

THE WATER QUESTION.

On Tuesday next the question of granting to the city council authority to bond the city of Ashland in the sum of \$50,000, for the purpose of constructing city water works, will be decided by the voters and taxpayers of the municipality.

The stream of water rushing down from our snow-belt in the Giesse and the life of our town. Before the town had made for itself a place in the world of trade and manufacture; before the foundations for its support had been laid in the farms and orchards of the valley about it, or any help had come from the rail-road, people came to the village to live, because they found pure water to drink and abundance of it with which to make houses beautiful with green lawns and blooming flowers and profitable with productive gardens.

COGSWELL'S DEFENDER.

Some of the Portland people have learned too late that the Cogswell bill, passed by the last legislature, was a matter in which their delegation should have taken an interest, and they are beginning to understand that the bill was one that should have been introduced, "An act to divert water from Oregon into California."

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DEEDS RECORDED.

United States to Henry H. Chapman, parts 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

George L. Dean, who departed this life at his home in Ashland, May 24, 1887, was born at Athens, Ohio, Feb. 5th, 1827. He was one of the pioneers of Oregon, and in the early days of settlement was well known throughout the state.

The following proceeding have transpired in the Probate Court of Jackson county, before Judge Neil, since our last report.

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