

Corvallis Times

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IT WILL COME.

The late visit of Eastern Good Roads experts to Corvallis is a matter over which progressive citizens rejoice. These experts expect to come again in August for a further discussion of best highways. Next spring they are to come and build a mile of model road for an object lesson to our people in the art of perfect road building. All this is inauguration of a movement of inestimable importance to Benton and to Benton people. We, who lead the world in so many things, are according to all accounts, half a century or a century behind the times in the matter of road building. It all seems strange that we should be laggards in the latter particular, when so very much of happiness, prosperity and well being is contingent upon the character of the public road.

The TIMES believes that in the visits of the Eastern Good Road experts, Benton stands on a threshold of an era of road development such as the county has never dreamed of, and in which our people will be stirred to action as never before. Out of it ought to come conditions to place amid our people environments that will delight and bless them. The TIMES expects to be abreast of this movement, and to lend all possible aid to its fruition.

NOT SO GULLIBLE.

The attempt to gull Corvallisites on the subject of water did not end with the bond election and its decisive verdict. The new thing is an analysis that purports to show that Willamette water is better than Rock Creek water.

Unfortunately for the proposition ordinary common sense dictates that with the Corvallis mills sewer emptying its load of filth but a few hundred yards above the intake of the present water works, Willamette water is scarcely purer than Rock Creek into which no sewers discharge. Unfortunately, too, for the contention, no graveyard discharges its seepage and cairn into Rock Creek, while for aught we know underground passage may carry Crystal Lake's corruption unobstructed into the Willamette. In further contravention of the claim, Rock Creek is the sewer for nothing, the Willamette carries away all the sewage of the whole Willamette valley; which should be the purer? In view of the facts, it might, if people were all fools, be possible to convince them that Willamette water is the better, but as one person is ordinarily about as smart as another the effort will not be fruitful. It will be about as effective as the late efforts of the Investigator to fool the people of Job's addition on the subject of sewers. The effort tell so flat that every voter in the addition but one voted for bonds.

With reference to the new and spectacular analysis it would be interesting to know who got this sample of water from Rock Creek? From what part of Rock Creek was it taken? Was the sample when taken, put in a sterilized, or a contaminated vessel? ¶

However, there have been other analyses. On file in the office of the police judge is a succession of them, made from water taken every week for several months, showing Rock Creek water to be purer itself. The highest number of germs found in a cubic centimeter of the water, according to this report was about 125. The ordinary run was 20 to 40. The number of germs ran as low as nine. No suspicion attaches to water until the germ content approaches 500. It may be of interest to the public to know that there are records of bacteriological analysis of Willamette water that show the presence of as high as 1,500 germs.

WATER BOARD MET.

Planning to Begin Operations as Soon as Possible—Features of Situation.

An informal meeting of the Water Board was held Saturday evening. The object was to devise plans for carrying into effect the instruction of the people as announced in the decisive vote last Thursday declarative of an emphatic desire for mountain water for Corvallis. Every phase of the situation was considered. Most of the members favor pushing matters with all the celerity compatible with proper caution. On account of the closeness of the estimate to the money available, it was resolved to have the figures of Engineer Miller checked over by another engineer, and at the same time to have Engineer Miller's plan of the system passed upon in the same way. These steps were considered essential inasmuch as it has been made plain that the individual members of the board will become responsible for any expenditure of money in excess of the \$75,000. If the system should cost the \$74,000 as estimated, but \$1,000 would be left for securing the right of way for printing of bonds, and for paying various other small but necessary expenses, of which there are various items. It is also talked that there will be litigation with the present water company, that will tend to delay and which will prove expensive. The board is fully advised along these lines by competent legal opinion, and it is understood, does not in a general way anticipate serious trouble in this direction. Dr. Farra is an old citizen of the community and is one of the chief stockholders in the company. He is a man of lofty character, and beyond taking such action as he may feel essential in protecting his own interests, it is believed that he will be disposed to aid rather than obstruct. It is known that he has long cherished the idea of bringing mountain water to Corvallis, and that if sufficient capital for the enterprise had been available, he would have done so. He offered last winter to build such a system provided the city would issue bonds and pay half the cost. It was while the special water committee of the council was working on his bid and the bid of A. J. Johnson and associates that the idea of city ownership of a plant was evolved and the Corvallis water bill introduced in the legislature. It became apparent that in any private system based on Rock Creek water there would have to be aid by the city. A strong sentiment became manifest in which it was held that if the city should pay half, it might as well issue more bonds and own the whole business. By the latter plan whatever profit should inure from operation of the system would belong to the people and not to a private individual. This profit in 20 or 30 years when Corvallis shall have doubled, trebled or perhaps quadrupled its population would become a matter of large proportions. This future growth of the town, in fact, and the greater revenues to flow from the water business, is a great factor to ultimately demonstrate the wisdom of last Thursday's verdict by the voters. The splendid water supply, but five hours from its source in the mountains, and the resultant growth is likewise a factor in promoting the income of the system.

Those most familiar with Engineer Miller's estimates have no doubt as to the outcome of a further checking them over. It is known that Mr. Miller indicated to a certain member of the water board that there would be a good working margin between the money available and the actual cost of construction. When this view is confirmed, which will take but a few days, it is planned to begin operations toward construction. Perhaps the first thing along this line will be further surveying for the purpose of finally locating the line, and with a view of shortening it to the utmost. What can be accomplished in this respect, only the actual field work can determine. With the line actually located, the securing of the right of way, the advertising for bids for bonds, and the advertising for bids for construction will all be in order. Mr. Miller advises that the board receive bids for material, for pipe laying, for excavating and so on, separately as well as otherwise. He especially advises that the board buy its own material on competitive bids. The idea in having the board buy its own material is for the same reason that many people when they come to paint their houses buy their own paint and contract with the workman to put it on.

In advertising for bids for bonds, it is expected that a considerable premium will be realized. It is not determined as yet what the interest rate will be. The water act provides that the interest on the bonds shall not exceed five per cent. Most five per cent bonds now selling bring a pretty fair premium. It is specially hoped by all friends of mountain water that a large part of the bonds may be taken at home. There is no safer investment for those who have idle money. It is a security that can always be turned into cash, or be used at any bank as collateral if there is desire to temporarily borrow. The lending of money, especially by the inexperienced, is always attended with a certain per cent of loss by reason of bad loans. Money invested in municipal water bonds never meets with a loss, and on that account is particularly favorable for those not skilled in the science of lending money. It is very certain that the bonds will be made in small denominations, perhaps from a \$100 up, so that all classes of investors will have opportunity to secure them. The interest on every bond bought at home will be paid to home people and be spent at home. If all the bonds could be widely owned throughout the county, it would be most fortunate in every respect.

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PROSTRATED BY HEAT.

One of Hottest Days on Record at Corvallis—Last Saturday.

The hottest day of the season, so far at least, was last Saturday. It was a successor to two or three other days in which the temperature was elevated far above the usual. The day broke with a slight breeze from the north, a quarter from which old timers aver the hot days come. They also say that when the wind blows from the north, the afternoon sea breeze never rises. Whether it be the rule or not, such were the conditions Saturday, and they made a day that perhaps broke all records in Corvallis. The college thermometer rose to 102. Several down town stood at the same notch. Ninety nine to 100, according to environments, was the notch at which various other instruments stood. It was a day of wilting, blighting caloric that caused thoughts of the seaside, the mountains, icebergs, snowstorms and refrigerators. It made red lemonade and ices in demand and confection shops were much frequented during the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. A. J. Johnson was prostrated by the heat. Her throat swelled and it became difficult for her to breathe. Her face became purple almost with the throat affection, and her case was at one time critical. Medical aid was speedily summoned however, and by vigorous use of ices, water and medicines, she was gradually restored. Her husband, Mayor Johnson was at McMinnville at the time. He was summoned by wire, and after going to Dallas on the evening train, and thence via motor to Independence, he drove home, arriving at one o'clock Sunday morning. Mrs. Johnson is now restored and in her usual health.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been filed for record:

John Rickard to George Brown, 120 a. north of Corvallis, \$3,000.

C. W. Pugsley and wf. to C. H. Newth and wf., lot in Philomath, \$1000.

S. P. Hunt and wf. to Evan McLennan, 1 1-2 lots in bl. 14 Co. ad. Corvallis, \$200.

Supervisors Claim.

I hereby certify that the following is a true list of the claims of supervisors as filed in my office for services for the quarter ending June 30, 1905.

A R Locke Super. Dist. No 1	\$ 62 50
H M Fleming	" 2 67 50
W A Schmidt	" 3 7 50
O L Davis	" 4 33 75
P F Altermatt	" 5
E M Dodels	" 6 25 00
John Price	" 7 56 25
W M Clark	" 8 47 50
A Cadwalader	" 9 47 50
W P McGee	" 10 78 75
E A Buchanan	" 12 78 75
J R Fehler	" 11 90 00
J E Bantou	" 13 125 00
EN Starr	" 14 58 75
D B Farley	" no. 15 1 & 2 118 75
J M Herron	" No 16 15 00
Doke Gray	" 17 50 00
S R Strow	" 18 29 37
Henry Hector	" 19 18 75
B. W. Harris	" 20
J O Wilson	" 21 21 25
A M Gray	" 22 48 12

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Lots of Fun.

Taking pictures. We have fine cam Graham & Wells.

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.

Cord Wood Sale.

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

All new wall paper at Blackledge's.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Jacob Whitaker, deceased has filed in the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county, her final account as such administratrix of said estate, and that Saturday the 8th day of July, 1905, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

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

For Sale or Rent.

Seven room house, barn and 12 lots in Wilkins addition, known as the Mc Caustland block.

S. H. Moore, Corvallis.

Ind. Phone 713.

New Gasoline Wood Saw.

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

W. R. Hansell.

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

J. L. Brooks

Use Good Paint

S. W. 2.—the best. We have paint for every purpose. All colors.

Graham & Wells.

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.

Ladies skirts all kinds and price at Moses' Bros. Call and see them

Great Dissolution Sale!

The partnership existing for many years and known as NOLAN & CALLAHAN has been dissolved. Mr Callahan having withdrawn his entire interest

The remaining partners J. M. Nolan & Son wishing to reduce their stock \$10,000 within the next 30 days will begin a

Great Dissolution Sale beginning Saturday July 8th, at 8 o'clock.

Great reduction in price will be made to accomplish this result a GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY to all economical buyers

Be on hand to get your share of the bargains in store for you



Go Down The Street

And see the fine display of NEW OIL STOVES in the window of Hollenberg & Cady's second hand store. They are something new and just what you want this warm weather—prices \$3 00 to \$8 00. * * Remember they keep Camp Stoves also second hand Go-Carts for sale or rent.

At The New Store

You will find our large room chuck full of a better class of goods than we have ever carried before. * * We wish to call especial attention to our New Oak Bedroom Suits. * * New line of matting just received and many other things necessary for the comfort and convenience of the home. Yours for Honest Goods at Honest Prices.

HOLLENBERG & CADY.

THE HOUSE FURNISHERS.

C. H. Newth,

Physician and Surgeon Philomath, Oregon.

Again Open.

The repair department of my bicycle and sporting goods business is again open for business second door south of postoffice. Quick repairing or first class work a specialty.

James K. Berry,

For shoe repairing see Fowells second door west of Berman grocery.

Wood Sawing.

Done promptly. Satisfaction guaranteed and prices reasonable. Cummings & Cady. Ind phone 349 or 692.

Wood Sawing.

I am prepared to saw wood on short notice with gasoline wood saw. Jas A. Hoyt. Ind. phone 351.

C. M. VIDITO

For Bicycles, Ammunition, Fishing Tackle, Sporting Goods, Etc.

J. K. Berry, Salesman

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