

AWAIT REPORT OF COMMITTEE

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that he wouldn't care to continue for even a day to send the water down the way it is now. He declared that he certainly would immediately make improvements to furnish the water in a sanitary manner. He said that as his option expired May 1 he would like to have the city decide on or before then whether or not it was going to buy the plant. If it decided to buy it, then he could be able to arrange to wait for thirty days or so to enable the city to raise the necessary bonds to take it over. Or, he said, if the Council would arrange to have the present owners extend his option, he would give the city the advantage of the additional time.

He said that the amount his negotiations had already cost him practically necessitated his taking over the property and furthermore, he thought that there was no money in furnishing water to 4500 or 5000 people but that he had speculated a little on the expectation that another five years would see 15,000 or more people to be supplied by the system so that they would then be able to make some money.

He said that he had heard the Council announced these propositions to be submitted to the voters at the special election, one to buy the plant under his offer, another to condemn it and a third to vote him a franchise. He said that he did not think it fair to him to have the proposition to condemn submitted at the same time that his proposition to sell was being voted on or that it would be fair to submit the franchise matter at the same time. He thought it might be sufficient to merely submit a proposition to increase the bonded indebtedness to handle a municipal plant.

Mayor Straw said that he thought the Council should get the report of the special committee and then decide to either purchase or condemn the plant.

Councilman Powers said that something should be done at once as both the sanitary and fire protection needs of the city demanded that the system be improved during the good weather this summer.

Councilman Ferguson said that while it was alright to make haste, he didn't think the Council should hurry it so much that it would not be submitted to the voters in an intelligent manner. He said that he wanted the report of the special committee ordering any special election. He said that a proposition to merely vote on increasing the limit of bonded indebtedness to \$200,000 meant that the city would either have to take the present plant or none at all and would not be decisive in his mind.

Mr. Copple said that he thought it would only be fair to Mr. Nolan to have two or three propositions submitted at the special election in order to make the result definite. He said that if only Mr. Nolan's proposition to sell was submitted, the people might vote it down because they thought the price was too high and not because they were opposed to municipal ownership. He suggested that at least a proposition to condemn the property be submitted with the proposition of Mr. Nolan in order that the people's expression at the polls be clearly understood.

Mr. Nolan did not like the suggestion of condemnation but he said he had nothing to fear from condemnation as he felt that he had secured it at a very low price, having negotiated with the owners for it at a most opportune time. Mr. Conole suggested that as long as Mr. Nolan was going to buy the plant anyway, he could see no reason why the city should have to rush to decide about buying it as he didn't believe a few weeks, while they were securing desired bonds, would materially affect it.

Mr. Nolan said it would be in that if he bought it May 1 without knowing definitely that he was soon to transfer it to the city, he would have to issue some bonds and he would have to inform the bond buyers about the length of time the securities were to run.

C. R. Peck suggested that two propositions be submitted—one that the city's limit of indebtedness be increased to \$200,000 to enable the municipality to acquire a water-works without designating which one and the other to be Mr. Nolan's proposition to sell.

Dr. Straw said that he thought the Council should arrange to submit the matter before May 1 and promised to try to have the special committee get in their report on the valuations so that the election could be ordered. He said that the matter had been pending for some time and he could see no reason for further delay.

Mr. Nolan suggested that Mr. Goss prepare the necessary ordinances for the special election so that the Council could act on them next Monday evening. Mr. Goss said that he did not care to do it until the Council decided definitely what it wanted done.

Finally Mayor Straw was called away to attend a patient and the adjourned without having done anything definite.

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MRS. FRANK MARIOPFER is spending a few days in Coquille.

MRS. CHARLOTTE McMULLEN of Empire is a Marshfield visitor today.

H. K. BOOTH expects to leave tomorrow for Portland on business and pleasure.

CAPT. N. J. CORNWALL of Gardiner was a Marshfield business visitor this week.

FRED BENNETT has been confined at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bennett, this week with an attack of la grippe.

MRS. ADA CHAPMAN, one of the teachers at the Central school, is confined to her home today by illness and Mrs. F. A. Tiedgen is substituting in her room.

J. V. SWEATON, general manager of the C. A. Smith company who has been spending a few weeks on the Bay, expects to leave on the Naam Smith for his home.

REV. S. L. GILGESSY of Medford, an evangelist of the Presbyterian church, passed through here today en route to Bandon where he will conduct revival meetings.

Making Improvements—E. Bandel has made a number of attractive improvements in the Mars field Cyclopedia store has taken it over and at present with its army of wheels it looks like what the name implies—an up-to-date cyclopaedia.

More Funds in—Hugh McLain today contributed \$5 to the fund for the relief of the families of the launch North Star disaster. This makes a total of \$1208.67 that has been contributed through The Times fund for the sufferers.

Judge Debates—Principal Barker of the Marshfield High School went to Coquille today to act as one of the judges in the high school debate there this evening. Supt. Tiedgen of Marshfield will be one of the judges at North Bend in the Bandon-North Bend debate tonight.

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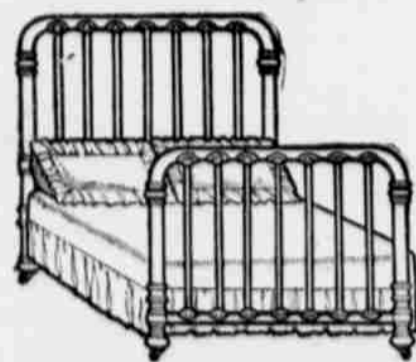
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