

Corvallis Times

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WHICH?

There are, by actual count, 572 dwelling houses in Corvallis; besides the suburbs. Payment of the bonds does not begin until after seven years. How many more houses and correspondingly, how many more water consumers will Corvallis have by that time? After seven years, \$2250 of principal of the bonds will be paid each year, which will every year reduce the interest expense. All this time, Corvallis will grow larger and larger. What a fine chance will there be for the mountain water not only to pay its way, but to become a splendid investment. Would those who knock, rather have this coming increment for water to go to enrich a private corporation, or have it divided among Corvallis people?

WATER WILL WIN.

There is no doubt of the final result in tomorrow's water election. Predictions run all the way from two to one to three to one in favor of mountain water. Indeed, some claim the figures for water will be even larger. There have been so many desertions from the opposition since the "Instigator" appeared on the scene that the backbone of those fighting for Willamette water and against mountain water is broken. Lawyer Yates took to the brush a day or two ago and until yesterday was out of town, according to a notice posted on his door. The common opinion is that every new issue of the "Instigator" sends a new crop of recruits for mountain water. Few decent people can stand the idea of having their cause championed by a sheet that its own editors are ashamed to stand sponsor for, and who, after swearing their printer to secrecy, have their product laid on people's doorsteps.

AS TO DEAD LIVESTOCK.

At last accounts, a badly bloated dead horse was floating in the upper Willamette. Sheridan Smith and Grant Bratton reported it passing Peoria Sunday, and later Captain William Cary reported it lodged in logs near the mouth of East river. Yesterday morning the badly decayed body of a calf was found lodged against the ferry boat. It was so badly decayed that the hair was slipping. It had floated down against the ferry during the night. If the calf died of tuberculosis, which is not impossible, one part of its sputum in a solution of 400,000 parts water is sufficient to inoculate a guinea pig with consumption. [See July number Leslies.] Still there is an attempt to fasten Willamette water on Corvallis.

AS TO COLLEGE WATER.

"I know of no reason why the college should not make a contract with the people of Corvallis for a water supply, provided rates are favorable." was the statement of President Weatherford of the board of regents to a committee of local citizens yesterday. The citizens were, Thomas Leese, E. R. Bryson and Senator Avery. "It is simply a business proposition," added Mr. Weatherford; "The college has not sufficient water, and finds it difficult to get water. Water is needed for irrigating the whole campus, and ultimately some arrangement must be made to supply it."

Mitchell Found Guilty.

"Guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the Mitchell case, shortly before eleven o'clock Monday night in Portland. The case went to the jury at three o'clock. An agreement was reached at 10:30. "We find the defendant guilty as charged, and recommend him to the mercy of the court, for leniency" was the verdict. With his chin resting in his hand, the senator received the blow. The muscles of his face did not change. Senator Thurston entered the court room a moment later, and the defendant whispered to him, "it is guilty." The scene is described as one of the most dramatic in the history of the federal court.

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ALL CAN VOTE.

In the water election tomorrow, there is no property qualification for voters. Every ordinary voter whether taxpayer or not has a right to the ballot. In many of the bond elections recently held in other places, the ballot has been confined to taxpayers. The Corvallis water bill leaves the ballot open to all, as it properly should. A man may not pay taxes, but he does use water. So does his family, and he should have a right to throw his influence to get the best water possible.

Besides, it is not a matter in which taxpayers have more interest than do others. The bonds to be issued are water bonds, which bonds the water works must and will pay off at the end of 40 years. The taxpayer is no more affected by the issue than is the non-taxpayer, for it is not a question of taxes, but a question of water rates. Every non-taxpayer has a right to vote, and ought to vote.

CAN'T FOOL THEM.

Job's addition people are told by the masked gang that runs the "Instigator" that, if mountain water works be built, they will be compelled to build lateral sewers and be forced to take water for flushing purposes. What a noble argument! What a lofty discussion of the water question!

Why would mountain water any more than a mountain mule cause the city council to force Job's additioners to build lateral sewers—especially if Job's additioners didn't want lateral sewers? Except in extraordinary cases where especially necessary, is it not the custom of the council only to have laterals built where a majority of property owners petition for them?

Besides, how could Job's additioners be forced to build sewer laterals when there is no main sewer for them to attach to? Indeed, they can never get a main in the addition until a new one is built from the Willamette for the Van Buren main is already too near the surface to be possible of further extension. If the council attempted to build such a sewer main, any Job's additioner that didn't want it, could stop it just as the enjoinders stopped the city from paying for the preliminary survey and until such a main is constructed no lateral sewer could be ordered by the council to be built in Job's addition.

The people of Job's addition are laughing at the thin attempt of the dark lantern crowd to fool them with a scarecrow.

WHEN NO ELECTION WAS ON.

Description of how a Corvallis Telephone Pole was Bravely Saved From Fire.

An eloquent appeal for a water works that will furnish an adequate fire protection for Corvallis, was a fire that destroyed the home and belongings of Mrs. Ed Cline on the 7th of last September. Not only were the buildings and contents burned, but a quantity of chittim bark that represented the summer's work of the family. A part of the story of the fire, as told in the Times of September 10th, when there was not near an election to determine whether it shall be the old or a new water works, is as follows:

"Lack of water at the fire made the efforts to save the building farcical. It is true that the flames had made great headway before the alarm was turned in, and it is possible that with an adequate water pressure, the building might not have been saved. But it is nevertheless true that the firemen on account of the lack of water, were helpless to render assistance and that the incident disclosed how utterly unprotected from fire is the residence portion of the town. Many of the best citizens in town aver that the extreme height to which water could be thrown was 12 feet. Some others admit that the distance may have been a few feet higher, but all agree that 14 or 15 feet was the outside limit. After it was established that the building and its contents were doomed, the firemen set about to extinguish the flames on a burning telephone pole. Forty good citizens declare that the stream failed

to reach half way to the top of the 22 or 24 foot pole. Small boys saw the ludicrous side of the incident and shouted to the firemen to 'spit on the fire.' Unable to reach the flames on the upper portion of the pole, a fireman climbed half way up it, and from that vantage point was finally able to throw the stream to the top and extinguish the blaze. During the operation the jeers of bystanders directed at the water conditions were as amusing as they were pathetic."

A CASE OF PROGRESS.

A Vigorous Representation of the Facts by the President of the League.

Editor of Investigator:

You ask if I am willing to stand sponsor for the Times articles concerning mountain water. Not knowing who you are, I take this means of answering your communication.

Since no one stands sponsor for anything in the Investigator, it seems presumptuous for you to ask citizens of Corvallis to vouch for the Times, a paper that has a known sponsor.

But to the point, I have not personally investigated the statements of the Times, so as to be able to vouch for their truthfulness, because I have not had the time, but this I will say that I do heartily endorse that paper's position on the subject of mountain water.

But what I fail to understand is, "what has all this to do with mountain water any way? Why don't you, Mr. Investigator, investigate, give the result of your actual investigations, and discuss the subject on its merits? Why do you attempt to mislead and begot voters, and by holding the microscope of mendacity over mole hills make them appear to be colossal mountains, thus working on the voters' fears and prejudices, endeavor to influence him to vote against Corvallis having a system of pure water?"

This indulging in personalities, this impugning of honest men's motives, this disposition to misrepresent, this attempt to "knock," this woeful lack of co-operation in matters affecting beneficially the public welfare of Corvallis, is to say the least, most unfortunate. If as a city were to grow and prosper, we must get together, eliminate selfishness and envy, cultivate confidence and do things, not all the time seek to undo them.

Municipal ownership and the proposition from a business standpoint are the real questions at issue. There is nothing else. By municipal ownership I mean whether or not the city should own and manage its water works, obtaining the benefit of whatever profit there is for its citizens, or whether the city should leave the matter to private individuals to put in a water plant, and reap a profit at the expense of the taxpayer. I am favorable to municipal ownership in this case because I have investigated the whole plan, and become convinced of its feasibility, and for the further reason that there is no likelihood of getting a mountain water system in any other way. The fact that the principal business men and many of the largest taxpayers after careful investigation, approve this bond issue, argues convincingly in favor of the investment. Furthermore the character and business standing of the gentlemen constituting the water committee, is a splendid guarantee that the money from the sale of the bonds will be spent wisely and well.

These men who compose the water committee are all business men occupied with their own affairs. Their service on the committee is voluntary. They cannot receive one cent of pay, and I take it that it is a matter upon which the city should congratulate itself that it is fortunate enough to get these men to give their time and attention from their own business, to a construction of a water system for the city. Such public spirit is indeed commendable.

Let the "knockers" vote for Willamette river, but men who are hustlers and worth while, will cast their votes for the bond issue and for the prosperity of Corvallis.

Yours Truly,

B. W. JOHNSON.
P. S.—Mr. Investigator editor, may I ask how many taxpayers in the town will stand sponsor for your publication. As yet, no one not even yourself, has dared to father your utterances, much less stand sponsor for the child.

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Nancy L. Whitaker, Administratrix of the estate of Jacob Whitaker, deceased.

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