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Real Cause For Lament

The statements of the Glacier about Mayor Hartwig in regard to the conduct of the affairs of his office, would have some weight if they were true and did not ring with the insincerity of the creature with its snout in the public trough. In order to find some excuse for attacking the mayor, this esteemed sheet goes back to the water controversy, which everybody has forgotten except a small contingent who are personally interested. We do not believe anybody wants to revive the water question on the lines suggested by the Glacier, and we are satisfied that the statement that the mayor was obligated by his supporters before his election to remove Mr. Derby is rot, and is being used for the purpose of trying to discredit him.

In his position toward the appointment of a city attorney, Mayor Hartwig is assuming the same position that any member of the council would take if in his position, provided said council member has red blood sufficient to maintain the dignity of the office. A public office is either elective or appointive, and as the office of city attorney is appointive, it is therefore the right of the executive officer to appoint, and cannot be held otherwise. As to the appointment of Mr. Derby for the preceding year, the Glacier will discover, if it looks up the records, that the name of Mr. Derby as city attorney was presented to the council by Mayor McDonald, who also stipulated the salary that he should receive.

Again, the Glacier says that there is no objection to the appointment of either Mr. Smith or Mr. Wilbur to the office. It wants this understood in a very apologetic way. Its opposition, therefore, on any merit it may have been entitled to, falls to the ground and leaves no room for doubt that there is some other reason. Following out this deduction, the motive of the Glacier can only be attributed to serving the master interest that maintains it at the trough.

Into the controversy there is also being brought to bear against Mayor Hartwig the influence of conflicting interests that it will not be necessary to speak of at this time. It is not the purpose of the News to wage a conflict between the mayor and the council or the citizens.

The News realizes that the position of a councilman is not an enviable one, even under the most favorable circumstances. It believes, however, that the council will find Mayor Hartwig willing to aid it in every progressive way that legal authority gives him. He has deferred to it in the matter of all appointments except that of city attorney and shown a disposition toward harmony in the city administration, although treated with anything but the consideration due the city's executive.

The simile of the Glacier in stating that the mayor has sold short is not a happy one for its originator. Always having something to sell, the Glacier naturally turns to the only expression that comes to it to bolster up its corrupt idea of public office, and therefore attempts to harrass and sling mud at an officer whom it finds cannot be brought to its way of thinking. The course of the mayor since taking office brings the conclusion that he has nothing to deliver but an honest, economical and progressive admin-

istration of the people's money and affairs, in which he will undoubtedly be supported by the best element of the citizens and the council.

In the foregoing the main question has been ignored—paved streets, sewers, water and other improvements which the citizens are demanding and which they ask be taken up and the controversy over a city attorney and the nauseating old water fight set aside. In the financial statement of the city's affairs published elsewhere, taxpayers will find sufficient food for insisting on a new policy and a reorganization of municipal affairs that will lead a march toward the goal of better civic conditions. The lack of the latter is the real cause for lament, and not the course of the mayor.

The Good Roads Work

Notwithstanding the defeat of the good roads bills in the legislature, it now looks as if Hood River county would secure additional funds for permanent road building this year. The enterprise of County Judge Culbertson and other members of the county court in taking the matter up is to be commended. The plan under which these funds will be secured is by issuing unpaid warrants in whatever sum the taxpayers of the county deem advisable. Authority to do this was obtained by the county court from a decision of Attorney-General Crawford, who cites that the law limiting the indebtedness of counties has been repealed and therefore there is nothing in the way of counties borrowing money for road improvements.

With the money raised for road purposes by taxation this year the county can build several miles of permanent road, but this amount should be augmented with enough to carry the work forward more rapidly. An additional \$50,000 would permit the macadam road to be completed around both sides of the valley, leaving something to spare on other spots where it is badly needed.

It is a cause for congratulation that permanent road progress here, in which a greater interest is taken than in any county in the state, can be carried on, and there is no doubt but what the residents of the county will approve of the plan and adopt the proper course to secure the necessary funds. The completion of a belt road running around the valley will be a benefit greater in its scope than anything that can be done to advance the interests of the community at large.

The Health Resort

The importance of the discovery of a mineral spring in the valley is creating wonderful interest and many believe that, look where we may, no better spot can be found for a health and summer resort than this ideal location in the Hood River Valley. When this proposed health resort becomes known throughout the country it will grow as famous as the wonderful Hood River apple, and will bring to the country hundreds of tourists and visitors. It will, to a great extent, increase the value of property, give employment to a great many people, add to the beauty and popularity of the valley and to the fame of the great state of Oregon, and at the same time should prove a very profitable investment for those interested.

When one stops to consider the great number of mineral springs and health resorts throughout the United States which are big paying propositions, and not one of them, so far as can be ascertained, having the beautiful scenery and surroundings of the Hood River Mineral Springs; and when one pauses to reflect that some of them are almost inaccessible, and yet have made fortunes for their owners and stockholders, it can be understood

why a mineral spring at Hood River is proving so attractive to investors.

The earnest cooperation of every citizen of the Hood River Valley is desired in this enterprise and should be gladly given, so that it can be made one of the finest resorts in the entire Northwest. Over twenty thousand dollars of stock was subscribed in less than one hour from the time the subscription books of the company were opened.

It is the intention of the company to build a two hundred room sanitarium—modern and up-to-date in every respect—a big natatorium to contain two swimming pools, and beautiful parks and drives to surround the entire place.

It is said that if the citizens will lend their aid and support, it should be a matter of but a few months before this can be accomplished and the place opened for the reception of tourists, pleasure seekers and others that visit our valley during the summer months, in addition to eight thousand permanent residents in the county.

The resort when completed, with its swimming pools and other attractions, will afford home people refreshing and invigorating relaxation.

The undertaking seems a big one, and is so in one sense of the word, and yet is a very small one if enthusiastically taken up.

As an advertising medium for the fruit products of the valley, the springs will be a valuable asset, as the thousands of visitors to the resort will actually see the orchards, eat the fruit, and leave to tell the story of the Hood River apples.

Notice of Final Settlement
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, being the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of E. L. Thomas, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County, his final account in the matter of said estate, and that said court has appointed Saturday, the 18th day of March, 1911, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, and the County Court Room of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Hood River County, in the City of Hood River, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and for the final settlement of said estate. Dated this Feb. 15, 1911.

W. E. Thomas
 Administrator
 of the estate of E. L. Thomas, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the estate of Frank S. Clark, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly itemized and regularly verified at the law office of S. W. Stark, in Hood River, Ore., and all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to pay the same. Dated this 7th, day of Feb. 1911.

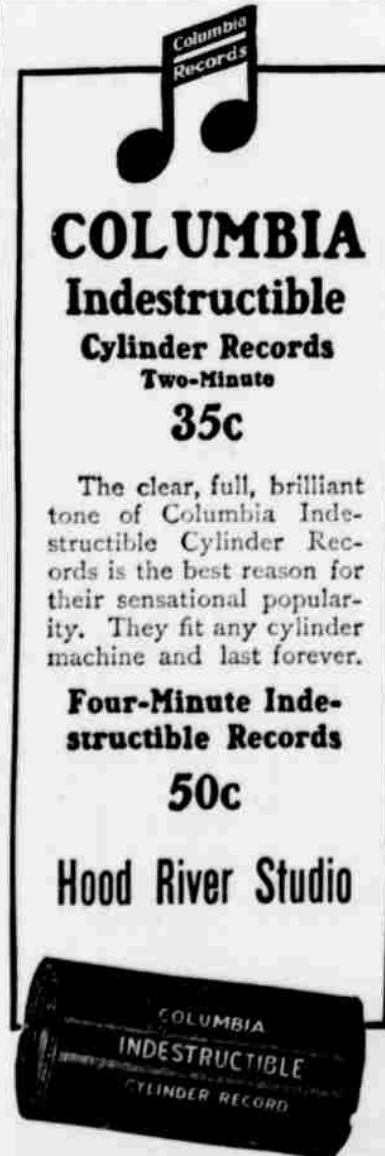
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