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The Water Problem

It now seems as if the odious water fight, which has caused strife and bitterness among Hood River residents and injury to the city, as well as depriving it of a much needed increased and better water supply, is about to be eliminated. The proposal of the water company to enter into a friendly condemnation suit to determine its proper value which has been accepted by the council and the details of which are published in another column, is undoubtedly a fair adjustment of the matter and also a logical one. The feature of the company's proposition that should particularly appeal to all is the fact that the city will not be asked to pay more than a maximum price for the plant (\$42,500) no matter what value the court may place on it, although the company will accept less if the verdict so determines.

The council in deciding to accept this proposal has most assuredly taken a wise step and we feel assured that they will have the unqualified support of every citizen who has the best interests of the town at heart in bringing this matter to a speedy termination.

It will probably be necessary to vote bonds to take care of the purchase price before the case is decided, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the taxpayers will heartily support the issue. When it is taken into consideration that the amount asked for is of small consequence as compared with the crying need for a more adequate water supply, we do not think there will be any hesitancy for a concerted movement to supply the necessary funds.

The adjustment of this vexed question is again to be placed in the hands of the people and unless we are mightily mistaken they are going to wipe it off the map this time forever.

Once More Good Roads

The News' Portland letter says: "Good roads throughout Oregon is a subject that will in future receive a great deal of attention from the Oregon Development League. Besides having a good roads day at the Astoria convention, August 14, 15, and 16, the League will take up highway betterment actively and the offices of secretary Chapman of the League will be headquarters for the good roads movement."

This is indeed refreshing. After four years of pulling and hauling we are now to have two more years of agitation for public highways under the auspices of the Oregon Development League. The League must be given credit for having a lot of courage after the recent battle during the sessions of the legislature. We presume, however, that Manager Chapman has consulted the Grange before starting his campaign, otherwise the Development League may as well go out of business at once.

NORTHWEST NOTES

Ashland will hold its annual Chautauqua Assembly July 6-18. The talent offered this year is of a high order and the forthcoming session will attract people from all parts of Southern Oregon.

Portland was visited by an Eastern flax expert the past week, who expressed surprise that more attention is not paid to this crop in Oregon. He praised the quality of the flax he found here as being superior to that found elsewhere, either in

this country or abroad, and hopes to see the day when a great linen industry will be built up and farmers generally throughout Western Oregon will grow flax with profit.

Salem's annual cherry fair has been set on July 6, 7, and 8, and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Portland people are taking much interest in the event and a special excursion will be run from this city, taking prominent business men to the fair. Big parades will be features of the event.

Lake County will work as a whole in future for development. The former Lakeview Board of Trade has been dissolved and the Lake County Development League has taken its place. Thoroughly aroused to the benefits of united work, Lake County people may reasonably hope for results from the new organization.

There will be a large representation from the various Central Oregon commercial clubs at the convention in Prineville June 30-July 1, when the Central Oregon Development League will be formed. There is keen interest throughout that section and much is hoped from the projected organization, which will take up the problems that confront Central Oregon, a new country, yet in the making. It is considered important that right steps be taken and the new league will be of benefit along these lines.

The hundredth anniversary of the first settlement of whites in what is now the State of Washington, will be observed at old Fort Okanogan, on July 3. This event is of considerable historic interest to the entire Northwest. The ceremonies will be held at the point where the Okanogan river empties into the Columbia. This settlement was made by fur hunters in the interests of the United States and was one of the claims on which the whole Pacific Northwest came under the Stars and Stripes. The commercial club of Okanogan is responsible for the celebration, in which many notable people will participate.

The largest class ever graduated from the University of Washington has just gone forth into the world. Sheepskins were awarded to 211 students. This is 24 more than completed the four-year course in 1910, and gives some idea of the institution's growth. Scholarship prizes aggregating \$2,500 were distributed among a score of young men and women. The highest honors were awarded to Miss Dorothy C. Mason, who leaves the university with "magna cum laude," meaning "with great praise". In the fifty years of the university's existence, Miss Mason is the fourth graduate to receive this distinction.

The railroads, state agricultural college and the business interests of Portland are united on a plan to aid Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties in agricultural advancement. A demonstration train will be operated next Fall through that section and experts from the state college will explain the possibilities of diversified farming and stock raising in order to build up the soil, although there is no intention to do away with wheat as the principal crop. It is believed, however, that improved methods will conserve moisture in the soil, and by growing other things than the single grain, as at present, two crops can be had in three years instead of two in four years as at present. Seed will be distributed from the train and prizes offered for the best results obtained by farmers.

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PARKDALE HAS PERIOD OF GREAT ACTIVITY

Parkdale, the terminus of the Mt. Hood railroad, is the scene of great activity. A splendid union church building has just been completed. The Catholic church members have secured three lots, on which they will build a fine edifice. Several crews of Greeks are engaged in the clearing of several hundred acres of orchard land. The character of the soil in this section permits of clearing throughout the entire summer season. The Oregon Lumber Company is logging off hundreds of acres of land and placing the same on the market at low figures, to induce the home builder to clear and plant the land. The school building is being enlarged to double its present capacity.

FIRST FOREST FIRES OF SEASON REPORTED

The first forest fires of the season have been reported. Two fires broke out in Clackamas county. These fires are outside the boundary of the Oregon national forest, but since they threaten timber in the inside, immediate steps have been taken to suppress them.

The weather so far this spring has operated against the start and spread of fires, but the last few days of dry weather have already brought about a dryer condition, especially at the lower elevations.

OREGON STATE LANDS MADE GAME REFUGES

Governor West has issued a proclamation for setting aside all the state lands in Oregon as game refuges. There are in all about 3000 acres of this land. Game birds of all kinds will hereafter have a haven of rest, when pursued by relentless hunters, in tracts of state land wherever located. In season and out of season, no hunting will be allowed on these lands.

CITY OF ASTORIA GETS CENTENNIAL \$50,000

The controversy between Clatsop county and the state over back taxes and the Centennial appropriation of \$50,000 has been settled in so far as the appropriation is concerned. Dr. D. Henderson, chairman of Astoria's Centennial committee, went to Salem Thursday afternoon to receive the appropriation.

ELBERT HUBBARD GETS HAIR CUT BY BARBER

That Elbert Hubbard's hair has been shorn by the village barber of East Aurora and that Fra Elbertus thereby won a \$500 bet from William Marlon Reedy, of St. Louis, was the word brought in a telegram here. Reedy says he has no bet.

Gather Together in Mosier

The Methodists and Baptists at Mosier have federated, along with members of other denominations not organized at that place. The federation of these denominations is a move in the line of progressive church work and residents there believe it will be of great interest to Mosier and the surrounding community.

Notice of Sale of Bonds

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Hood River Irrigation District, in Hood River County, Oregon, will sell the bonds of said district in the sum of \$70,000.00, on Monday, the 3rd day of July, 1911, at the hour of 2 p. m., at the office of the Board of Directors, at the residence of R. W. Kelly, in said district, and that sealed proposals for said bonds will be received by said Board at said place for the purchase of said bonds until the day and hour above mentioned, at which time the Board will open the proposals and award the purchase of the bonds to the highest responsible bidder, the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Said bonds shall be issued and dated July 1, 1911, and shall be payable in United States gold coin in ten series, to-wit:

At the expiration of eleven years, five per cent of the whole number of said bonds; twelve years, six per cent; thirteen years, seven per cent; fourteen years, eight per cent; fifteen years, nine per cent; sixteen years, ten per cent; seventeen years, eleven per cent; eighteen years, twelve per cent; nineteen years, thirteen per cent; twenty years, sixteen per cent; and shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July of each year. The principal and interest shall be payable at the place designated in the bonds, and bidders are given the option of having said bonds payable at Portland, Oregon, Chicago, Ill., or New York, N. Y., and said bonds will be issued in accordance with the election of the successful bidder. Said bonds shall be each of the denomination of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, at the option of the purchaser, and shall be negotiable in form, and coupons for the interest shall be attached to each and signed by the secretary.

By order of the Board of Directors, R. W. KELLY, Secretary

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Frederick DeForest Isham, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate in this Court, on the 7th day of July, 1911, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. has been fixed by this Court as the time, in the County Court Room in the City of Hood River, Hood River County, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said final account and for the settlement of the same. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to present their objections, if any, to said final account at the time and place above named.

Dated at Hood River, Oregon, this 31st day of May, 1911. M. H. MOODY, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed, by the County Court of Hood River County, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of Edward Moe, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent must present them, duly verified, at my office at Third street, Hood River, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of this notice, to-wit: May 21st, 1911. J. M. CULBERTSON, Administrator.

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