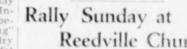
to lease the plant for \$1 on agree-ment that he would make several thousand dollars of improvements, the city to pay him \$100 a month for light and water. Councilmen met in regular ses-sion February 10 to consider the proposed lease, but found a ma-jority of the residents against such a move and there resulted consid-erable argument concerning the value of the investment. March 18, Sykes again renewed lease the plant for \$1 on agree- end at value of the investment. March 18, Sykes again renewed his offer and April 1, 1909, P. A. Devery of Spokane made an of-fer of \$10,000 payable at the rate of \$1000 a year with a franchise covering 20 years. Again the voters were called to the polls to yote on allowing one the polls to vote on allowing any company a 25-year franchise. The proposal carried 65 to 10 to amend he charter. City records show that a sale finally was made and the bid offi cially accepted at a meeting May

An election was held on the ques-tion of sale of the plant December 6 of this same year, 74 votes be-ing cast in favor of sale and 14 against it. Gates again made an attempt to regain possession with an offer to to lease the obten to meeting that the rest in spent the week-the council on February 4, 1909, the lease the obten to lea

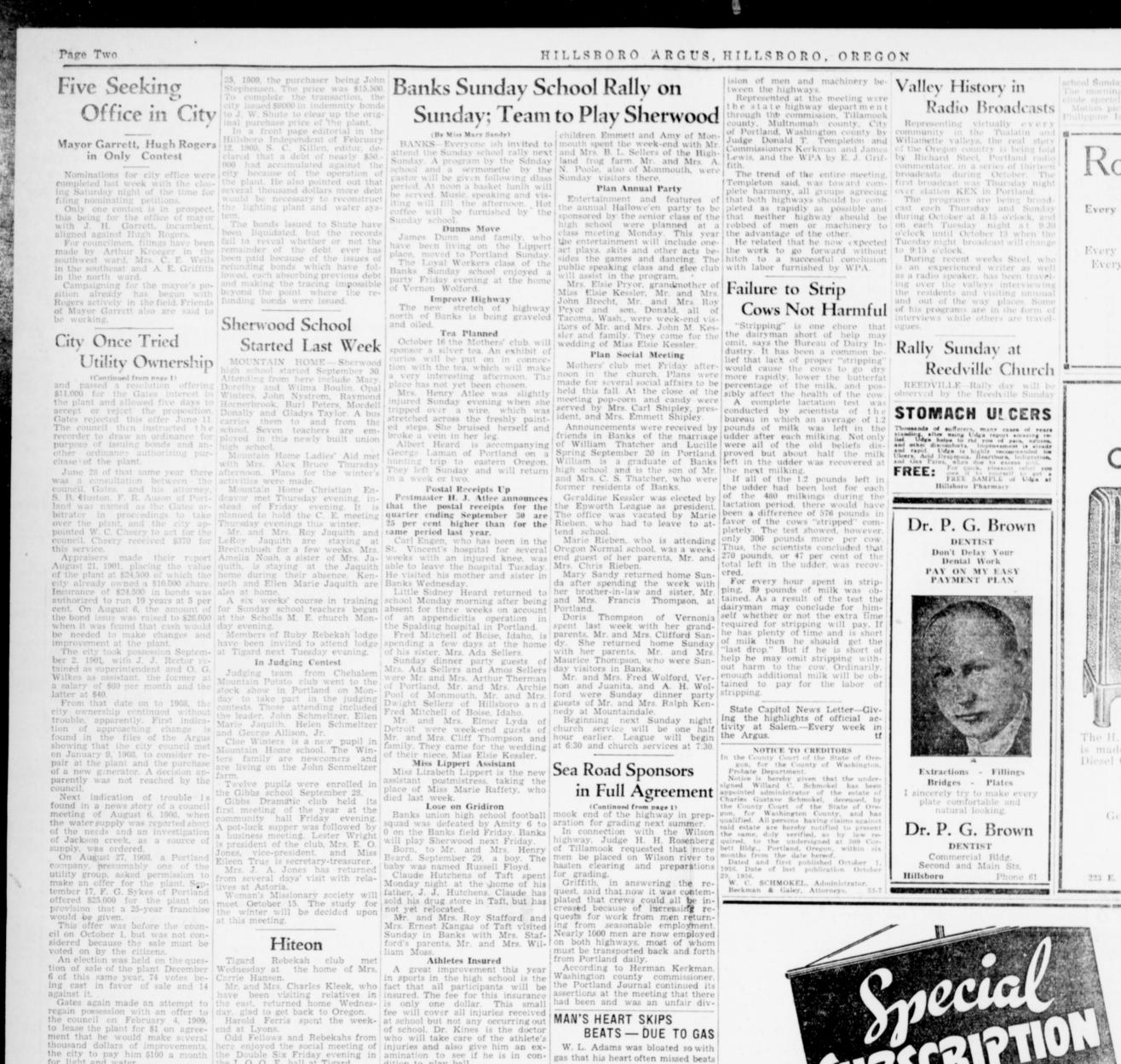
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