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THE WATER QUESTION.

The one important subject before the city council and the people of Medford is the water problem, the bringing into the city of an adequate supply of pure mountain water.

Representative Walter Moore of Baker City, who was here last week, stated that his city had spent \$400,000 for a water system and found it the best investment ever made.

The story of the water question in Baker City is the story of every city that has successfully solved the problem. The growth of Medford, its future welfare and prosperity are wrapped up in this question, and when it is satisfactorily settled, no matter the cost, the city will soon double in size.

VOTERS TO PASS UPON NINETEEN AMENDMENTS

The voters of Oregon will be asked to vote upon 19 measures at the June election. Briefly stated, the measures are as follows:

- Submitted by the legislature: Amendment increasing compensation of members of the legislature to \$400 for a regular session and \$10 a day for special sessions. Amendment permitting the location of state institutions away from the capital.

Amendment increasing the number of supreme judges to five and extending the jurisdiction of circuit courts to probate work, also requiring provision by law for district attorneys, county courts, etc.

Amendment changing the time of holding general elections from June to November.

Legislative acts submitted under the referendum:

- Act giving sheriffs custody of prisoners. Act requiring granting of free rail road passes to certain officials. Act appropriating \$100,000 for armo-ries.

Act increasing the University of Oregon appropriation to \$125,000 per annum.

Submitted by initiative petition: Equal suffrage amendment.

Act for protection of salmon on the Lower Columbia.

Amendment giving cities exclusive control of liquor selling, gambling, etc.

Amendment exempting dwelling houses, factories, tools, furniture, etc., from taxation.

Amendment giving voters the power to recall public officers.

Act extending members of legislature to vote for people's choice for senator.

Amendment providing for proportion of representation.

Act limiting expenditures for political campaign purposes.

Act to protect salmon on the Upper Columbia.

Amendment limiting the power of district attorneys to file indictments.

Act for creation of Hood River county.

HOME OF CABBAGE KING ON SOUTH CAROLINA FARM

From the Southern Farm Magazine:

Imagine yourself driving along miles of road with great fields on either side in which nothing can be seen but cabbage. Picture to yourself a log plantation traversed by miles of railroad tracks, with here and there station plat frames, all for the receipt and shipment of cabbage.

Contemplate an office in the midst of a farm whose typewritten notes from morning till night and telegraph instruments click away to the extent of \$100 a day received in telegrams all about cabbage. Think of hundreds of freight cars going out, each an iron train of 25 to 30 cars each, all loaded with cabbage. If you can fix all these things in your mind so that you have a mental picture of these scenes then you can feel that you have the correct idea of Meggett's, a small station on the Cooper river, a few miles from Charleston, S. C.

It is in the spot where are made the best shipments of cabbage. Here is located the farm of Norman H. Birch, known as "Cabbage King."

LONDON COMPLAINS OF POOR QUALITY OF APPLES

The London apple market is thus reported for the week ending Saturday, January 18, by W. Dennis & Sons of Covent Garden market:

"We are glad to say that our market has been a gradually advancing one for the past few days and that really good No. 1 fruit shows a very considerable rise in price since we last had the pleasure of addressing you. There has been during the past week an active demand for Canadian greenings, No. 1 grade, the best quality of which has been selling from 20 shillings to 24 shillings per barrel; Baldwin, No. 1, from 17 shillings to 20 shillings; Golden Russets, from 17 shillings to 20 shillings, and No. 1 grade stuff has shown similar advances in price. On the other hand, whilst we have had better prices for No. 3 grade than those recently ruling, the advance has not been so marked as in the better grades. Indeed, there is such a large quantity of this inferior quality stuff coming forward from Nova Scotia as to keep the demand for that article fully supplied. What will be wanted from now on to the end of the season at, we are inclined to think, good prices, will be really first-class No. 1 fruit.

"In box apples the situation is also better, but unfortunately much of this fruit is arriving very unsatisfactorily as to condition. Oregon Newtowns are, for the most part, even when sound, distinctly inferior in quality and general appearance to those of previous years, whilst in addition we regret to say many parcels are arriving in a very waxy condition and have the appearance of having been affected by frost somewhere en route before shipment. Really good Oregon four-tier fruit is selling at from 13 to 14 shillings per box, but there are many of inferior quality selling at from 10 to 12 shillings and waxy parcels at much below these."

FEDERAL SERVICE ASKS BIDS FOR LOST RIVER FLUME

The federal service has asked for bids on the flume to be built across Lost river to be 4300 feet long. The plans for work on the Klamath project contemplate the spending of \$100,000. The Lost river flume will be approximately 240,700 feet of lumber and Project Engineer Murphy will endeavor to secure it from the forest reserve, section 26, west of Pelican bay, being selected as the best location. Under the act of congress of 1907, lumber for government work may be taken from forest reserves, which will lessen the cost.

Work on the Keno canal, begun last year, will be completed, and surveys are now being made on the extension down the Klamath river to Keno, which may also be undertaken this year. Work at the Clark lake dam will rest entirely with the landowners in that region. It is entirely a question of signing up.

The service is also planning the construction of about six miles of main canal this year, and bids will soon be asked for the earth work. No trouble on the score of labor supply or cost is expected on any of the parts of the project.

BUILDING RAILROAD AND NEW MILLS AT HILT'S

The Northern California Lumber company, which is now operating in the lumber business near the state line, south of Ashland, as successors to the Hilt Lumber company, is apparently planning on greatly extending its business, notwithstanding the reported quiet condition in the lumber situation and prospects. Work is to begin at once in the building of six miles of railroad by the company, which is advertising for men and teams for grading. The road will lead from the Southern Pacific main line at Hilt's station to the mill site, four miles, and thence be extended two miles into the timber.

It is also stated that the company is preparing to install a new sawmill of great capacity, equal or superior to any of the mills along the line. M. A. Genck is president of the Northern California Lumber company; J. E. Maschio, vice-president; C. A. Webster, secretary; and R. M. Suetzler, treasurer, who, with Frederick Kayon, Austin H. Bacon, E. V. D. Johnson and D. M. Miller, comprise the directors. Ashland Tidings.

SUE HARRIMAN ROADS FOR OREGON LAND GRANTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Another separation move is set to be made by the administration in its battle with the predatory corporations. Final preparations are being made for the institution of suits against the Southern Pacific railroad for the forfeiture of its immense land grants in Oregon involving property estimated all the way from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 in value and comprising some of the best timber land in the state.

Several months ago the department of justice began gathering evidence for this litigation and special representatives were sent to Oregon for the purpose of searching the records and procuring descriptions of all lands sold by the railroad company since the original grant. With this preliminary information in hand the department is now ready to begin.

The suit is expected to be filed in the federal court at San Francisco already decided.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

"CLEAN-UP DAY."

Editor Tribune:

If Mayor Reilly should designate some suitable day in the future as "clean-up day," I believe his action would meet with the approval of all who believe in a cleanly and well-kept city. The name indicates the object of the day. Make it a public holiday. Let everybody get out and clean up. Pick up the litter and refuse in the back yards and alleys; clean the streets; make the city presentable. I think there is nothing which makes a city more attractive to the stranger than a neat and cleanly appearance. We who live here should take sufficient pride in our surroundings to do this work of our own accord, but there are probably some who are careless in this respect, and it would give them encouragement if there was a public movement along these lines.

While we are at it, what is the matter with putting out more shade trees along the streets. Medford is deficient in this respect. Every street and every block should have its row of shade trees. It is a good plan to get them started now.

Yours for progress,

S. A. NYE.

ON WATER QUESTION.

To the Editor:

In taking so decided a stand in advocating the necessity of a plentiful and constant supply of pure water you are a public benefactor, and I merely want to put myself on record as being in sympathy with you. Water is a necessity of life, and pure water is essential to long life. The stage of advancement of any community these days is readily known by the amount of pure water it uses daily, and if we apply this test to Medford it is emphatically in the dark ages. No town can call itself civilized where less than 50 gallons of pure water is used daily by every inhabitant, and I suspect that much less than this quantity is used in this town, and as to the quality, well, it is greatly to our peace of mind that we are ignorant of the actual facts in the case.

We all know that the fluit from Bear creek is absolutely unfit for personal use, but the amount of solid water it contains may probably make it equally good for both irrigation and fertilizing. Our well water must be an unspeak-

able horror. Here we have a thin deposit of permeable soil on top of impervious hardpan. In the winter months the soil is so saturated that it is a floating bog, and as a consequence our wells are supplied by surface water. Less than 100 feet from each well is a privy, and it is as plain as a pikestaff what is the nature of the liquid one and all of us is bubbling each day. Mr. Editor, some day, and that not far off, it seems to me this city of Medford will be swept with a scourge of typhoid fever that will make every home a house of mourning.

God may forgive, man will give a second chance, but nature is merciless to fools. A SOCIALIST.

How About It, Judge Dunn?

Winner, Or., Feb. 3.

To the Editor:

I notice by the published list of election officials for 1908 that the election board in Wimer precinct is made up of Republicans again this year. Heretofore we have entered protest and the county court has made correction which made the board nearly representative of the two parties. In 1906 the county court claimed that it didn't know the political affiliations of the persons chosen on the election board in this precinct. Of course, I have the most implicit confidence in the integrity and honor of the honorable county judge, and know there must be some good reason why five Republicans and one Democrat are chosen to compose the election board in a precinct which is two to one Democratic. I say there certainly must be a good and wise reason for such action, because this time it cannot be a mistake, for the honorable county judge certainly knows that "Doc" Symons Vroman, who has attended Republican conventions in Jackson county for the past 25 years; Ed Olson, his son-in-law; Charles Owens, candidate at the last primary election for nomination as sheriff on the Republican ticket; Hiram Moore and George Beers, almost equally famous partisans, are good and true time-tried and free-hearted Republicans.

Democrats in this precinct object to this manner of making up election boards, especially in precincts where there is a heavy Democratic majority, as is the case in Wimer precinct. It would make mighty interesting reading if the editor could ascertain and publish why these things are thus.

JOHN OWENS.

POLITE ATTENTION

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Colonists' Rates

March 1st to April 30, 1908

The Southern Pacific Railway announces that rates in effect March 1, 1908, will be \$38 from Chicago, \$35.50 from St. Louis, Mo.; from Missouri River common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City, Mo., including also St. Paul, Minneapolis, \$30; from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, \$30.

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Medford Steam Bakery

Deviled Ham and Relishes



I was at a party the other night and a lot of young girls were gazing at an old bachelor and asking him why he'd never married, etc. He sprang those old gags about "marrying in haste and repenting in South Dakota," and there being "just as good fish in the sea as have ever been caught," when one of the girls remarked: "Did it ever occur to you that the bait might get stale while you were angling for them?"

In angling for customers we never allow the bait to get stale around this shop. We get in new goods by most every express these days. The boss believes in keeping the stock right up to the minute, so that if you read in any of the magazines or home journals of a new food product or relish of any kind you can come right to this store and see the article for yourself. We just got in a big lot of Un-Down's famous Deviled Ham and Sardines. We are headquarters for relishes. They certainly do help you eat good and plenty if your appetite is a little backward.

MILLER & EWBANK

Judge H. R. Hanna passed through Medford Wednesday on his way to Grants Pass, where he will look after personal business matters. Dr. Seely returned Tuesday from a professional trip on the Rogue river. Adam Schmitt of West Medford was a Medford caller Wednesday.