

SMITH ON CONDOR WATER

(Continued from page 1.) when he uses it. He does not agree to use it any time or at all. If he uses it he must pay one-third of the cost of repairs. If he fails to pay one-third the cost of repairs, when they are simply forfeits his right to use the flume, and it would be left on the hands of the city.

Fish Lake. The Fish Lake company claims to have appropriated 20,000 inches of water under the laws of Oregon. The laws of Oregon do not permit of appropriation of water against owners of land on the streams below the point of appropriation except by their consent. Its diversion of water is liable to be enjoined at any time, except possibly such as it may store in Four-Mile lake. But even though it had the water, the cost and expense is a formidable item:

- 1. First cost \$254,100
2. For renewal 20 years hence 254,100
3. Interest 30 years at 5 per cent 381,150

Total \$889,350

This means over \$29,645 for 30 years, without counting the cost of patrolling 25 miles of pipeline, and eliminating the cost of 25 miles of right of way.

Rogue River Water.

The pipeline from Gold Bay will be but ten miles long, along an inhabited country, and will require no patrolling, as any break could be easily detected by people living along the line and communicated immediately by telephone to which point laborers and material could be quickly and easily transported. By telephone gates could be ordered closed at both ends of the line to permit repairs, which could not be done with the other lines. The expense would be:

- 1. First cost \$197,800
2. For renewal in 30 years 197,800
3. Interest 30 years at 5 per cent 296,700

Total \$692,300

This would mean that the city must raise \$23,070 per year, or a saving in 30 years over either of the other propositions of from \$290,000 to \$500,000. The supply of water from Rogue river would be absolutely free from question or possibility of litigation for the reason that 500 inches of water from Rogue river would be but one two-hundredth part of the total flow at the lowest stage, and would be such an imperceptible diminution of the flow of the river that it would never be considered as a basis of a suit to contest the right to use the water.

Cost of Operation.

The cost of operating a water system under municipal ownership is always more than under private ownership. The public is never able to secure as good service for the same money as the individual or a private corporation. The restrictions upon removal of municipal officials and employees, and the political affiliations of officials prevents selection upon the question of merit and ability alone. Collections of revenue from municipal water systems for the same reasons show a greater per cent of loss over those in the hands of private corporations. The experience of Medford with its municipal owned water system affords a striking example of the truth of this statement. Under the plan of operations by the city there will undoubtedly be a demand for a water commission. The commission will undoubtedly serve without a salary, but the commission will require a secretary, who will be paid a salary. The operation will also require an superintendent, who will be a salaried employe, and probably an assistant in addition to patrolmen for a long pipeline. These employes must be paid from the treasury of a city that will be burdened (if the Hafer of Hamilton propositions are accepted) with a bonded debt of \$425,000 and an annual interest charge of \$21,250. But under the proposal of the Condor Water & Power company it will act as the agent of the city in collecting the revenue, paying the cost of operating, which will include in the summer probably two or three employes at the pumping plant in the city, but during eight months one such employe will be sufficient. The making of bills, reading meters and collection will require another employe, and no patrolmen will be required. The company will, from collections made, deposit such sum as may be required to pay interest and sinking fund, the latter to commence at end of 15 years, and pay to the city one-fourth of the profits. The city will have the responsibility shifted from its shoulders to that of a responsible corporation, having hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in the county, which is willing to undertake the work for the city, which will invest nothing, but simply loan its credit. The Condor Water & Power company proposes to deliver water through a pipeline 24 to 29 inches inside diameter, a much larger pipe than any other system proposed affords. If the city will require all the water that can be put through the pipe, it will get it, the company furnishing the power for nothing, except its possible share of any profits that are made under the rates to be fixed by the city. Its hope of making any profit from the consumers of the city is remote. The water revenues of the city at present will average less than \$150 per month. They may be increased to \$1000 per month and perhaps to \$1500. The monthly interest charge under the proposed plan will be \$825 per month. Add to this cost of operating, without charge for power, the per cent for sinking fund, and "where are you at?" Remember always that the interest and sinking funds under the other systems will be much more, but the revenues will be no greater, and then find "where you are at." The Condor Water & Power company can only hope to make a profit by pumping a surplus of water above what Medford will consume, and sell it along the line for irrigation, which will be a benefit to the land along the line, that will be reaped by the business men of Medford. Remember also that the Condor Water & Power company's proposition contemplates in its estimated cost what no other proposition does,

Social and Personal

Ask for "Blue Stem" hard wheat flour. Mrs. Potter of Monroe, Or., and Mrs. Anderson of the same place, and Mrs. York of Applegate visited in Medford Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Blackford.

Edison Phonographs at Singler Music Store. John Blakeley, the well known representative of Gust & Co., is again visiting customers in Medford.

Hear the new Edison Phonograph (Wonderful) Singler Music Store. Longest record on record. Hear them at Singler Music Store.

E. F. Guthrie of Eagle Point spent Wednesday in Medford. A full line of fine imported bulbs at Portland prices. Where? C. P. Cook, West Side.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Martin of DuQuoin, Ia., are registered at the Nash. Try a sack of "Blue Stem" flour. P. C. Burton and wife of Fort Jones, Cal., are in Medford.

Edison Phonographs at Singler Music Store. J. A. Robertson, who is mining at the Blue Lodge, is visiting in Medford.

Edison Phonographs at Singler Music Store. Mrs. Lewis Ulrich of Jacksonville made Medford a short visit Wednesday.

Colonel J. P. Mundy is expected to return Friday from Kansas City. Fred J. Blakeley has returned from a trip to Roseburg.

Yakima Best, the flour of the hour, Miller & Ewbank. C. C. Gilchrist of Sams Valley spent several hours in Medford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Norris were over from Jacksonville Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. E. Conger were in Medford Wednesday. They are now located in Jacksonville.

S. E. Hering, representative of Armore's refrigerator cars, is transacting business in this section.

"No Trespass" cloth notices at the Tribune office. Price 5 cents each, 50 cents a dozen.

M. and Mrs. H. A. Hansson came down from Talent Wednesday for a short visit.

Henry Peck of Central Point precinct, one of our successful farmers, was in Medford Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Leon Haskins, who is paying relatives living at Berkeley, Cal., a visit, is expected home soon.

"Yakima Best," the Pillsbury of the west, at Miller & Ewbank's.

H. Bier of Corvallis, an expert planter, arrived in Medford Wednesday and may remain a while.

Mrs. J. Tromberth of Jacksonville was a Medford visitor Wednesday afternoon.

Hiram Doubleday was among the many down from Big Butte during the week.

Mrs. R. Swinden of Kane's Creek visited in Medford Wednesday afternoon.

C. H. Pierre, the real estate dealer, transacted business in Ashland one day this week.

Gus and Art Nichols, the stockraisers, were down from Rogue river the fore part of the week.

Dalbert Terrill, who now lives near Brimshurst, was in Medford Thursday. His health has improved considerably since he moved thither.

Messrs. Dunlap and Torney of the new organized Fruit Growers Trust company will return to Medford Friday from Seattle.

If you want the best in fruit, shade and ornamental trees, shrubbery, roses, bulbs, seeds, small fruits, etc., it will pay you to call on C. P. Cook and place your order at once. R. R. V. D. 187. Plant your bulbs now.

1000 People will see Professor Reynolds' big, free, funny show tonight near the postoffice, and that is a

Filter System that will make the water absolutely pure. This means that the health of the community will be doubly insured by first drawing the supply of water from a stream of such volume and purity that it is practically impossible of pollution; and, second, by running it through a filter that will make the water absolutely pure beyond a doubt, and so pure that even distillation and condensing could not better it. This system would give Medford a supply of water that would in all respects equal to the supply of Portland and theoretically even purer. The city of Medford could say to the people who are looking to this country as their future home: "We have a supply of water from Rogue river, a crystal stream that flows for his whole length over rocks and gravel beds. It is fed by the snows of the mighty Cascade range, and as pure as the dews of heaven, but that all may be done that man can do, we put it through a filter system, the most perfect that man has devised."

"Partnership." Someone has said: "The city wants no partnership" in its water system. Is hiring power to pump a partnership? Is hiring employes to operate a partnership? What is the difference between hiring a corporation to operate and hiring individuals? Where is the difference between hiring one to work for a salary, or a part of the profits? This as applied to the Condor Water & Power company is a mere expense and not an argument. But how is it applied to the other plans. Mr. Hamilton proposes to let the city have part of the water out of a small stream that the Fish Lake company claims to own, and to which its only claim is that it posted and recorded some notices, gives its officials imagine seemingly gives them a title and right to sell. If the stream is drawn from this source the city will not only be a tenant in common (not a partner) with the Fish Lake (Bark) company, but every owner of land along Butte creek from the point of intake to Rogue river. And with Mr. Hafer the city would be a tenant in common in 25 miles of trestle, and undoubtedly we must so-walk in fighting fires, slides and falling timber to keep up the elevated line.

ROBT. O. SMITH.

"No Shooting" signs at Tribune office. Price 5 cents each, 50 cents a dozen. "Blue Stem" flour is made from blue stem wheat. It is the best.

Classified Advertisements

One Cent a Word--No single insertions less than 15 cents. Six insertions for the price of four. Seventy-five cents a line per month.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE--Remington typewriter No. 6, nearly new, only \$65; splendid bargain. C. W. Stone, over Bijou theater. 187

FOR SALE--A first-class piano-piano; a bargain. P. O. Box 95, Medford. 187

FOR SALE--A house and lot in Central Point, one block from Main street, house 24 feet square, 4 rooms, lot 55x140; price \$1500. Inquire of Mrs. L. M. Emerson, Central Point, Or. 210

FOR SALE--A good small business on Seventh street. Reasons for selling. Address, P. O. box 512 or call at this office. 187

FOR SALE--One team horses, harness, light wagon. Inquire at Scott's Feed Yards or Box 806. 200

FOR SALE--Choice business property at a bargain on easy terms. P. O. Box 418, Medford. 247

FOR SALE--New Pinder concentrator, complete, for sale at a bargain; never been used. Address or call on W. J. Wimer, Waldo, Or., or A. E. Reames, Jacksonville. 190

FOR SALE--320-acre ranch, \$12,000, first class improvements, well, family orchard, etc. This is a bargain. See L. E. W. Tribune office. 187

FOR RENT--Nicely furnished room with board. Third house from Oakland avenue on Tenth street. Telephone 615. 186

WANTED--Position as cook in hotel, boarding house or lumber camp; references if required. E. L. Harriman, Etna Mills, Cal. Box 169. 192

WANTED--First-class woman cook. P. O. Box 624. 187

WANTED--Experienced young man wants steady position as clerk in general or shoe store; best of references. Address Hal L. Conrad, Medford post-office. 184

WANTED--Chamber work or washing. Address Mrs. B. care of Tribune. 186

WANTED--First-class orchard man to plant to trees and cultivate large tract of orchard land. Address P. O. Box 418, Medford, Or. 185

WANTED--Horses for pasture, \$2 per month; no wire fences; shade, water and grass. Apply to Walter Moore, Phoenix, Or. 185

WANTED--To buy from 100 to 300 head of stock sheep. Write Box 131, Medford, Or. 185

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST--A light bay horse, weight 1050 pounds, 9 years old, branded (K) on left shoulder, lame in left shoulder. Notify L. C. Dawson at Beagle, Or. 200

LOST--A purse, between Nash and Moore hotels. Finder, please return to The Tribune office. 185

LOST--Dog, pointer, with brown spots, collar, No. 3 dog tag. Return to H. O. Wilkenson. 185

FOUND--Pair of glasses in case, silver frames, with gold nose piece. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for notice. 186

A Window Showing What's Doing Saturday After Supper Don't You Want to See It? A visit to this store will convince you that we are offering the real bargains. MEDFORD'S "LITTLE KOST" LADIES' SHOP BAKER-HUTCHASON CO. CENTRAL AVENUE, JUST NORTH OF JACKSON COUNTY BANK.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR Just Arrived This Guarantee on Every Garment Shrinkproof If this garment fulls or felts, take it back to your merchant with this label and your money will be returned to you. After washing, always stretch garment to its full length and dry hanging from the top. As a fabric so elastic can be pulled into almost any shape when wet, carefully observe the above. Then garment will always retain its original shape. It will never shrink. MENTOR KNITTING MILLS Cleveland, Ohio. Daniels' Largest Clothing Store in So. Oregon

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