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### IS IT WASSON CANYON OR NOTHING?

The deadlock in the city council over the choice of a water supply is primarily due to the policy of secrecy which the water committee has shrouded its actions from the start. The majority of the committee has not seen fit to take either the council or the public into confidence, and recently has not even consulted the minority of the committee.

An engineer is being paid \$7000 a year to report upon the various propositions. What reports he has made have been to the water committee or in the shape of interviews in The Tribune, for none have been made to the council and none are on record at the recorder's office. As a result, neither the public nor the council know what the engineer thinks of the various propositions, and so are not in a position to satisfactorily pass upon the various propositions.

When Engineer Kelsey was employed by the city to make a preliminary report upon the various water propositions, he filed an elaborate typewritten report, accompanied by maps, diagrams and photographs, detailing the merits and demerits of the various propositions then considered. His work was quite thorough for the length of time allowed. An exhaustive report upon the several propositions considered is now demanded of Engineer Roberts, so that council and people may know "where they are at."

The chairman of the water committee states that Engineer Roberts made an adverse report on the Applegate proposition. The public has never seen this report and the engineer's interview as published in The Tribune on his return from inspection, was most favorable to the proposition, as was his statement to Councilman Eifert on his return from his first preliminary trip of inspection.

The charge was made in the council by a member of the water committee that only one proposition—Wasson canyon—had had a fair hearing before the committee, which had shelved other proposals, and circumstantial evidence corroborates this statement—for since the start the majority of the committee has favored this proposition. Certainly no extended examination of other propositions has been attempted, or if attempted, no report of the same has been filed.

It is hard for a layman to figure the interest that Nuveen & Co., the bond buyers, have in Wasson canyon or their gratuitous advice, always on tap when the question comes up in the council, telling the city to stick to the original plan. This concern is paid \$18,250 bonus for selling the bonds, and why it should dictate to the city how the money should be spent passes comprehension, as long as a gravity system is secured, unless Nuveen & Co. is interested in the contracting firm who expect to secure the construction of the pipeline, the American Light and Water company, whom they so strongly recommended for the job.

When three of the councilmen who favor Wasson canyon, first, last and all the time, failed to secure passage of a resolution favoring this source, they left the council chamber to prevent a quorum and block action endorsing any other source of supply. Is it possible that it is Wasson canyon or nothing with Messrs. Merriek, Wortman and Trowbridge, and that they would prevent the city's securing water from any source other than that chosen by them? Such an attempt to force Wasson canyon or any other proposition will be resented by the public.

There are three propositions before the council, each of which has merits and demerits—the Wasson canyon, the Fish Lake company and the Sterling Mining company. It is the relative and comparative merits of these three proposals that must be considered—and we have the word of a member of the water committee that neither the Fish Lake nor the Applegate have received the consideration meted to Wasson canyon.

The Fish Lake company claims the only incontestible water rights in the country. It has 5000 or more inches stored in Fish and Four-Mile lakes, beside the flow of the north fork of the Little Butte. The members of the water committee admitted that they could not distinguish between the quality of its water and that of Wasson canyon. The water can be diverted at any point along the stream, and the water right costs \$15,000 for the 300 inches.

The Sterling Mining company claims the oldest water right in Jackson county, and a continuous use of the water of the Little Applegate for nearly half a century. It offers to give satisfactory bond as to delivery and the engineering features are not for the city to worry over, as the com-

pany guarantees to surmount any and all difficulties at a total cost for two-fifths more water of \$50,000 less than that of a system from Wasson canyon.

The Wasson canyon proposition calls for the payment of \$25,000 for 300 inches. There is 160 or 170 inches flow in the canyon. If the city concludes the bargain, this flow must be supplemented from the Slinger ranch from north fork of the Little Butte, and, as Councilman Eifert asserts, it will be a case of "mixed drinks" for the city at a total cost exceeding by \$10,000 or more the original bond issue of \$300,000—but then, mixed drinks are the most expensive, anyway.

The fuller and freer the discussion of the water question from now on, the better, for the people who are paying the bills want all the information possible and will not submit to being railroaded into any proposition where a minimum of water is secured at a maximum of cost, and the experience of Bear creek repeated upon a greater scale.

### DEPUTY SHERIFF DRIVEN UP A TREE BY COONS

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Sept. 2.—Although he did best to keep the story a secret, it leaked out today that Deputy Sheriff Richard Polastric of San Rafael county spent the most of Sunday night in a tree, where he had been driven by coons that he went out to tree.

Polastric, who prides himself on being an amateur hunter, went out with a party of friends to hunt coons. He was crouching behind a tree with a lantern and rifle waiting for the dogs to drive the game in his direction. The hunt was successful up to this point. The coons came in Polastric's direction all right, but one of them jumped into the lantern and this enraged the animals so that they attacked the hunter. He forgot that he was a hunter and climbed up the tree as fast as he could go.

The hounds picked up the trail again and Polastric was rescued by the other members of the party.

### NEGROES BURN HOUSE OCCUPIED BY JAPANESE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 2.—The police today are looking for two burly negroes who set fire to a house in which seven Japanese were living across the river from this city, in order to force the inmates to give up their valuables. The Japanese stuck to the burning building until half of it was burned away, then gave in and meekly filed out and submitted to a search by the negroes.

In their investigation of the robbery, officers have learned that negro thugs have been preying upon the Japanese of this region for several months. Four robberies within the last six weeks have been reported by the orientals. In each case two negroes answering to the description of the men who held up the cabin across the river are the thugs.

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Mrs. Minnie Gano, E 1/2 of lot 10, Ashland Homestead Assn. .... 10  
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SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 2.—Mystery is attached to the origin of a costly fire which last night destroyed the planing mill of the Oregon Construction company and badly damaged other property on O'Farrell street in the heart of the Van Ness avenue shopping district. An investigation is in progress today to ascertain the cause.

The total loss of property is over \$20,000. One of the structures partially burned was Neergard's hall, in which the Choppers' club, a subsidiary organization of the Woodmen of the World, was holding an initiation. Not daunted by the interruption of the flames, the members dragged their paraphernalia into the street, loaded it on an express wagon, fell in behind, and started in a procession to find another hall.

### HARRIMAN TO PUBLISH BOOK BY JOHN MUIR

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 2.—John Muir, California's great nature lover and naturalist, who has been the guest of E. H. Harriman at his summer home at Pelican Bay, is writing a book on the scenery, the forests, plants and bird life of Oregon, and Mr. Harriman will publish the book for him. Mr. Muir spent many hours while at Pelican Bay out in the timber, in lonely spots, dictating to Mr. Harriman's stenographer.

Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be forwarded at the same time.

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Notice to Water Consumers Owing to the scarcity of water supply, it is ordered that no city water be used for irrigation or sprinkling except between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock a. m. and 5 and 7 o'clock p. m. until otherwise ordered by the water committee. Violation of this order by any consumer will result in said consumer's supply being forthwith shut off. By order of the Water Committee of the City Council of Medford, Oregon. Dated August 15, 1908.

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