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TUT, TUT, GEORGIE

Our county seat contemporary with the three-ply name takes exception to the Argus citing the condition of Vale's water supply as a reason for action on the part of Ontario to protect its own health giving stream and accuses us of "narrow mindedness" and diverse other sins.

The petulant editor declares himself, in his issue of July 26, as proud of the Vale water system, and heads his screed: "Vale's Water System Best in Southeastern Oregon." May be it is, but from the files of his paper of recent dates these are a few of his own comments on the Vale water situation:

On July 26, the same issue as that which described the water system as the best in Southeastern Oregon, appears the following headlines on the front page:

"Will Investigate Water Situation; City System Discussed by Tuesday Lunchers—Council Appoints Committee."

The first paragraph lets the cat out of the bag for it says: "Judge Biggs acting as chairman (we imagine the Judge was chairman, but the Enterprise says he just acted as such,) held the discussion chiefly to various proposals for improving the present water system."

Would it make our contemporary angry if we ask at this point, why it is that the lunchers discussed means of improvement for the water system if "it is the best in Southeastern Oregon?"

But more from the record of e e, in the same story appears the following enlightening paragraph:

"At an adjourned meeting of the city council Wednesday night a citizen's committee was appointed to investigate the intake, the supply and the pipe line of the present system and make a complete report on the same. C. W. Nelson was appointed to work with the committee as a representative of the council and to lend any assistance possible."

That seems a strange procedure with "the best system in Southeastern Oregon," now doesn't it?

Just the week before last, in the issue of July 19th, the county seat paper spread across three columns of its front page this head line: "Correct Solution of City Water Problem is Important—Several Plans Proposed—Vale Wants Best System."

Then following a long account of proposed plans and comment of the editor on the present system among which appears the Enterprise conception of a perfect system, and suggests various means by which Vale could secure that. All this after telling of the reduced supply at present furnished thru leaking pipe lines, etc.

In this discussion the Enterprise man glibly talks about having to spend anywhere from $10,000 to $50,000 or more to secure the perfect system he outlined previously.

Of course one naturally wonders what the Enterprise has up its sleeve in suggesting such a program to a city that he says has the best system in Southeastern Oregon.

Now the Argus has no desire to advertise the condition of the Vale water system, but is merely printing from the record that the Enterprise has given, and believing what the Enterprise said in its news columns, the previous comments of this paper were made, and used as a warning to Ontario to get busy.

But we evidently were mistaken. There was nothing and there is nothing wrong at Vale, oh no. The Enterprise merely wants to make a job for some contractor, or is suffering from the heat and does not know what it wants. At least its editorial comments and its news stories fail to agree. We would suggest that when Mr. Editor Currey writes an editorial that he consult Mr. Reporter Currey as to what he is going to say on the front page about the water, and try to make the comment gibe with the purported facts in the news columns, and not blame others for taking the news stories as facts—as they are supposed to be—but evidently are not—in the Enterprise.

The facts of the matter are, the Enterprise is kidding itself and trying to kid its readers, too. It knows that something must be done, but is afraid to come out with the truth and face the situation and is trying to throw dust and pose as the grand and glorious champion of righteousness. Its pose is familiar and its kidding no one but the editor of the Enterprise who takes himself so seriously. Given time, however, and he'll recover, for the heat must have been affecting him of late.

PRICES WILL NOT FALL

There is no disputing the fact that the general trend of wages for labor has been steadily toward a higher level. This has been true especially during the past 20 years. Seldom indeed has there been any marked fall in wages, and then for a short period only.

Since this is true, and it is also a fact, that the cost of construction of homes and buildings is largely governed by the price of labor, people who are delaying the building of a home on account of high priced labor are hugging a false hope, if they expect labor to become cheaper.

As a matter of economic justice labor ought not be cheaper when compared with the supply of capital in the world today. Here in America the circulating medium has increased many fold during the past two years. The vast supply of Liberty Bonds, Federal Reserve Notes and other paper money has resulted in an inflation that can not be absorbed readily except with high prices. An attempt to bear the labor market now would result in a panic. The solution of our problems now is predicated on the continued manifestation of faith in the future by everyone. If you are planning on building go ahead, and be assured that you will not lose a cent by doing so.

WHY NOT STANFIELD?

Governor Olcott must soon appoint a new Highway Commissioner to succeed W. L. Thompson who will officially reside in Portland after January 1. Among the most prominent men mentioned for the place is R. N. Stanfield of Stanfield, Pendleton and Ontario, or from all Eastern Oregon.

There is no man in the state whose interests spread over a greater territory or who is better acquainted personally with conditions over a wider area. This would indeed be of great assistance to the commission, and would insure a fair deal for all sections of the state, not that this has not been true before, for it has—but would insure the continuance of the present policy.

Then Bob Stanfield is approachable. He travels a great deal and it would not be necessary to send delegates to Portland to see the commission, for there is hardly a month in the year that Bob does not spend a day or two in nearly every Eastern Oregon county.

Portland has sprung a new one in railroad nomenclature, "equated miles." It sounds good for fine spun arguments, but is apparently having hard sledding to make the grade on account of the empty car haul that would be necessary if all the tonnage went to Portland instead of a part going to the Sound. It will help some, however, if it takes the tangle out of railroad traffic.

While Eastern Oregon admires Portland's fight for all the business of Eastern Oregon and Washington, oh how we would appreciate more of Portland's assistance in building up Eastern Oregon. We know Portland could do it if it would put the same energy into the fight that it expends in battling Seattle and Astoria. Maybe Portland will give us that help once she settles her difficulty by the equated mileage route.

BOTH STUBBORN

Apparently, there is little headway being made in solving the League of Nations tangle back in Washington. Congress will adjourn until late in August and as yet the peace treaty has not reached the floor of the Senate. Senatorial leaders declare that they will not report the treaty until President Wilson acceeds to their request for information concerning several knotty points—and word comes from the White House that he is looking over his papers to see what he can send them.

That is a pretty pass, indeed, for the government of one hundred million people to occupy. You can blame who you will, the President or the Senatorial leaders—but it must be admitted that they are both stubborn.

WHAT ABOUT THE NEWLY-WEDS?

During the past year there has been unusually activity at Hymen's altar. Dan Cupid has harvested a big crop during the past few months in Ontario, as well as in other cities and towns. Weddings defered on account of the war have taken place by the scores. Yet where are these brides and grooms to live? No new houses have been built here in Ontario for more than a year, and house room is at a premium now.

Unless Ontario wakes up to the situation it will not be able to care for its own young married couples and they will have to go elsewhere to live. Ontario can not afford to lose these young people. Therefore we must have more homes in Ontario.

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Loans and Discounts	$493 672.19	Capital	$50,000.00
Overdrafts	237.93	Surplus and Profits	51,375.92
Bonds and Warrants	$5,818.18	Circulation	12,500.00
Banking House and Fixtures	38 [illegible]	Federal Reserve Bank	45,260.00
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	$891,309.88		$891,309.88

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