OREGON CITY COURIER

BRODIE CENSURED BY CITY FATHERS

GAS FRANCHISE MUDDLE IS PROBED BY COUNCIL

COUNCIL WAS NOT IMPLICATED

Details of Sordid Incident Aired and Rebukes Meted Out

"Mr. Brodie got in wrong, there is no question in my mind as to that; and Mr. Bratton got in more wrong I cannot see, however, that this mat-ter should have any influence upon the action of the council in regard to this franchise."

those words Mayor Jones summed the situation up at a special meeting of the council Friday evening of last week, when the city fathers investigated the allegation that Editor E. E. Brodie had attempted to "hold up" the Portland Gas & Coke company for \$500 in order that the passage of their franchise might be "facilitated" through the coun-

The investigation came in the middle of a crowded evening, and the council chamber was packed with citizens who wanted to hear the inside of a matter that had been the subject of street gossip for two weeks. They heard considerable of it, and also heard some humorous re-marks. Councilman Templeton was also heard by them: heard three times move that the investigation be dropped, and heard say once that newspaper writers with "perverted minds" should not print articles that dealt with possible graft in the coun-

The investigation followed the sec-ond reading of the franchise, which conveys to the Clackamas County Gas company the right to lay mains for and to sell gas in Oregon City for a term of 25 years at not more than \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet for light, heat or power. The franchise provides that the company need pay no compensation to the city for after which it must pay \$100 annually. Seven months are given the concern to have its service in operation in the business district of the city, and a bond of \$1,000 is demanded by the city for the protec-tion of public thoroughfare that may

Mayor Jones opened the investigation by briefly reveiwing the article in the Oregon Daily Journal that had brought on the graft rumor, and told the council that some of the per-sons able to throw light on the matter were Though Editor Brodie had been noti-fied by the City Recorder to be pres-ent he remained away from the Others who were present to shed light on the matter were Lloyd Riches, correspondent of the Journal; M. J. Brown, of the Courier; E. R. Brown, of the Enterprise; S. C. Bratton, of the gas concern, and Enterprise and Courier reporters. The mayor turned the proceedings

over to the council. Councilman Albright started the ball rolling by suggesting that Councilman Templeton read the original article that first called attention to the \$500 demand. Mr. Templeton modestly refused to follow Mr. Alsuggestion, and passed the article to Recorder Loder, who read

have him tell them.

if the "insinuation" of a hold been directed at the council.

to rush it through. It was first brought up by the mayor, when no representative of the gas company was present and I would be the councilmen."

"He said Beatie 'might' have was present, and I urged that it be sent to a committee. Mayor Jones said he didn't even know the name of the gentleman who wanted the franme that the council ought not to pass upon any granting of rights like this should have no influence on this this until they thoroughly understood it. I insisted that the matter was brought up under wrong conditions, and I still insist it. There was no evidence that Mr. Beatie had ever transferred this franchise, and Mr. meeting and apologized. It was a final passage and passed without a poor piece of business. Now, in connection with all of this, if anybody has been guilty of attempting to hold up the gas company, or has asserted that they had influence with the council would instruct the city engi-council, we ought to know it, and that person ought to be punished."

was asked on the street the hard surface, mains would be laid on other day, when I was walking along with Mr. Templeton, how much I got of the five hundred dollars," said Councilman Albright. "Now I don't alleys whenever possible," asked Mr. like that. It is a slur on this council. I read this piece in the paper, and it looks to me as if somebody was mix-ed in this deal or as if somebody felt that they had a club over the coun-If anybody has a club over this council, I want to know it; and I think Mr. Riches ought to tell us if

"That article was not aimed at any of the councilmen," said Mr. Riches, "and I believe you will see that if you read it. It says 'certain men' attempted to hold up the gas I will tell you got my information. Every day I go to several places to get news, and in the mornings I usually drop into the office of the Courier, and Mr. Brown company.

tells me what news he has heard. On this Tuesday morning I went there, and Brown asked me if I had heard about the \$500 græft. I said no. He said a representative of the Portland Gas & Coke company had told him that E. E Brodie tried to hold them up for \$500 to get the franchise passed as Mr. Beatie was not satisfied with the terms. Mr. Brown said that he advised the man Brown said that he advised the man to go to the mayor and tell him. I went to the mayor, and he gave me practically the same information— that Mr. Bratton claimed that E. E. Brodie of the Enterprise had said that A. L. Beatie was not satisfied with the franchise and that he had some influence with the council, and it would take about \$500 to satisfy him. That is what I based my story

Mr. Riches then briefly outlined the efforts to suppress the story, as told in detail in last week's Courier, and said that he wanted the investigation to be made thorough, as he understood than an effort was to be made to make him the "goat" for the

whole thing.
Mr. Tooze suggested that Mr. Bratton elucidate matters for the benefit of the council. Mr. Bratton said he thought it would be useless to go further into the matter, and expressed regret that the affair had reached such proportions as it had. Councilman Meyer said that as long as Mr. Riches assured the council that no reflection was cast upon them he did not see how that body

could go any further in the matter, Councilman Albright asked if "certain parties" had intimated to Mr. Bratton that they had "influence enough to stop this franchise."

"Mr. Brodie didn't want the \$500," answered Mr. Bratton, "he only wanted it for Mr. Beatie."
"Did you realize, Mr. Bratton, that when you gave this matter to the press, whose business it is to waster. press, whose business it is to work for the public good and to expose graft, that you should also have brought it before the council?" ask-

ed Mr. Tooze. Mayor Jones said that he had suggested to Mr. Bratton that the matter be not mentioned to the council unless there appeared an effort to hold up the franchise. He said that he believed that such a course would mean "less trouble."

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"It is not fair to reflect upon the integrity of the council in this way," said Mr. Templeton. "These stinking little rumors that are always floating around the city should be stopped. I for one feel that no story connecting this council with graft. connecting this council with graft ought to be published. The implied threat in this article hit me. Oregon City wants gas, and I want to see her have it. If newspaper reporters with perverted brains will persist in twisting things around into sensations, they ought to be excluded from the meetings of this council. I move that we cease this investigation and proceed with the passage of this franchise.'

E. R. Brown, advertising manager of the Enterprise, said that he believed the matter ought to be threshed body to think that I got the \$500," he said. "I don't believe any man could get that much in one place in Oregon City and get away with it.
Maybe I cans hed some light on this,
gentlemen. Mr. Bratton told Mr.
Brodie in my presence that the gas
company had asked Beatie to get
this franchise, and that Beatie this franchise, and that Beatie wanted \$500 for the work. That is what started the whole thing."

"I move that we proceed with the franchise," said Mr. Templeton. Councilman Tooze called Brown, of the Courier, and Mayor Jones asked him if he got any of the \$500. Mr. Brown laughed,

the charge, and said:
"Mr. Riches did get his informa tion from me and what he stated was true. Mr. Bratton came to me Sun-Mr. Riches was next accorded the day night and said that there was an floor by the mayor, and asked the councilmen what they would like to have him tell them.

effort being made to hold up the franchise and asked me what influence Mr. Brodie and Mr. Beatie had He said they Councilman Meyer wanted to know with the councilmen. of a hold-up had wanted \$500 to get the franchise thru Councilman Tooze felt curious about the same point, and said that if anybody was getting money for "influence" with the council he wanted to know it.

"I objected all along to the way in which the franchise matter was brought up," said Mr. Tooze. "I don't object to the franchise, but I felt that there was too much effort to the said that Mr. Brodie advisged him to accept the \$500. as Mr. and I told him that he was a chump ed him to accept the \$500, as Mr

> enough influence-he left a loophole, didn't he," said Mr. Tooze. "The long and the short of it seems to be that Mr. Brodie got in wrong, and Mr. Bratton got in more wrong," said Mayor Jones "But this should have no influence on this

"I move we proceed with the fran-chise," said Mr. Templeton. Mr. Tooze asked that parts of the franchise be re-read, and after this was done the document was put on

were present save Mr. Hackett. Following the passage of the fran-chise, Mr. Bratton said that if the of streets which it was intended to

Tooze "No sir," answered Mr. Bratton. "You will do that, will you not," asked Mr. Tooze.

Mr. Bratton smiled, but made no

he meant to convey the idea that the council was going to get any of this Girls Wanted

(over 18 years of age) To operate SEWING Machines in garment factory

MODERN PRINTING OFFICE TO missioner, to succeed himself. START NEXT WEEK

TAKE OVER ROOS PROPERTY

Building 70 x 40 Feet, on Eighth Street, with Entire Glass Front

The Courier has taken over the Mrs. Elizabeth Roos property and next week will commence work on a new home for the Courier, almost across the street from the present

office, on Eighth street.

The property taken over is the half block, the lot being 105 x 66 feet, and including the Roos residence. The residence will remain as it is and the new building will be built between the house and Rail-

road Avenue.

The building will front on Eighth street 70 feet and will be almost entirely a glass front and will extend back 40 or 50 feet. It will be brick

has been almost significant.

The present owners bought the Courier two years and three months ago, and the significant fact is that

The Courier doesn't nurse a grouch, neither does it turn the other

Tuesday evening there gathered in Oregon City some of the leading Democrats of the county—not all of them but some of them—to discuss A ways and means of getting out an entire county ticket for the primaries. The meeting was called by County Chairman E. T. Mass, and Democratic warhorses—that is, those that were asked—responded readily.

At the meeting it was admitted that there seemed to be a dearth of Democratic candidates, members of the party having so far filed for only four offices. Many plans were suggested to get more out, but no plan was adopted. In the meantime any Democrat who feels the call of the people is invited to with thec ounty chairman.

Kicking on Timber Cruise There is a roar of protest being There is a roar of protest being made by many farmers over the timber cruising being added to the assessments. Many farmers have the timber as assessed, but so located that isn't worth marketing, and that isn't worth marketing, and the would give it to anyone who they would give it to anyone who would take it off. There are some sections on which there are not a million feet, which was not cruised because there was no pay in it, and where a farmer may have a nice block of timber, not assessed while his neighbor on a cruised section has to whack up.

C. E. Spence made the opening talk at the meeting and he hammered the bonding proposition so hard and showed up the ultimate results of it so clearly that, only one man arose when a standing vote was called for those favoring the proposition.

Mr. U'Ren followed Mr. Spence. He has always opposed the bonding deals and the arguments against much a system were unanswerable

The People Are Awake One after another, and often in bunches the voters drop into the Courier office and sign the petitions to abolish the senate, for proprotion-al representation and the tax exemp-

tion law, and 90 per cent of them are Over 600 voters have signed the

\$1500 tax exemption petition, and the two new bills bid fair to be equally popular. Come in and sign these petitions if you favor them, and write in for blank petitions to be circulated in

your localities. Success to this Movement The movement of the Live Wire to bring about a more friendly feeling and closer relation between the city and country is a good move, and it is to be hoped it can be brought

H. E. Cross some time ago related how in former years the city and farmers worked together on undertakings and put them through successfully and harmoniously. The country and the city, in fact the whole county, would be much better off if this condition and spirit was in off it this condition and spirit was in working order today. And they might be brought about—by give, take, touching elbows and becoming better acquainted.

Take No Chances

If a partnership with West Linn
will reduce the expense of the water
system \$100,000, and thereby make
the proposition the least bit more certain to carry-then let West Line

Don't take a chance to lose. Oregon City cannot afford to lose. ton
It would be years before the proposition would come up again, if lost now, and they would be expensive ed. years on the growth of the city. Pure water is above anything. We FOR SALE-furniture at a bargain,

Will Appear Next Week Three communications on county matters are crowded over until next week because the Courier is not large

Two Democrats Out
W. C. Green of Seventh street has
announced his candidacy for county
clerk, and J. W. Smith of Macksburg has filed his petition for county com-

Gas Will Soon be Here The Portland Gas & Coke Co. which was last week granted a fran chise, will commence work next week on the pipe lines to this city, and it is said gas will be supplied by the middle of thes ummer.

Van Brakle Case Saturday Saturday of this week the case of Dr. van Brakle will be tried before Judge Campbell on the charge of the medical fraternity that he is not eligible to hold the office because he is not a graduate of a "reputable" medical college, he being an osteo-

Elevator Case April 11 Saturday of next week, April 11, the condemnation suit brought by the city against Mrs. Sarah Chase will be tried to determine the value of the land desired by the city on which to build the elevator bridge and approach walks. This will be a jury

Who Will Second? A fellow told the Courier the other back 40 or 50 feet. It will be brick vineer, and the building will be built with modern conveniences for a printing plant.

It is with consideable satisfaction that the Courier commences its new home, and the increasing business that makes necessary this building has been almost significant.

The present owners bought the

100 to 1 Shot ago, and the significant fact is that every succeeding month, with one solitary exception, the business of the plant has increased. And the increased business makes necessary a larger plant.

We can only account for this surviving increase in the business by the control of the speeches of the county in the face of present taxaties, was shown at the Grange meeting at New Era Saturday last, when after the speeches of W. S. U'Ren and C. E. Spence against the present the speeches of the county in the face of present taxaties. We can only account for this surviving increase in the business by we can only account for this sur-prising increase in the business by the fact that the newspaper and the job department are both run on the square, and it is the policy of the managers to have one price, to all, be the patron an individual or a cor-poration.

The Courier description the business by the fact that the newspaper and the job department are both run on the man arising. On the negative, every one present except three arose. About one hundred men were pres-ent.

THE DOPE SHEET

THE MUZZLED PRESS

Local Incident Showing the Utter Unfairness of Newspapers

Editor Courier:—
A month ago when New Era grange held its regular meeting, and Judge Dimick and T. W. Sullivan spoke FOR county bonding, the meet-ing was reported in full in the Enter-prise and the Portland dailies. Last Saturday, when State Grange Master C. E. Spence and

U'Ren spoke against county bonding, at the next regular meeting, and when a straw vote showed but ONE man in the audience was in favor of bonding, there was a never a line in the Enterprise or Portland altho I am told a report of the meet-ing was given to the Enterprise and

such a system were unanswerable and conclusive.

A. Granger.

THE POMPOUS WARDEN AND THE BIG BADGE

The Officials who Breed Contempt

for the Fish Commission The Courier noted a fittle incident of official bombast Sunday when a fish warden hailed a boat in which a gentleman and lady were fishing and gave them orders that only one line could be used from the boat.

ing the day, and of the hundreds of people on the river probably not 75 salmon were caught May 1 the net fishermen string their nets entirely across the

The boat did not get a strike dur-

river, one fisherman may string as many as he cares to, and one net of one fisherman in one drift will catch more salmon than all the anglers will catch in one day.

And yet a fish warden with a private launch and a big badge will tear up and down the river to arrest

anyone who catches a salmon on a boat that has more than one angling The rank injustice and inconsistency of these discriminations, and the bombastic bluster of the wardens are creating a strong sentiment against the fish and game commission and the present game laws—a sentiment that will probably crop

sentiment that will probably out in the coming legislature. EXTRA-SPECIAL-EXTRA "We stop the press" to announce to an anxious public that ton dispatches state the title of the Oregon City locks is now before the

attorney general. Please get excit-

ask for address at Courier.

NOT "FRAME-UP"

SO DOCTORS TESTIFY IN VAN-BRAKLE HEARING

DECISION TO COME IN WEEK

Medics Declare They only Wanted to Find if Osteopath was Competent

Before three members of the state of Portland, and Dr. Morse of Salem, red to the three or four cases of tyinteresting details of the friction between Oregon City physicians and tween Oregon City physicians and Dr. J.A. van Brakle, the osteopath appointed county health officer by the present county court, were aired Theaday night in the course of the present county health officer by the present county court, were aired Tuesday night in the course of a hearing of formal charges against Dr. van Brakle preferred by Drs. M. C. Strickland and Hugh Mount. C. D. Latourette represented the local physicians and Dr. van Brakle was other doctors here send these cases

Stipp and Seivers.

As soon as the meeting got under way objections to the proceedings were made by Mr. Stipp and Mr. Schuebel, they contending that three members of the state health board were not sufficient to hear the chargees, that the charges set forth in the complaint did not constitute grounds upon which the state board was empowered to dismiss a county health officer, and that the complaint was against J. A. van Brakle personally and not against him as county health officer or secretary of the county board of health. All these objections were overruled by Dr. Prierce who acted as chairman at the proceedings. Stipp and Seivers.

board of health. All these objections were overruled by Dr. Pierce who acted as chairman at the proceedings.

Trouble Over Oath

Further difficulty arose at the start over the proceedure in the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Members of the state board suggested that the attorneys of the opposing sides agree upon some persuant of the start of the start over the proceedure. The start over the proceedure in the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Members of the state board suggested that the attorneys of the opposing sides agree upon some persuant of the start over the proceedure. The start over the proceedure in the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Members of the start over the proceedure in the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Members of the start over the proceedure in the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Members of the start over the proceedure in the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Members of the start over the proceedure in the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. Selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. The selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. The selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. The selection of somebody to administer the oath to the various witnesses called. The selection of somebody to administer the oath to the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the selection of somebody to administer the oath to the selection

lar and asked him to call again the taken his temperature, and while he looked at his throat, "had not done ness of Newspapers

New Era, April 1. 1914.
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New Era, Van Fra gran gested that he might be coming down with malaria, as well. He had not

been ordered into quarantine. mained ill for seven or eight weeks, the case loose."

Dr. Mount presented slides said to temperature, he said, was

blood and examined it, did they," asked Mr. Schueble.

"No sir, they didn't take any blood," replied Smith. Later he gave details of other tests made. He said that while he was in Dr. Strickland's office he was also examined by Dr. Mount, Dr. Schultze and Dr. Meissner, all of whom were called in by Dr. Strick-

land. Another Man Sent Frank Kobelnich, the next wit-ness, said he had called on Dr. van-Brakle October 1, 1913, complaining of a sore throat. Dr. van Brakle told him, he said, that he had tonsi-litis, and gave him an osteopathic

"He rubbed my throat and jerked my head," said Kobelnich, "and told me that my blood did not circulate." Kobelnich said that Dr. van Brakle told him to come back the next day, and also advised him that there was

a preparation which he had purchased at a drugstore.

On cross-examination Kobelnich admitted that he had been to Dr. Strickland first "to get treated for skin disease," and that Dr. Strickland had sent him to Dr. van Brakle. After seeing the osteopath he returned to Dr. Strickland's office, and sat there while Dr. Strickland and sat there while Dr. Strickland's office, and sat there while Dr. Strickland called up Drs. Hugh and Guy Mount, Morris, Meissner, Schultz and Norris "All but Meissner came," he said.

The doctors, he said, took "swabs" of his throat and put them or misses.

had diphtheria, and sent him home

saw them and felt them, and besides
I read the label on the bottle."

Kobelnich added that he didn't believe in osteopathy, and had told his friends so. He denied the charge that he had broken quarantine and

Station and if he had ever appearing the head ever appearing to the head ever asked to do was to fumigate a house.

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had been warned off the street by

Doctors Tell Story
Dr. Strickland was the third witness. He said he had been a practicing physician surgeon for 17 years He admitted sending the two former witnesses to Dr. van Brakle's office after he had made a diagnosis in after he had made a diagnosis in each case himself, saying that he had did so that the county health officer might verify his own opinion, and so make the diagnosis more positive. On the return of the patients to his office he had called in the other physicians in the city, he added, to still further corroborate his diagnosis. A report on each case, he said, had been sent to the state board of health and to the city health officer. No report to the city health officer. No repor had been sent by him to Dr. var

Brakle as county health officer, be-caues both cases were city cases.

Dr. Strickland and Mr. Schuebel
had quite a long discussion on technical details of various tests employ-Before three members of the state ed in diagnosing typhoid and diphhealth board, Drs. White and Pierce theria, and then Mr. Schuebel refer-

southeast of Oregon City.

represented by Attorneys Schuebel, to Dr. van Brakle as a trap? Wasn

the whole thing a frame-up?"
"Merit" Alone Sought
"No sir" answered Dr. Strickland
"I sent the cases to him because I

ecure antitoxin.. next day. Dr. van Brakle, he said. tified Dr. van Brakel there was a had looked at his tongue but had not "case of illness' at the home that he wished he would investigate.

Mount Wants to be Shown. "I wanted to recognize him as county health officer if he could show me the goods, and see if he was cap-able of handling his office. After he had gone to see the case he called me up on the telephone and asked me Other Side Scores
Under cross examination by Mr. told him it was up to him to mak Schuebel, Smith admitted that he his own diagnosis as county health had been sent to Dr. van Brakle by officer. He said that as far as he Dr. Strickland, whom he had visited could see the child had no eruption first, and had later returned to Dr. and that he would have to wait a day Strickland's office, where he was given a "thorough" examination, told that he had typhoid fever, was sent home and quarantined, and resulting the took cultures from the child, and next day he called up and said the cultures were negative, and turned

needing the services of a nurse. His show diphtheria germs, from both temperature, he said, was 103 the the Kobelnich case and the one he day van Brakle examined him, and had been discussed. He said the culhe was later convinced that Dr. placed in evidence. He said the cultures taken by Dr. van Brakle were
tures taken by Dr. van Brakle were
negative because before the doctor
had taken them he had sprayed the child's throat with an antisceptic somade, Smith answered promptly that it had.

"Then they took some of vour the was not equipped with "material" he was not equipped with "material" with which to properly test diphther-

> Dr. Meisner taking the stand gay similar testimony to that already given, and added that he had been a party to the "testing" of Dr. van-Brakle's ability, though denying that there was any "frame-up." "If a man is not able to diagnose these cases, and therefore does not report them, it shows his importance

report them, it shows his ignorance and that he is unfit to have the re-sponsibility of office," was the way Dr. Meisner expressed his opinion. State Board Heard From.

Dr. White, secretary of the State Board of Health, was placed on the stand and declared that none of the three cases under discussion had reported to his office directly by Van Brakle. The case of the little girl was reported on a blank by Dr. Mount and bore comments by Dr. van Brakle on the back, but the other two cases were reported solely no harm in gargling his throat with Strickland. In regard to the charge a preparation which he had purthat Dr. van Brakla had approinted that Dr. van Brakle had appointed a deputy without the knowledge of the county court, Dr. White gave on-ly hearsay testimony, and it was ruled out by the chairman.
Drs. Hempstead and Hugh Mount

also took the stand, and their testimony was similar to that which had been given by others. At the end of his remarks Dr. Mount said that "Dr. van Brakle is a fine fellow, and personally I have nothing against him. It has always been the custom The doctors, he said, took "swabs" to refer cases such as have been rescope slides, and then gave him 3,000 units of anti-toxin and told him he had at first hand."

With the consent of his attorney He said he was quarantined 14 days, and was sick 16 days.

Mr. Schuebel asked him if he was ette. He was asked if he knew a Dr. Mr. Schuebel asked him if he was ette. He was asked if he knew a live asked him if he was given 3,000 units of antitoxin.

"Yes sir," answered Kobelnich, "I saw them and felt them, and besides read the label on the bottle."

"Answered Kobelnich, "I saw them and felt them, and besides read the label on the bottle."

"Gentlemen, today Oregon City has absolutely nothing. Every public utility that serves us is owned by that he knew him, but that the only outsiders. The Bull Run pipe line is that he knew him, but that the only official work he had ever asked him. official work he had ever asked him

LOTS OF WATER AT **COUNCIL MEETING**

WEST LINN'S OFFER BRINGS ON SHARP DEBATE

A SPECIAL ELECTION IS DELAYED

Van Auken Balks at Sewer Plans that He says are Against Nature

Water took up considerable of Friday night's special council meet-ing last week. Pure water, rain water and mud were among the things considered; as were also street openings, freight train service and cigarettes. In many ways it was an unusually lively meeting, and all the members were present with the single exception of Mr. Hackett. The evening meeting was the second of the day, the city fathers meeting in-formally in the afternoon to map out some of the work in hand.

The water matter came up in its most important form when the ordinance calling for a special election on the \$325,000 bond issue came up for second reading. This ordinance fixed the date of the election as April 18, but as earlier in the day West Linn had made application for a third interest in the proposed pipe line, the second reading and final passage of the ordinance was killed. Instead the present pipe line commission, consisting of Messrs. Andresen, Long and Latourette, was empowered to confer with a committee The water matter came up in its sen, Long and Latourette, was empowered to confer with a committee representing West Linn, and consisting of Messrs. B. T. McBain and J. W. Moffatt, and report on April 8 upon any feasible plan that might be worked out for sharing the pipeline burden with the adjoining community across the river. This decision was not reached without considerable debate, however; there appearing a sharp division in the council between those members favoring absolute control of the proposed water supply by Oregon City and those who thought the burden ought to be divided.

of the permanent survey of the pipe line and such other charges as may

arise in the preliminary work.

Appropriating this money from the general fund, and making payment of it in warrants, will enable ment of it in warrants, will enable the city to delay the sale of its water the city to delay the sale of its water bonds until such time as actual con-struction work on the pipe line is be-gun, and will save \$1,400 a month in interest that would otherwise have to be paid on the bond issue. This change in plan was suggested and commended by the pipe line commis-

sion, and was enthusiastically approved by the entire council.

West Linn's offer, submitted at the informal afternoon meeting, is for the adjoining municipality to as-sume a one-third share of the cost of construction and maintenance of the proposed pipe line from its intake to the reservoir, and to receive in return one-third of the flow of water through the big pipe. West Linn will take its third of the water di-rect from the pipe line, and the res-ervoir and the distributing system in Oregon City will be under the sole control of Oregon City. In round figures West Linn will subscribe to \$108,000 of the estimated cost, and this will make possible a water rate in Oregon City of \$1.50, instead of \$2 a month to meet the cost of the pro-

posed new system.

Debate in Earnest While all the members of the council present, with the exception of Mr. Templeton, favored the new pipe line as a source of supply, there was a wide variance of views as to how the cost of this line should be borne. Mr. Templeton expressed his ideas in few words at the afternoon session

when he said: "To my mind the figures and esti-mates of the Pure Mountain Water

League are rotten. Councilman Myer took the lead in Councilman Myer took the lead in favoring the partnership plan with West Linn. Councilman Albright and Tooze opposed it, but for differ-ent reasons. Mr. Albright persisted that it was not good business to go into partnership with West Linn, and cited Portland's control of the Bull Run pipe line and its method of sell-ing water to other cities as the plan that Oregon City should follow. that Oregon City should follow. Sharing control of the pipe line and the supply, he said, might lead to serious complications later on; and might even be the cause of a shortage

of water here. Mr. Tooze opposed the new suggestion partly for these reasons, but perhaps more strangely for others. In the course of his remarks, which were listened to with unusual attention, he said:

"I feel that Oregon City should control this pipe line and water sys-tem for the reason that it will be an asset to her that will be beyond price. If Oregon City owns her system en-tire, her citizens will take a pride in it, and an interest in it, that will mean much towards its success; whereas if the responsibility is dividits success; ed, our people will not pay attention to the development of the system.

Local Rights Urged Fortland possesses, and I can see no

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