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LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Other Items of Public Interest.

Get the best fire works for the least money at Hodes gun store.

Mrs. Leslie Lilly and children are guests of Corvallis relatives. They arrived Saturday.

Up to date, 54 hunters' licenses have been issued to Benton county sportsmen.

Misses Margaret and Ruby Fowells and Miss Pearl Guthrie are at Stayton, guests of Editor and Mrs. E. D. Alexander. They will be at home the latter part of this week.

Sidney Trask and family returned Monday from a visit with relatives at Woodburn. They will visit for some time at the P. A. Moses home, before returning to Yaquina.

The bond of Charles Armstrong as administrator for Nancy J. Armstrong, deceased, was filed at the clerk's office Monday. It is for \$280 and Charles Williams is surety.

During less than three years in the capacity of county clerk of Benton, Victor Moses has issued 198 marriage licenses, and only eight divorces. He considers the record one of which to be proud.

Judge McFadden went to Newport Monday, where he delivered the Fourth of July oration yesterday before an immense crowd. The effort was one of the Judge's usual successes and met with great favor from the crowd present.

Mrs. Mary Sours of Taylorville, Illinois, Mrs. Eliza McConkey and Miss Lyle Burdick, of Stoneington, Illinois, arrived Monday for a three months' visit with Mrs. J. C. Young, who is a sister of the two former ladies and aunt of Miss Burdick.

A Corvallis man who was in the southern part of Benton county Sunday, declares that the prospects were never better for a bountiful crop. Hay, he says, will yield abundantly; oats and wheat are good, with some aphids, but not to amount to anything. Haying is now on, and everyone is busy at the ranch homes.

Salem Statesman.—Mrs. Jane Hitchens died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Staiger. Deceased was born in England, January 4, 1825, and came to this country at the age of twenty years, making her home at Mineral Point, Wis. She was married to Samuel Hitchens, and all their children were born there. In 1880 they came to Oregon, living at Buena Vista, Polk county, for a time, then going to Corvallis, where the deceased resided till the last ten years. Her husband died at Corvallis thirteen years ago.

Alva Miner and family returned a few days ago from a week's visit at the Fair.

Mrs. E. W. Strong was called to Beaverton Monday by the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Belle Bonney, an O. A. C. student read the Declaration of Independence yesterday at Woodburn.

T. T. Vincent delivered the oration of the day at Summit yesterday. His subject was, "Our National Heritage."

A woman is suing the manufacturer of a porous plaster for damages because it left a mark visible through a thin shirtwaist.

County Surveyor Jones and family left Sunday for a two months' sojourn at Seaside. During the absence of Mr. Jones, G. V. Skelton will act as surveyor.

John Quackenbush left Thursday for Gresham, enroute to his home in Kansas, after a visit to his cousin, Prof. Holmes, in Corvallis.

Robert and Thomas Vidito, accompanied by their families, left Monday to spend the Fourth at Alsea.

The Abe Locke residence property in the northern edge of the city changed hands Monday. The new owner is Allie McLaughlin, a former well known resident of Polk county. The place contains four acres with a nice dwelling, and the price paid was \$3,600. Possession is to be given this fall.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Vidito, in Corvallis Sunday, occurred the marriage of Mrs. Rachel Murray to A. C. Freeman. The ceremony was performed at noon by T. T. Vincent, only immediate friends and relatives being present. The bride was suitably gowned in white and carried a bouquet of roses. She was attended by Mrs. Clarence Vidito, Clarence Vidito acting as best man. Mr. Freeman is engineer at the Benton County saw mill south of Philomath, and with his bride will reside in that locality.

Notice.

We are here to do all kinds of machine work, casting, repairing and building engines, etc; on short notice, and at reasonable prices. Work guaranteed. Franklin Iron Works Co.

Albany Bread.

This bread is guaranteed to be free from alum. For sale by Small's Bakery.

Oak Wood for Sale

Enquire of S. A. Hall on P. A. Kline no. 2; or I. D. Bodine, Indianapolis 290.

Notice of Final Settlement

In the Matter of the Estate of Jane Elizabeth Fisher, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Jane Elizabeth Fisher, deceased, and has filed his final account as such administrator, with the clerk of the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county, and the said court has fixed Saturday, the 8th day of July 1905, at the hour of 11 o'clock in forenoon of said day as the time, and the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Oregon as the place for hearing any and all objections to said account, and for settlement thereof.
Dated June 20, 1905.
E. E. Wilson,
Administrator of the will annexed of the estate of Jane Elizabeth Fisher, decd.

PHILOMATH WATCHING.

The Water Election—No Fire Protection There—Corvallis Election May Solve it.

Editor Corvallis TIMES:
The talk in the Corvallis papers for and against better fire protection, has stirred up the question again in Philomath. For nearly ten years there has been no fire protection here excepting perhaps a dozen fire extinguishers. These have done good work on several occasions, and with plenty of water would control fire in many cases. Since the old tank rotted down, several plans to bring water to our town have been discussed but abandoned. A survey was roughly made once to bring Mary's river water here, but the matter fell through although we all realized that if a fire started in the business portion of town, it would only be by unusual luck if the town was not wiped out. Insurance is high, and hard to get, and a feasible plan to get plenty of water would be welcomed by us all. I think we all realize that if a Corvallis main passed us at the foot of the hills and could tap it for Philomath's benefit that the question would be solved, and it is earnestly hoped that we can solve the question in this way. We realize that Corvallis must get mountain water soon, and when she does, it will be mutually beneficial if we can arrange to tap the main and obtain a share of the water. We hope this project will go through at this time and I think almost every man will see the benefit and help all he can.
PHILOMATH HOUSEHOLDER.
Philomath, Or., July 3, 1905.

People who have a telephone need only to notify Graham & Wells any time they want drug store goods. We guarantee to satisfactorily fill any telephone order you may send in.

Proclamation.

WHEREAS, The Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, has notified me in writing that pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act making effective the initiative and referendum provisions of Section 1, Article IV, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and regulating elections thereunder and providing penalties for violations of provisions of this Act," approved February 24th, 1905, there was duly filed in his office on May 15th, 1905, a referendum petition containing 6,312 signatures properly attached thereto, and certified in accordance with the provisions of said act heretofore mentioned, that there has been filed with the secretary of state of the state of Oregon a referendum petition with the requisite number of signatures thereto attached ordering that House Bill Number 370 entitled "An act to appropriate money for the payment of the expenses of the maintenance, repairs, improvements, and equipment of the Insane Asylum, Penitentiary Reform, Deaf-mute and Blind Schools, University, Agricultural College and Normal Schools, and other current expenses of the state, and declaring an emergency" passed by the Twenty-third Legislative Assembly, shall be referred to the people of the state of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular general election to be held on the 4th day of June, 1906; that said 6,312 signatures to said petition are more than five per cent of the whole number of votes cast at the election of the Supreme Court at the last regular election.

Now, therefore, I, George E. Chamberlain, governor of the State of Oregon, in obedience to the provisions of said act heretofore mentioned, do hereby make and issue this proclamation to the people of the state of Oregon announcing that there has been filed with the secretary of state of the state of Oregon a referendum petition with the requisite number of signatures thereto attached ordering that House Bill Number 370 entitled "An act to appropriate money for the payment of the expenses of the maintenance, repairs, improvements, and equipment of the Insane Asylum, Penitentiary Reform, Deaf-mute and Blind Schools, Agricultural College and Normal Schools, and other current expenses of the state, and declaring an emergency" passed by the Twenty-third Legislative Assembly, shall be referred to the people of the state of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on the 4th day of June, 1906, the same being the first Monday in June, 1906.
Done at the Capitol in the city of Salem, State of Oregon, this 31st day of May, 1905.
(Signed) GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor.
By the Governor—(Signed) F. L. DENBAR, Secretary of State.

All kinds of fire works at Hodes' gun store.

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court, but were defeated, and were compelled to pay the city's costs, which amounted in Judge House's case to more than he had gotten out of the city as damages. These are the facts in regard to the right-of-way for the Dallas system, but Mr. Emery don't tell them. In passing, permit me to remark that the supreme court of Oregon laid down some rules of law concerning the appropriation of mountain streams for municipal purposes that will make wise men chary of ever demanding anything unreasonable of cities seeking a water supply.
Mr. Emery's statements to the effect that the city council is trying to force people to take the water are so effectively disposed of by the affidavits of Dr. T. V. B. Ambrose, and City Auditor Stouffer, published in the "Times", that no further answer seems necessary. "Permit me to remark, however, that the city does not operate this plant, does not receive any of the revenues, and, consequently, is not interested in the financial end of it. The plant is owned by the city, but is operated under a lease by H. V. Gates of Hillsboro, one of the most successful water-works men in the Northwest. The city has Mr. Gates' lease by a hard-and-fast contract to furnish water for its protection and street lighting free of charge for a period of 20 years, and right there the city's interest ends. Mr. Gates collects all revenues from private users and makes all rates, subject to the approval of the council. You can readily see that the city would have no objection in forcing water upon any person, and it has never endeavored to do so.

EMERY'S BIGGEST ONE.
The most cruel blow at Dallas to be found in Mr. Emery's article is found in his miserable, lying statement to the effect that the city water is unfit for use. This is a damaging misrepresentation that he has published to the world and it is deeply resented by the people of Dallas. No one has ever drawn a glass of muddy, or even milky, water from a faucet in Dallas, even in the roughest day of winter, and no one has ever found this water other than clear, cool and sparkling. I am not familiar with Rock Creek, but if it is anything like Canyon Creek, and it is safe to presume that it is, you can assure the good people of Corvallis that it will never furnish a drink of muddy or unwholesome water. In the winter months, when the wells of Dallas are full of muddy and impure water, the city water from Canyon Creek is as clear as crystal. I wish that every citizen of Corvallis could read what the State Biologist has to say of this water in the winter months. You will find the result of his examinations and test set out in full in his last biennial report to the Oregon legislature. If Rock Creek is fed by the snows from Mary's Peak, let no citizen of Corvallis have any fears as to the clearness and purity of its water at any season of the year. The people of Dallas drink Canyon Creek water in the hottest summer months and find it cool and refreshing. Messrs. Sibley and Bakin, whom Mr. Emery quotes so glibly, have their office next door to my office. Both drank water from my faucet all last summer and are doing so again this year, and I have never heard a complaint from either. I don't believe that they told Mr. Emery what he says they did about the water being warm and unwholesome.

Mr. Editor, I am asking too much of your valuable space, and must close. I shall not attempt to answer any more of the untruths set forth in Mr. Emery's letter. None of his misrepresentations possess even the novelty of newness to me. I helped to fight just the same kind of deceiving and untrue statements here in Dallas for three long years, and at last had the satisfaction of seeing the band of malcontents, who had so industriously circulated them, buried deep beneath their own misrepresentations. Dallas won her fight for mountain water and good fire protection, and is every day reaping her reward in the shape of a lower death rate, increased property values, and a cleaner, better town. I do not pretend to pass upon the merits of the plan proposed by Corvallis for obtaining mountain water, as I am not familiar with its details, but can assure you that the effort put forth by your citizens to better their water supply is a move in the right direction, and your people should never rest until the desired end shall have been accomplished.

J. C. HAYTER.

City Corvallis Special Water Bond Election.

To the legal voters of the City of Corvallis:
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 6th day of July, A. D. 1905, in the Common Council Chamber in the City Hall on the southeast corner of Madison and Fourth streets in the City of Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, a special election of the legal voters of said city of Corvallis will be held for the purpose of determining whether or not "The Water Committee" of said city shall issue the bonds of the City of Corvallis, Oregon, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable half yearly, on forty years time, for the purpose of constructing water works for the city of Corvallis, such election having been specially appointed, and the time and place aforesaid fixed therefor, by resolution of "The Water Committee" of said city, passed on the 16th day of June, 1905.
The maximum amount of bonds proposed to be issued by said Committee for said purpose is \$25,000.00 and the same will not be issued, nor said water works constructed, unless a majority of the votes cast at such election shall be in favor of issuing bonds. Voters desiring the issuance of such bonds shall cause their ballots to read "For Bonds," and those against the issuance of such bonds shall cause their ballots to read "Against Bonds."
Said election shall begin at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said 6th day of July, 1905, and continue until six o'clock in the afternoon of said day without the polls being closed.
Ballots to be signed by the Clerk of said committee and published in the Corvallis Times a newspaper published in Corvallis, Oregon, for two weeks immediately prior to the date of such election under the direction of the aforesaid resolution of "The Water Committee."
Dated this 21st day of June, 1905.
S. L. KLINE,
Clerk of "The Water Committee."

Come and see big assortment of fire works. Hodes' Gun Store, Hay For Sale.
Vetch and alfalfa, best cow hay in the world. Ind Tel 155. L. L. Brooks.

THE ISSUE

MR. BRYSON STRIPS THE WATER QUESTION OF FALSE IDEAS.

And Presents It on Its Merits—He Also Plays the Dark Lantern on City, That Is Ashamed to Stand Sponsor for Its Own Product.

TO THE UNKNOWN (?) EDITORS OF THE INVESTIGATOR.

I do not know why you should designate me in your issue of July first as one who is leaving no stone unturned to carry the coming water bond election in favor of issuance of bonds, nor why you should ask me to state over my signature whether I stand sponsor for what is appearing in THE TIMES in relation thereto. I have not approached nor tried to influence the decision of a single voter. By neither word of mouth nor stroke of pen have I attempted to tell my neighbor what he wanted or did not want, nor how he should vote upon the question. Nor can I conceive of such colossal conceit as that you manifest in insisting that any one should stand sponsor for anything,—you who refuse to stand sponsor for your own out-put.

Since you request it, however, I will answer your question over my own signature: I am not a writer of anonymous communications to the public and stand sponsor for whatever appears over my signature and nothing else. "I have the opinion, however, that whatever has appeared in THE TIMES is the disinterested and honest opinion of its editor on a public question, and that no facts in reference to mountain water have been misstated. Since your query came to my notice, I have taken the trouble to ascertain the facts regarding the reduction in Dallas insurance rates in as much as it was this matter in particular that seemed to evoke your request, and I can unhesitatingly state that THE TIMES is correct in the statements it made and "The Investigator" and Mr. Emery certainly have "the wrong bunch."

Now, Mr. Editor of "The Investigator, having answered your query, may I be permitted to ask you a few questions?

First, are you disinterested in your attack on mountain water, and if so why do you withhold your names? You say the truth needs no sponsor, but common mortals cannot unfortunately always divine the truth and are forced to look to the source of, or authority for, a statement before they can give it proper credit. Who you are, what your motives may be, your truthfulness and honesty of purpose, these are matters which the public are entitled to know that they may judge with due care and importance to attach to your statements and conclusions. Your motives may be the best in the world, but so long as you keep yourselves hid, suspicion attaches to them and to your publications.

Second, are you honest and sincere in your statements and arguments? I ask this question seriously and without disrespect. Not knowing who you are I can judge of your sincerity only by the character of your attack.
I have never been in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities and I can readily understand that a tax payer might hesitate before voting a bond issue of even five thousand dollars. There is room for honest difference of opinion as to these matters, and when I read the foreword of "The Investigator" I expected a fair and intelligent presentation of the arguments against municipal ownership and the bond issue. Instead I have found your pages filled with palpable misstatements and insincerity.

The ordinary citizen has not time nor opportunity to study the business questions involved, whether wood or iron pipe is preferable, whether the system will be self-supporting, whether it can be built for the money available. If ever the city builds a water system, it can act only through a commission and all such questions as these must necessarily be left to it for its decision. The members of the commission have resting upon them the responsibility of solving all such problems, and they will undoubtedly meet them intelligently as well as conservatively.

You certainly do not believe that Rock Creek water is inferior in quality to Willamette water, and your statement that the Wyatt cattle range upon the proposed water shed is absolutely false. You seek to create prejudice against the committee as being itself elected! But how does this involve the merits unless you show that proper persons make up the committee? Why

do you seek to raise the unreasonable fears of the ignorant and timid by telling them that they will be forced to take mountain water in case of municipal ownership thereof? Why cry Rogues! Robbers! Grifters! and hurl irresponsible epithets at men whose honesty and motives and standing in the community are above question? None know better than you that Senator Avery's alleged references to "the rabble" are fictions of your own imagination, but if Senator Avery had expressed himself in such terms, why seek to charge it against mountain water? Demagogues in all times have used such arguments as the foregoing and such appeals to prejudice in their efforts to hoodwink the people, but honest men never resort to such means, and the day of demagoguery is past. There are fair and legitimate and weighty arguments against municipal ownership. Many conservative voters in our city are "on the fence" on the water question. But the class of argument made in "The Investigator" is not calculated to impress an intelligent voter. Do you think so?

E. R. BRYSON.

JUDGE WATTER'S APPEAL.

For Mountain Water—More Fire Protection Needed—And Better Water.

Editor TIMES:

I have refrained from going in to print on the water question heretofore, but after reading the "Investigator" and noting the manner in which it was trying to mislead the people, I ask permission for a few words. I am in favor of mountain water; I am opposed to a perpetual committee to handle said enterprise, but when that committee consisting of Avery, Woodcock, Huston, Irvine, Leese, Woodward, Kline, Miller, and McFadden, representative citizens of our city, met in legal session and passed resolutions favoring the changing said water bill at the next session of the legislature so that the committee could be elected by the people, I have sufficient confidence in these gentlemen to believe that they will not oppose such legislation but that a majority of them are as much in favor of said change as I or anyone else. It is nonsense to say that one or two men can defeat the wishes of a majority of the people of this county. If you are opposed to mountain water take your stand like a man but do not hide behind this subterfuge. We need a better water supply in this town for fire protection and sanitary conditions. Why cherish the drainage of the valley when you can have the cool draught of the mountain stream at least cost.

Why not own and control the water plant ourselves? Why have a corporation to handle it for us and drink seepage? Surely a city can manage its own plant as cheaply as a corporation can, and give its people the benefits of profits. Why not have a water plant that will give us good fire protection and at the same cost, and insurance at less than present cost. Why maintain a system that our firemen have been compelled to stand at a burning building, with hose laid, nozzle in hand, waiting for a sleepy engineer to start the pumps, for as has been done, carry the nozzle up a ladder to the eaves of a building, that the water might run over the comb of said structure, or to carry hose by ladder up a telegraph pole to extinguish a blaze at the top thereof.

Citizens of Corvallis, you have the opportunity of making this city by your ballot on this question. Mountain water will, I predict, increase the value of your property 25 per cent within the next year. Some people do not want to see Corvallis advance because it will explode their theory of a prohibition town. And to prove that the closing of saloons has killed Corvallis they are ready to defeat any measure that will cause its advancement. Not only will mountain water advertise and build up our town but the expenditure of this money will be a great benefit to the laboring class of the community. Let us drop technicalities and stand together for our own and city's welfare.

VIRGIL E. WATTERS,
County Judge.

Closing Out!

For want of room we will close out at cost all our trunks, telescopes, small Rugs and Art Squares. This Sale is bona fide, we want the room for a ladies Suit and Cloak department.

J. M. Nolan & Son.