

AX GRINDING VS. BUSINESS.

Municipal Ownership In Practice Seen Through the Eyes of a Grand Forks Citizen.

In an article on the gas situation in Grand Forks, N. D., Light quotes F. J. Janey, a prominent real estate man of that city, as follows:

"As a real estate man and a member of the real estate board I did not vote at the recent meeting of the board for the issue of the \$2,000,000 bonds for the purpose of buying the gas plant, and I stated at that time to the board that I was opposed to the ownership by the city of the gas plant.

"I think that we have one too many of our city utilities already managed and operated by a committee of the city council. Our experience with the water business as it is managed by our council committee is not one which would make it desirable for us to place any other utility in the hands of another such committee.

"The council committee are grinding their axes and making use of it for their political interests, whereas a private corporation has dollars invested and looks at it only in the way of a business enterprise, which it is willing to push in any way where it can see an increase of income. One is using it for influence and the other to earn dollars.

"If you want a water main put in and apply to the city for it, you are lucky if you get it inside of three or four years. If you want a gas main put in and apply to the gas company for it, the company will have the main in time to deliver you gas when your house is finished.

"I should very much like to have an option on the city water plant at the cost of reproducing the same as it is today, and if I had it I could within four months place it with reliable parties who would agree to sell water at a less rate than we are now paying and who would not ask semi-annual dividends that the city tax itself in order to enlarge the plant, build reservoirs and filtration plants. They would simply look at these matters as to whether they would pay for putting in, and if they found it would increase their income they would raise the money themselves for the improvements."

OFFICIAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

Ohio Has Been Robbed by Its Officials For Years.

The state bureau of accounting is giving us something new to think about. It relates to extravagance in office and specifies the purchase of supplies, particularly stationery, as the direction which this extravagance has taken. Our news columns have been giving full particulars, showing that the people have been robbed of thousands of dollars by this excessive and needless expenditure of the public funds. It has been discovered that conspiracies have been formed by county officers for "raffishes" from needless purchases. And the evidence is so plain that the officers have hustled to return the money. This occurred in Adams county, but we are informed by the bureau that this form of graft covers the state.

It is an alarming condition—to see how many public officers steal from those who have trusted them. We say "steal," for that is what it is, and it is hoped that the prosecuting attorneys will not permit it to pass for anything else. A man who will make a \$500 purchase and take off \$100 from the price paid is as sure a thief as any man behind the bars in the penitentiary.

We must throw away our soft gloves and handle things as they are or this country will go to the dogs. It is not simply the loss of the money, but the spirit in which the extravagance is committed is as fatal as treason. It runs down through the arteries of our public and private life like strychnine through the blood.

POLITICS RESPONSIBLE.

Ever Present Reason For The Failure of Most M. O. Enterprises.

The Duluth Evening Herald recently printed an interview with G. R. Coley, a representative of an electrical supply house, whose business gives him an insight into the workings of municipal lighting plants. Mr. Coley thus diagnoses the trouble:

"One thing more than any other is responsible for the failure of most municipal ventures of any kind, and that certainly is in the case of electric lighting plants. That is too much politics. Too much politics results in mismanagement, mismanagement results in failure, and failure spells a big loss for the taxpayers.

"I've seen plants in prosperous towns in a condition such as no private company would think of keeping them and no public company should either. They have gone to wreck and ruin, the machinery is out of order and the town is without light most of the time just because every new mayor appoints a different superintendent and every superintendent and officeholder who has a political parasite he wants to reward gives him a job at the municipal plant. They do not do their work properly, and the plant goes to ruin."

MARKET REPORT

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc. California vegetables are coming in fine condition and among the offerings on the local markets are:

Golden Wax Beans ..... 10lb. Los Angeles Cabbage, per lb. .... 20 California Onions per 100 ..... \$1.90 Walla Walla Asparagus, per lb. .... 7c California Strawberries, per crate of 15 boxes ..... \$1.35 Hot House Lettuce per box of 4 dozen ..... \$1.00

ONIONS—Oregon onions, \$3.00 per sack; potatoes 50@70c per 100; Los Angeles cabbage 2c lb; rutabagas, 1c lb; fresh onions, 40c per dozen bunches; horseradish, 7 1/2c lb.

Cauliflower—California—per dozen, \$1.25.

CELERY—\$1.00 doz; hot house lettuce 5c lb. GREEN PEAS—5c lb. GREEN BEANS—11c lb. YELLOW WAX BEANS—10c lb. PARSNIPS—1c lb. RUTABAGAS—7c sack. KRAUT—20c to 25c gallon. POPCORN—Shelled, 4 1/2c to 5c.

Butter and Eggs. BUTTER—Ranch, 35@40c; creamery, 45@55c roll. EGGS—17 1/2c per doz. HONEY—12c to 14c frame. HONEY—Strained, 7c to 9c lb.

Fresh Fruits. APPLES—\$1.50@2.25. GOOSEBERRIES—45c gallon.

Dried Fruits. DRIED APPLES—Quartered, sundried, 7@8c; evaporated, 8@9c; and evaporated and bleached, 9@10c; prunes, 4@6c, silver prunes, 6c to 6 1/2c; pears, 11 to 12 1/2c.

Grain, Flour and Feed. WHEAT—90c. OATS—No. 1, white \$25@26; \$1.30 per hundred.

FLOUR—Pat. hard wheat \$4.80; valley flour, \$4.40, graham, \$3.75@4.25; whole wheat, \$3.75@4.25.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, \$27.00; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$29.00; dairy chop, \$27.00@33; hay, \$18.

LIVESTOCK. HAY—Valley Timothy, No. 1, \$16@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon Timothy, \$17@18; clover, \$11.50; cheat, \$14; grain \$13@15.

Live Stock. STEERS—\$4.50@5.00. HEIFERS—\$4.00@4.50. COWS—\$3.00@3.50. LAMBS—\$5.00 to \$5.50. MUTTON—\$3.00. HOGS—\$5.50@6.00.

Poultry. DUCKS—Live, 17@18c. OLD HENS—12 cents per pound; young roosters 11c; old roosters, 8c; mixed chickens, 11c; spring chickens (frys) 11@12c pound; turkeys, fancy, 16@17c.

Dressed Meats. FRESH MEATS—Hogs, 7 and 8c per pound; veal 7@8c; Mutton, 8 lamb (spring), 11c@12c. HAMS—Bacon, 18c.

Lester M. Nelson, of Naples, Maine, says in a recent letter: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery many years for coughs and colds, and I think it cured my life. I have found it a reliable remedy for throat and lung complaints, and would no more be without a bottle than I would be without food." For nearly forty years New Discovery has stood at the head of throat and lung remedies. As a preventive of pneumonia, and healer of weak lungs it has no equal. Sold under guarantee at Howell & Jones' drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Miss Seely is Given Linen Shower.

Miss Lennie Seely was tendered a linen shower at the home of Miss Eva Moulton by a number of her young lady friends on Tuesday evening. Miss Seely was taken by complete surprise on arriving at the Moulton home, where she had been summoned by her friends, and found the guests awaiting her arrival, who showered upon her many beautiful pieces of linen. The Moulton home was prettily decorated with red and white roses and festoons of red hearts, with shaded electric lights of corresponding colors.

The marriage of Miss Seely and Mr. Charles G. Irvine, of Independence, will take place at the home of Miss Seely near Ely on Tuesday, June 16, and after the marriage the young couple will go to Independence, where they will make their future home. Mr. Irvine being engaged in business, at that place.

The guests who were present at the linen shower were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moulton, Mrs. J. H. Harple, of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. S. A. Finley, of Portland, Miss May Thompson, Miss Mabel Morris, of Portland, Miss Nettie Kruse, Miss Florence Clark, of Portland, Miss Besie Capen, Miss Mina Sandrock, of Portland, Miss Ada Hulbert, Miss Maggie Hanlin, Miss Eva Moulton.

A Grand Family Medicine.

"It gives me pleasure to speak a good word for Electric Bitters," writes Mr. Frank Conlan, of No. 436 Houston St., New York. "It's a grand family medicine for dyspepsia and liver complications; while it cannot be too highly recommended." Electric Bitters regulate the digestive functions, purify the blood, and impart renewed vigor and vitality to the weak and debilitated of both sexes. Sold under guarantee at Howell & Jones' drug store. 50 cents.

Bridge Club is Entertained.

The Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club was entertained last Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Lena Charman on Seventh street. The prizes were won by Mrs. Samuel O. Dillman and Mrs. J. H. Walker. Refreshments were served by the hostess, and a most enjoyable time was spent during the afternoon.

Mrs. Charman's guests were Mrs. Charles D. Latouche, Mrs. Theodore W. Clark, Mrs. Samuel O. Dillman, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mrs. Charles Evans, Mrs. Ernest P. Rands, Mrs. John R. Humphrys. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. T. A. McBride on Wednesday afternoon, June 17.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve Wins.

Tom Moore, of Rural Route 1, Cochran, Ga., writes: "I had a bad sore come on the instep of my foot and could find nothing that would heal it until I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Less than half of a 25 cent box won the day for me by affecting a perfect cure." Sold under guarantee at Howell & Jones' drug store.

Summer Rates to Yaquina and Newport.

Round trip tickets to Yaquina and Newport are now on sale at Southern Pacific depot at rate of \$6.00, good to return within six months from date of sale, which closes October 15th. Round trip tickets good going on Saturdays and returning the following Monday, \$3.00. Call on or address E. T. Fields, Agent, Oregon City.

Miss Willa Harris is visiting with friends and relatives at Woodburn, and will remain until Sunday.

Mrs. George D. Ely and two children left on Thursday evening for Grants Pass, where they will visit with relatives for several weeks.

Mrs. A. C. Beaudry and daughter, Violet, who have been spending the past week in Portland, with Mrs. Parrell, have returned to their home.

Frank Haun and son Francis, of Willouet were pleasant callers at the Courier office Wednesday, en route to Portland where they will spend a day with relatives.

Pronounced by millions the greatest strength maker, appetite builder and health restorer, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you feel that life is worth living. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Huntley Bros. Co.

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Henry O'Malley, superintendent of Oregon and Southern Washington hatcheries, accompanied by State Fish Warden H. C. McAllister, left on Thursday evening's train for the R. D. Hume hatchery near Wedderburn. Fish Culturist H. L. Kelly, Jr., of the Grants Pass hatchery, also accompanied Mr. O'Malley and Mr. McAllister. They will be gone about ten days.

PETITION.

In the Matter of the Incorporation of the Town of Oswego. Notice is hereby given, that at the regular Aug., 1908 term of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas, to-wit: Aug. 5th, 1908, the subscribers to the following petition, will present to the Court a Petition for the incorporation of the town of Oswego, which petition is as follows:

To the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas: We, the undersigned qualified electors of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, and residents within the limits of the town of Oswego, proposed to be incorporated, do respectfully

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represent that there are more than 150 inhabitants within the boundaries hereinafter described and that the number of inhabitants within said boundaries is not less than 500; that the boundaries of said proposed town of Oswego are as follows: Beginning at a point on the west bank of the Willamette River, where Tryon Creek flows into said river, and on the south bank of said Tryon Creek, in Township 2, South of Range 1, East of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence westerly following the meanders of the southerly bank of said Tryon Creek, to a point where the south line of "E" Avenue, in the Oregon Iron & Steel Company's first addition to the town of Oswego extended easterly intersects the said southerly bank of Tryon Creek; thence northwesterly parallel with and 100 feet northeasterly from the southwesterly line of "G" Avenue, in said addition to the town of Oswego, to a point north of the northwesterly corner of Block No. 3, in said addition to the town of Oswego; thence westerly parallel to and 100 feet north of the southerly line of said "E" Avenue to the intersection of the west line of 17th Street, extended northerly; thence southerly along the west line of 17th street on the Oregon Iron & Steel Company's extension to the first addition to the town of Oswego; thence easterly on the south line of First Avenue, to the intersection of the west line of 4th street, extended southerly to Sucker Lake; thence southerly on said extended line of Fourth Street to Sucker Lake; thence following the meanders of the north bank of Sucker Lake and Sucker Creek easterly to Willamette River; thence following the meanders of the west bank of Willamette River to the mouth of Tryon Creek to the place of beginning.

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