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OFFER TO SELL CLEAR LAKE WATER RIGHTS AT MERE COST

Marshfield and North Bend Men Offer in Answer to Request.

NO CHARGE MADE FOR INTEREST OR PROFIT

Consider Plan of Aiding Cities in Installing Own Water-works System.

The syndicate of Marshfield and North Bend parties holding the Clear Lake water rights in response to a request of Councilman Duncan Ferguson, chairman of the special committee appointed by the Marshfield city council to take steps to acquire the Clear Lake water rights for the city, have informed Mr. Ferguson they will transfer it to the city for \$4,650. This is the exact amount that the men have expended on the project and does not include a cent for interest or profit. Work is being constantly done on the water right so that this will slightly increase the amount in actual outlay on it. Besides the water rights to the lake, a tunnel necessary for utilizing the waters has been driven nearly to completion and most of the right of way for a pipe line to Coos Bay has been secured by the company.

The members of the company are W. F. Squire, J. Albert Matson, the Preuss estate, L. J. Simpson, J. S. Coke, and W. S. Chandler. They acquired the right several years ago with a view to holding it for future use of the city. The only stipulation attached to the offer is that the water right be utilized for the benefit of the cities.

It is likely that a meeting of the special committee consisting of Duncan Ferguson, Carl Albrecht and R. A. Copple will be held so that they can report to them after the regular meeting of the council next Tuesday evening.

Another Project in Mind.

It is understood that the parties now holding the Clear Lake water right will go further if necessary to aid in securing an adequate water service for Coos Bay. In case the city or cities should desire to install such a municipal system and owing to the difficulty in floating a joint bond issue or in floating so large a bond issue, the company will assist it in this way: they will allow each city to put in its own distributing system and operate it and then under contract will themselves float a bond issue sufficient to put in the pipe-line to bring the water from Clear Lake to the cities. The only stipulation will be that the cities use enough water to pay the interest on the bonds and for the maintenance of the pipes. Coupled with this agreement will be a provision that the city or cities can take over this pipe-line and supply at actual cost at any time they so desire.

This would, it is believed, overcome any difficulties in the way of handling the matter.

Plan New Proposition.

It was stated today that a new proposition will probably be made the city by Messrs. Nolan and Jackson of the Coos Bay Water company relative to the franchise proposition. It is understood that it will be to ask a five years extension of their franchise to enable them to float bonds and also to provide that the city increase the number of hydrants and pay a higher rate for them and also allow the company to increase the regular water rates somewhat. The increase in the hydrants rental, it is said, would alone amount to about \$3,000 per year in Marshfield.

Just when the new proposition will be made is not known.

Before going away, Mr. Jackson saw some of the councilmen and said that he hoped they would reconsider their action of his proposition.

Take Exams.—The Civil Service examination was conducted here today by Z. A. Leach of the United States Civil Service Department to select carriers for the Marshfield free mail delivery which will be instituted February 1. Three took the examination and they were Will Eickworth, J. B. Sneddon and F. O. Brooks. Mr. Brooks formerly was in the Civil Service, and Mr. Eickworth is a Spanish-American War veteran, and as such they are entitled to preference in the appointment.

THIRTEEN ARE INDICTED.

By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Thirteen indictments were returned this morning by the federal grand jury against railway freight officials and members of firms here and in Chicago. The inquiry was conducted with unusual secrecy.

The Ladies of Baptist Church will hold a Bazaar in the Lutheran Hall, Nov. 25. A light lunch will be served.

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A SOLUTION OF THE WATER PROBLEM

THE DAY has certainly come when the intelligence and progressive spirit of Coos Bay should organize for the benefit of the community's future. Coos Bay has had a peculiar history, lying dormant for many years and then suddenly arousing from her lethargy and plunging forward at a pace that places her among the biggest little cities in the country. Her progress in recent years has been remarkable. This development has not been done by concerted action or public endeavor. It is doubtful if a hundred people in this community realize the amount of work that has been done by a score of men to make this community what it is; men have thought, dared, planned, toiled and some have almost literally "sweat blood" in building up their enterprises, and these enterprises have made this community what it is today. Public spirit has had little or nothing to do with it. Coos Bay has grown to its present greatness in spite of the lack of a united public sentiment and in spite also of the want of efficient co-operation on the part of its citizens.

Still this community has not been devoid of public spirit, but it has lacked cohesion. Individuals have possessed it and loyally kept it alive under what at times have been adverse conditions. One of the splendid examples of public spirit was the action of some half-dozen prominent citizens of Coos Bay who a few years ago acquired the water rights of Clear Lake with the sole object of holding it in trust for the people of this community. With commendable foresight they realized that the day was approaching when one of the pressing needs of this community would be an adequate supply of pure water. Acting on this knowledge they acquired what engineers have stated is the best source of supply for a gravity water system in the whole Coos Bay country. A mountain lake fed by mountain streams and lying only a mile from the ocean, with sand hills on one side and a rugged forest shed on the other side, there is no possible present or future contamination. This superb supply of water is not to be sold to the city but given to it.

The story of this splendid exhibition of civic pride is worthy of being preserved. The proposition originated in a little meeting about five years ago. The suggestion came from L. J. Simpson, Judge Coke and Dr. E. Mingus. In a discussion of the needs of a growing community the water problem was mentioned. The necessity of an adequate supply at a reasonable cost was acknowledged. The possibility of speculators acquiring all the water sites and water rights and then using them to hold up the community for a large sum was considered. These men then began an investigation of the various sources of supply. Later, J. Albert Matson, John Preuss, W. F. Squire and W. S. Chandler joined the original trio. After exhaustive research and investigation the Clear Lake supply was settled upon and secured. Strangely enough the recent investigation by the joint water committee of Marshfield and North Bend settled upon this same source as the most available supply. The water committee of the Marshfield city council approached the men holding this valuable concession and then for the first time the whole story came out. These men had acquired this water right not for private gain or greed but for public service. These men have made a proposition in response to the request of the city council to turn the whole project over to the city absolutely free asking only the actual cash outlay that they have invested in improvements without exacting a penny for interest or property rights or the time or personal expense entailed in acquiring and holding these rights. It is a splendid example of civic pride and public spirit. A community possessing men of such character and caliber cannot be suppressed. It is the proper spirit of communal loyalty that supplies poise, purpose, power and ballast and makes for progress. The amount expended is less than \$5,000 while the water rights involved are worth from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

In addition to this splendid contribution to the community these men have also applied themselves to a solution of the present water problem. The suggestion has been made that if Marshfield and North Bend do not desire to assume the entire cost of municipal ownership at this time that these cities install their own distributing system and make a contract with a company to purchase the water at a price to be based on 5 or 6 per cent of the actual cost of installation. In addition this contract could also provide that the city take over the entire plant and water supply at any time at the actual cost without a penny of profit. This affords an easy solution of the water problem without permitting the taxpayers to be held up for high prices either for water or plant. Such action resolved on is a key to the future and an eloquent omen of a greater city and a more splendid community.

SEVERE QUAKE SHAKES EUROPE

Many Cities in Germany Suffer Damage, Including Hohenzollern Castle — Felt in Switzerland.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 17.—An earthquake that was felt last night over a wide area of Central Europe severely damaged the castle of Hohenzollern.

Statues were disfigured and great cracks appeared in the towers.

At Canstance the spire and cross of the cathedral, the most imposing building in the city fell and the colossal statue of Germania which crowned the postoffice building, tumbled into the street.

The kingdom of Wurtemberg was shaken hard. In Ebingen, five hundred persons spent the night around fires in an open field.

Damage is reported at Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Munich, Strassburg, Mayence and other local cities. In some places, considerable damage was done.

Director Graves of U. S. Forest Service Congratulates Men on Excellent Work.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Henry S. Graves at the head of the U. S. Forest Service has written to the district foresters throughout the country commending them and their men for their success during the season just closed in keeping the forest fires down to a minimum destruction. While reports showing the exact loss during season have not yet all come in, the loss is known to have been many times than last year's. Excellent results this year, in the opinion of Mr. WANTED—Night Man at Java Coffee lessons learned the last year.

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ANOTHER MEXICAN REVOLUTION IS REPORTED TO BE IMMINENT

FIFTEEN LOST IN SHIPWRECK

Only Three Out of Crew of Eighteen Escape in Disaster Near Quebec.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times)

QUEBEC, Nov. 17.—Fifteen of the crew of eighteen lost their lives last night when the Norwegian bark Antiqua went ashore at Martin River where she was loading.

TUG WILL NOT CLAIM SALVAGE FOR RESCUING STEAMER WASHINGTON.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17.—Owners of the tug Tatoosh which rescued the steamer Washington just before she was expected to go on the rocks of North Head at the mouth of the Columbia river Monday afternoon, will claim no salvage. This announcement was made in a letter received by Captain "Buck" Bailey of the Tatoosh today from the owners. The tug owners complimented Capt. Bailey and his crew highly for the work performed in the rescue of the Washington, her passengers and crew.

TWOHY BROTHERS ANNOUNCE BETWEEN 100 AND 200 MEN WILL START ROAD.

(Special to The Times.)

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 17.—James H. and John D. Twohy of the firm of Twohy Bros., of Portland, who have been awarded the contract to build the first 23 miles of the Southern Pacific's Coos Bay railroad, out of Eugene, arrived here from Portland yesterday and went to the site of the tunnel at the summit of the mountains, 23 miles from here. They announced that construction work on tunnel will begin at once and between one hundred to two hundred men, and a number of teams will arrive this week. Some grading will be done yet this winter, if the weather is at all favorable.

MUCH TALK OF CITY POLITICS

Mass Meeting at Odd Fellows Hall Tonight Arouses Considerable Interest.

City politics is now a much discussed question about town, in fact it is even more talked of than the railroad situation. The mass meeting called at the Odd Fellows hall for this evening attracted much attention today and surmising as to what would be done. Some thought it was for the purpose of launching R. A. Copple's candidacy for mayor, but this remains to be seen. A number of local men, it is understood, will address the meeting. No new candidates have been brought out for Mayor or alderman. The city caucus is next Monday evening. Mayor Straw will leave tomorrow for Portland to attend a meeting of the Oregon Naval Militia Board. This will result in his being absent from the caucus. So far he has

Advices Received in Washington Indicate Serious Situation is Developing.

AMERICAN TROOPS ORDERED TO THE BORDER

Precaution Being Taken to Insure Strictest Neutrality of American Government.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—It is reported here that a serious situation is undoubtedly developing in Mexico. The recent report of disturbances in various parts of the republic indicates the anger of another revolution which may absorb within it the lesser and sporadic attempts at rebellion in various parts of the republic.

TEXAS RANGERS ORDERED OUT

Governor Orders Troops to Border to Prevent Activity of Revolutionists (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 17.—Two companies of Texas rangers were today ordered to the border with instructions to prevent any activity in Texas toward stirring up a revolution in Mexico. These movements were made after a conference between Governor Colquitt and Ranger Captain Hughes, who claims to have evidence that part of the preparations for Mexican revolutions are under way in Texas.

SAUSALITO IS NEAR BREAKERS

SCHOONER STILL RIDES AT ANCHOR BUT IS CONSIDERED IN PERILOUS PLACE—ADVANCE ALSO IN NEAR SHORE.

Drugging her anchor to within about one hundred yards from the breakers, as near as can be discerned from the shore, the schooner Sausalito is considered to be even in a more perilous predicament today than she was yesterday. Should a strong westerly or southwest wind spring up, it is not believed that she could escape going ashore. As long as the weather continues moderate, it is believed that she may ride safely at anchor. Manager Schetter of the Bandon warehouse telephoned late this afternoon to notify the captains of vessels going out from here of the Sausalito's peril and for them to try and succor the vessel. He said that the Bandon bar was so rough that the tug did not dare to venture to cross out today. Capt. Johnson of the Bandon Life Saving Station has arranged so that the life saving crew can reach the scene overland in case that the worst occurs. The Sausalito lies directly west of the Sacchi ranch, considerably farther north than she was reported yesterday. The schooner Advance, San Francisco for Coquille, is also in danger of getting in a similar perilous predicament. She is at anchor about a half-mile out from the breakers about two miles north of Bandon. She is in no immediate peril other than the danger she runs in case a strong west or southwest wind should drive her shoreward. made no public announcement that he would be a candidate for reelection. However, his friends continue to take it for granted that he will run and are boosting him as much as possible. "Of all the Fine Arts, Music is the most exalted. It is a medium of human emotional expression, deeper and stronger than any art or language." PARTICULAR PIANO PURCHASERS PATRONIZE PALMER'S PIANO PLACE.

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