

Milwaukie and Vicinity News

POSITION OF WATER COMPANIES IS TOLD

MRS. MAGGIE JOHNSON SAYS FAIR PLAY IS ALL SOUGHT BY THREE CONCERNS.

MILWAUKIE, Ore., Aug. 31.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to explain the position of the water companies in the middle with Milwaukie over the water situation.

First, we wish to deny the charge that we are fighting the municipal system. We believe the town should own its own water system and have always stood that way. The history of this case is this: That in August, 1912, an election was held to vote \$40,000 bonds and Bull Run water and that was voted down by nearly 3 to 1.

In May, 1913, another election was held to vote on \$20,000 bonds to buy Minthorne Springs and purchase the private plants by arbitration or condemnation and provided a plan for doing the same, and it was carried by nearly 3 to 1.

After the election the town notified two of the three private companies that the town desired to buy the two systems and the companies expressed their willingness to sell and named two members of the board of arbitrators; the town named two and the four selected a fifth member.

The value of the Milwaukie Water company was first taken up and an award was made, but the two members chosen by the company would not sign the report as it was not enough. Now it is claimed that some of the members who did sign the award went to the company and offered \$1000.00 more than the award, or in other words rendered two just awards on the same property, one \$1000.00 higher than the other.

Next the same arbitrators for the town and two others for the Minthorne Springs Water company, the four choosing the fifth member, arbitrated the value of this plant and the town's two arbitrators would not sign the report, so before the report was filed one of the town arbitrators circulated a remonstrance signed by the two arbitrators and some of the town's officials and other citizens to the number of about 100. So no offer of any kind or amount was ever made to this company.

This company has a legal franchise without doubt and section 7 of that franchise reads: "The right is hereby reserved to said town of Milwaukie to purchase said water plant at any time and if the value thereof cannot be agreed upon with the parties owing the same, the same may be condemned and appraised in proper legal proceeding for that purpose."

The amendment to buy Minthorne Springs and own and operate its own water system, is the one now used to buy water from Portland at so much per 1000 gallons for the next year, expects to take her departure within a few days for New York city, where she will join her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Dwyer, and make her home for the time being. Mrs. Dwyer is a well known Milwaukie girl, and it will be learned with pleasure by her friends and friends of the family that she is meeting with success in her chosen line of work as an actress. It will be remembered that Mrs. Dwyer returned to the east only a short time ago, after having been called here by the illness and death of her father, the late Mr. Lechler, and since reaching New York she has signed for a 40 weeks' engagement at one of the principal theaters. Mrs. Lechler has leased her pretty new bungalow on Monroe street to S. S. Chambers, the new instructor of the manual training department of the Milwaukie high school, who will remove his family to this city about Sept. 1 from Portland.

Under these franchises granted in good faith, we believe, and lived up to by the water companies in good faith, they have nearly \$25,000 in cash invested and added much to the taxable valuation to the town and helped considerably to make possible the sale of the water bonds by the town. They have given largely of their time to build up these businesses without scarcely any recompense up to this time. Now the town proposes to go into unfair competition with the companies and destroy the revenue and value of these systems practically confiscating our property without due process of law.

All we have ever asked is to be given an equal deal according to section 7 of our franchise.

Thanking you for the space in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
MAGGIE A. JOHNSON,
Sec. Minthorne Springs Water Co.

CONSTRUCTION DELAYED.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 31.—Work has started today by Davis & Opland of Portland upon the new garage of H. I. Grattan on Main street, but they were seriously hampered in making satisfactory headway by the delay in receipt of lumber for the false work for the concrete walls. Tomorrow they will have a full force of carpenters at work, and the new building, which is to be 50x100 feet, will be rushed as fast as weather will permit, it being desired to have the structure completed inside of six weeks.

MR AND MRS VAIL AT PICNIC.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 31.—Among the prominent visitors at the Milwaukie grange picnic at Crystal Lake park were Mr. and Mrs. Vail of Mt. Tabor, Evening Star grange. Mrs. Vail is one of the state deputies of the Oregon grange.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: Probably the last word in regulation is asking the aboriginal Indian for his fishing license.

CHARLES E. SPENCE



The state grange master was the principal speaker at a grange picnic held Tuesday in Crystal Lake park. His topic was rural credits and the subject was well covered.

LABORERS ON CARVER ROAD GO ON STRIKE

PROTEST AGAINST CUT IN WAGES MADE—25 LEAVE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—Discontent, alleged to have been caused by the builder cutting their wages 25 cents a day, resulted in no less than 25 of the Armenian laborers, employed on the construction work of the Portland & Oregon City railroad, near Milwaukie, quitting their job yesterday and leaving for Independence, where jobs are said to be awaiting them at the wages which they originally received from the Carver road. The laborers were hired at \$1.75 per day for 10 hours, but a few days ago it was decided to cut them to \$1.50, and this proved to be too much for the Armenians, who are said to be better workmen than the ordinary Italian and other foreigners usually employed in railroad work, and they struck forthwith. Local merchants found the Armenians to be buyers of a better class of groceries and merchandise than many railroad builders and their trade will be missed.

MRS. LECHLER WILL GO TO NEW YORK

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—Mrs. Laura Lechler, who has leased her pretty home for the next year, expects to take her departure within a few days for New York city, where she will join her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Dwyer, and make her home for the time being. Mrs. Dwyer is a well known Milwaukie girl, and it will be learned with pleasure by her friends and friends of the family that she is meeting with success in her chosen line of work as an actress. It will be remembered that Mrs. Dwyer returned to the east only a short time ago, after having been called here by the illness and death of her father, the late Mr. Lechler, and since reaching New York she has signed for a 40 weeks' engagement at one of the principal theaters. Mrs. Lechler has leased her pretty new bungalow on Monroe street to S. S. Chambers, the new instructor of the manual training department of the Milwaukie high school, who will remove his family to this city about Sept. 1 from Portland.

MAIN ROUTE ALONG WILLAMETTE SUCCESS

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—Milwaukie is one of the few towns of the country that can boast of a motor boat rural free delivery, and especially one that serves so many families. Route 3, out of this place, is strictly a water route, that is, it is served by a motor boat, the distance covered being 2 1/2 miles along the Willamette river. Starting from Milwaukie the route goes to Inman-Poulson's mill, at the outskirts of Portland, serving all the families and persons who live in the house boats around the Oaks as well as the permanent suburbanites in that locality, and then comes back south to Magoon's landing, on the west bank of the river, between Oswego and Oregon City. William P. Jacks, the carrier has over 200 families on his list. The service is giving satisfaction.

DEPRESSION MISSES MILWAUKIE OFFICE

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—That the present depressed condition of financial affairs has not struck the postoffice department of Milwaukie is very apparent from the report of Postmaster Hagerman for the month of July, 1915. This report shows that the receipts of his office were very close to 100 per cent greater than for July, 1914, and every month of the present year has shown a decided increase over 1914, while 1914 showed an increase over 1913.

SPENCE SPEAKS AT MILWAUKIE PICNIC

STATE GRANGE MASTER TALKS ON RURAL CREDITS—RACES RUN AT CRYSTAL LAKE.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 31.—(Special)—A lack of attendance did not have the effect of lessening the interest in the annual picnic of Milwaukie grange, No. 268, held today at Crystal Lake park. The day was all that could be desired, and the splendid program arranged by Mrs. V. E. Blevie, lecturer, was carried out without a hitch or change. The basket dinner at 12:30 proved a big feast for all; in fact nearly doubt the number could easily have been accommodated so generously did the good women provide.

At 2 o'clock the picnicers listened to an interesting and instructive address from C. E. Spence, state master of the Oregon grange, on rural credits and bonds. Mr. Spence has made quite a study of these two important questions and his address was listened to with more than ordinary attention.

At the close of State Master Spence's address the afternoon program of contests was carried out, the winners being as follows:

- Girls' potato race—Artis Ingram.
- Girls' egg race—Artis Ingram.
- Girls' foot race—Between the ages of 10 and 16—Arnelia Baker.
- Boys' sack race—Roy Joyce.
- Boys' three-legged race—Jerome Miller and Lynn Cooper.
- Boys' running race, 100 yards—Jerome Miller.
- Indoor baseball—Won by the Fords.
- Little boys' race—Weldon Mathews.
- Nail driving contest—Mrs. Thomas Ingram.
- Suitable prizes were awarded to each winner.

MUSICIANS GATHER AT CRYSTAL LAKE

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—This was Musicians' day at Crystal Lake park, and the event proved of more than ordinary interest to the large number of persons attending from Portland and other points. The musical festival was something out of the ordinary, with both band and orchestra furnishing delightful numbers until late in the evening, both being under the direction of George E. Jeffrey, well known as leader of the Symphony orchestra in Portland. Many prize games were indulged in. Dancing began at noon under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Meise Christensen, who, during the afternoon, gave demonstration of some of the latest dance steps adopted by the National Dancing Teachers' association. Another exhibition was given during the evening.

MODERN GARAGE TO BE COMPLETED SOON

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—That Milwaukie is fast forging to the front as a city of metropolitan proportions is apparent from the fact that an up-to-date garage and gas service station is being erected on Main street, by H. I. Grattan, the owner of much property in this city. The building will be 50x100 feet, of brick cement and tile with steel beam supports and concrete floor. The contract has been let to Davis & Opland of Portland, the structure to cost in round figures about \$4500. A gasoline tank with a capacity of 500 gallons has been installed and will furnish service for autos between Portland and Oregon City, being the only supply station between those two points, and a pipe line is being run to the water front to supply boats using gasoline. The contractors hope to complete the new building about the middle of October.

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE NEAR

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—If inquiries are any criterion then real estate, both acreage contiguous to Milwaukie as well as city lots, will take on renewed activity before long. While no sales of particular significance have taken place, still numerous inquiries have been made of local dealers during the past week, and once business conditions show improvement it is confidently believed that a number of new settlers both in city and suburban sections will result. Milwaukie is attracting more than ordinary attention from Portland people particularly as they realize that this city offers them an opportunity to secure a most desirable home location at a fair figure.

BAKERS' PICNIC SEPT. 6.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—The Master Bakers' association of Portland got in on the ground floor and secured Crystal Lake park for Monday, September 6, Labor day, and will hold its first annual picnic here. Nearly \$400 in prizes are to form the incentive for all kinds of interesting games, and besides dancing there will be plenty of amusement and entertainment throughout the day.

SCHOOL MADE READY FOR MORE STUDENTS

MANUEL TRAINING DEPARTMENT NOW PART OF COURSES OFFERED AT MILWAUKIE.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 28.—(Special)—The addition of three rooms to the main building and one to the portable building of the Milwaukie school, ordered several weeks ago, by the school board is practically completed, and only a few touching-up features are needed to have everything in readiness for the opening of the fall term of school on Monday, September 13.

With the enlarged facilities, the school will be provided with new teachers, S. B. Chambers, of Portland, having been elected to take charge of the manual training department, and Miss Blanche Jeffries, also of Portland, to have supervision of the domestic science department. The improvements to the building, including the painting of the roof of the main building, will cost close to \$3000, but the expenditure gives Milwaukie a first class school building in every particular as well as making possible added studies which place this city in the front ranks as to educational requirements and possibilities.

A chemical laboratory will occupy one new room, a sewing and millinery classroom will occupy the other new room on the same floor, and a new manual training room has been fitted up in the basement. The former chemical laboratory room in the portable building has been remodeled for a cooking classroom.

Manual training, cooking, sewing and millinery will be taught for the first time this year and will be for all high school students and grammar school students above the sixth grade. Daniel Hirkmeir prepared the plans for equipping the manual training and domestic science departments and these have been ordered and will be installed in plenty of time for use on the opening days of school.

The space between the portable and main building is being arranged and fitted up as a dining room for the domestic science department.

Robert Goetz, principal, is serving his fifth year at the head of the Milwaukie schools, and has given splendid satisfaction to the board and public generally. The schools have made satisfactory progress under his direction and there has been the best of feeling between the head and teaching corps. The teaching corps this year will consist of 16 persons, the art instructor yet to be chosen.

This year the A-class of the first two grades will go to school mornings only and the B classes afternoons only.

The teaching corps so far chosen consists of the following: Robert Goetz, principal; S. S. Chambers, manual training department; Blanche Jeffries, domestic science; Louise F. Walker, music; Agnes D. Campbell, Audrey W. Ohmert, Colton Meek, high school; Nellie W. Wade, Annie J. Young, Edna Armstrong, Olaf E. Mickey, Mary V. Hamilton, Louise Conner, Minnetta R. Emmel, Letta M. Tyrivier, grades.

MILL OPENS TODAY.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 31.—(Special)—Tomorrow, Wednesday, will see the L. B. Benefice Lumber company's shingle mill in Milwaukie running in full blast, with between 40 and 50 men employed. The mill has been shut down since the last of April this year, due to the poor condition of the shingle industry. In starting up, while the market is not what might be hoped for, the Menefee company hopes to create an increased demand for its product by making a better shingle, one that will be thicker and larger than that formerly made. The plant will be under the direction and foremanship of George Johnson, who has been identified with the Menefee Lumber company for past 12 years having recently had charge of the Kalama, Wash., shingle mill, which has been closed indefinitely. Mr. Johnson has re-engaged practically the entire old crew that was connected with the Milwaukie mill when it closed down last April, and what new men had to be employed were brought from the Kalama plant. The Menefee mill has a capacity of 450,000 shingles per day. The business men of Milwaukie are feeling good over the reopening of this mill, for it means a payroll added to the city of about \$4,000 per month.

PRINCIPAL GOETZ RETURNS.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 31.—(Special)—Principal Robert Goetz accompanied by Mrs. Goetz and son, Harold, have returned to their home in this city after spending the summer vacation on the farm of Mrs. Goetz's father near Bandon, Ore. Mr. Goetz returns in vigorous health and energy determined to give Milwaukie the best school year it has ever had. He is quite interested in the improvements being made to the buildings, which will provide for added departments and greater accomplishments for the city schools.

MRS. ROSE DUVAL DEAD.

MILWAUKIE, Aug. 31.—(Special)—A. H. Dowling received word this afternoon of the death of his sister, Mrs. Rose Duval of Sellwood. While no definite information was given as to the exact cause and facts, it was learned that death came suddenly while Mrs. Duval was working in the hop fields in the valley. The deceased is survived by her husband and brother Mr. Duval, being well known as a former baseball player. Mr. Dowling went to Portland early this afternoon to arrange for the funeral.

COUNTY STATISTICS.

MILWAUKIE, Ore., Sept. 1.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rexford E. Wilkerson, of Milwaukie, August 16, a daughter. Chicago News: If people had to pay for their wars before they fought them there would be a reign of universal peace.

CONGRESSMAN WHO URGES UNCLE SAM TO PREPARE FOR WAR



Congressman A. P. Gardner, who has been criticizing the unpreparedness of the United States for war, will make an active fight at the next meeting of congress for larger appropriations for the army and navy. Congressman Gardner advocates a standing army of material size instead of the present small one.

PROSPECTS IN SEED GROWING

The truth of the old adage "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good" will perhaps be more fully demonstrated than in the working out of the problems which will confront us in situations forced upon us by the European war. We have long, in fact always looked to European countries for certain commodities, and in our easy going American fashion have accepted conditions, making little or no efforts to try our own wings.

The Belgians and Hollanders and the Germans have kept us supplied to a great extent with our seeds and bulbs, and because they have been pure and satisfactory we have looked to these countries in a very large measure for our supplies of choice seeds.

Our base of supplies to a great extent is now being used in a less profitable and profitable business, and home consumption will leave little if any of the seeds that are being grown available for foreign use. And with this stoppage of receipts of seeds in the United States comes to us the realization that conditions of climate and soil on the western coast of North America, especially the northwestern Pacific slope, are almost identical with that of the countries we have always looked to for the choice seeds,—vegetable, flower and field.

There will be a demand for home grown seed, and the Oregon seeds when they become known will always find a market, for our climate tends to a fixed vitality that will produce healthy prolific plants.

It has been demonstrated that bulbs do exceptionally well in the Willamette Valley. The Crissey Gladious farm in the eastern section of Clackamas County has been in operation but a few years, but it has already become widely known. Not many miles from Oregon City a beautiful large white tulip has been propagated, that in comparison with the famous tulips of the much talked of Netherlands gardens at the P. P. I. Exposition at San Francisco, was pronounced equal if not superior in texture, size and keeping qualities of the flowers of bulbs imported from Holland for the Exposition gardens. These instances of bulb growing cited are few but representative of what may be done in this line.

All crops of a leguminous nature do especially well in the mild salubrious climate of Clackamas County, and with a growing demand for white clover, vetch, red clover, alsike and field peas, Clackamas County farmers should find in seed growing a profitable crop that would leave their land in better condition. Wheat, oats and rye of high quality are in strong demand, and every farmer visiting the Exposition, from whatsoever section of the country has been interested in Willamette Valley grains and other seeds.

Onion seed is one of the products that the beaver dam lands of the Willamette Valley produce in excellent quality. Garden seeds likewise will be much in demand and seedsmen are utilizing the Exposition as a point of discovery where they may locate the best.

Any farmer who will till his soil properly, separate varieties with due care, and who will painstakingly produce a high standard of pure, clean seed, has his market waiting for him, and the Commercial Club of Oregon City through its Promotion department is in touch with prominent seedsmen of the east, who want to buy their seeds of us.

People who are wishing to make a change of location should communicate with the Commercial Club, and line up a course to pursue. Seed growing is painstaking work, but it is a paying proposition, and the producer of quality seed can always command a market. Get ready for next year's work in this line by planning now to make the right kind of a start.

Biliousness and Constipation. It is certainly surprising that any woman will endure the miserable feelings caused by biliousness and constipation, when relief is so easily had and at so little expense. Mrs. Chas. Peck, Gates, N. Y., writes: "About a year ago I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they cured me of biliousness and constipation." Obtainable everywhere. (Adv.)

5 Women Avoid Operations

For years we have been stating in the newspapers of the country that a great many women have escaped serious operations by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it is true.

We are permitted to publish in this announcement extracts from the letters of five women. All have been recently received unsolicited. Could any evidence be more convincing?

- HODGSON, ME.—"I had pains in both sides and such a soreness I could scarcely straighten up at times. My back ached and I was so nervous I could not sleep, and I thought I never would be any better until I submitted to an operation, but I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and soon felt like a new woman."—Mrs. HAYWARD SOWERS, Hodgson, Me.
- SHELBYVILLE, KY.—"I suffered from a severe female trouble. My right side hurt me badly—it was finally decided that I must be operated upon. When my husband learned this he got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for me, and after taking it a few days I got better and continued to improve until I am now well."—Mrs. MOLLIE SMITH, R.F.D., Shelbyville, Ky.
- HANOVER, PA.—"The doctor advised a severe operation, but my husband got me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I experienced great relief in a short time. Now I feel like a new person and can do a hard day's work and not mind it."—Mrs. ADA WILK, 303 Walnut St., Hanover, Pa.
- DECATUR, ILL.—"I was sick in bed and three of the best physicians said I would have to be taken to the hospital for an operation as I had something growing in my left side. I refused to submit to the operation and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—and it worked a miracle in my case, and I tell other women what it has done for me."—Mrs. LAURA A. GRISWOLD, 2437 East William Street, Decatur, Ill.
- CLEVELAND, OHIO.—"I was very irregular and for several years my side pained me so that I expected to have to undergo an operation. Doctors said they knew of nothing that would help me. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I became regular and free from pain. I am thankful for such a good medicine and will always give it the highest praise."—Mrs. C. H. GRIFFITH, 1808 Constant St., Cleveland, O.



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FIFTH FATAL TO BEAVERS 25 STICKS OF GIANT POWDER BLOW MAN OVER 5-ACRE FIELD

SEALS GET FIVE RUNS, FOUR HITS IN ONE INNING.

Pacific Coast League.	
Los Angeles	559
San Francisco	553
Vernon	500
Salt Lake	483
Portland	455
Oakland	443

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 1.—The Seals secured five runs and four hits off of the Beavers in the fifth inning today and defeated the Portlanders with a 6 to 3 score. Kahler was in the box the fatal inning and was replaced in the sixth by Krause who held the locals down to one run in the rest of the game. Reislgl was in the box for the Friaroles. Carlisle in the third set knocked out a homer that for the time being gave the Portlanders a lead of two runs over the Seals.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE	
At Salt Lake—	R. H. E.
Oakland	10 15 3
Salt Lake	8 12 0
At Los Angeles—	R. H. E.
Vernon	2 2 0
Los Angeles	3 8 0

The Scholl's Telephone company has been given a franchise at Hillsboro.

How Italian Soldiers Behave. The Italian soldier gets a very high character from Richard Bagot in his "Italians of Today." "To see an Italian soldier drunk or in any way misconducting himself in a public place is exceedingly rare—so rare indeed that it would create a very disagreeable impression on the witnesses. Indeed, the men of any one of the more important Italian regiments who misconducted themselves in a public place would, in addition to the severe punishment administered by the regimental authorities, undergo a very bad time of it at the hands of their own comrades."—London Globe.

KILL CHINESE CONVICTS. SHANGHAI, Sept. 1.—Six hundred Chinese were killed in a recent convict mutiny at Kirin, Manchuria, it was learned here today.

MOLTKE REPORTED SIGHTED. BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Sept. 1.—The dreadnought Moltke, reported by the Russian admiralty to have been sunk by a British submarine in the Gulf of Riga, was seen cruising off the Kaiser Wilhelm canal under her own steam, Copenhagen dispatches reported here today.

Many Complaints Heard. This summer seems to have produced an unusual amount of sickness. Many complain of headaches, lame backs, rheumatism, biliousness and of being "always tired." Aches, pains and ills caused by the kidneys failing to do their work and throw the poisonous waste from the system yield quickly to Foley Kidney Pills. They help elimination, give sound sleep and make you feel well and strong. They are tonic in action. Jones Drug Co. (Adv.)

Her Idea. "Ma, your bank account is overdrawn." "What does that mean, pa?" "Simply this. You've written checks for \$13 more money than was in the bank." "The idea! If \$13 will break the bank I'd find another one to do business with. I supposed they had thousands of dollars on hand all the time."—Detroit Free Press.

Outlawed. "How about paying me for that suit I made for you two years ago?" asked the tailor. "You surely can't expect me to pay for that suit," said the impetuous young man. "Why, it's all out of style."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Somewhere Around. "I never see her with her husband. Has she lost him?" "I don't know. Some people seem to think she has merely misplaced him."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Atlanta Journal: The Republicans can't say that Edison was selected as a naval adviser because he was a good party man.