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OREGON CITY AND Oregon City now has, for the first time, the BULL RUN WATER opportunity to gain from the natural fastnesses of the mountains the purest water that nature has made. Portland has agreed that the unlimited supplies now stored in the great reservoir on the top of old Mount Tabor are not to be used by her alone but that other cities are to be given the benefit of the supply as long as the demand does not in any way cut down the flow that passes through her own mains.

The time will never come when Portland will suffer from a shortage of water supply, even though Oregon City taps the headwaters of the same stream that quenches the thirst of her many thousands and even though this city should grow to the same proportions that the state's metropolis has

Stored in that natural treasure house in the mountains, an unlimited supply of water will always be available for the two cities, a supply of the best water that is manufactured and distilled in nature's own plant and that is so pure and free from the typhoid gathering germs as to equal the best product that the world's filtering and chemical plants can produce.

There is nothing better for Oregon City than the Bull Run water supply. It will settle, once and forever, the question that will otherwise be continually bobbing up as to the purity of the city water or the cause of the typhoid epidemics that may, from time to time, affect the interests of the

With the water of Bull Run passing through the city's mains there will. hereafter, be no question as to the purity of the water source nor any quibble as to the value of bacteriological or chemical examinations that may be made by the various authorities on those subjects in the state.

To get the question settled once and for all is worth money to Oregon City. It will cost money to build that line to the headwaters of the creek and to tap the springs in the reservoir on the hill. But everything that promises a lasting value costs money and and things of value are worth

There can be no question but that the water problem of Oregon City would be settled for all time to come by the construction of the mains to the reservoir at Mount Tabor and the tapping of that inexhaustible supply for the city. Coming down the mountain at that height above the city's level, there would be no necessity for a pumping station to maintain a high pressure in case of fires and the most remote corner would be given force enough to handle all of the requirements for fresh water that might ever be pre-

The Enterprise is heartily in favor of the suggestion for a Bull Run water supply. In fact, the first suggestion for this new source came from this paper itself. Eighteen months ago, it presented the idea to the people of the community and that idea has now been crystalized into definite shape.

The concrete proposition will soon be presented to the voters of the community when Portland and Oregon City representatives get together in their conference over the terms of the proposition. It is a certainty that those terms will not be such as to in any way burden the city nor will it be a continual drain upon the city's resources and its treasury.

It is also probable that the cost will be materially less annually than the cost of the present system, that the rates will be somewhat lower than they now are, and the whole supply can be turned through the mains, fresh from the filtering plant and factory of nature's own design, at a cost that will be incredibly small compared to the benfits that the community will derive from the plan.

The mere fact that Oregon City will have to construct its own mains to the tapping point in the reservoir is not a staggering one. The initial cost will not be great. It will be something, of course, for benefits are not to be plucked from the limbs of every tree that grows by the road nor are they to be had simply for the asking,

that it will take time, and that it will require capital. The construction of e capable of carrying the entire supply for a city of this size with its constantly growing population and prospects of many thousands more of population in the next few years is going to be no mere childs play. Nor will the cost be incidental.

But there are things to be considered that make the financial aspect of the undertaking light and the initial cost small in comparison to the benefits to the city that may be reasonably and properly expected. In spite of the careful examinations of the best experts obtainable and their unbiased and uninterested opinion upon the city water supply, there will always be those who will believe, and honestly, that the state board and other authorities have made a mistake and that water that comes from a river that is exposed as is the Willamette cannot, in spite of the best filtration and chemical plants, be anything else than filthy. Of course, such a conclusion is grossly erroneous but that does not, in any way, alter the fact that there are those and will always be those who will believe it nevertheless.

Bull Run water is as cold as the melted snows. It has enough vegetable matter of a harmless nature scattered through its millions of gallons to make it delicious. It is pure from any disease germs that could poison a population as Oregon City has been poisoned in the last few months.

In fact, the contract that will give to Oregon City the water of Bull Run is simply and wholly THE solution to the city's water problems and the answer to the questions that have puzzled city officials and medical men

Counciman Horton at the Wednesday night ses-OF STATUES sion of the city council touched the key note of the situation in every state in the Union when he declared that there are now on

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ous cities and towns are merely adding to the general confusion by the multi- of vital statistics. plicity of ordinances that they enact.

are a too much governed people." There are too many laws that are jammed into the statute books of the state at every session of the legislature. When and newspapers are wrong.

John Williamson and wife to Port land, Rugeare & Rasiera, tract in Sec. 14, TSE, RIE, 910.

Oliver M. Hickey and wife to J. L. Pearexy and wife, Been, 16, 17, TSE at home expect him to enact some sort of an idea into law and that his reelection to the same seat is not an assured fact unless there is a federal law

As a result, the country suffers from law. It groans under the weight of statutes and court decisions. Annually, the legal printing houses issue libraries of decisions from the various courts that interpret the laws that have been made and that, by their interpretation, really enact new statutes to add to the general burden and confusion.

In spite of this fact, however, the law is generally administered with an even temper and with the spirit of fairness and equality to all classes and conditions of persons in every unit of government. Sometimes criminals escape the punishment that their offences deserve on a technicality in the construction of the law but the spirit of the courts everywhere is growing ran, general manager Oswego Lumber more and more toward the principle that justice cannot be served by a technical construction of the statutes and that-above everything else-the justice and equity of every case should determine its merits on appeal.

So general has this spirit prevailed through the courts of the various states, that some of the legislatures have guaranteed decisions built on that theory by requiring the sumpreme courts to consider only the MERIT of the cases on appeal and to neglect the technical points that may be raised and several pieces of slab wood fell unless the interests of the party appellant are so injured as to necessitate a reversal of the decision of the lower court.

At the same time and in spite of this construction of the law, the people of the United States are too much governed. There is a law for everything lows under the sun. It has been figured out by statisticians that there are about 500 misdemeanors that may be committed in some states for every one of which there is a penalty. In addition to this vast library of offences, there are the felonies against laws of the state that entitle the offender to a term the penitentiary or to a fine of extraordinary severity.

So much has America come to be governed, that the congress of the United States, the legislature of the several commonwealths, and the councils of the various cities and towns have exercised a paternal influence over the ople of the units which they govern. Into the everday affairs of life, the and of some authority is dipped.

Codification and simplification of laws bring the statutes down to date and make them easier of access but, in an incredibly short time, the legislatures enact other statutes and other laws that put the codes out of date and that again make the legal situation more complex and puzzling than ever.

Fewer laws and better laws is a slogan that has been used by commer ial organizations in several of the states and has had a wholesome effect upon the legislatures in putting a damper on their ardor to enact laws and to fill

An effort toward the manufacture of few laws and better ones has been made in some states where experts on legislative enactments are maintained as a part of the official family and where every measure is examined and weighed before it leaves the committee rooms and passes into the legislative

Too much law, too much government is the trouble with the United States as it with Germany, to a greater extent. This country and every other country under the sun would be better, would gain more material progress, would simplify the common every day affairs were there less in the way of law making and more in the way of law enforcement.

Many laws with lax enforcement of those we have tend to breed contempt for all law and instill the spirit of law breaking from the start. Every law now on the statute books of every unit of government should be enforced to the letter. If the people do not like the statute, they have the opportunity of wiping it from the records. But as long as the statute stays among the laws of this state or nation it should be enforced from the start and every executive officer is charged with the duty of seeing that it is enforced and accomplishes the purpose that the congress or legislature of the state intended that it should when it was placed among the enactments of the governmental unit for which it was designed.

She alleges that he persuaded her to leave the state and to take a visit to Californian points so that he might

INTERPRETING The tendency of the democratic powers that be to CIVIL SERVICE somewhat stretch the provision of the civil service reg-The voters of the city will realize that the plan is going to cost money, ulations in making their appointments in fourth class post offices is disappointing, especially since the official head of the majority party is one who California, he spent his time with anfavors examinations as a test for official position.

From dispatches that have come from Washington, the democratic favorite in the community is given the appointment as postmaster if he passes the examination with a percentages of 70 or over, even though his Republican competitor may have made a much better average and have shown signs of much more intelligence and ability.

Though this is not exactly a violation of the civil service laws, it stretches the spirit of those laws somewhat and gets around the point that the legislators in the national assembly had in mind when that measure was Sullivan, Mo., May 4, 1896.

To remove the fourth class offices from politics and to place them under tringent provisions of the rules of the service was a wise move on the part of President Taft, although it was neither a diplomatic nor a politic move. It showed that the president had in mind only the betterment of those offices and that he had no intention to reward with appointments and political favors any of his friends who happened to have other friends eager for of

For a man who always represents that he wants his officials from the highest class of competent workers and able, at any and all times to pass any sort of competitive tests that may be required of them, to support such a move on the part of Postmaster General Burleson is disappointing to those who, even though Republicans, admire some of the many fine qualities and foresight of the democratic president.

Wilson has never been a man who cringed in the face of what he believed was best, either for his state or for the country at large. He has bowed neither to the hand of great interests nor to the demands of his party He has, at all times, been of that type of free thinking independence that Americans, in general, admire. It was his personality as much as from any belief in the principles of his party that gave him the election at the polls Clackamas county was decided Wedof the country last November and that placed him on the executive seat of needay by Judge George N .Davis of Portland. the nation in March.

Why he, above all others, would remain silent when the postmaster general is filling the appointments in the fourth class offices with political celaim in township three south, range henchman at a sacrifice of ability and intelligence, as shown by the results of the examinations, is more than those who admire Wilson, both as a presi-Portland judge held that the Clackadent and as a man, can understand.

The principles of the civil service should be maintained at all cost and the property and enjoined about 40 politics should be removed, as far as possible, from the government service where an actual knowledge of affairs and a business judgment is required in the management of the country's public business. To do otherwise would be but to return to the spoils system that was inaugurated with Andrew Jackson and that has been a cancer in the side of American politics ever since

VALUABLE INDEED The Oregon State Board of Health issues IS THIS BULLETIN quarterly bulletin, that is full of information s erroneous that it is a wonder the Board does not discontinue the circulation of its pamphlet.

The Enterprise has called attention, a number of times, to the ridiculous ly absurd figures in this bulletin. For illustration the vital statistics for Clackamas County for April, 1913, show 45 births and 21 deaths, but no marriages. This is a truly wonderful and fearful condition and we may all expect the birth rate to decrease. There were no marriage in May, yet his children, Giovanni Lucchesi wrote all expect the birth rate to decrease. There were no marriage in May, yet his children, Giovanni Lucchesi wrote all expect the birth rate to decrease. There were no marriage in May, yet his children, Giovanni Lucchesi wrote all expect the birth rate to decrease. there were 28 births and 26 deaths reported. In June there were 51 births in Clackamas County and 17 deaths, and again no marriages.

30 days of the date of its performance, and this law is generally complied his wife and instructs her to pay also with. How easy, therefore, it would be for a representative of the State proving to be a child of mine."

the statute books hundreds of laws that are never enforced and that the var- Board of Health, to get the information necessary for an accurate bulletin

An interesting point in connection with this bulletin is that in June Some one has said that the trouble with the United States is that "we under the head of "Cases of Typhoid Fever," the answer is "none," Every

## EXAMINERS FIND NO ONE IS RESPONSIBLE

Following the verdict of the coro per's jury at the inquest over the body of Mrs. John Kelly, which placed the responsibility for Mrs. Kelly's death with the Southern Pacific Co. and charged that corporation with neg'i gence, the company today issued a statement of the findings of the Board Co.; H. B. Bichner, an Oswego mer-chant; C. W. Martyn, assistant super-intendent; F. M. Sufer, assistant sup-erintendent, and D. F. Knapp, master

Mrs. Kelly was killed last Monday at Goodin, near Oswego, while re-turning from a piculo. She was near the track, when a freight train passed Mrs. Kelly was instantly killed and several others received minor injuries. The report of the Board of Inquiry for the Southern Pacific fol-

Board's Report

"At about 5:45 P. M., Monday, Sepan, and Brakemen B. Pamburg, H. Blow and L. C. Bond, passed through Goodin, a non-agency station, running he held some time ago. at a speed of not to exceed 25 miles per hour. It was daylight and weather was clear. The deceased was standing within six feet from outside rail, and was struck by a piece of slabwood, four feet in length and not more than 15 inches in width and two and one-half inches thick. Approximately 15 pieces of slabwood fell from the car, and it could not be deter mined definitely which piece struck her. Death followed almost instantly

"We, the Board of Inquiry, after examining car and its load and conditions at point of derailment, and reviewing statements of train and engine crews in charge of Train No. 56, find that the accident was due to slab good falling from top of car S. P. 78571 as train was rounding We find that there was no individual

## WOMAN'S NOTES STIR UP FAMILY TROUBLES

Because he received letters from other women couched in the most endearing and affectionate terms and ecause she believed that he was "a E. Archibald filed suit in the circuit court Thursday against her husband, Harry A .Archibaid.

Through her complaint, she refers to another woman who she said wrote letters to the defendant and signed them "from your loving wife, Anna" run down to Portland and spend the the city officials there, month with another woman whom he knew there. She also alleges that he did make

the trip to Portland and that for the public as his wife. The complaint recites that they

were married in Chicago, March 28,

Henry Fonville brought a divorce though he had at all times been a kind and affectionate husband to-

In accordance with the provisions that had been filed in the circuit court some time ago, the divorce suit of Janette Jaggar against Frank Jaggar was dismissed and the marriage settlement that had been arranged out of court was approved. Other divorces heard and granted

by the court were those of James H. Willson against Bertha A. Willson, and Charles Angier against Neille Angler.

A circuit judge was plaintiff and another circuit judge sat in the case when Judge J. U .Campbell's suit for the quieting of title to some land in

The case involved the title to land

in the Andrew Hood donation land two east, and part of section 10 in mas county jurist was entitled to the decree that would settle his claim to defendants against whom the suit had been brought from ever asserting a claim or title on the land in question

The case has been pending in the court for some time and Judge Davis came to Oregon City Wednesday to issue the decree.

### Husband Orders Wife to Leave Property to Hospital

Instructing his wife to will property to a hospital in Barga, D. C. LATQURETTE, President. Italy, and giving one dollar to each of has been filed for record in the county

After giving one dollar to each of

# FUNNY MIX-UP

ONE DOCTOR REMOVED, ANOTH-ER RESIGNS, AND THE REST WON'T TAKE PLACE

#### WANT NORRIS AS HEALTH OFFIGER

Physicians Ask County Court to Give Office to Man Who Had it Formerly-Petition Will be Refused

W. C. Schultze is not the county health officer, Neither is Dr. J. W. Norris.

Though the old board of commissioners appointed Dr. Schultze as the guardian of the public health in the county, he has filed his resignation with the county clerk and has not served a single day.

At the same time the doctors of the city have filed a petition with the county board asking for the appointment of Dr. Norris to the position and his reinstatement is the office that

This will not be done.
The county board will refuse to grant the petition of the doctors of the city and county and will attempt some other man for the p sition that has been made vacant by

the resignation of Dr. Schultze. Dectors Sign Petition But, as Dr. Schultze and most of the other doctors of the city have signed the petition for the reinstatement of Dr. Norris and as there seems to be an agreement that none them will accept the position,

county board faces an unusual situa-

## DOCTOR RESIGNS JOB COUNTY GIVES HIM

The resignation of W. C. Schultze as county health officer was accepted by the county court at its regular meeting Friday. The doctor explained in his letter to the court that the expense and time that the new posttion would involve were such as to make it an undesirable one for him and that he would not feel that he could afford to accept the place.

The election that placed Bolton in the new municipality of West Linn lots 1, 2, 9 ,10, Blk. 1. Willamette took out of the jurisdiction of the Falls acreage, \$1 county court the application of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern for the in Concord, \$10. vacation of certain streets in Bolton as a right of way for that line. The streets are now in the new town the matter will have to come before the city officials there. The appli-cation was, therefore, dismissed by L. C. A. B. Holcomb, \$50. the county court.

NEW MADISON, Ohio, Sept. 9 .against his wife, Iva Fonville on the The New York St. Louis Flyer on the grounds that she had deserted him Pennsylvania railroad was derailed four miles west of here at 9:40 this Oregon City, \$10. morning, injuring 35 of the 73 passengers and fatally injuring three of the Mullan, artet in Hector Campbell D cordance with the provisions crew. Six coaches went into a corn-stipulations between counsel field, on one side of the track, the engine and tender striking a bridge CLACKAMAS ABSTRACT & TRUST abutment on the other side of the COMPANY. abutment on the other side of the track and turning the span of the bridge ino he air.

The rear coach remained on the rails and the next coach, although off the track, did not overturn.

None of the passengers were ser lously hurt, but two firement were so badly crushed and scalded it is believed they will die, and a chef in the diner was seriously sca'ded. The en-gineer suffered a severe scalp wound, The wreck occurred on a sharp curve, where the track was weak, the train traveling at a high speed.
All doctors of this town were rush-

ed to the wreck, and the injured were taken to Richmond, Ind.

# REAL ESTATE

Forest W. Bartholomew and wit-to Albert L. Kent and wife, two acre in Hathaway D. L. C., Sec. 22, Till

Northwestern Trust Company to Thomas Barnes and wife, lots 16, 17, 18, block 3, in Bell Heights of Flas

con, \$10.
C. T. Howard and wife to Edith M. Shaw, NW 1-4 of NE 1-4, Sec. 17,762.
R2E, 4.54 acres, \$159.
Howard N. Smith and wife to Heary S. Smith, H. D. Rogers D. L. C. 28,143 acres in T2S, R2E, \$1.

Henry B. Smith to Howard N. Smith and wife, same, \$10.

Ella A. Johnson to James Johnson, lots 3 and 4, of block 33, Oregon less

& Steel Company's addition wego, \$1. I. L. Clarke and wife to I. D. Lar kins, part of D. L. C. of Monroe Lan-kins and wife in Sec. 26, T48, R28

George K, Barker to C. J. N 1-2 lot 4, and all of lot 5, Shaw's addition to Jennings Lodge, \$10. William Aschenbrenner and wife to C. S. Whitcomb part of D. L. C. of William Holmes in Sec. 32, 728, 828

John W. M. Thornton and wife to Martha C. Bishop, lot 13, blk. B. Will sonville, \$10. Fred C. Eilers and wife to W. g

Sengel and wife, E 1-4, Sec. 26, 738 R5E, \$10. W. Blessing and wife to Mary Changraw, part of D J. C. of L. C. Latourette and wife, T38, RIE

10 acres, \$1. Charlie Cahill and wife to Charles Slethlit, SW 1-4, Sec. 20, 738, R2E, II.
Mary M. Charman to Frank Roller
and wife, lot 5, blk, 144, Oregon City,

T. L. Charman and wife to Frank Rotter and wife, lot 5, blk 14; 11.

Daniel If Purcell and wife to John
Peter Serres and wife, 14x100 square feet in T28, R2E: \$1209.

Hazel Toose to Walburg Becker, one and 34 acres in Mill Race: 110.
Charles W. Cassedy, administrator, to A. M. Chrustall and others, SE 14 of NE 14, sec. 35, T2S, R2E, \$1400. Mary E. Hayburst and husband to Eugenia Smith, lots 7, 8, blk 4, 113, Eugenia Smith to Mary E Jiayhurg and husband, lots 7 and 8, blk 4, 118,

Mrs. Era F. Leighton and husband to Edwin Bates, lots one and two block fourteen, Estacada; \$1. Edith K. McBain to R T. McBain, lots 15, 16, block 51, Gladstone; \$1, R. S. Robertson and wife to Lo B. Catho, tract in Matthey Richardson D. L. C., T. 3 S., R. 3 E., 10 acres;

Casper Welsmandel and wife to Mary Pursiful and husband, lots I and 4 in block 9, Park addition to Oregon

City, \$100.

M. Irish and wife to G. F. Peart and wife, N. E. ¼ N. E. ¼ Sec. 12, T. i. S., R. 1 E.; \$10 Elizabeth Smith, Sec. 31, T18, R3E,

Alfred I. Olsen and wife to August W. Daum, tract in D J. C. Andrew Jackson, Sec. 34, T58, R1E, \$1590. Addie J. Britton to Earl A.

G. Matsom to Edith Matson, I aere Mary Manske and husband to Ellen Susmingeme and husband 8 and 14 and acres in Secs. 32, 33, T1S, R2E, \$1 fore Charles T. Tooze and wife to As-

Joseph L. Y. Udell and wife to Charles T. Howard and wife, acres in Sec. 17, T48, R2E, \$1100. C. T. Howard and wife to Lillian F. Howard, tract in Sec. 17, T4S, R2E, \$1. J. V. Harless and wife to N. Secor Hyatt, lots 28, 29, 30, bik 3, Harless

A Vester and wife to Emma Mary Drews, tract 11 in Fairmount Or chards, \$890. Morris Wilmarth to Luril'a M

one acre, \$200. Simon Selling to Hawley Pulp & Paper company, lots 7 and 8 in blk 2, T. S. Mullan and wife to Mary E

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