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## WATER FROM WASSON CANYON BY JUNE 1

**Bids Must be in by August 6--The Sale of Bonds Thoroughly Discussed at Meeting of Council Last Evening--Representative of John Nuveen & Company Present--Work Will be Rushed.**

"Mr. Mayor: In order to bring this matter to a climax, I move you that the city recorder be instructed to ask for bids for the construction of a gravity water supply system for the city of Medford from Wasson canyon, or the fork of Little Butte creek. The bids to be received until 6 p. m., August 6, 1908."

With the foregoing motion, Councilman Wortman and member of the special water committee of the city council, brought to a climax the discussion of the question as to the water supply of Medford, which has been bothering the residents of this city for some time past. The motion was seconded by Councilman Eifer and carried by the "ayes" of Councilmen Merrick, Wortman, Trowbridge and Eifer. Otwell and Hafer were absent.

The offering of the motion followed a lively session of the city council last evening, during which the council was addressed by W. P. Bullock, the representative of John Nuveen & Co., of Chicago, bond dealers, who are negotiating for the bond issue of \$365,000, which was voted for the purpose of constructing a gravity water system for this city. Many other matters were discussed, there being present at the meeting besides four councilmen, the mayor and recorder, Bankers Enyart, Crowell and Vawter, and Engineer Roberts, who has the matter of building the gravity system in charge. Contractor Bude was also present and offered suggestions to the council at various times, as did the others.

It developed last evening at the meeting that Wasson canyon is the place that Medford is to get its water from in the future. In the case that the canyon does not give enough water for the purpose, the amount will be supplemented by water from either the Little Butte creek or from Fish lake.

It was stated by the engineer in charge of the matter that the supply at Wasson at the present time would furnish this city with 170 inches of water. This water, he stated, is remarkable for its purity and coldness. The water shed is between 11 and 12 square miles. Only one person is living on the water shed, which fact augurs well for the purity of the water. For this city the amount of water which the committee is desirous of getting is 300 inches or a little more than 4,000,000 gallons for each 24 hours. At the present time Wasson canyon can supply about 2,500,000 gallons, while this city, with only 5,000 inhabitants, only consumes about 800,000 gallons each day.

In case the amount of water should have to be supplemented, water can be obtained from two sources. One from Fish lake and the other from Little Butte creek direct. While the city has at the present time nothing but options on the various places, it is probable that they will close a deal shortly by which the Wasson canyon proposition will be taken over by the city.

The matter was thoroughly discussed by the representative of John Nuveen & Co., who returned yesterday from a trip to the canyon with Councilmen Merrick and Wortman and Engineer Roberts. He stated that he was charmed with the outlook for the city of Medford, and that he would recommend to Mr. Nuveen the proposition. He asked a correct question as to whether the council would construct a gravity system or not, and was answered by the introduction of the motion asking for bids, which heads this article.

Contractor Bude, who has just completed the work of putting in the distributing system for this city, and who will, in all probability, bid on the construction of the pipeline, stated to the council that it was his belief that the pipeline could all be in place by June 1, 1909. Engineer Roberts stated that the work could be completed by that time, provided that the climatic conditions did not retard the work, which will probably be the case where the excavating will have to be done through the "stickies." He stated that he would have the specifications out in time for bids to be received in 15 days for the construction of the work, and the council set the day as August 6 for the bids to be in.

The first person to address the council last evening was W. P. Bullock, the representative of John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, who are the bidders for the bonds voted for the building of the gravity system. He spoke of the feasibility of a water supply from Wasson canyon, and stated that there was a great chance for the people of this city to obtain their water there. He was enthusiastic over the future of Medford, and stated that he would recommend the proposition to Mr. Nuveen, who sent him to this city to look into the matter and see if the residents of this city were really to build a gravity system. He states that he is more than satisfied.

The three bankers of the city addressed the meeting in regard to the bond issue. They stated that it was their belief that a good price had been obtained for the bonds, inasmuch as the bond issue was a heavy one, and that the population of the city was only 5,000 people. The matter of the bond sale was discussed pro and con for some time. The city recorder will ask Nuveen & Co. to advance \$65,000 in order that the distributing system in this city, which has been completed, may be paid for.

W. S. Crowell stated that he had heard many different stories regarding Wasson canyon and the amount of water there, and stated that he would like very much to hear from Engineer Roberts in regard to the matter.

Mr. Roberts stated that when the water in the canyon was first measured there were about 300 inches in the canyon. This has fallen off until two weeks ago about 168 inches were recorded. Wednesday there were about 178 inches of water in the canyon. He stated that this would supply Medford with about 2,500,000 gallons of water in each 24 hours, and that the amount wanted by the water committee, 300 inches, could easily be obtained from Little Butte creek. He stated that the water shed was between 11 and 12 square miles in area, and that there was but one person living on it. He stated that the temperature of the water was 3 degrees colder than the water in Mr. Merrick's well in this city, and also colder than the water in Little Butte creek. At the time that the water in Wasson canyon

### ASKED FOR FRANCHISE.

T. J. Blakeley asked the Council for Franchise for Trolley Line.

F. J. Blakeley met last evening with the city council and asked for a franchise for a trolley line on Seventh street and Central avenue. The matter was referred to the street committee and the city attorney. He also submitted another water proposition to the council, which was referred to the special water committee.

As has been announced, Mr. Blakeley is representing a number of eastern capitalists, who contemplate putting a trolley line in this valley connecting the different towns. Mr. Blakeley is asking for the franchise says that he will have the rail laid on Seventh street and Central avenue before the paving is laid.

A number of times has this matter been talked of. It is well known that an interurban line would pay in this valley, where no one town is large enough to support an electric line.

Mr. Blakeley also proposes to put in a water system, obtaining his water from the Applegate country, and will sell the entire plant to the city for \$250,000.

What action the council will take in regard to the two propositions is not as yet known, but the committees will probably report at the next meeting of the council. Fast work will be required if the rails for the trolley line are to be placed on the streets before the pavement is laid.

### DEATH OF MRS. T. H. MOORE.

Mrs. Nellie B. Moore, wife of T. H. Moore, died at the family residence on G street, at an early hour Sunday morning of blood poisoning, following childbirth. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. W. F. Shields officiating.

Mrs. Moore was born at Roseburg, Mich., May 27, 1877, and died at Medford, Or., July 26, 1908, aged 31 years and two months. She was educated at Stratford, Ontario, in the high school, where her father was United States custom house officer during her high school days. After her return to Roseburg, Mich., she assisted her father in the mercantile business until she was married to T. H. Moore, July 13, 1907, at Portland, Or. Her baby, William Homer Moore, was born July 12, and still survives her. Mrs. Moore's life was one of quiet, unassuming devotion to high ideals of right and duty. She was held in highest esteem by all who came under her influence, and those who knew her best loved her most. She was a believer in Christ and wished to be received into the church and have her baby baptized, and these rites were conferred with the day before her death.

The remains were taken to her former home in Roseburg, Mich., last evening. Mr. Moore, accompanied by a nurse, taking the baby to her parents, who will give it parental care. Two little boys, John and Martin, by a former marriage, were also taken east to be kept with their mother's people. Theodore will remain with his father.

Mr. Moore has the sympathy of the entire community in this sad breaking up of a happy home.

### APPLE MEN OPPOSE BILL.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 29.—Intense opposition is manifested among apple growers of the Hood River district against the proposed packing and grading law which the International Apple Growers' association will endeavor to have passed in congress at its next session. It will be officially brought before the meeting of the Northwestern Fruit Growers' association, which meets this year about the time congress convenes, for the purpose of taking action.

The main objection to the law, which will be urged by the shippers, is that it provides for change in the size of the apple box recognized and adopted by the Northwest Fruit Growers' association as standard, and which is stated to contain 2,150 cubic inches, or slightly more than the Winchester bushel, at present accepted as the standard bushel in the United States.

The box which the shippers recommend, and which is specified in the bill, will contain 2,564 cubic inches, or 423.6 cubic inches more than the box now used by the association. It is said by authorities on the matter that if the new law goes into effect it will cause a loss to Pacific coast growers of 1,000,000 annually. It is also stated that an additional cost will be incurred on account of the larger size of the box, as it will take more lumber to manufacture it.

The bill was introduced during the latter part of the last session of congress by Representative Porter of New York, but was not reported. This year the shippers have taken it up and expect to secure its passage at the coming session.

—Automobile for sale for \$200—Runabout that cost \$350 for sale; thoroughly equipped with adometer, top, acetylene lights, etc. A. C. Allen, Medford. 20-42

## FITZGERALD GREAT CHIEF

**As Announced Yesterday in Mail J. H. Fitzgerald is Elected Great Sachem of Red Men.**

As was announced in yesterday's issue of The Morning Mail, J. H. Fitzgerald of this city was elected great sachem of the Oregon reservation. This gives Medford the highest official of the Red Men lodge in Oregon.

The officials as elected yesterday are: Great sachem for Oregon, J. H. Fitzgerald of Medford; great senior sagamore, A. E. Buttner of Portland; great junior sagamore, W. L. Little of Oregon City; great prophet, George N. Farrin of Marshfield; great keeper of the records, L. Carstenson of Portland; great keeper of the wampum, James A. Devlin of Pedleton; great representatives to the annual conference at Bridgeport, Conn., L. L. Jacobs of Medford, R. W. Ritter of Pendleton, George W. Orton of Portland.

Last evening, following a band concert, the braves took the scalps of about 20 palefaces. Three degrees were put on and the initiations were followed by a most successful banquet.

There were more than 600 Red Men seated at the banquet board, which was arranged in the opera house. Five tables the length of the room were needed to seat the crowd.

Real venison was served to the braves, a huge buck furnishing the meat. The committee in charge of the banquet was composed of W. E. Johnson, L. E. Bean and S. A. Brown.

Today will be devoted to various excursions into the country on the part of the Red Men, while this evening the great parade will take place, the parade to be followed by a grand ball at the opera house.

The festivities will come to a close this evening in a blaze of glory. The biggest jollification of the present session is due at that time.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the great council of the Oregon reservation will long be remembered as one of the most successful held in many years. Tonight will be the final and most glorious of gatherings of this session.

### JOSEPHINE HOPS.

GRANTS, PASS, Or., July 29.—Hops are practically out of the running in Josephine county this season. Practically all the last year's output was held and sold at a late date in the London market for 5 and 6 cents. This past week 475 bales, the last of the season's crop, was sold by Flannagan & Cornell for 5 cents a pound. These men, who own and operate the old Ranauz yard, the largest hop ranch in southern Oregon, are giving little or no attention to hops this year. Most of the yards have been dug up and set to apple and other orchard trees. The few yards that were allowed to grow are being given little or no attention, and the output from this county will be very light. So far as known no contracts have been made, though buyers have already been on the field offering as high as 10 cents for this year's crop.

### SHIPPERS MAY COMBINE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—According to a decision of the interstate commerce commission today, shippers may combine small quantities of goods of various ownership, whether by arrangement between themselves or through the medium of a forwarding agency, and ship the combined lot at the relatively lower rates applicable to large shipments. The commission held that because one shipper tenders "bulked shipments," made up of the property of various ownership consolidated before delivery to carrier, the fact of various ownership does not justify the carrier in making a different charge than for a shipment of similar character tendered by a shipper who is also the owner.

The complainant in the present case is engaged in the forwarding business at Chicago and New York, and assembles packages of merchandise of various ownership, consolidating them in carload lots and shipping the mat carload rates. The railroads refused to accept carload rates under official classification, which the commission now declares to be illegal. Basing their decision on the fact that no discrimination in rates shall exist, the commission says that the enforcement of such a rule by the railroad companies would bring disaster upon many of the small industries, and more surely establish dominance of greater industrial and commercial institutions.

### OREGON PEACHES DUE SOON.

Crop in This State is Large and Prices Are Likely to Be Moderate.

Oregon Crawford peaches, from the Ashland Dalles district, will be in the market in about 10 days or two weeks, according to local dealers, and while there is no danger of the market slumping, the chances are that this favorite fruit will sell at comparatively low prices. It is too early yet to say what these prices will be.

The peach crop in southern Oregon and around The Dalles is generally a heavy one this year, and the fruit was never of better quality. For some time Alexanders and Hale's Early have been coming in fairly freely from both districts, and in competition with Crawfords and California these have been selling at from 60 to 85 cents a box generally. Today, with the supply large, the peach market was a trifle weaker, and Oregons were quoted at from 40 to 75 cents.

The best California Crawfords are now selling at 60 to 75 cents, and they are quite active. In the south, because of the strong eastern demand, they are quoted slightly higher than last week's prices, and the shipping season is drawing toward the end. When Oregon Crawfords appear there will be no demand here for Californians.

Of other fruits cherries are about the most active in the local market, and the price trend is likely to be upward on this time on Royal Annes, Black Republicans and Blings are about gone, only small lots remaining here and there, while the supply of Lamberts is still moderately largely. There is a strong demand for fancy Lamberts, both locally and in the east, and they sell readily at 7 to 10 cents a pound.

Apples are in fair demand, but there is no market activity in the trade. Good quality Oregons are going at 75 cents to \$1.25 a box, while Californians are held at \$1 to \$1.50 generally.

Plums drag, as they always do at this time of the year. The supply is large and they are still coming in freely, but there is only a limited demand, even for the best, and at low prices. For the most part they go at 4 to 75 cents a crate. Apricots have practically disappeared. Small lots of California pears in the market, held at \$1.50 to \$2 a box, move quite readily, but the season for active sale of this fruit has not yet opened.

### AUTO PARTIES COMING.

Four large automobiles have left San Francisco and are headed this way. One of them is the 40-horsepower Thomas, owned by A. C. Allen of the Hollywood orchard. He left there with his wife and two children, and they returned by train a few days ago. He has with him his father and a party of friends. The other three parties will proceed on to Portland and some of the northern cities.

W. M. Hodson, the automobile man, says that this season 24 tourists have passed through this city in automobiles, and this route is getting to be the popular one between San Francisco and the north.

### ATTY HOGE REINSTATED.

Martin G. Hoge, the local attorney, who was debarred at the time of his conviction in connection with the land grants in this state, was on Tuesday reinstated at the bar by the Supreme court, after the court had considered a petition for his reinstatement signed by the members of the bar in this county and by prominent people of the state at large.

Mr. Hoge was convicted of perjury in connection with the land grants in this state and served six months in the Multnomah county jail. He returned to Medford upon his release and resided in this city until a few months ago, when, having sold his place here, he and his wife left for a visit in Kansas.

Mr. Hoge has many friends in this city who will be glad to learn that he has been restored again to his place at the bar.

### KNOX HARRIMAN AUGUST 1.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 28.—E. H. Harriman and family, accompanied by a few friends, will arrive at their summer home, on Upper Klamath lake, about August 1, for a stay of several weeks, during which the sons of the railroad magnate will hunt bear and deer among other outdoor sports.

Pelican Bay lodge has been vastly improved under the direction of Col. W. H. Holabird, personal representative of Mr. Harriman. An electric light plant has been installed, a small refrigerating plant and new launches placed on the water of the lake.

The outing will include a trip to Crater Lake, a spot about which the railroad president became enthusiastic last year. The chief electrician of the Southern Pacific arrived several days ago to inspect the telegraph line to Pelican Bay and to have everything in connection therewith in perfect condition for the dispatch of business during the next few weeks.

## FOUR PORTLAND BLOCKS DESTROYED BY FIRE

**Damage Done to the Amount of Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars--No Lives Lost--Flames Started in the Stables of Transfer Company--Lineman Badly Burned while Cutting Wires.**

PORTLAND, July 28.—Fire which broke out this afternoon at 5:10 o'clock destroyed an area equivalent to almost four blocks and did damage estimated at \$225,000, and for 2 hours jeopardized the entire north end of the city with its millions of dollars' worth of buildings. No lives were lost and there was only one person injured. This was Edward Lezone, a lineman, who was seriously burned and shocked by electricity while cutting power wires.

The flames started in the stables of the Oregon Transfer company, near the corner of Fifth and Hoyt streets, and are believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in new hay. Four transfer companies have stables in this block, and within 10 minutes all of the buildings in the block, with the exception of a couple of stores on the immediate corner of Sixth and Gilsan streets, were afire. The high wind fanned the flames against the windows of the Barr hotel, a four-story block on Sixth and Gilsan streets, and soon this structure was a seething furnace. It was gutted. South of the hotel the fire got into a two-story brick building used by small storekeepers and as a lodging house, and almost gutted this building. The Oregon Casket company has a six-story brick plant on the southeast corner of this block, which presents two blank walls to the northwest, and these stopped the fire in this block. The casket company suffered but little damage.

In the meantime the fire jumped across Fifth street and consumed the entire half block between Gilsan and Hoyt. Its progress to the east was stayed by the high brick walls of the Union Meat company, which occupies the east half of the block. This half a block was occupied by stables and blacksmiths and wagon shops. From here the fire jumped across Gilsan street at Fifth and caught in another large stable. This was burned down, as well as a machine shop lying between it and the establishment of the Pacific Coast Construction company. The construction company was undamaged, but the flames sucked around the southwest corner of the building and destroyed a one-story frame building which faced on Fourth street. Again the fire was met by high brick walls and its progress halted. Within these bounds, by dint of great effort, the firemen managed to hold the fire.

The fire bid fair to destroy the greater part of the north end of the city. Other than the row of bricks which hedged it in, there are few but frame buildings for a quarter of a mile in the direction the wind was blowing, and for a time the manner in which the flames were carried by the wind it seemed to make a terrible conflagration inevitable.

### SAYS TAFT IS DISSATISFIED.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 29.—Charging that Taft is not satisfied with the work of the Chicago convention, which nominated, and that in consequence he is deeply impressed with the work of the Democratic convention at Denver, Bryan today issued a statement in which he expressed the opinion that Taft "fears an uprising which Republican abuses have caused, and yet hesitate to adopt his real and substantial reforms."

The statement was called forth because of allegation made by Judge Taft in his speech of acceptance at Cincinnati yesterday that Bryan was a destroyer of business. Confirmation was given by Bryan that it is not his intention to make any extended campaign, but only to deliver a few speeches at central points before the first of October, and that during that month he expects to remain at home and assist in educational work of the campaign through the discussion of public questions in the form of signed articles, interviews and letters.

Bryan has not yet begun the actual writing of his speech of acceptance, but he stated his ideas were about formulated and he would enter the work of preparing it in a week or two.

### MARSHALL'S SIDE OF STORY.

Several days ago these columns printed a story from A. J. McKinney, a Grants Pass hotelkeeper. In this item it was stated that Mr. McKinney had a bill for board against Marshall Bros., of Portland. This paper printed the item with some degree of hesitancy, and said that perhaps Mr. R. A. Marshall, one of the firm, might have a different story to tell. The gentleman called at The Morning Mail office yesterday, and while he admitted that this paper had treated his firm quite fair under the conditions as seen from the outside, still there were some facts which were not correct as stated.

### BIG FIRE AT ABERDEEN.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 29.—Fire which broke out at 2 o'clock this afternoon destroyed nine buildings in the restricted district and the trestle over which the Northern Pacific railroad enters the city, and for several hours threatened to jump the Wishkah river into the factory and residential section. One fatality resulted, that of a saloon habitué known as "Cedar Willie," a drug fiend. Willie was aroused when the fire broke out, but apparently he was stupefied by drops, and fell asleep again. His partly incinerated body was found on his bed, in a shed of the new Brunswick hotel, where the bed had fallen from the fourth floor.

The damage done amounts to about \$75,000, with \$50,000 insurance. The Northern Pacific will be shut up for several days.

### PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., July 28.—About a dozen young men of this place started to Cresswell, 10 miles distant, when the team became frightened and ran away. All jumped and escaped injury except Sverton Earl, who sustained a broken leg. A peculiar coincidence of the accident is that just three months ago the same crowd of young men were with Allen Johnson at Cresswell, when Johnson was thrown from the train in some unaccountable way and killed as the train neared this place.

### LUMBER OUTLOOK BRIGHT.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 29.—The lumber market shows signs of improvement, and there is prospect of stiffening of prices at San Francisco. Stocks are much broken and depleted.

This is the opinion of C. C. Quackebush, who went to San Francisco recently with Al Coats, of the American Mill company to investigate conditions.

"We found," said Mr. Quackebush this morning, "a much better feeling that was anticipated, and we look for a change for the better right away. While there is no big prospect, the signs are really encouraging, and that is something to consider."

### WILL HANLEY IN TROUBLE.

PORTLAND, July 28.—Five suits have been filed in the Federal court against alleged illegal fencing of approximately 112,340 acres of government land in eastern Oregon. Criminal suits, as well as equity suits to enjoin the maintenance of the fence, will be brought. These suits are similar to that of the Butte Creek Land & Livestock company, in which the principals entered a plea of guilty, the Butte creek people, however, had but 20,000 acres illegally fenced.

Criminal proceedings will be brought against William Hanley, president and manager of the William Hanley company. Harry L. Corbett of Portland is secretary. Hanley is accused of enclosing 82,540 acres of government land and 4,280 acres of school land in Harney county.

The American Livestock company of Chicago is accused of enclosing 1,800 acres in Harney county. J. F. and Ralph O. Smith are accused of fencing 350 acres in Union county, and Elijah and Royal T. Oliver of fencing 350 acres in Union county.

Examination of Hanley will be held before the United States commissioner at Burns.

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Aid was rendered the local fire department by the Hoquiam department, which made a quick response to the call for assistance.