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**The Coming Election**

The city election to be held next Tuesday is one whose importance can hardly be overestimated. It is proposed to settle once for all and in the most expeditious manner possible the matter of supplying an adequate supply of pure water for the city. Time and time again this important matter has been delayed. At last it was confidently expected that this summer would see the bonds sold, the waterworks purchased and the new distributing system installed. But a technical flaw in the bond issue blasted this hope. It looked as though another season would pass before the much-needed, practically imperative improvements could be made. It was as the result of much careful deliberation that the city council finally devised the idea of calling a special election for the purpose of increasing the debt limit of the city for the specific purpose of buying the water system and of constructing the distributing system through those streets which it is proposed to improve this summer. The \$40,000 will be issued for this specific purpose. It will make it possible to at once pay for the waterworks with city warrants and the balance will be available to construct the new system inside the fire district. Included in the proposition is the increase of the debt limit for general purposes from \$5000 to \$10,000. The city has long been handicapped by the severe restrictions placed upon it in this respect and the increase of this debt limit is calculated to meet more readily the growing needs of the city.

**Show Them All the Valley**

Hood River "has the goods." To see Hood River Valley is to appreciate its many splendid advantages. To see and understand these advantages is to tell others of them and to spread the gospel of Hood River. Hood River is glad of the opportunity to welcome this week the Portland Commercial Club, an organization whose membership includes the most influential citizens of the Rose City. There has always existed a strong bond between Portland and Hood River, a bond which the future is bound to make still stronger. A visit of the kind which is to be made this week to Hood River is one which should, and doubtless will, mean much in still further cementing the ties between the two cities by initiating the Portlanders into the beauties, the wonderful productiveness and the hospitality to be found in the Hood River Valley.

In July hundreds of Elks from every corner of the United States will be in Portland to attend the national convention. It is always safe to assume that the Elks are representative citizens in the communities from which they hail. Here Hood River will have another opportunity to spread her gospel. Plans are already being made to show the antlered herd this favored valley and to spread the fame of Hood River, if possible, still further.

**Taft's Defense**

Americans who admire courage, whatever their political affiliations may be, will applaud President Taft for his courage in making his defense against the attacks of Colonel Roosevelt. That the President did not make his counter attack until he had been pressed beyond all limits of endurance, was evident. It wrung President Taft's heart to be compelled publicly to assail his former friend. He did it with the utmost regret, but at the same time with the courage of his con-

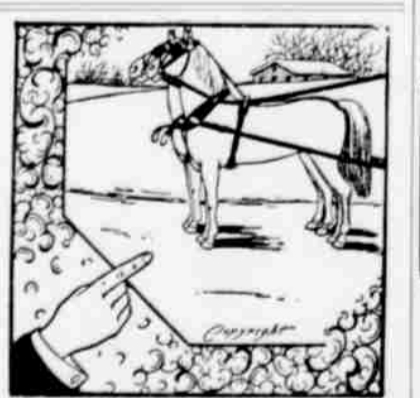
vicition that he was fighting, not for personalities, but for principles. When President Taft hit he hit straight from the shoulder and those who believe that he told the truth and the whole truth will agree that there is little left for Colonel Roosevelt to say. Friends of President Taft have been pleased with the effect which his frank and courageous statement has had. Those who count themselves among the supporters of President Taft, and the News has made plain its position in this matter, feel that the President's frank and fearless statement will win for him a host of admirers from among the ranks of those who cannot approve the demagogic tactics to which Colonel Roosevelt has resorted during the present campaign in his effort to secure the Presidency.

**The Festival Spirit**

With the opening of the Blossom Festival only two days away, the festival spirit is already manifesting itself. Of necessity the success of an occasion of this kind must depend, not entirely upon the efforts of a few, but upon the co-operation of the many. In this respect the committees which have in charge Hood River's first Blossom Festival have been fortunate. They have not asked for much, but all that they have asked for, and more, has been cheerfully given. The most essential part, the giving to all visitors an opportunity to take the auto trip through the valley, has been supplied through the local automobile owners, who will see that nobody lacks this opportunity. At the same time the nominal fee charged will give some recompense. Business men have entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion and have done everything possible in the way of contributions and decorations. The committees have been indefatigable in their efforts. Let the Weather Clerk do his part and the occasion is bound to be a memorable one for Hood River.

As was stated in the News last week, Colonel Roosevelt received strong support in Oregon because it was commonly understood that he represented the cause of the Progressives. In this connection it is significant that Roosevelt has never during the present campaign aligned himself positively with this wing of the Republican party, although he has been willing that this inference should be drawn. Issues between the Progressives and the standpatters were made upon the tariff question and yet Roosevelt has signally failed to make known in a definite manner his policy as concerns this vital point. It is plain that he is perfectly willing to secure the support of the Progressives by default.

The day of wonders in the medical profession has evidently only just begun. One of the latest was performed by a French surgeon, who grafted a cornea upon the eye of a blind man, thereby succeeding in partially restoring sight.



**The Trim Looking Team**

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A local poet, who retrow discreetly behind the signature "D. D. B.," has taken a ride on Pegasus with the following result:

ON THE ROAD TO OYSTER BAY  
 (With profuse apologies to R. Kipling)  
 By the old Atlantic ocean, down on  
 famous Oyster Bay  
 There's an erstwhile sphinx a-settin'  
 and it seems I hear him say:  
 "In the ring I've chucked my bonnet  
 and I'm in the game to stay  
 For I see that nomination is a headlin'  
 down my way."  
 Come, you Ted of Oyster Bay,  
 Don't you realize you say  
 Just the opposite of what you said  
 five years ago today?

Refrain—  
 Oh you sphinx of Oyster Bay!  
 Will you twist the truth that way  
 Just to gain the nomination—  
 Is it really going to pay?

"Ship me somewhere west of Suez, let  
 me hunt on Afric's shore,  
 For I'm through with presidenting—  
 there ain't got to be no core—  
 I have finished serving two terms and  
 a third I'll not accept."  
 So Ted the Brash did promise—but  
 the promise wasn't kept.  
 For here comes our Theodore  
 Running for the job once more  
 Though he firmly vowed he would  
 not, in November, 1904.

Refrain—  
 By your own advice LaFollette tried  
 to make the run himself—  
 Then you changed your mind one  
 morning and you shoved him  
 on the shelf;  
 I'll admit that we were for you when  
 we knew where you were at,  
 But we'll never more support you  
 when you pull a trick like that.  
 Do you think you play it fair—  
 On the level, on the square,  
 When you try to get an option on  
 the presidential chair?

Refrain—  
 Put on your old battered bonnet  
 With the busted promise on it,  
 In the ring you'll find it's only in  
 the way,  
 Though in nineteen four we took  
 you,  
 Now in nineteen twelve we'll hook  
 you,  
 As you'll find out to your sorrow  
 On the next convention day.

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 At the Close of Business, April 18, 1912

**RESOURCES:**

Loans and Discounts	\$453,922.75
Bonds and Warrants	20,172.14
Office Fixtures and Furniture	5,542.97
Real Estate	4,556.87
Cash on Hand and in Other Banks	122,297.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$606,492.71</b>

**LIABILITIES:**

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Earned Surplus and Undivided Profits	19,684.20
Deposits	486,808.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$606,492.71</b>

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