

THE INJUNCTION.

No man ever bought a farm without first inquiring the price. If a man sets about to build a house, the first thing he does is to ascertain from some good carpenter what the probable cost will be. Most people when they enter a store to make a purchase, ask the price of the article before they buy it. It is not likely that any city or town ever first voted to build a water system and then undertook a survey to ascertain what the system would cost. That is why it is all essential that in Corvallis there should first be a survey to ascertain the probable cost, and then vote at an election whether or not people want mountain water.

It is not in the power of the water committee, created by the legislature, to order a preliminary survey, unless in the election for mountain water the people should vote for sale of bonds. Out of the money from the sale of such bonds, alone, would the commission have money to pay for the survey. It has, however, been steadily the purpose of the committee, if bonds should be sold to repay to the city the expense of the survey. That is to say, the act of the council in providing for the survey was the only means by which such survey could be secured, and when secured the money advanced to pay the cost was to stand merely as a loan to be paid back by the water committee, provided bonds be ordered sold.

Thus, if a survey was essential to make known what the water system would cost, which it certainly was, if to know the cost first and buy the farm, the house, the article, water works afterward is the usual plan, which it certainly is, if mountain water is actually wanted in this town, which it certainly is, then only the city council had means at hand to secure a survey, and since that survey is half completed and there is no one else to pay for it, is not the injunction which estops the city from paying temporarily for the survey, a mistake? Is it a good thing to do, at this time?

WATER COMMITTEE MET.

It was First Meeting Since Law Went Into Effect—A Resolution.

The Water Committee created by the legislature is wrestling with a resolution declarative of the idea that the commission should be elective by the people. The matter came up at a first meeting of the committee held in the council chamber Thursday, and was expected to be the theme of discussion at a meeting held after the Times went to press yesterday afternoon. All the members were present except Judge McFadden who is at Junction. A temporary organization was affected by naming Punderson Avery for temporary chairman and S. L. Kline for temporary secretary. The question of fixing a date for voting on bonds was discussed. Some favored an early election for the purpose, but others thought it better to be in no haste over the matter. It was urged that until the survey could be finished and the estimates be secured there could be no intelligent vote on the subject. The survey might show that the works could not be built for the \$75,000 provided for in the proposed bond issue, and that would make an election unnecessary, for it would make the construction of the system impossible with the means at hand. It was also urged that there ought to be no haste in the matter in order to give time for the whole water proposition to become thoroughly understood before there should be a vote on it. No action was taken, and the general consensus of opinion seemed finally to be that no date be set for a vote until the estimates of the probable cost can be made by the engineer.

The resolution with reference to the elective plan for the commission is certain of passage, but, whether by unanimous vote remains to be seen.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

LIKES OREGON.

And What he has to Say About it in a Wisconsin Paper.

A Wisconsin man, for the past six months a resident of Portland, prints in the Dial-Enterprise, a newspaper published at Boscobel, Wisconsin, his opinion of Oregon. Among other things of flattering character, he says:

"To the editor of the Dial-Enterprise:—They tell me that there are 15,000 Wisconsin people now living in Oregon, and I believe it; I have met nearly that number since coming to this state six months ago.

Oregon has about a million population now—one fourth of the population of Wisconsin, and has resources to support twenty millions of people, so I am told. Portland, with 140,000 inhabitants is more than ten times as large as any other town in the state.

They tell me that over in Eastern Oregon where railroads are not numerous the country is rather wild but all that I have seen of it is tame enough.

Portland is a live town and a good town. The down town part reminds me of Milwaukee, except that the streets are wider and cleaner. A down town corner recently brought \$96,000 which seems large money to me; but a real estate man told me that it was a 'good buy.' The city has an excellent fresh water harbor, distant about 100 miles from the ocean, and its water connections, the Willamette and Columbia rivers will be forever a regulator of freight rates.

Portland is situated on the Willamette twelve miles from the junction of that stream with the Columbia. The latter stream from the place where it joins the Willamette to the mouth is larger than the Mississippi, and discharges more water.

This morning I examined a large map and found that Portland is in the same latitude as Rhineland; and yet last winter there were only a few days when the thermometer registered freezing weather, and on these days the natives made more fuss about the cold than Wisconsin people when the tears run down their cheeks and icicles hang from their chin.

I have been disappointed in only one thing since coming out here. I have found that the stories about Oregon being a land of agricultural plenty, where any man may make a decent living, and any industrious man may get rich, are literally true; but the stories about the rainfalls are exaggerations. Of course it rains, and sometimes it rains several times a week; but the normal weather is like our Indian summer in Wisconsin.

Portland is called the Rose City, and it deserves the name. There are literally millions of roses in bloom. Rose bushes grow to the tops of the houses and each is gay with blossoms.

Portland people are very enthusiastic about the Lewis and Clark exposition which will be held here from June 1st to October 15. It will not be stupendously large as compared with the expositions held at Chicago and St. Louis but it will be plenty big enough, and there will be much to see at it that could not be seen at earlier expositions. The fair site is wonderfully attractive; the exhibit palaces being situated among the trees at crest of a slope which leads to Guild's lake, a body of water 220 acres in extent which is enclosed within the exposition fence. A peninsula of fifty acres juts out into the lake from the opposite shore and on this are situated the five magnificent government buildings. Uncle Sam will spend \$800,000 on the fair. In the distance four snow clad mountains, Hood, Rainier, Adams and St. Helens may be seen on any clear day.

Notice: Boat Rates.

For the accommodation of those who desire to go to Portland by boat after the close of Commencement exercises June 14, the company will run a steamer out of Corvallis that night, water permitting. The company has made the following cut rates; One way, Corvallis to Portland, \$1.50; round trip, \$1.75, ten days' limit.

Attention.

You who have carpenter work, house painting or papering to let by contract should get my figures on the same before placing contracts. My estimates will cost you nothing and might save you dollars. Headquarters at H. M. Stone's office. Independent phone. Dixie line Charles Holt.

Have Dr. Lowe cure your headache, with a pair of his superior glasses. They cost no more than others and you have the benefit of his skill and over 18 years experience. Consultation free.

INJUNCTION BROUGHT.

Council Enjoined From Paying Cost of Preliminary Survey for Water.

The injunction suit to restrain the city council from securing a preliminary survey and estimates for the mountain water system, has been brought. The plaintiffs are Thomas Whitehorn, John Ingle, John Smith, Charles Lee and F. P. Sheasgreen. The grounds for the injunction as alleged in the complaint are that a provision of the city charter limits the city indebtedness to \$10,000, and that since the city is already in debt \$22,000 the cost of the survey would be in excess of the charter limit, and therefore unlawful. The complaint also alleges irregularities of procedure in the passage of the ordinance authorizing the contract with the engineer for the survey. The main issue, however, is the charter limit, and of interest in this connection is that the payment of almost any of the ordinary expenses of the city could be enjoined on the same ground. For instance, the city hall roof is as yet unpaid for and it might be enjoined. In the same way, an injunction might issue to estop the city from paying city street lighting and most of the other claims that are regularly paid each month by the city council.

The individual members of the city council, the mayor, the police judge and the treasurer are made defendants in the proceeding. The complaint was filed last Wednesday but up to yesterday no papers had been served.

What the idea of the enjoiners is in bringing the suit is not known to the Times, save in the case of J. W. Ingle. He says he thinks the city ought to take the vote on the question of issuing bonds before the survey is made. Of course a survey might show an election to be unnecessary, because the cost would be too great.

The injunction brings about regrettable conditions. The survey is more than half finished. Fifteen days is the limit allowed for its completion under the council's contract. The work has been in progress for more than a week. When it is done, if not the city, who is to pay the engineer? The total cost is estimated to be between \$400 and \$500. The work was contracted for in good faith by the city council, with the understanding that if bonds were voted and issued that the city would be repaid in full for the cost of the survey, from the funds arising from sale of bonds for the water works. A resolution declaring it to be the purpose of the committee to pay such expense, was introduced last Thursday at the first meeting of the Water Committee, and is expected to be adopted by unanimous vote of the committee when it came to a vote at a second meeting held yesterday afternoon. The council's plan of employing the engineer and securing a survey is in the nature of a loan, with every cent to be repaid provided bonds be sold. If bonds be sold the water committee will have funds with which to pay for the survey. Of course, if bonds are not sold, the water committee could not pay for the survey, because it would not have funds with which to do it.

Dr. Dowe, the eye specialist, does not use any humbug, fake methods in his business. His work here for the 15 years has long since proven that.

For Sale.

Wagons, hacks, plows, harrows, and mowers, driving horses, draft horses, buggies and harness; fresh cows. If you want to buy, come in. I can save you money.

H. M. Stone.

New Gasoline Wood Saw.

I am now ready to attend promptly to all orders. Ind. phone 835. W. R. Hansell.

Dr. Lowe wont be back for 6 months.

Work Wanted.

Jacob Gmeiner does all kind of work around house and premises, cleaning carpets, wash windows, carry wood, etc. Phone 162, Indp.

For Sale.

Cigar clippings of our own manufacture, Rose & Son. m25 tf

Cows for Sale.

Three good young cows in full milk, Alfred Bicknell. Five miles north of Corvallis.

Next Tuesday noon to Thursday noon June 6, 7, & 8, Dr. Lowe the well known oculo-optician will be at Hotel Corvall. If the best is none too good for your eyes, consult him.

Dissolution Notice.

The partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned under the firm title of Nolan and Callahan, of Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. By agreement between the undersigned all liabilities of the firm are hereby assumed by J. M. Nolan and Thos. J. Nolan, who will carry on the business under the name of J. M. Nolan & Son, and all debts due the firm may be paid to the said J. M. Nolan and Thos. J. Nolan.

J. M. Nolan.
Thos. Callahan.

Special Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of St. Marys Chapter No. 9 O. E. S. on Tuesday evening June 6th, for initiation. All members of the order invited, by order of the W. M.

Mary B. Davis, secy.

For Exchange.

A nearly new 3-1-4 farm wagon, four inch tire will be exchanged for lighter wagon.

A. J. Irwin, Philomath. Bell phone 4X3.

Cord Wood Sale.

Call up No. 1 Phone, P. A. Kline line. P. A. Kline.

The S. P. is selling round trip tickets between Corvallis and Portland for \$3 good going Saturdays or Sundays and returning Sunday or Monday following, either on East or West side, but good only on afternoon train from Albany to Portland on Saturdays if East side is taken. Passengers to pay local fare between Corvallis and Albany.

Wood Sawing.

I am prepared to saw wood on short notice with gasoline wood-saw. W. E. Boddy. Ind. phone 351.

All new wall paper at Blackledge's.

150 cords oak wood, stove-length ready for delivery on short notice. L. L. Brooks

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Good Clothes News of Stirring Interest to Young Men.

We are offering a special line of finely tailored garments in sizes 30 to 36, designed especially for young men from age fifteen and up; choice imported and domestic fabrics made up into "hand-molded" suits of rare style, grace and beauty.

From \$7.50 to \$16.50.

Great Removal Sale!

In order to reduce our stock and save moving we will offer a reduction of 5 per cent on all goods bought for CASH commencing June 5th and continue until removal occurs, about June 25th. Quite frequently a merchant offers a reduction on a special line of goods, but not often a discount is given on everything you buy as will be the case in this SPECIAL REMOVAL SALE.

This does not apply to small purchases of less than \$1. Remember the date, June 5th.

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C. H. Newth,

Physician and Surgeon
Philomath, Oregon.

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At \$3.50 per cord. Orders solicited for grub oak for summer delivery. Frank Francisco, Corvallis.

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J. K. Berry, Salesman

The Right Prices. All Fresh Goods. Two Doors South of the Post Office.