

WATER PLANT TAKEN OVER BY CITY

Transfer of System Long Desired by Municipality Consummated Monday--Notwithstanding Statement That Company Would Enter Suit to Reclaim Plant, No Such Action Yet--Last Phase of Case Will Be Heard Before Judge Bradshaw Here This Week.

Notwithstanding rumors to the contrary the Pacific Power & Light Company transferred the city water system to the custody of the city authorities Monday, the tentative custodian of the plant being the fire and water committee of the city council. Representing the committee Recorder Langille was placed in charge of the books and office of the water works and spent the day investigating the accounts and making an inventory of the property.

As there is no provision in the city charter for conducting a city water plant it is expected later to pass the needed legislation or ordinance. While nothing definite in this respect has been decided upon it is believed that the course adopted in other cities that have municipal water plants will be followed and that a board of water commissioners, separate from the city council, will be elected or appointed with power to employ needed help and control the

other features necessary to the proper conduct of the plant.

The transfer of the plant to the city meets with general approval by citizens who believe that it is the most important step toward the construction of a new system and in allowing the completion of street improvements which have been held up until the water mains can be laid.

Although it has been stated that the company would apply for an order from the federal court asking for the return of the plant on account of the company's objection to taking warrants in payment, no such action has yet been taken.

The final issue in the matter involving the sale of the bonds is expected to be settled this week when Judge Bradshaw, now sitting in circuit court here, renders decision in the injunction suit instituted by J. F. Batchelder. Arguments in the case are expected to be heard today. Geo. R. Wilbur for the complainant

HOOD RIVER GRADS ENROLLED AT EUGENE

Twelve graduates of Hood River high school have registered at the University of Oregon this fall. These, with three other students who claim Hood River Valley as a home, swell the enrollment of Hood River students at Eugene to a total of fifteen.

Of these, Sidney Henderson and Jack Luckey are seniors, and Burleigh Cash, Lena Newton, Raymond Early, Karl Onthank and Clyde Pattee are Juniors. Only two freshmen are registered to date, Roger Moe and Martha Struck. Georgia Vather, Will Cass, Chester Huggins and Florence Avery are sophomores this year.

As in former years, Hood River students are going out for all that college life offers. Roger Moe, freshman and Alpha Tau Omega pledge, is expected to make the freshman football team. Will Cass will hold an editorial position with the Oregon Emerald, the college semi-weekly. Jack Luckey is resting on the laurels of his successful management of last year's 'Varsity baseball season. Chester Huggins is training for the distance runs in the spring, by turning out for cross country practice. Huggins won his track 'O' last spring, while a freshman, and is counted one of the famous Bill Hayward's surest point winners. Karl Onthank is editor of the college annual, published each year by the junior class. This annual is known as the Oregonian. It forms a large volume, profusely illustrated with scenes of college life and filled with the pictures of college people and matters of college interest.

Martha Struck, who enters this year, is a sister of Ferdinand Struck, who graduated last spring with high honors and who is now head of the department of manual training, and also athletic trainer, for the high schools of Tacoma, considered a remarkably good position for a man just out of college.

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Central Oregon As Seen By Hood River Party

Impressions of Big Country Just Opened by Railroad Secured in a 400 Mile Auto Trip-- See Passing of Stage Coach and Freight Wagon in Country Rich with Possibilities.

A 400-mile automobile trip through central Oregon will convince the observer of its vastness, its possibilities of great development, its magnificent scenery and also of the hardships its sturdy pioneer residents have endured, and are in many instances still enduring. With the coming of the railroad and irrigation in some sections of this big country the latter condition is becoming ameliorated, but the uncertainty of crops in the unirrigated and semi-arid sections will always cause farming in them to be of a precarious nature, rather than on a fixed basis.

With several of his friends the editor has just returned from the central Oregon country. In the party were Truman Butler, P. S. Davidson, W. L. Clark and W. H. Walton. Mr. Clark, who was familiar with the country, acted as chief guide and was a good one. Mr. Butler drove the car and his skill as a chauffeur must be admitted as he returned the party and machine without so much as a scratch. Mr. Davidson officiated in the position of master mechanic and the editor did

the heavy looking on, or to be more explicit, rubber-necking. Recent rains had put the roads in good condition and the weather being all that could be asked for we sped along miles of roads lined with wheat farms, hay and cattle ranches and nature's most wonderful scenery.

From Hood River to The Dalles the run was without incident other than that we passed out of the valley of intensified farming, green things and luxury and passed into the realm of plains, big acreage and intermittent prosperity.

Taking the river highway from Wasco's metropolis to Miller's bridge, a distance of 18 miles, the magnificent sweep of the Columbia and Celilo Falls many hundred feet below proved a wonderful spectacle. At Celilo the mammoth bridge of the Oregon Trunk, spanning the river, was seen partly completed, and at the Deschutes the Hill railroad was crossed and an entrance made into Sherman county. From the Deschutes to Wasco, a distance of 11 miles, the route lay through wheat

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Strong Local Interest In Christian Science

Large Audience Attends Lecture Given by Prominent Advocate--Deep Interest Manifest in Faith that Has Recently Secured Strong Following Here--Resume of Speaker's Address

One of the largest audiences of the season assembled at Hellbronner hall Tuesday evening to hear Frank H. Leonard, the eminent Christian Scientist lecturer. Mr. Leonard was eloquent and broad minded in his attitude toward other religious faiths and his audience was deeply interested.

Mayor Hartwig, who introduced Mr. Leonard, said:

"Friends and Fellow Citizens: In introducing the speaker of the evening I beg leave to take about two minutes in mentioning something of the subject--of the teaching--that he will discuss with you to a pleasing extent this evening. It is not entirely new. It is not at all new in Hood River. In fact, it has a very substantial following in the city, as well as in the valley and country surrounding. It might be termed, perhaps, new thought, new teaching applied to more recent conditions of society and life--the subject, the teachings that have made better men and woman, happier men and women, better fathers and mothers, better citizens in this community in the following and practicing of the dominant teachings that govern the human mind; and with that end in view, we are very much pleased to welcome this speaker to this vicinity, and we are sure that none of you will leave disappointed and that the community will be better for this visit. It will, therefore, give me great pleasure to introduce to you Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Frank H. Leonard."

In opening, the speaker gave an interesting analysis and explanation of the creation and tenets of the Christian Science religion. Continuing he said:

"It has been said of Christian Sci-

entists that if ever any one came into their homes who was sick and who was not a Christian Scientist, they would lock the doors and windows and lose the key to prevent them from having a physician if they wanted one. I want to read from the Christian Science text-book (page 443) what the leader of the Christian Science movement had to say on that point.

"If patients fail to experience the healing power of Christian Science, and think they can be benefited by certain ordinary physical methods of medical treatment, then the Mind-physician should give up such cases, and leave invalids free to resort to whatever other systems they fancy will afford relief."

"That is common sense, and common sense and Christian Science are one and the same thing when it comes to a consideration of how to treat disease, and knowing salvation to be an individual work. The Christian Scientists take this attitude because the Bible teaches us that man may plant and man may water, but it is 'God that giveth the increase.' The increase is God's business, and it is not in our province to endeavor to interfere in any way. All must follow the line, in their striving for salvation, that seems right to them until they come to a realization that it is not the right way; and the blessed promise is held out to us that eventually we shall all come to the right way--for the Bible teaches that God Himself said, 'They shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them.'"

"We must gain a spiritual viewpoint from which to grasp the spiritual ailment of Christ's teachings. We cannot grasp what he taught in this world from a materialistic view-

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Hood River Solons Take Decisive Action

Vacate Street for Library, Order Wires Underground and Put Overhanging Porches and Street Obstructions Under Ban--Other Work Must Be Constructed According to Hoyle.

After a conference between the street committee of the city council and the library committee of the Woman's Club, the ruffled feathers of the latter were smoothed out Monday night, and an ordinance passed vacating Fifth street, with the right reserved for a twenty foot driveway. Representing the Woman's Club, Mrs. Wm. Stewart and Mrs. Chas. Castner were present at the meeting and thanked the city fathers for their prompt attention to the matter, whose cause was espoused before the council by Councilman Brosius.

Following the transfer of the water plant, applications were presented by Chas. T. Early, chairman of the fire and water committee, for the positions of superintendent and clerk. Among the applicants were Councilman Henry Howe, John S. Booth and H. B. Langille, of Hood River, the latter stating in his communication that he would accept the position at a salary of \$150 per month. A. G. Gilmore, an out of town man, who said he had had several years' experience in managing water plants, was also an applicant. Miss Lucille Johnson, who has been with the water company for some time, applied for the position of clerk. The applications were referred to the fire and water committee for their recommendation.

Overhanging porches, and awnings and street obstructions in the business district received serious attention and the matter was referred to Attorney Derby. From the attitude of the councilmen, it is believed that if he reports that the charter provides for their removal, they will promptly be ordered removed. Another matter of importance was the adoption of the report of Chairman Robertson of the street committee, recommending that all wires in the fire limits shall be placed underground previous to the laying of hard surface pavement.

The application of J. H. Koberg for a franchise to erect poles and string wire on the street leading to the boat landing, was referred back to committee, with instructions to have the proper restrictions placed in it before granting it. The bid for sewer bonds, amounting to \$9,500, was awarded to the Security and Trust Co., of Toledo, Ohio, on recommendation of the finance committee, and a public drinking fountain was authorized on the city streets and at the city hall.

The employment of an expert engineer in connection with the proposed city water works construction

caused considerable discussion. Councilman Brosius asking that action be delayed on the matter until the plans for the new water works which the city now has can be passed on by an expert, and until the money to build the plant is in the hands of the council. Councilman Early contended that money would be saved the city by accepting the services of a competent engineer on the percentage basis, not to exceed 4 per cent of the contract price. The committee, he said, had figured out that if the offer of Newell, Gossett & Walsh was accepted their services would approximate a cost of \$7,700 and probably more. He would like, he said, to have the city protected in the amount they would have to pay for an expert engineer and know what the amount was in advance. A. C. Reese, representing L. C. Kelsey, and the latter also were present and Mr. Reese, on behalf of Mr. Kelsey, made the broad statement that if Mr. Kelsey could not supply the city with a set of plans giving a more effective plan than it now had the latter would not charge a cent for his services. Mr. Kelsey has offered to take the work for a maximum price of \$3,900. The report to accept Mr. Kelsey's services was not concurred in and the matter will come up for

action again.

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BUSINESS CHANGE IN GILBERT-VAUGHAN CO.

A business change of interest took place in the affairs of the Gilbert-Vaughan Implement Company October 1st, when C. H. Vaughan disposed of his interest in the company and resumed his connection with the Butler Banking Company.

With the retirement of Mr. Vaughan the business was incorporated, the name of the company being changed to the Gilbert Implement Company and Mr. Gilbert acquiring the larger share of the capital stock of \$20,000. The other members of the company are M. H. Nickelsen, who has been with the business for several years, and W. L. Stewart, for some time also a valued employee of the company.

Under the able conduct of Messrs. Vaughan and Gilbert the company has built up a large business and has become one of the most completely equipped implement establishments in the state. With the assistance of the new members of the company, experienced in the business and in touch with the valley's and city's needs in the implement and other lines carried by the company it is the expectation of Mr. Gilbert to maintain the high business standard set, and the new organization is receiving the best wishes of many friends for continued and even greater success.

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BUTLER BANKING CO. INCREASES CAPITAL

At a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Butler Banking Company held yesterday Hood River's pioneer's banking institution took important action by voting to increase its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The increase in the capital stock was made necessary by its largely increased business. The new issue of stock was immediately taken up by the stockholders. The bank was established eleven years ago with a capital of \$20,000 and deposits of \$36,000. Its last statement showed deposits aggregating \$572,000.

Due to increasing business changes in the management of the bank are announced by the directors which includes the election of Truman Butler to the position of vice president and manager and C. H. Vaughan, formerly connected with the institution, as cashier. Leslie Butler will remain as president and also chairman of the board of directors. On the decision of the directors the changes went into effect immediately. Mr. Vaughan assuming his position as cashier and Mr. Butler his new duties as vice president and manager.

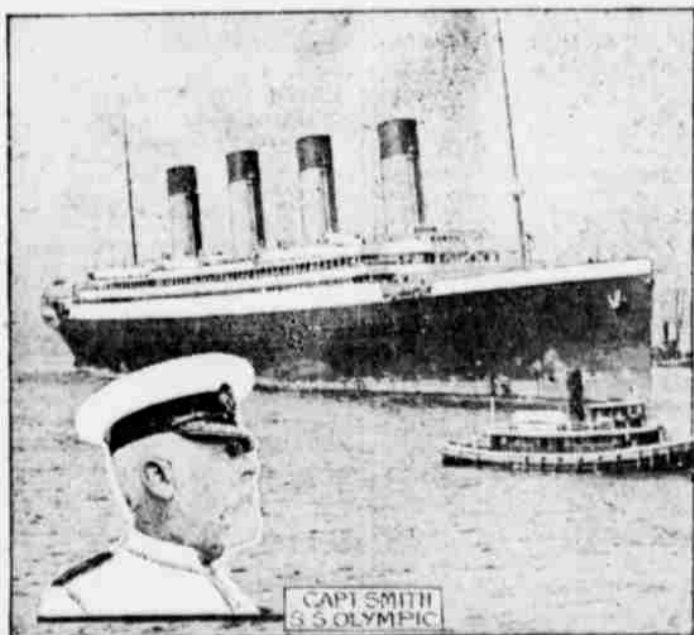
Reception For Pastor

The ladies of Asbury Methodist church will hold a reception Friday evening of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Upson, on State street, for the purpose of welcoming their new pastor, Rev. W. B. Young, and his family. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of the church.

Mary Knows

Governess--What is the future of the verb "to love"? Mary? Pupil (after a pause)--To marry, ma'am.

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week

The giant liner Olympe, westward bound from Southampton, was rammed by the British cruiser Hawke and forced to put into port for repairs. It is thought that Captain Smith will be exonerated. Premier Stolypin, head of the Russian cabinet, who was shot by a spy in the theater at Kiev, died of his wounds. A racing auto on the track at the New York state fair at Syracuse plunged through the fence and killed twelve persons. An investigation is being made, as it is said that negligence caused the accident. Robert L. Borden, who opposed Premier Laurier in Canada's reciprocity fight, triumphed and will undoubtedly be the next premier, as Laurier has declared that he would resign if his cause was defeated. In an interview Premier Laurier said: "We have fallen in a high and honorable cause, but we shall come again to the fight. I can say that I have nothing to reproach myself with."



MAN KILLING AUTO
THE LATE PREMIER STOLYPIN



R. L. BORDEN

CHURCH UNION GETS BROADSIDE

Rev. E. A. Harris gave the first of his series on town topics last Sunday evening at the Congregational church speaking on Church Unity. He endorsed the union movement worked out by Rev. VanNuy's at Parkdale, noted the experiment in federation at Mosier and the series of conferences to be held by the heads of 22 missionary boards of various denominations in the northwest in an effort to get together. Speaking of union in Hood River he said that the movement would make little progress so long as membership in our churches meant the submission to some central authority claiming the right to govern or obedience to some mere ordinance. He thought the influence of traditionalism one of the hardest things to overcome and said:

"The churches will hesitate to unite until the people of the individual churches learn how to live together in their own church; until the various churches stop calling each other names, quarreling over non-essentials and reading each other out of the church because they do not all think and act alike. And until the churches seeking union are as ready to give up and lose themselves for a larger movement as they ask the other churches to be," said Rev. Harris, "there will be no union of churches. Down at bottom the truth is that the churches, like men, have not the grace to get down on their knees and confess their sins before the public."

"Not so many years ago the people of three other churches in Hood River worshiped and worked in Riverside church. They were happy and united. They were drawn away almost reluctantly by the coming of outside parties who insisted on 'denominational loyalty.' Today these same denominations are among the most insistent on church union. Let the ideal of Riverside church ever be to so stand for the universal truth, so guarantee individual liberty of thought, so extend personal fellowship and so work for the common good of all as to demonstrate her right to exist; and not only live for others but be ready to die if need be for the coming of a larger good."

UPPER VALLEY ASSO. HAS BIG MEETING

Despite the inclement weather that prevailed on Monday evening, September 25th, a large and enthusiastic number turned out to attend the annual meeting of the Upper Hood River Valley Progressive Association. Reports from several committees were read, and they certainly show gratifying results accomplished during the past year. Notable among the achievements directly due to the association's efforts are improved transportation service, the erection of commodious horse sheds--which will be appreciated by all who visit the Upper Valley the coming winter--the greatly improved condition of our roads, and the rapid strides toward securing parcels post and rural free delivery. The entertainments so successfully given by the association demonstrate the talent within its borders, and received favorable notice.

These reports demonstrate that the association is a factor for the good of the Upper Valley, and every one who has its interest at heart should cooperate. If you are not a member you should join at once; and if you are a member you should strive to attend the regular meetings, thereby giving encouragement to the officers and committees. To know that you are with them and that their efforts are appreciated, is surely an incentive to greater activities.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

John Goldsberry, president; G. M. Eptegrove, vice-president; C. P. Johnson, treasurer; W. L. Mason, secretary; advisory board, R. E. Babson.

After giving the retiring officers a vote of thanks for the efficient manner in which they conducted the association during the past year, the meeting adjourned. L. S. R.

Sold Big Mosier Acreage
A large land sale in the Mosier district was consummated Monday when Devlin & Fitchburg sold 140 acres of unimproved land a mile and a half from the town to S. E. Frazer a Portland business man. The price paid for the land was \$9,900.

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