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City Should Own It's Water and Light Systems

Where it is possible a city should own its own water and electric light systems. If a private corporation seeks a franchise for these purposes it is to make money out of them. Why pay a bonus for some one else to do what we should do ourselves.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Receipts from users of light from January to October (\$5770.44), Expenditures during the same period as follows: Salary (\$1900.00), Expense, oil boiler, etc (129.74), Extension work and material (406.47), 560 Cords of wood (1824.00), Total (\$4159.21), Net returns to the city (\$3034.90).

This return is for 10 months or five sixths of a year and the net returns at the same rate for a year would mean \$3540.70, which would pay the bonded interest on a system for Independence that would cost \$59,000 at 6 percent.

Considering that the same power and much of the same help would be used for a water system why not Independence keep this money at home and pay for her own plant.

If a good business men's council should be selected they could work out for Independence a system of light and water works that would be a big advertisement for the town as well as a future asset.

There would be no difficulty in bonding the city for 20 or 30 year bonds and probably these bonds could be sold for less than 5 percent interest.

Then again the present water system is inadequate for the city needs. North Independence has no water service and the fire that the city suffered a few months ago demonstrated that a better system is needed. No better time comes for the consideration of these matters than the city election is just before us.

The Monitor believes in a municipal plant when possible, and believes also in taking such measures as are best in securing the present plant if it can be secured for what it is really worth as a part of a complete system to be put in this city by engineers.

Woodburn purchased the plant of the corporation operating there and used it in extending and improving their system. Why not Independence consider this method now?

Register Now For City Election

Don't delay registering. Independence is making progress and an active, progressive council should be elected. The mayor should be chosen with a view of securing a man competent and capable to manage the affairs of Independence so as to aid the city's growth. A council should be nominated that will take up city question and decide them with a view of a permanent growth here to a population of 10,000 in the course of a few year's time.

Advertisement for Drexler & Altmann. Text: 'We Satisfy Our Trade By Giving a Dollar's worth of Merchandise for every dollar invested. Do you realize that as we carry both dry goods and groceries we save you money on your bills.' Includes an illustration of a man carrying a basket.

Money Centered in New York

One-third of the money in banks of the U. S. is reported to be found in the New York banks. At the Minnesota Conservation Congress and Northwest Products exhibition this matter was discussed and why not remedied was the suggestion? There seems to be no united effort on the part of the smaller banks of the country to keep the money distributed equally over the country. Why should New York with a population of less than 5,000,000 people have one-third of the available cash of the whole nation? The question should be solved by the small banks and not by New York alone.

Would Be Good Man For Place

With R. King, a former Justice of the Supreme Court, and a foremost advocate of Woodrow Wilson, is being talked of for Secretary of the Interior. No man could be of more benefit to the development of Oregon's resources than W. R. King. He is well acquainted with the irrigation situation of Oregon and also is a man thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the west, the conditions and the ways that a state should follow along these lines. The Monitor believes Oregon should be united in supporting the cause of King in this instance.

Glad To Know Hofer Still in Field

Col. E. Hofer, who for 26 years, shaped the policies of the Capital Journal, of Salem, was banqueted by the Salem editors and newspaper men Friday. Col. Hofer has been a power in the upbuilding of Oregon, and the announcement that he will devote his future energies to a "Made-in-Oregon" magazine, is received with much satisfaction by the many friends of the veteran editor who do not wish to see him entirely forsake his field of usefulness.

Why Not Jones Pay The Freight?

The government report shows that \$20,000,000 more would have been paid to the U. S. Postal department if the frankage privilege had not been allowed and regular postage had been charged and had been collected on the mail out by the governmental departments, congressmen, etc, most of which is political matter.

Official returns in Oregon give Wilson 47,064; Roosevelt 37,600; Taft 34,673; Debs 13,329; Chafin 4,360 votes. These votes are the highest in each party cast for any one elector.

Over 900 women have registered for the coming city election at Salem. If the women vote, the given the right of franchise?

Report of the Schools of Polk County, Month Ending Nov. 1

Table with 2 columns: Item and Count. Rows include No. of schools reporting correctly and on time (65), No. of schools reporting not on time (4), No. of pupils remaining at time of last report (1353), No. of pupils registered new during month (944), Total number of pupils on register during month (2964), Total number of pupils on register at time of this report (2729), No. of days taught during month (79), Whole number of days attendance (6826), Whole number of days absence (1754), Whole number of times late (512), No. of pupils neither absent nor tardy (1428), Average number of pupils belonging (2770), Average daily attendance (2677), Per cent of attendance (96.6), No. of visits by principals (106), No. of visits by members of school boards (102).

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the month of having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Zena, Dallas, Smithfield, Red Prairie, Lewisville, Ballston, Monmouth, Ellis, Public Park Station, Warn, Perrydale, Fair View, Cochran, Rickreill, Oak Point, Elkins, Independence, Antioch, Buena Vista, Spring Valley, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Lincoln, North Dallas, Crowley, McTimmon's Valley, (100), Fir Grove, Sunny Slope, Concord, Oak Dale, Lone Star, McCoy, Gilbert, Liberty, Fair City, Black Rock, Oakhurst (100), Pioneer, Cherry Grove, Mountain View, Hopville, Highland, Mistietoe, Valley Junction, Fair, Brush College.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Smithfield, Eola, Red Prairie, Orchard, Ward, Fair View, Butler, Oak Point, Brush College, Spring Valley, Montgomery, Lincoln, Enterprise, McTimmon's Valley, Lone Star, Black stock, Pioneer, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst, Hopville and Highland.

The Fair View school with G. W. Dykstra as teacher and A. Aebi, Kirk Scraftford, Peter Nelson, E. E. Hiltbrand as school board; the Pioneer school with Carrie Balm as teacher and Fred Hagen, J. H. Solter, G. W. Guller, D. N. Harrington as school board; the West Salem school with Misses Rose, Robinson, Orpha Bell and Eda White as teachers and G. Stuge, Geo. Gosser and F. L. Wood as board have become Standard Schools having won all the 14 points required.

Many schools are short only a few points and will soon win those. The report this month shows 203 visits made by members of school boards; this is the best record ever made any one month and we hope that these visits continue as we are getting the best results from those visits by members of the board.

H. C. Seymour, School Superintendent Polk County, Oregon.

FEW LOCAL NEWS ITEMS, PERSONALS, ETC.

C. L. Hawley, the well known Lincoln breeder, of near McCoy, also sheared 10 head of Lincolns. It is his headlings that have never been so clean that are allowed to carry their full fleece until men he is able to get a fancy price for the extra long production. The sheep and er-Pacific Homestead.

noch Chamberlin of the Luckiamute was transacting business in the city Saturday.

Oscar Hayter attended the Oregon State Bar Association in Portland.

5 acres near Salem to trade for Independence property worth \$600. See R. J. Taylor.

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