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RAY SHOWS HIS OFFER TO BE CHEAPEST

Condor Company Gets Returns From Sale of Surplus Water Outside of City Limits

Why should Medford build a larger pipeline than needed from Rogue river and allow the Condor company to sell the surplus water that Medford does not use or need and have all the revenue from sale of water outside of city limits? Answer--First: Because the Condor company must have pay for its pumping charges, and gets its from the sale of surplus water outside of the city limits.

Is Cheaper Proposition

Why should the city of Medford build the water system as proposed by the Condor company and allow the Condor company to have 75 per cent of the profits inside city limits? Answer--First: If you get cheaper water proposition in that way, why not do it?

Second: It is known that the gravity system under city management will cost the city \$305,000 per year for 30 years, besides the operating expenses.

It is also known that with a new city water distributing system in operation with no provision made or money available for extensions, that the city management is not paying operating expenses, much less interest charges on the debt.

Now, under these circumstances, if a gravity system is built and the city assumes \$305,000 per year, with no money provided for new city extensions will not the property owners of the city have to pay this enormous taxation of over \$30,000 per year?

Third: If the city water system will be self-supporting, as it will under the Condor proposition, and the property owners freed from the extra burden of taxation under the Condor proposition, then the Condor company all the profits and a bonus besides.

But the city only gives them 75 per cent of the profits and the city council fixes the water rates, thereby controlling the amount of the profits.

Are Electric Lighting Rates Higher? Lighting rates are lower than they were under city management. Under city management lighting rates were 15 cents per kilowatt; under Condor management they range from 10 cents down to 4 cents per kilowatt.

The fact that some people pay more for lighting now than they did before is simply an illustration of bad management of the city and shows why it went in debt operating the light plant and how it will go deeper in debt trying to operate the water system.

It is a well known fact that the light meters were out of repair and worn out and did not register correctly, just as is the case with a good many water meters now.

The rule of the Condor company is to investigate promptly any complaint received of supposed overcharge, test meters free of charge and refund promptly any overcharge.

Hamilton Proposition. These proxy unsigned promises in the Medford Mail in behalf of Hamilton's water proposition--who is responsible for them, and are they binding on Hamilton?

Hamilton's proposition merely says he will furnish so much water. What guarantee did the city have that it will get pure water? Hamilton's proposition says he will furnish wood pipes for so much. What guarantee will the city have that it will last over one year?

ROCKEFELLER'S SUPPORT WILL STAMPEDE VOTERS TO DEMOCRATIC RANKS

Wellman Says Republicans Outwardly Confident but Inwardly Nervous--Result in Indiana, Ohio and New York Close--Labor Vote the Big Factor, Impossible to Tell Which Way It Will Turn

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.--Walter Wellman writes in the Record-Herald today as follows: Election week dawns with the republican leaders outwardly confident, but inwardly nervous. The democratic managers are hopeful, as usual. Signs point to Taft's triumph, but some unsettled conditions may reverse this prediction.

The result of the Rockefeller incident is uncertain. It is not known how powerful the labor vote is in Indiana, Ohio and New York. Are the republicans in the labor unions joining Gompers in his fight? Is the prevalent discontent an indication that laboring men will demand a change in government?

Oil Support Aids Bryan

There is reason to believe that Rockefeller's support of Taft will stampede voters to Bryan and great anxiety exists over the effect of his announcement. It accentuates greatly the protest against the undue power of wealth in politics.

The result in Indiana, Ohio and New York is close. If any one of these states is saved to Taft, it will be the result of the arousing of the laboring classes after months of apathy. What the republicans fear is that Rockefeller's endorsement of Taft may turn enough votes in these states to elect Bryan.

A well informed man of New York says that Rockefeller's endorsement of Taft is not a trick of the democrats. He says that Rockefeller has always been a republican and desires Taft's election, Rockefeller is not aware of so great unpopularity, says this man, and thought that his endorsement would really benefit Taft. The oil magnate is really sorry that it has reacted against Taft, he says.

BOTH PARTIES CLAIM VICTORY

Both Sides Claim Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, and Kansas

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.--At the headquarters of the republican and democratic national committees today statements were given out, each party predicting a victory in tomorrow's election.

Dispatches received from all parts of the west at the headquarters of both parties today indicate the following conditions in states that have been claimed by both parties: In Nebraska the democrats and the republicans are both claiming the state. The republican chairman says Taft will get a plurality of 10,000 and the democrats claim the state by the same plurality.

In Iowa the republicans claim that Taft will get the usual republican majority. The democrats claim that the fight for the United States senatorship will reduce Taft's plurality and give Bryan a chance to win.

In Colorado the democrats charge the republicans with having tried to "fix" the election in Las Animas and Huerfano counties. Both sides claim the state. The speaking campaign in Colorado has been closed.

In Kansas Bryan's entry into the northern part of the state today is claimed by the democrats to be effective in securing the state for him. Both sides claim a victory in the state.

PHACTS FROM PHOENIX. Arthur and Fred Farry returned Thursday from Dead Indian where they went to look after their cattle. They brought nearly enough ducks to supply the town.

The Peck Rathe ear from Jennings, Louisiana arrived here Friday morning. Miss Young of Ashland came down Friday to organize a musical class. Miss Young is a noted piano instructor.

What's the matter with Talent? Why she don't talk any more. Pinch yourself and wake up Miss or Mrs. or Mr. Lloyd Colver is getting his orchard into fine shape.

Claud C. Cotes left for Ashland Friday. Prof. G. A. Stannard and wife spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Medford attending the teachers institute.

HOLLAND TO WAGE WAR ON CASTRO

Orders Blockade of Venezuelan Ports--Castro Mobilizes Troops--Holland Preparing to Fight

THE HAGUE, Nov. 2.--War was virtually declared on Venezuela today when the Dutch government ordered a blockade of all Venezuelan ports. Orders were sent to the commanders of the Dutch battleships at Willemstadt last Saturday and it is believed that these orders directed that a blockade be enforced beginning today.

The blockade of all Venezuelan ports was ordered by Holland after several months of delay in dealing with President Castro. It is believed that Holland is preparing to fight and will send troops to Venezuela to enforce her demands if necessary.

Yesterday was the last day as the limit of time given Castro by Holland. Castro refused to reverse his decision. Advice received from here today state that Castro has mobilized 20,000 troops which are ready to resist the blockade. The troops are under the command of General Nicholas Holland, a former revolutionist leader. It is stated here that the cruiser Utrecht will be sent to Venezuela from here and that the Dutch cruisers are in the Caribbean sea and the East Indies will be rushed to enforce the blockade.

NEARLY 600 STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Nov. 2.--Every county in the state, with the exception of a half dozen in eastern and southeastern Oregon, in which there are no complete high schools and every four-year high school and academy in the state is represented in the student body at the University of Oregon.

The registration has now reached 521, which is the greatest in the history of the university, and will be increased to 600 by the registration at the opening of the second semester. Many students enter at this time, completing their work at the midway four years hence. The registration of 521 includes only the departments of liberal arts and engineering, and not the departments of medicine and law. If these were included, the total would be about 750. Fifty-three students are registered from states outside of Oregon, an indication of the large number of people from other states that are settling in the state. Multnomah county leads in number of students, followed in order by Lane, Marion, Baker, Clackamas, Jackson, Douglas and Umatilla.

CENTRAL POINT TURNED TOPSY TURVY HALLOWEEN

Central Point was turned topsy turvy Saturday evening, Halloween, by a crowd of its young men and boys. The streets presented a sorry spectacle Sunday morning. Wagons, upside down, littered the sidewalks. Store signs were transferred and placed in absurd positions. An out-house was carted onto a store-porch and a restaurant sign nailed on. Every movable around the town was moved, and it will take several days to straighten things out.

TRACKLAYERS RAPIDLY NEARING KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 2.--Worden, the second townsite south from Klamath Falls, will be reached by tracklayers of the California Northeastern railway next week.

All along the line of the grade the greatest activity prevails, and almost before this day realizes it the rails will be here.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS DR. RAY TO BLITON

Mr. Bliton of the Medford Morning Mail in his subsidized fight against the Condor Water & Power company proposition has resorted to every disreputable means to misrepresent and defeat the Condor water proposition and in his paper of November 1 libelously attacks the character of Dr. Ray of the Condor company.

However, it is well known that Bliton is not responsible for what he says or publishes and to sue him for libel would be like "shooting a skunk--nothing would come of it but a stink."

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Miles visited relatives and friends living at Ashland Sunday.

At Bell went to Talent morning for a short visit.

DEBS OFF ON FINAL TOUR THROUGH STATE OF ILLINOIS; IS PLEASSED WITH RESULTS



THE SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT ON THE STUMP.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.--Eugene V. Debs, socialist candidate for president, started for a tour of the state in the final dash of the campaign today. He will close his canvass tonight at Terre Haute, where a big meeting will be held. Debs stated that the tour he has just completed showed a wonderful increase.

At the party headquarters it was announced today that the socialist vote in Chicago will be 50,000 and that the vote in the state will be 100,000. A. M. S. Kims of the socialist national committee today declared that in the support throughout the middle west the socialist party would poll 1,000,000 or 1,200,000 votes tomorrow. He estimates that the vote in Illinois will be 300,000 and that 40,000 will be cast in Cook county. This will be a gain of 25,000 in Illinois and a gain of 600,000 in the entire United States.

WHAT IS NATURE OF GUARANTEE? ERRING WIFE IS SET FREE

Fish Lake Property Is Under Option to Eastern People--Want to Sell Parker, Who Induced Mrs. Olson to Leave Medford Is Fined \$100

It has been about two weeks since the Mail was requested to give some information about the responsibility and guarantee behind the Fish Lake water proposition. But these questions are still unanswered.

The people have a right to know, since it is known that the right to divert water from Little Butte creek will be attacked in the courts.

Mr. Hamilton has claimed that the Fish Lake Ditch company will guarantee the title to the water. The people have the right to know the nature of that guarantee. If it is not in writing, it is absolutely worthless.

Fish Lake Water Option. Another reason why it is important is that the Fish Lake company has been for the last five years trying to sell all its property and rights, and its whole property is now under option to eastern people. If a sale is made the Fish Lake Water company would immediately be dissolved. This would leave the people as protection against litigation a guaranty if there ever was one from a defunct corporation. If the city would get into litigation over the water right and lose, it would be unable to recover a penny.

In Case of a Sale. If a sale is made by the Fish Lake Water company, of course the proceeds would not be kept in the treasury, but be immediately distributed among the stockholders, and the company would be without property and without assets of any kind. Is this not the reason why Mr. Hamilton makes no guarantee? The question now is do the people of Medford want to give Mr. Hamilton the opportunity to make huge profits on a wooden pipeline that is threatened with litigation, and to have for indemnity only his word that the Fish Lake Water company will stand behind him, and especially in view of the fact that the Fish Lake Water company may sell its property any week and is trying to sell it now? Does that look as if the people were being played for "suckers"?

ROBT. G. SMITH. RIVAL STAGE TO ONE OWNED BY SOUTHERN PACIFIC

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 2.--Abel Ady, the "marsh king" in Klamath county, contemplates a rival transportation company in opposition to the one now acting in conjunction with the Southern Pacific company. Transportation matters in this county have been quiet all summer, and Mr. Ady's move is caused by the new schedule just going into effect, practically cutting out his sitting station at Teeters Landing. He advertises a reduction in rates and free meals.

M'ALLISTER INSPECTS FISHWAYS

Visits Rogue River at Request of Various Anglers--Improvements Are to be Made at Once

Master Fish Warden H. C. McAllister in response to requests from the Rogue river section, spent Saturday and Sunday at the various dams across the stream and as a result of his visit work is now under way remedying the defects in the fishways, so that in a few days fish will be able to ascend the river to their natural spawning grounds. The publication of conditions as they have existed in the Tribune is responsible for the official's visit, for angling in the Rogue was threatened with extermination. Having secured good fishways at the dams, the next move will be to secure legislation stopping all seining above tide water and an organization for this purpose is under way.

Improvements Agreed Upon. Mr. McAllister arrived at Grants Pass Saturday and was met by Representative D. H. Miller, Fish Warden Edward Clanton and Game Warden Harry Messler. The Grants Pass dam and the Ament dam were inspected. At the former a new fish ladder, on approved plans, is to be constructed at once. At the Ament dam racks are to be built to steer the fish to the fishway and prevent their collecting in the holes under the cribbing and beating themselves to pieces against the dam. Repairs are to be made to the fishway to render the ascent of salmon and steelhead easier.

Sunday morning Mr. McAllister was taken to Gold Ray in an auto by Dr. C. R. Ray and Superintendent Stoddard of the Condor Water & Power company. Here he was met by a large delegation of Medford and Gold Hill citizens interested in angling, among them being Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Euyart, D. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Hussey, John Reed and Jack Astbury of Gold Hill and Wardens Clanton and Messler. Members of the Jackson County Press association were also present, including President S. A. Pattison of the Central Point Herald, E. J. Kiser of the Ashland Valley Record, Lynn Purdin of the Gold Hill News and George Putnam of The Medford Tribune.

Work Now Under Way. Work on remedying the defects in the fishway had already commenced at the Ray dam fishway. The bedrock in front of the ladder is being blasted out so as to make a deep channel from the main channel of the river to the ladder. The cement sides of the fishway are to be extended and raised and several new steps put in the ladder. The intake from the lake is to be widened.

"When these changes and additions are completed," said Mr. McAllister, "this will be the best fish ladder at any dam in Oregon. It will be easy for any fish to pass the dam. I wish to thank Dr. Ray for his courtesy and willingness to do everything suggested, for this is purely voluntary on his part, as the fishway had already been accepted by my predecessor, and I have no authority to force further improvement."

Ray Alone Enforces Law. Dr. Ray has rigidly enforced the law regarding fishing, preventing fishing within 600 feet of the dam, and does not allow employes or visitors to break the law. Mr. Ament, on the contrary, refuses to aid in the enforcement of the law in any way at his dam, or to cooperate with the wardens in protecting the fish.

Mr. McAllister promised that he will detail a special man to protect the fish in the Rogue, and more especially to watch the two lower dams and prevent the fish hogs from making their big hauls at the toes of the dams, as they have done in the past. Lawbreakers are to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Entertained at Gold Hill. After an inspection of the improvements under way at the clubhouse, which consist of a refrigerator and ice plant, remodeling and repainting and constructing an auto road, Mr. McAllister accompanied Dr. Ray, Mr. Stoddard and the newspapers men to Gold Hill, where they were the guests of Joe L. Hamersley, Editor Lynn Purdin and John Reed at a most enjoyable dinner at the Gold Hill Hotel. An elaborate menu was discussed and the most successful meeting the press association has yet held followed.

After dinner the Medford contingent returned on the afternoon train, while the Gold Hill entertainers took Mr. McAllister to visit the Champion dredge at Poots creek.