

**COMMITTEE AT WORK.**

**On Plans for Mountain Water—Private and Public Ownership Considered.**

For four mortal hours a committee wrestled with the mountain water question Wednesday evening, and Thursday evening took another turn at the proposition. The offer of the local Water Company to install a mountain water system was the matter under consideration. The committee consisted of a committee of five from the City council and an equal number from the Citizen's League. Among those present were P. Avery, J. M. Cameron, A. J. Johnson, S. L. Kline, Dr. Harper, E. R. Bryson and E. E. Wilson. At the meeting Thursday evening, City Engineer Skelton was in the line-up. A complete agreement was reached as to what the policy should be with reference to the matter in hand, and if the council itself adopts the ideas of the committee there will be a basis upon which to proceed for future negotiations.

Two important facts, with reference to a mountain water system are resultant from the meetings. The first is, that the committee favors a plan for extending financial credit, to private personal corporations, for the construction of a system, provided satisfactory terms can be negotiated in behalf of the city, and the city's interests be properly safeguarded. This plan of constructing the system is preferred over public ownership, and it is the idea that such an arrangement be effected, if possible.

The second important agreement reached is, that if all efforts at negotiation with private parties fail, then the committee is favorable to the idea of the city itself building the plant. There are those on the committee who object to the latter plan. They believe that city management of such enterprises is not as satisfactory as in the case of private individuals. They believe expenditures and lack of economy in detail management would be more prevalent under public than under private management. These members of the committee however, believe that, as a last resort, city ownership might be resorted to, and that the benefits to inure would justify the experiment.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

Clara A. Burkhardt and husband to Lincoln Chambers, lot 12 block 17, Job's addition, \$40.

United States to W. J. Henderson, patent to 98 acres near Wren.

J. C. Turrell and husband to Benton county, one acre at the west end of the Albany bridge, \$60.

J. L. Underwood and wife to A. J. Handy, 3 lots block 2, Chase's addition, \$1900.

Philomath College to Emmet VanCleve, lots 147 and 39, Brown addition, \$125.

M. P. Newton and wife to Emmet VanCleve, part of lot 98 block 30, Philomath, \$100.

John Keese to Wm. Knotts one-half interest in part of claim, \$300.

E. E. Brimmer to J. C. Carpenter small tract in Monroe, \$350.

Sarah Elgin to F. E. Edwards, .29 of one acre in block 2 Wells & McElroy's addition, \$100.

Bell V. Thompson and husband to Charles Collins and wife, land near Albany, \$1500.

**Wanted.**

Girl to do general housework in small family. P. O. box 280.

**Supervisors Claims.**

Lewis Weutz Superv'r no. 58	22 50
H M Flemming	2 10 00
E M Dodele	6 40 00
C H Skaggs	8 5 00
A Cadwalader	9 12 50
J R Fehler	11 20 00
J E Banton	13 30 00
E N Starr	14 23 75
D B Farley	15 5 00
Doke Gray	17 5 00
J O Wilson	21 32 50

The above claims have been filed with the county clerk, and notice is hereby given that the same will be allowed at the November 1904 term of the county court unless objections thereto be filed.

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Dated Oct 22nd, 1904.  
VICTOR P. MOSES,  
County Clerk.

**AFRAID OF IT.**

**What a Dry Linn and Wet Benton Might Mean—Saloon at West end Albany Bridge.**

Editor CORVALLIS TIMES:

In the issue of your paper of Oct. 29 you give directions as to the working of ballots on the prohibition question and the issue of today discusses the merits of the question. There is a point which has not been touched upon and it is one which affects the taxpayers of the county. If Linn county goes prohibition and Benton county does not, there is every reason to believe that the saloon element of Albany will set up shops just across the bridge in Benton county. As part of the corporate limits of Albany extend beyond the Benton county end of the bridge for a quarter of a mile it is not impossible that Albany might, in the case supposed, license saloons in the Benton county portion of Albany. That would be sharp practice but it is difficult to see how it could be prevented. In that case Albany would get the license money and Benton county might have to foot the bills for court cases arising from saloon brawls within her county limits. That is to say, Albany would dance and Benton county taxpayers would pay the fiddler. In any event saloons on this edge of Benton county would be run for the benefit of Albany while the penalties for having saloons would fall on Benton county. It is notorious that saloons which are run in sparsely settled communities just outside of the corporate limits of adjoining cities are practically uncontrolled. They generally constitute a sort of "Hell's Half Acre," and the crimes which they are responsible for are not only horrible from a civilized standpoint, but they cost the taxpayers for assault and murder trials, often to the tune of thousands of dollars. Not even the revenue derived in Corvallis from license money would offset increased taxes. This phase of the question is not concerning the merits of prohibition. It is purely a matter of dollars and cents. If the possibilities of the case as I have suggested it are correct, then it would be better for every voter in Benton County who likes an occasional "nip" to vote for prohibition and ship in his beer by the case and his whiskey by the jug, and pay his wife the saloonkeepers profits, if he feels like it, rather than run the risk of paying extra taxes so that Albany can have saloons just across the bridge. Linn county voted for Local Option in June by over 600 majority and will very likely vote prohibition next Tuesday. Benton county will do as her voters please, of course, but this feature of the matter is worthy of attention.

George A. Thacher,  
November 2, 1904.

**SPENCER—CHESLEY.**

**Marriage of Two Popular Young People of Benton.**

Parties who attended the wedding of Mr. John M. Spencer and Miss Mamie Chesley, at the home of the bride's parents at Westwood, Friday, report a most enjoyable time. The groom is a brother of Mrs. Seely, of this city, and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer, pioneer residents of Alesha. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chesley. Both the contracting parties are members of estimable families are entirely worthy of their parentage. Their future residence is to be on a homestead in Alesha, where, doubtless they will maintain the industry for which they have attracted notice, and eventually realize their high hopes. Decorations of the Chesley home upon the wedding morning were of variegated ivy, autumn leaves and white chrysanthemums, and an arch of similar decorations suspended a floral bell of white chrysanthemums. At 11:45 the bridal couple entered the room to the strains of the Wedding March, rendered by Miss Ethel Chesley. A simple but beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed by Bishop Castle, of Philomath. After the usual congratulatory period, the guests, numbering 50, were seated to a magnificent dinner. The festivities of the occasion merged into a dancing party, which disbanded in the early hours of the following day.

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John Lenger.

**JOHN HENRY WRITES.**

**Dips his Pen in Gall, and S pares None—His View of Option.**

Editor Times: We desire to submit a few thoughts on the pending question of local option or rather prohibition in Benton county.

It is not a question of what conditions exist in Kansas, California, Texas or any other state, but how it will affect Benton county and the City of Corvallis.

1st. They say there will be more drunkenness under local option than under present conditions.

The argument is not reasonable, for if liquor be sold in drug stores, instead of generally against it. If the man who advances this stock in trade delusion believed he was telling the truth, you would hear him change his mind and whoop it up for prohibition.

2nd. Anti-optionists say intoxicants that would otherwise be sold in saloons, will, under local prohibition, be sold in drug stores. If that be true, what then? Can an intoxicated man go to a drug store now and get liquor? Could he do it then? Can a minor get liquor at a drug store? Could he do it then? Neither now nor then, could either get a drop of intoxicants at a drug store, because druggists dare not take the chances involved in such transactions. If, therefore, option is to transfer the business to the drug store, that would be a help for boys and drunkards.

3rd. And last they say it is none of the country peoples business how the cities have to raise revenue and they should not be given a voice in the matter.

This may be true over in Lincoln or down in Marion or Multnomah, but it is not true in Benton.

Seven-eighths of the inmates of penitentiaries and a large percentage of the inmates of the asylums, jails, reform schools, and poor farms, are there because of drink, and these places have to be maintained by public taxes, of which the farmer pays his share. The trials, examinations and proceedings by which the inmates are sent to these institutions, are paid for by public taxes, of which the farmer pays his share. Yet, it is the towns and cities alone that get a revenue from the sale of intoxicants. Why is it that the matter is none of the farmers' business?

Besides, the county court of Benton county bought a half interest in this question when they contributed recently to a monument.

In this the court did its duty but how is it with the city of Corvallis. Her laws provide that a saloon man who sells liquor to a minor shall forfeit his license. After the dreadful tragedy enacted in Corvallis, last April two of her saloon men appeared in open court and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of selling a minor the booze which cost him his life and recorded in Benton's history one of the saddest pages it has been her misfortune to have written.

Did the city authorities do their duty? Was the law sustained? No! But why not? Will some one in authority at Corvallis answer. We can imagine we hear some staid old city father shyly answer, "No! We did not revoke their license, but we did better than that we fined 'em fifty dollars apiece and paid our half of the monument fund and had money left, see!"

A large per cent of the voters of the county who drink liquors and do not deny it, are in favor of local option and will vote for it. They realize that at least \$40,000 of their money annually goes over the counter of Corvallis' four saloons, and that after the paltry sum of \$2,000 is deducted for license, there remains the neat sum of \$38,000 balance against them. These men are anxious to remove this monster that is sapping their hard earned money and casting a blighting influence about their children. Talking with these men gives us hope. But now we meet some good old Methodist, Baptist or Presbyterian and as we broach the subject he begins to shake his head and question the advisability of depriving men of their rights, etc, and finally winds up with the alleged fact that "they help pay taxes." Of course he does not want to be deprived of his "rights."

Now in conclusion, let us say every person in Benton county is interested in Corvallis and her welfare. We want to see her prosper beyond measure. But gentlemen of Corvallis and especially those of the Citizen's League, what are you going to do about this matter Nov. 8th?

The blood of dead victims is crying out to you from the very dust of your streets for vengeance. Their blood is upon your streets and upon the hands of every man

who favors the retention of the agencies of corruption who are responsible for these blots on your history. They are responsible for the deeds and you stand responsible for them. Will you wash your hands and purge your streets of these occurrences or will you continue to shoulder the responsibility? The country people are willing to help you. Will you do your duty? Is the question of JOHN HENRY.  
Alesha, Ore., Nov. 1, 1904.

**THEIR GUESSES.**

**On the Result—Interest in the Option Law—Former Votes.**

There is a great deal of guessing around town as to how the county will go on option next Tuesday. The issue attracts far more attention than does the question of who is to be elected president of the United States on that day. There are many more people who believe that option will carry than there are of those who believe to the contrary. It is recalled that when the question of straight prohibition was submitted to a vote of the people of Oregon several years ago, the majority for it in Benton was over 500. That was before the county was divided. It is argued that conditions have so changed that a greater per cent of people are now favorable to prohibition than there were then. It is also recalled that the majority for the option law in the June election was 381, with 200 persons not voting. Anti-optionists argue that all of those who voted for the law will not vote to put it into effect in Benton. Optionists argue, on the contrary, that no one who voted for the law in June will vote against it now, but that many who voted against it in June will vote now for it. How well each side is informed will be seen next Tuesday.

Reports from Linn county are to the effect that the measure is expected to carry there by a big vote and that the same will be true in Lane. The majority in Linn in June was about 600. It is likewise claimed that Marion will also vote to put the option law into effect, though this is denied by anti-optionists.

The optionists seem to be far more active in the contest than is the other side. This is shown in the fight each side has made in the columns of the Times. Recently the paper opened its columns to the discussion. The optionists seized the opportunity and a shower of articles arguing for banishment of the traffic in intoxicants was poured in, while but a single article has been contributed on the other side. The number of articles offered on the prohibition side was so great that in the present issue two are not printed because of lack of space.

**As to the Army Canteen.**

Every since the abolishment of the army canteen some of its friends in and out of the army, have been busy foisting upon the innocent public supposed facts relating to a great injury done the morals of the army by such removal. The liquor trusts have flooded the country with "boiler plate" matter praying the awful calamities insisted upon the army and nation by such unwise legislation as the canteen's abolishment involved.

But notwithstanding, these statements sent broadcast have been met one by one, by reliable proof that they are unfounded and therefore unwarranted.

That the facts really show that the army and nation is really profited by the measure.

Let no one be deceived by any statement of that kind.

G. H. FRESSE.



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