

EDITOR MOE ACCUSES

ANSWER IS FILED IN HOOD RIVER WATER BOND SUIT.

Affidavit Charges ex-President of Water Company With Responsibility for Trouble.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Charges that H. F. Davidson is responsible for the recent suit brought by Burt Van Horn, of New York, in the Federal court to restrain the Hood River City Council from disposing of \$50,000 in water improvement bonds, are made in an affidavit by A. D. Moe, editor of the Hood River Glacier, ex-Councilman and supporter of the present city administration.

Mr. Moe charges that H. F. Davidson, who was formerly at the head of the water company, owns 37 per cent of the stock of the Hood River Electric Light, Power & Water Company, and that the sale of the water plant here, of which he was president, was a mere pretense, and that the Hood River Electric Light, Power & Water Company, purchased the property of the Hood River Electric Light, Power & Water Company, is a mere dummy, and that the bona fide sale was never made to the Portland company.

The answer of the city officials admits that the city has exceeded the limit granted by the charter, and that funds have been converted from the general fund to pay some of these debts. The city's excess for exceeding the limit granted by the charter is \$100,000. The management will be required to do extra road work and machinery must be secured, and also that an emergency existed relative to the public health, and that this reason large sums of money were spent in preliminary work looking to the completion of the water system, and that as soon as the bond money was secured the City Council and the Portland company agreed to purchase back into the general fund. The city denies that the sale of the bonds was made by private contract, and that the safety of the citizens led them to do so irregularly.

Dr. Matson, who was state bacteriologist, has filed an affidavit that the city's water is unfit for drinking. Testimony will be also introduced showing that Dr. Matson is not a competent bacteriologist.

STORM PREVENTS RESCUE

Schooner in Distress Passed by Steamer From Nome.

SEATTLE, Oct. 22.—A small schooner carrying passengers and freight around at the mouth of the Kuskowim River, with a heavy surf hammering over her, was passing south late yesterday when a steamer Victoria, from Nome, passed south late yesterday when a schooner, whose name was not learned, was flying distress signals, but weather conditions forbade the Victoria to attempt a rescue.

The steamship Vancouver, which left Nome October 19 with 725 passengers and crew, was the last vessel to pass out of Bering Sea for the season, broke a shaft off Cape Omaney, Alaska, and was obliged to put into Ketchikan for repairs. A witness engaged in the rescue in the city, engaged in the rescue in the Northwestern states that a passenger jumped overboard and was drowned. The suicide's name was not given. The Northwestern is expected in Seattle next Sunday.

HOQUIAM REJECTS PLAN

Proposal of Aberdeen to Unite is Declared Inadvisable.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The proposition of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce that Hoquiam, Clatsop and Aberdeen unite under one municipality in 1915, or in time for an appropriate celebration in connection with the opening of the Panama Canal, was rejected by the National Commercial Club passed the following resolution: "Resolved, that it is the feeling of their Hoquiam Commercial Club that the consolidation of the two cities is not advisable now nor at any future time."

The members in passing the resolution declared that by 1915 Hoquiam would have a population 40 per cent in excess of Aberdeen.

Forest Official Makes Inquiry.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Max Rothkugel, Forest Assistant of the United States Forest Service in the city, engaged in the rescue in the Northwestern states that a passenger jumped overboard and was drowned. The suicide's name was not given. The Northwestern is expected in Seattle next Sunday.

Alaskan Buys Chehalis Farm.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—E. S. O'Connell, of Seattle, Alaskan, this week purchased the 250-acre farm of J. W. Gibson, on Deep Creek, southwest of Chehalis near Curtis post-office. Frank Heiler will manage the farm, which will be cleared. There are numerous farm deals being made in this neighborhood, many sales being made to newcomers.

Prohibition up at Goldendale.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The voters of Goldendale will again decide whether the town shall be "wet" or "dry" at this coming election. There will probably be a close vote, and the town has been alternately "wet" and "dry" several times.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—Maximum temperature, 60 degrees; minimum temperature, 50 degrees. River reading, 5 A. M., 17 feet. Changes in last 24 hours 0.2 feet fall. Total rainfall in last 24 hours 0.1 inch. Normal rainfall since September 1, 4.58 inches. Normal rainfall since September 1, 5.09 inches. Deficiency of rainfall, 8 hours 25 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 30.1 inches.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A new disturbance has made its appearance over the Canadian Northwest and the Eastern states has nearly disappeared at sea east of Malas. The large high pressure area is central this evening over Eastern Canada. The East clearing weather prevails and some snow has fallen in the Northern States. It is much cooler in the Atlantic and Southern States and correspondingly warmer in the Rocky Mountain States. The conditions are favorable for rain Saturday in Western and Northern Washington, extreme Northern Idaho and the Willamette Valley and along the Oregon coast. It will be cooler in Western Oregon

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