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ONTARIO'S WATER.

Ontario citizens, and especially Ontario women will hail with delight the announcement of the Ontario Water company's determination to better the water supply. It is to be hoped that the officials of the company will find the solution of this vexing problem. They can not improve the supply any too soon for the happiness of the community.

However anxious the people of the city are to have better water it is, to use a trite expression, "easier said than done." At least it is a difficult problem with a capital investment on which the present earnings, or those of the near future, will pay a reasonable interest.

Not only does Ontario need more and softer water, but it also needs greater pressure for fire protection. In view of the fact that the population of the city is widely scattered the cost of the distributing system is out of proportion to the number of water users, while at the same time the vast lengths of mains help to reduce this pressure.

If the Ontario Water company succeeds in solving the water problem by increasing the supply, bettering the product and increasing the pressure the degree of benefit it will bestow upon the city is beyond measure.

IT IS ALL OVER.

There is an old saying that, "No man's life or property is safe while the legislature is in session." This has been increasingly true during the past ten years, especially in the western states. However the legislature which closed recently was an exception to the rule.

That the statutes books are not all cluttered up with a lot of new freak laws is not due to the absence of freak legislators at Salem during the past session. It is due to the fact that they were so decidedly in the minority that they could not put their measures over.

Even, this, however, would not have kept some of their bills off the statute books had it not been true that the control of the House and Senate were safe in the hands of conservatively progressive men. Speaker R. A. Stanfield and President Gus Moser of the Senate are evidently men in whose hands the affairs of the state were safe. Such leaders are valuable assets of a state and the people should consider the record they have made in the positions just filled, when seeking men for the administrative positions of government.

Personally the fellows at Vale are mighty genial. And there is this much to be said for them, "They are working mighty hard for their little old home town." Given a few natural advantages and that kind of a spirit would land the county seat in the ranks of metropolis.

It is apparently the business of a railroad to run for the sole purpose of serving the folks that live in a town on a branch line, and not for the purpose of serving the thousands who live without its precincts who are forced to go there on business.

As a matter of information it is nice to know that so far as Vale is concerned its 275 petitioners are more important than all the citizens of all the other communities in the county.

Mayor Cole of Vale testified that he lost a lot of money. Now don't laugh for some of the Vale boys declared positively that he had not even misplaced it.

One of Ontario's neighbors has taken to heart the saying that God helps those who help themselves.

You have got to hand it to a community that goes out after things.

THE ROAD BOND ISSUE.

It was hardly to be expected in Oregon that a legislature could adjourn without providing or at least on special election. Yet the voters are to be congratulated that at the special election to be held in June they will have an opportunity to show how Oregon feels on the question of good roads. With the issue placed squarely before the electorate there is no doubt that the state will not be permitted to get into the Arkansas class of commonwealths, so far primary highways are concerned.

In view of the paramount importance of good roads to the development of Oregon the Argus next week will print in full the bill on which the voters will ballot in June. Tho it is a long measure and contains a number of chapters which do not vitally affect Malheur county, yet the voters should get thoroughly informed on the entire act in order that they may view from its state-wide viewpoint, rather than from purely local interest.

The only thing that at all endangers the bill is the fact that the word bonds appears in its several chapters. The average property owner shys whenever the word bond is mentioned. And he has reason too, for his timidity, for all too frequently bond issues have been proposed which are in fact mortgages on the future inhabitants of the state. However this is a case where over which the property owner has no reason to worry. Real property will not be called upon to pay for these bonds, either principal or interest. The automobile owner must foot the bill. Under these conditions the man who has hitherto spent his time cursing the gasoline buggies and their owners for "hogging" the road and speeding should be found lined up behind this measure. If this class of citizens is numerically as strong as their conversation at times, the bonds will go thru with a whoop.

IS IT POSSIBLE?

It is difficult for one possessed of a sound mind to believe possible the statement made by Postmaster J. P. Huston of Vale at the hearing last Tuesday concerning the certainty of Vale securing a rural mail route running to "within three miles of Ontario." Yet that was Mr. Huston's testimony.

Not only did he put it that way but he stated as a categorical fact that, "we will get it." And as if to "rub it in," said that owing to the department's ruling Ontario could not get such a service.

Now the Vale postmaster may be telling the exact truth. He may know what he is talking about. But if that is the case, then well, Ontario might as well close the books, ask that its charter be cancelled and seek to be added to the confines of the county seat.

To say that the Vale proposition is preposterous is not enough, for of course no one in Vale would admit having guilty knowledge of such a scheme, certainly not. Why of course the people who live within three miles of Ontario want their mail to come from Vale. Why they want it so bad that they have themselves asked the government to put them on that route, at least that is how some of the Vale folks tell it.

You see it is this way, according to Mr. Huston's explanation Ontario is so located that a mail man going west to serve the people living out half way to Vale and cover the necessary distance would have to "double back" and the department won't stand for that. But a mail man coming East from Vale to serve the same people, and returning to serve his patrons west of Vale would not double back. Perfectly simple, isn't it? Just as clear as mud. To go west from Ontario you double back but going east from Vale you don't.

Of course Ontario would never have known this had it not been represented at the hearing at Vale Tuesday, for Mr. Huston told the commission that the petition for the Vale route had been held up in Washington for two months on account of the train schedule.

Having in a few hours after arriving in Vale learned so much about matters vitally concerning the people of Ontario, it seems that regular visits at stated intervals might be of real profit to Ontario.

ONTARIO NEEDS GOOD ROADS.

With six inches of mud on the surfaces and with the bottoms almost gone on the roads leading to Ontario it is a day's work for a raucher to come to town to trade.

Some towns want their train service for the benefit of the people who come and go. Others want the service for the benefit of defunct hotels.

ONTARIO FURNITURE COMPANY

EXTRA SPECIAL For Ten Days

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CLOTHES LINE REEL—20 ft. of cotton rope clothes line in a steel case—Just the thing for indoors or porch use. It can be stretched anywhere and stopped any place. We will not accept phone orders or deliver them—you must come and get them.

REGULAR 50c SELLER FOR 19c

ONTARIO FURNITURE COMPANY

When You Clean House Rent or Buy the **BRILLIANT Electric Sweeper**

ONTARIO FURNITURE COMPANY

Announcement

I wish to announce that I have purchased the retail meat market of the Oregon Packing company. Also I wish to tell the many former customers that the same measure of service, the same high grade meats, sausage and other meat products secured at the market in the past will be given them.

GEORGE SMAL, PROP.

ALL THE YEAR 'ROUND.

Oregon Short Line week-end and Sunday rates have been so popular that they will be continued indefinitely. On sale every week, all the time. They are for your convenience; use them frequently. Ask O. S. L. agents.

We want so much to put one of our electrically operated Apollo Player-Pianos in a home in Ontario that we will make a big discount on the first one, knowing that enough orders will follow to warrant the sacrifice. It plays by hand and pedals also! A letter of inquiry will do no harm. Or you may ask Mrs. Weese in Ontario, Wise Piano House, Boise, Idaho. 471f

Whiskers---

- The after effects, sometimes
- are worse than long whiskers.
- We make a specialty of the care
- of your face—Give us a trial
- and if not satisfied tell us.
- MOORE BARBER SHOP**
- A. K. JOHNSON, Prop.**

Ontario Laundry

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MARSDEN MACHINE AND REPAIR SHOP.

- V. W. Marsden, Prop.
- We do all kinds of repair work
- from a pair of scissors to the
- heaviest kind of machinery.
- Bicycle Repairing as well as
- Automobile work—we can also
- put your gas engine in good
- condition.
- Lawn Mower Grinding a Specialty

OREGON EASTERN BRANCH

West Bound
No. 271 Mixed—Leaves Ontario 10:00 a. m. Daily except Sunday; Arrive Vale 10:50 a. m. Juntura 2:00 p. m.; Riverside 3:20 p. m. Crane 5:20 p. m.
No. 272 Mixed—Leave Crane, Ore. 7:30 a. m. Daily Except Sunday, Riverside 9:30 a. m. Juntura 10:35 a. m., Vale 1:15 p. m., Arrive Ontario 2:00 p. m.

BROGAN BRANCH

No. 273 Mixed—Leave Ontario 1:30 p. m. Daily Except Sunday, Leave Vale 2:30 p. m., Arrive Brogan 3:30 p. m.
No. 274 Mixed—Leave Brogan 3:50 p. m., Vale 5:05 p. m., Arrive Ontario 5:50 p. m.

HOMEDALE BRANCH

Extra Mixed—Leave Ontario 8:15 a. m. Daily Except Sunday.
No. 262 Mixed—Leave Nyssa 9:25 a. m. Daily Except Sunday, Arrive Homedale 10:25 a. m.
No. 3:64 Mixed—Leave Homedale 10:35 a. m. Daily Except Sunday, Arrive Nyssa 12:05 p. m.
Extra Mixed—Arrive Ontario 12:30 p. m.

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