

THE WEATHER
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COUNCIL FIRES WATER BOARD

PEOPLE BREATHLESS; COUNCIL DELIBERATES

"Whereas, the City Council of Oregon City has repeatedly requested the Board of Water Commissioners of Oregon City, to lay a main to be connected with the public elevator now in process of construction, and to furnish water to Oregon City for the purpose of running said elevator, and

"Whereas, the Board of Water Commissioners, has refused to comply with the orders of the city council, and refuses to make the said connection, and to furnish the said water, and

"Whereas, the members of the said Board of Water Commissioners of Oregon City, Oregon, were duly cited to appear before the city council to show cause, if any there be, why the said connection should not be made, and a supply of water furnished the city for the purpose of operating the said elevator, and

"Whereas, the members of the Board of Water Commissioners appeared before the city council and failed to show good cause why the said water should not be so furnished, and

"Whereas, the members of the said Board of Water Commissioners do now refuse to lay the necessary pipe line and supply the city with the said water.

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Water Commissioner of Oregon City be and the same are hereby removed."

The city water board has been removed. Because it refused to construct the pipe line to the elevator, the city council last night declared the office of the members of the water board vacant and instructed the fire and water committee to take charge of the plant at once.

After the report of the board had been received by the council in which the instructions were refused and the notice given that the orders would be disobeyed, the council went into a committee of the whole and decided upon the step that it would take.

After the policy was determined, the council adjourned its executive session, came back into the chamber, and Councilman Horton read the resolution that, in the judgment of the council, removed the board from office.

Silence Thick.

When the board's refusal was read, there was an ominous silence through the council chamber. It was so thick that it could be cut with a knife. Not a councilman spoke for several minutes and the persons in the crowded chamber held their breath for the action of the city fathers. For several minutes every one was under the most intense excitement. Every nerve was strained to catch the first word that told of the action that the city fathers would take in the first step of the fight that had now started in earnest between the council and the water board.

At last Councilman John F. Albright spoke. "Mr. Mayor, I move that the report be accepted and placed on file." The motion carried.

"Now Mr. Mayor, I move that this council go into a committee of the whole." It also carried.

After deliberating in the committee chambers for 30 minutes, the council returned and the resolution that brought the fight to a crisis was read. The mayor then put the motion to the city fathers and the declaration of principles of the council became a matter of the city record at the fight was on in earnest.

With Councilman Holman excused, the council voted for the removal of the board. Horton and Tooze voted against it. It carried.

Waits Action.

For several days, the council has awaited the action that the city board of water commissioners would take. It has instructed the board twice to lay the pipe line to the elevator in order to furnish the water that will carry the elevator to the top of the bluff. Each time, the board has refused. It has explained its reasons

for that refusal and has declared that the construction of that line would mean the damaging of the entire system of the city and would cripple the present plan beyond repair.

Not only that, but the board has contended that the construction of that main would mean that the people on the bluff would suffer for the lack of water and that, while the elevator was making its trip, the bluff would be without a supply.

The city fathers have believed that the board was merely bluffing. They have contended that the water now furnished by the water plant was more than enough to furnish the city and the elevator.

Last night, it determined to call that bluff. It decided that the time had come when the council must make good the stand that it had taken and that something must be done to bring the matter to a crisis and test the case before the courts.

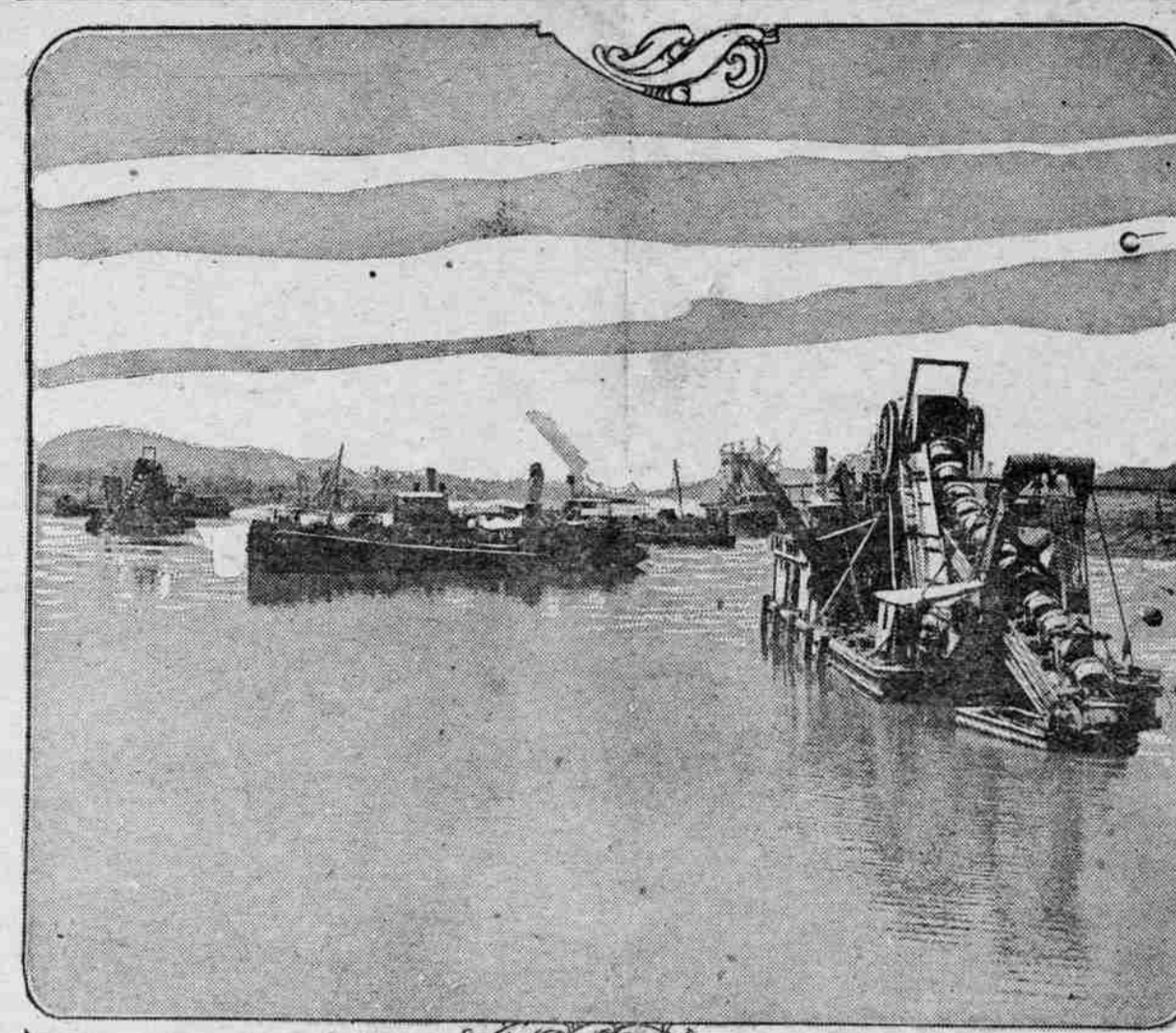
Attorney's Opinion.
 The City Attorney, William Stone, has informed the council that it could remove the board for cause. The board admits that. The question now remains as to what the cause is. The council believes that the refusal of the board to obey the orders that it has given is cause enough for the action that it has taken. It thinks that the board of water commissioners is a body directly under the supervision of the council and that the orders given during an open session of that body must be obeyed.

On the other hand, the board says that it has given the council ample warning of the stand that it intends to take and that it did take at the meeting last night. It says that it told the council when that body first planned the construction of the elevator that it would not furnish the water and that, in spite of such notice, the contract was let and the work started. It also asserted that it does not now propose to rescind the action that it has taken and that it now refuses and will continue to refuse to furnish the water for which the city issued its demand.

Starts Fireworks.
 The action of the board was the charge that set off the fireworks at the council meeting. The most exciting session that the council has held in months was that of last night. Excitement reigned at every step. At times, the suspense was breathless. Suppressed excitement prevailed even around the council chamber though outward calm showed the feeling under which the city fathers were working.

It was a tense moment. No action that the council has taken in several months called for the nerve tension to maintain outward calm, or that precipitated such a crisis as this step. The council was determined. So was the board. Some of the members wanted to let the board off easily but the others were determined that the crisis should be met and that the city fathers should take the stand that they intended to hold and that they had taken all through the fight.

Great Dredges Now at Work Clearing Out Culebra Cut, Thus Completing Panama Canal.



This picture shows the type of great dredges that are now at work clearing out the channel of Culebra cut. The blowing up of the Gambon dike completely flooded the nine mile cut, and the dredges at once attacked the debris in the bottom caused by the slides. The greatest work is at the Cucaracha slide, which extended across the cut about a mile from the Pacific coast end. This was dynamited at the same time that the dike was blown up.

EDITORS BOOST FOR GOOD ROADS

BELIEVE THEY WILL SOLVE MANY OF INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS

BOURNE PLAN HEARTILY ENDORSED

Gives State Use of Highways While Debt is Being Paid and Costs No More Than the Old and Antique Ways

The state editorial association has heartily endorsed Senator Jonathan Bourne's plan for the construction of state highways, and has commended his plan to the state and the several counties.

Better highways is endorsed by all of the editors of the state as a proposition that tends to the improvement of the rural conditions generally and the financial returns that may be expected to the farmer and to the city alike.

Following are the resolutions passed at the recent meeting of the association in Portland:

"Whereas, one of the greatest movements for the upbuilding of the state is the building of permanent highways, and whereas under present methods little, if any, permanent progress is being made in this direction, and whereas, a proposition is now before congress providing for the issue of government improvement bonds, at three per cent interest to be loaned the states on state 50-year bonds at four per cent interest, three-fourths of which will be used to pay the interest on government bonds and the remainder one percent put into a sinking fund at three per cent compound interest, this sinking fund being sufficient in 47 years to retire all bonds without further cost or expense to the state, this money to be expended in permanent improvements only on a large scale, and to be prorated among the states of the union. Therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that congress be, and is, hereby urged to pass such a measure and to put it into execution at as early a date as possible, and be it further resolved: That this association further recommend that such a plan of borrowing money at a low rate of interest on the credit of the government be extended to farm loans, to the end that the great western agricultural country might be rapidly settled up and improved with money, at a low rate of interest to the great and lasting benefit of the entire country and in a manner now impossible with money which costs the farmer from six to eight per cent, a rate prohibitive for use in extending ordinary operations.

Any fool can give advice—such as it is.

"PURE" WATER AT WELL EXPOSED BY REPORT

The bacteriologist states that the results of analysis of the samples of water sent to this office by Mr. F. J. Tooze during the past ninety days were as follows:

"July 7th—Well of the proposed city water supply: Total organisms 13 per c. c. and the absence of colon bacilli.

"July 17th—(Sample sent July 9th) Total organisms 125 per c. c. and the presence of colon bacilli.

"July 25th—(Sample sent July 17th) Total organisms 35 per c. c. and no presence of colon bacilli.

"July 25th—(Sample sent July 22) Total organisms 3 per c. c. and the absence of colon bacilli.

"August 1—Willamette river: Total organisms 85 per c. c. and the presence of colon bacilli.

"August 1—No. 2: Total organisms 2,160 per c. c. and the presence of colon bacilli.

"August 4—(Samples sent July 31st) Total organisms 4 per c. c. and no presence of colon bacilli.

"August 4—(Sample sent July 31st) Total organisms 3 per c. c. and no presence of colon bacilli.

"Yours very truly,
 "CALVIN S. WHITE,
 "State Health Officer."

Violently waving clippings of the Enterprise in the face of the members of the city council, Fred S. J. Tooze denounced the plan for the construction of the pipe line to the south fork of the Clackamas; declared that the paper with its "insincere" friends on the council, and others were trying to down him; denied that he had ever said that the water in the wells of the Englebrecht tract was pure; and otherwise denounced the meeting of the city fathers Wednesday night.

"You have been deceiving the people of the city ever since this water agitation started and have told the people that the water in the Englebrecht wells was pure when here I have the goods on you," declared Councilman John F. Albright in a speech that started the ball rolling.

Denies Charge.
 Tooze immediately denied that he had ever said that the water was pure. He denied that he had been asked for the report of the state board of health. He mentioned the fact that E. E. Brodie, editor of the Enterprise, had asked him for the report as a matter of news and as a statement to which the people of the city were entitled. He denied that the council had asked for the report but said that a former night editor of this paper had come to him for it once.

John Albright immediately offered a motion that carried holding that hereafter all statements and reports should be made to the council through the city recorder in writing "so there can be no denying them afterwards."

BATTLE TO RAGE AT DOOR OF WATER PLANT

"When that committee on fire and water of the city council appears on the scene at the water plant, there will be others there ahead of them. I believe that we have a man there who is capable of throwing out any committee that tries to enter the place. He is under the supervision of the water board until he is discharged. If the committee tries to enter the plant, it will find that the door is barred."—President C. H. Caulfield.

"I believe that the city council is badly mistaken as to its idea that the board of water commissioners is removed. The board cannot be removed except for cause and disobedience to orders is not a cause."—Secretary Joseph E. Hedges.

OLD STAGE DAYS ARE NOW OVER

LAST OF RELICS OF PIONEER YEARS WILL SOON HAVE TO DISAPPEAR

TRAVEL NOW GOES BY RAIL LINES

Modern Methods Draw Crowds While Old Routes Find Little Favor With Public—One By One Abolished

With the coming of the steam train, the Molalla stage, established for over 20 years, will pass out of existence. One line has already stopped running on a regular schedule, while the other makes the trip once instead of twice a day.

Oregon City has been considered as the gateway to the rich Molalla country, and, as a result, there has always been a regular stage between the towns. The past few years the picturesque horse stage has been replaced by the more modern automobile and quick service has been established.

But even the automobile cannot stand the competition of the steam railway and inside of a year the only way to reach Molalla will be by train. A month ago, before the first train, there were four stages daily out of Oregon City and they were always crowded. But now there is but one and it carries but one or two at a trip and often none. The only reason that this lone stage makes the trip is because of a contract to carry the mail. When this contract has expired even this will probably be abandoned.

BOY FOUND UNDER HORSE UNCONSCIOUS

Fred Eggemann, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Eggemann, was found Wednesday evening, lying unconscious under a horse, to which he was tending. He is suffering from a broken collar bone and rib and it may be that internal injuries will result.

It is not known exactly how the accident occurred. Early in the evening the boy was sent out to the barn to tend to the horse, but after the parents had waited for some time for his return, an investigation was made and the boy was found under the horse.

The exact extent of the injuries is not known as yet beyond the breaking of his collar bone and rib.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD CANBY SAW MILL

CANBY, Ore., Oct. 22.—The Stefani sawmill, known for many years as the Atkins mill, was completely destroyed by fire, discovered at 3 o'clock this morning. The loss is placed at \$10,000 with no insurance. When discovered the blaze was so far advanced that nothing could be done to save the mill, but the employees were organized into a bucket brigade and succeeded in saving a large quantity of lumber piled near the plant.

As there was no fire in the mill after 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and a number of employees passed through it as late as 11 o'clock, and no fire was discovered until four hours after that, it is thought to be of incendiary origin but no evidence can be found implicating anyone.

Before the ruins were cold, A. Stefani the proprietor, had made plans for the immediate reconstruction of the mill. A force of carpenters is now on the ground, and the owner says he will have an entirely new mill in operation in less than three weeks.

LODGE WILL MAKE PLANS FOR BIRTHDAY

In order to make plans for the celebrating of the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the Oregon City I. O. O. F., a committee will meet Thursday evening in the lodge rooms.

The local order of Odd Fellows have been working on preliminary plans for some time for the observance of their sixtieth birthday, but Thursday evening will be the first time that any official preparations have been made.

Martin Glynn is now the titular governor of New York, but the impression widely prevails that Boss Murphy is the real governor.

INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED FOR GRAFT

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—Wholesale indictments against most of the members of the city administration of East St. Louis that went out of office last spring were returned today by the grand jury that has been investigating charges of municipal irregularities.

Twenty-eight persons were indicted, including 24 former city officials. Among those indicted were Charles S. Lambert, former mayor; E. Fred Gerold, former city treasurer, and 14 of the 16 members of the city council of 1912.

William Sheehan, J. A. Cary, and Clyde St. Clair attended a banquet given by the National Association of Stationary Engineers given at the Commercial club at Portland Wednesday night.

M. B. A. BALL
 WILLAMETTE HALL
 Saturday, Oct. 25, 1913
 Given by Oregon City Lodge No. 2974 Modern Brotherhood of America
 Dancing Commences at 8:00 o'clock

WANTED!
 Women and Girls Over 18 Years Old
 To operate sewing machines in garment factory
 Oregon City Woolen Mills

ROYAL BREAD
 provides the best ration for the workers, clean, fine flavored bread that keeps fresh and sweet long after slicing.
 Always Fresh At
HARRIS' Grocery

THIEF REPEATS ACT MAKES HIS ESCAPE

For the second time in the last ten days, someone opened a purse in the City Chop House during the evening rush hours and took the contents, leaving the purse itself.

The fore part of last week the thief pilfered the contents of the purse, which was behind the counter and escaped without leaving the slightest clue.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Martha Price, the owner of the restaurant hung her purse on a nail in the back of the building and when she opened it she found that her money, about \$17, was gone.

BACILLI PROVES TO BE JOKE; WERE ONLY MOLD

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The "eady bacilli" which a would-be blackmailer sent to Mrs. Julius Rosenwald and Mrs. Frederick M. Steele, of Highland Park, were harmless, chemical analysis showed today. The chemist discovered only a few cultures of mold such as may accumulate in fruit preserves.