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**REVISE THE WATER RATES**

This is a time of reckoning. At last the public has to face the problem of whether it is going on the question of taxation. It is high time that a show down be called for.

Take the city of Ontario for example. This municipality has an annual interest charge, according to the budget makers of over \$15,000. Nearly \$10 in interest for every man, woman and child in the city.

Next it has no sinking fund with which to secure funds to retire any of its bonds.

It has a municipal water system whose life cannot be estimated at more than 20 years; perhaps 25 if sufficient maintenance work is done.

When the present system becomes useless what will Ontario do?

What reason exists for the people of Ontario today taking from those who are to be here fifteen or twenty years hence the opportunity of decent living conditions?

Why should not the people who are living here now pay for the water system which they are using and for whose benefit it was constructed?

This municipal water system cannot be charged up to the general property of the city. It is true that a portion of the interest and depreciation might thus be secured, for the presence of the system is a direct benefit to all property. The fact that water mains adjoin practically every lot in the city enhances the value of the lots thus served, and that these lots can be charged indirectly for this benefit by having to contribute to the payment of the interest on the bonds cannot be denied.

But that does not end the matter. The mere payment of the interest does not retire the bonds. The water system itself must do that; is the people who use the system must furnish sufficient funds for that purpose.

The people of Ontario know that this is an arid country, that to secure water is one of the biggest problems faced by a community such as this. To secure the water, and to maintain such a plant costs money and that money can only be secured from the users. The people of Ontario cannot expect to secure municipal water at the same rate which people living in cities where they have a gravity water supply, any more than the ranchers living under pumping plant systems can secure water as cheaply as the

farmers under gravity ditches. It simply cannot be done. It is physically impossible. The people have no right to expect it.

Further more by continuing to deliver water at the rates now in force spells ruin for the City of Ontario. It spells bankruptcy for the water system, and since the water bonds are general obligation of the city, it means that these bond holders will look to all the property of the city to make good the bonds. Someday a court order will be issued enforcing a levy of taxes to pay the bonds of the water system. Then the people will realize what has happened. The way to prevent such action is an immediate revision of the water rates, for one thing. That is only one of the things that must be done now, but that is mandatory unless the people of Ontario intend to repudiate the indebtedness and let their property go by default to pay the bond owners.

**THE FARMER'S 44 HOURS**

A Minnesota farmer, Charles H. Carlson of Marshall does not think much of the strike of the printers in order to secure a 44-hour week and, contrasting the farmer and printer, says:

"When a farmer has put in an eight-hour day (eight before dinner and eight after; when he has to give the railroads half of his crop to get the other half to market; when his largest cowhide wouldn't pay for a steak in a St. Paul hotel or his biggest team couldn't haul enough hides to market to pay for the harness on their backs, it is sure pleasant to read the advertisements of the striking printers.

"If working four hours less a week lengthens life nine years, they ought to cut out all work and live forever. I should think the employers would be happy to pay them their \$44 per week if they sent a union messenger boy around to the print shop each morning with their visiting cards. If their reasoning holds good that shorter hours mean longer life, the average Minnesota farmer should be dead and buried long ago."

There is some good, hard sense in this satire of this Minnesota farmer and there are some things apropos and pertinent which he has overlooked.

He might have truthfully stated that the shorter hours the rest of the world work, the longer hours the farmer has got to work in order to produce enough to buy the things made by those who insist that 44 ours is enough to work in one week and who, if granted the 44 hours, soon will be equally as vehemently insisting that 44 hours is an intolerable length of time to labor during a week.

He might have truthfully stated that if the farmer should get down to a 44-hour week, a lot of the rest of us would have to get into the producing business in order to maintain ourselves, and the 44-hour-a-week laborer would have to put in

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a lot of overtime at present wages in order to be able to pay the price that a shortage of crops would bring about.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

**FRUITLAND BENCH**

Charles and Francis McCard arrived here last week, and expect to work in the fruit this fall. They will do "light housekeeping" in the little house on the W. J. Russell place, recently purchased of Mrs. Louise Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Amick arrived Saturday from Shed, Oregon, and will live on the Lille Brown place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shaw left Monday, via Portland, for Berkeley, California, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Elsie Johnston left Monday for her home in Butte Montana after visiting at the H. F. Waite home.

Bob Johnston left Thursday for Medford, Oregon, after a ten days visit at the H. F. Waite home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Dalzell and son, Paul, were Boise business visitors Friday.

Mr. J. C. Burkard visited Friday and Saturday at the Decker home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Waite, Mrs. Elsie Johnston of Butte, and Mrs. C. S. Huss and little daughter, Phyllis of Spokane were Boise visitors Friday.

Miss Durham, who has been visiting at the S. M. Thomas home for several weeks, left Sunday for Alhion where she will teach the coming year.

Harry Powell underwent an operation at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario Saturday morning.

The W. H. M. S. met Friday at the C. C. Paxton residence in honor of grandma Paxton's eighty-second birthday. A beautiful birthday cake was presented her, as well as many beautiful flowers. Mrs. Geo. Todd gave a report on the Conference recently held in Twin Falls.

Mrs. H. G. Gardner gave a report on the Home in Portland which the ladies are helping support. Mrs. Charles Miller favored the ladies with a vocal, and Miss Grace Paxton an instrumental solo. Delicious ice cream and cake was served as refreshments.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Finnet of Whitley Bottom, Sunday morning.

Everett, the little four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grimes, passed away at his home, Monday morning. About a month ago he was taken ill with typhoid fever, and was getting along nicely until last week pneumonia set in. Being weak from the fever, he was unable to withstand any more. Everett was born in Nebraska, and moved here with his parents two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hurd moved to their ranch, from the Pointer ranch at Whitley Bottom, Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Harris and daughter Madge, moved to Fruitland Sunday in order that Miss Madge may attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kinnison, Frank and Carl, visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colwell in Boise from Thursday until Sunday.

The Fideles Class of the Brethren church met at the Galen Bollinger home near Payette Monday evening.

Miss Katherine Madsen left Monday for Moscow, where she will attend school again this year.

Henry Bossen had the misfortune to break his arm one day last week, as the horse on which he was riding became frightened and threw him to the ground.

O. T. Colwell arrived Friday from Clinton, Illinois for a visit with his brother, W. A. Colwell. Mr. Colwell was here a few days last winter, but this time expects to help in the fruit here.

Miss Effie Moreland arrived Friday from Monmouth, Oregon, where she has been attending normal. Mr. and Mrs. Moreland and Albert arrived Monday from Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Giesler and family arrived last week overland from San Bernardino, California, and expects to again make this their home.

Miss Della Rader arrived Friday from Jerome for a visit with her sister, Mrs. G. P. Davis.

Friends of little Josephine Hart, will be glad to hear that she is improving rapidly, and is able to sit up now.

Mrs. B. W. Groner and two little daughters returned Friday from a six weeks visit in Minnesota.

Misses Ruth Martin, Alta Mohler, and Mildred Fisher, and Messrs. Glade Fisher, Earl Fisher, Ralph Garman, Leroy Doty, Marathon High, and Leslie Sargent left Saturday morning for McPherson, Kansas, to attend college. Kenneth Fisher left also, and will attend Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bungor motored to Brogan Thursday for fruit.

Miss Alma Reins left Thursday for Gooding to attend college.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nokes, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swanson, and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hooley motored to Brogan, Sunday, for fruit.

Misses Clara Silkett and Kallona Hardin left Friday for Austin, Oregon where they will teach school the coming year. They were accompanied by Donald Hardin who will attend school there, and P. E. Silkett, who returned to Fruitland Monday.

Mrs. C. C. Cripe and family of Stanley, Wisconsin, arrived Thursday to spend the winter with Mrs. Cripe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Bollinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Curtis and family arrived last week from Dunlap, Kansas, for an indefinite stay. Mrs. Curtis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eldredge.

The Fruitland Amusement Club is coming to the front rapidly. They are now going to build one of the finest dancing pavilions in the northwest. It is to be 60x120, and is to have a hard wood maple floor. The Club has purchased two lots just east of the old livery barn, and are hauling gravel now to begin construction. Jack Johnson has charge of the building, and will have a number of men working for

him. The structure is expected to be completed in from 2 to 3 weeks, ready for the opening dance.

Cecil Holloway, who has been employed in the Mohler Grocery this summer, left Sunday for his home in Redmond, Oregon. Lille Brown has taken his place in the store.

Mrs. Roy Sparks left for near New Plymouth, Sunday, where Mr. Sparks and Joe Davis are employed on the Highway.

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