is the country coming to when no more interest is taken in public affairs? In the language of an old populist orator, "Whither are we drifting?" We must certainly be drifting without sail or rudder when such a condition prevails.

But the citizen who stays away from the polls is the loudest kicker. He wails and tears his hair when it is too late.

And this is the great defect in a republican form of government. We may shout ourselves hoarse with patriotism; we may raised the starry emblem high in the skies, but it all amounts to little if the people do not take an interest in the primaries and elections.

WOOL CLIP UNPROFITABLE.

Wool clipped on the Eastern Oregon range this year will fall short of last year's figure by approximately 2,000,000 pounds in the opinion of experienced flockmasters of the district. Last year the total clip of fleece in this district weighed 18,000,000 pounds.

Several conditions are responsible for the decrease. Forest reserves, homesteads, the high cost of production and wool at 10 cents are some of the causes held responsible by woolmen.

Of course, the unsettled condition of tariff legislation is having a deadly ef-

fect and until it is settled one way or another, woolmen believe the business of raising wool for market will remain in its present demoralized condition.

At that, sheep raisers are looking for a reaction and predict today that when it does come it will be with enough of a rush to make up for some of the difficulties of the business this season.

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inspector. All bids to be in before eight (8) o'clock, p. m. Wednesday evening, May 10th, 1911, and must be accompanied by a certified check of five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid. The council reserves the right

to reject any or all bids.
By order of the council, April 26th, 1911.
C. M. HUMPHREYS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

Directory of the Fraternal Orders of La Grande, Oregon

- A. F. & A. M.**—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. L. M. HOYT, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
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