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The City Water Situation

With the tender to the court
of the amount fixed by the jury
as the price the city shall pay
for the city water system, it
would seem that the last round
of the long water fight is about
to come to a conclusion.

The report that Mayor Hart-
wig had refused to complete the
negotiations of taking over the
plant by refusing to sign the
warrants, caused a ripple of ap-
prehension, but this has appar-
ently been smoothed out. In an-
other column the mayor states
his reasons for his objections to
issuing the city's paper for this
purpose, and it must be admitted
that his grounds for doing so
were sufficiently serious. His
convictions in the matter are un-
doubtedly sincere and must
therefore be respected.

It would have been the part of
wisdom to have delayed criticism
until the exact facts were known,
rather than to have imputed un-
worthy motives to a delay in ex-
ecuting papers involving a by no
means small transaction in the
city's finances, and his dignified
method of replying to his critics
will most assuredly have the ap-
proval of the public.

The feature of the situation in
which the council members have
assumed the responsibility of
putting aside legal technicalities
which might have intervened, is
unquestionably receiving the sup-
port of citizens in general. The
people are as anxious to conclude
the matter as are the council and
its legal advisers, and have al-
ready signified their willingness
to do so by voting bonds not only
to construct a new plant, but to
buy the old one. On this point
the citizens have become a unit,
as well as on that of having it
done as expeditiously as possible.

It is therefore hoped that no
obstruction will be placed in the
way of a speedy transfer of the
water property. There is surely
nothing to be gained by the pre-
sent owners in doing so, while
much may accrue to them in
good will by completing the ne-
gotiations as promptly as circum-
stances will permit.

Good Roads Legislation

A special session of the legis-
lature to enact good roads legis-
lation has been recommended by
Governor West's commission,
which has just met and outlined
several bills. These provide for
state aid, a state highway com-
missioner, and for enabling
counties to avail themselves of
the bonding act for road pur-
poses passed as the last general
election. The commissioners,
who represent all parts of the
state, are hopeful that much will
be accomplished should these
measures be enacted.

The feature of the good roads
movement, however, that ap-
peals to the average progressive
citizen with the greatest force, is
the bonding proposition. Whet-
her the other features are put
into effect matters little if coun-
ties are allowed to bond to im-
prove their highways, while
without this authority the other
provisions of the measure are
practically useless. The amount
of state aid offered by the last
legislature was so insignificant
as to be ridiculous, and was there-
fore looked upon with exceeding
indifference. Better no state aid
than such an amount. The state
highway commission, also, is
not a matter of great importance.
It is of little moment whether
either of the latter provisions
are adopted. The key to the sit-
uation is the bonding act, which,
once in operation, would do more
toward good roads than all the
commissions, and do it more
economically than any other plan

that can be devised. Likewise
it would do it more speedily. It
is to be hoped that sufficient
pressure will be brought to bear
on Governor West by the people
to carry out his suggestion of
calling an extra session of the
legislature, and that it will this
time give the citizens of the
state the legislation they have
been asking for, for several
years, regardless of grangers,
politicians or office seekers.

The Latest in Trusts

According to press reports, a
\$200,000,000 lumber corporation
is in process of formation. It
will embrace mills on tidewater
in Oregon and Washington, con-
trolling 65 per cent of the timber
output. It is emphatically de-
nied that the corporation con-
templated a monopoly of the lum-
ber output. The tentative agree-
ment has been submitted to
many eminent lawyers and will
be forwarded to Attorney Gen-
eral Wickersham for an opinion
as to whether it infringes on any
of the Sherman anti-trust laws.

This reads well in print, but if
control of the lumber output of
the Northwest is not the object
of this proposed huge corpora-
tion, what is its purpose? Not-
withstanding the statement to
the contrary, the public will re-
quire more conclusive evidence
than the fact that the tentative
agreement has been submitted to
the attorney general for exami-
nation. It would indeed require
a large grain of salt to swallow
the statement that this latest of
proposed monstrous trusts is
anything but what it is—a com-
bination to control the acreage,
output and distribution, and to
fix the price of timber and
lumber.

Civilizing the Indian

An Indian addicted to the use
of morphine was an inmate of
the city lock-up Thursday night.
The dusky son of the forest is
said to have been under the in-
fluence of the drug a number of
times, and is stated to become
quite wild in his movements
when filled with this potent dope.
This is the first case of the mor-
phine habit acquired by a redman
that has come to our notice, and
is, we believe, a rarity. If mor-
phine produces the same effect
on an Indian, in proportion to its
influence, as whiskey, the result
must be the making of a very
bad redskin indeed. It would
be better to pass over to him his
beloved Hostetter's bitters or a
shot gun, as far as the safety of
the public is concerned.

The question resolves itself
into the fact that the so-called
civilizing influences of the white
man have also given the Indian
the Caucasian's degenerate hab-
its, and that the farther he gets
away from the primitive the
more degenerate he becomes.

Pinchot and Alaska

Gifford Pinchot, now in Alas-
ka, is receiving just the recep-
tion he deserves, according to
returning Alaskans. In fact, it
is no reception, for nowhere has
his coming aroused any enthusias-
m. No matter what the former
forester's motives, the people
of the north feel that he is
responsible for holding back the
country. Congressman Sulzer,
of New York, who is just back,
has formulated an intelligent
program for remedial legislation
and will push it at the forthcom-
ing session of congress. Sulzer
has long worked for the progress
of Alaska and will continue to do
so. Furthermore, no one who
knows Sulzer personally or by
reputation, will doubt his hon-
esty of purpose.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given, that the under-
signed has been appointed, by the County Court of
Hood River County, Oregon, as administrator of the
estate of Edward Moe, deceased, and all persons
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county has opened in earnest. Meet-
ings are to be held in various towns
throughout the valley every night
until September 30, when the election
is to be held. The Medford Com-
mercial Club is directing the fight and
a committee of leading members leaves
each afternoon for some of the out-
lying districts for the purpose of
holding meetings and spreading the
gospel of good roads.

The campaign will reach its height
with the appearance of Governor
West and Samuel Hill, the good
roads advocates, who are to be here
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Bonds and Warrants..... 9,442.09
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Cash on Hand and in Other Banks..... 156,590.96
\$685,794.88

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