

WATER PLANT HELD SUCCESS

Municipal Ownership at Woodburn Brings Good Service at Low Rate

By RODNEY ALDEN
WOODBURN, June 24—After 18 years of municipal ownership the Woodburn water plant is still on a sound financial basis, is steadily improving in value and quality of service, and furnishes water to its users at approximately two thirds the rate of the larger privately owned plant at Salem. A large portion of the profits have gone into new equipment for many years, and city officials estimate that in five or six years all old equipment will be completely replaced with new material and a reduction in rates will be possible, making the rates here about half as high as those in Salem.

Production Cost Cut
These are the outstanding facts brought out by a comparison of municipal ownership and private ownership, using the plants of Woodburn and Salem as examples. Steady increase in annual consumption has resulted in a decrease in production cost per gallon, the records here show.

It was July 11, 1892, that a franchise was granted A. B. Kurtz of Portland allowing him to build and operate a city water plant and also an electric light plant. Both plants passed through a number of hands, the electric light branch of the concern eventually being absorbed by the P. E. P. company which recently became the Pacific Northwest Public Service company.

Kurtz, who was an electrician in the employ of the Morning Oregonian before coming here, sold out in 1902 to Rollin K. Page, now practicing law in Salem. Page operated the plant under the name Union Light and Power company. The records show that this became the Citizens' Traction company, which in turn was acquired by the Portland General Electric company.

In 1912, when the city decided to take over the plant, it was valued at \$9,650. A five per cent bond issue of \$25,000 was floated to purchase the plant and put in new equipment. This bond issue has since been retired by the taxpayers, but the profits have been used for further improvements. The value of the plant is now fixed at \$50,000, but officials state this estimate is below what it is actually worth.

Wells Furnish Supply
Water is obtained from three wells, the largest of which is 186 feet deep and from which a modern turbine pump produces 550 gallons a minute. The state health officer pronounces the water safe in every respect for domestic purposes.

Rate is Low
As a specific example of comparative rates, a family moving here this month from Salem brought two monthly bills. One bill, for 610 cubic feet of water, was for \$1.71. In Woodburn it would have been \$1.10. The other bill, for 470 cubic feet, was for \$1.47. In Woodburn the minimum rate of one dollar would have been charged.

CHURCH GROUPS ENJOY PICNIC

SILVERTON, June 24—A delegation of over 50 members of the Christian church at Silverton motored to Canby Sunday morning to enjoy a picnic with a number of other Christian church congregations enjoyed an all-day picnic. In the afternoon, Teddy Lovett, state evangelist spoke to the assembly.

The Silverton church and that of Montavilla at Portland are initiators of this picnic which is an annual affair. The Will Livingstones, who alternate between Montavilla and Silverton each Sunday, make the arrangements. Both Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone conduct services and on the Sunday that Mr. Livingstone preaches at Montavilla, Mrs. Livingstone delivers the sermon at Silverton.

BERRY AND CHERRY HARVEST ON AT ZENA

ZENA, June 24—Eugene Shadle of Kalama, Washington, is in Zena helping W. D. Henry harvest his strawberry crop. Mr. Shadle has a seven acre cherry orchard here and will soon begin picking cherries. He also has 40 acres at Kalama principally in pears with some cherries and strawberries.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Smith and children Harold, Jesse, Ruth, Stephen and Priscilla, all of Oregon City are camping at the W. Frank Crawford camp grounds where they will stay and pick fruit for Mr. Crawford. The Smith families camp here each summer for the fresh picking.

Brownsville Picnic Well Attended

SILVERTON, June 24—Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Geiser and Fred Krug, Sr., have returned from Brownsville where they attended the Pioneer Picnic. Jean Ellsiek, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ellsiek, was crowned queen of the celebration. Mrs. Ellsiek is a daughter of Mr. Krug and a sister of Mrs. Geiser. Mrs. Oral Egan and small daughter, Colleen, also accompanied the party to Brownsville but remained for a few days longer visit.

THEY DESERVE THE CREDIT

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School Hold Quarterly Convention on Sunday

TURNER, June 24—The quarterly convention of Santiam district of Bible schools met Sunday, June 22 at North Santiam school park. The text for the day was "Follow Me and I Will Make You Fishers of Men." Theme: "Profession of Occupation."

The morning service opened at 10 o'clock with congregational singing followed by the devotions which were in charge of John Menton. The hour for study of the day's lesson followed. At 11:25 all listened to an inspiring missionary talk by L. Earl Deane, which was much appreciated. At the noon hour a basket lunch was served on tables in the beautiful grove of the park. The ladies of the entertaining Sunday school furnished hot beans and coffee.

Song Service Over
The afternoon session opened at 1:30 with a song service led by Rev. E. J. Gilstrap, with Mrs. Mae Hadley accompanying. Rev. H. Lyman, pastor of Stayton Christian church led the devotions which were based on Luke 5. The disciples were discouraged after fishing all night and catching nothing but the master rebuked them and told them to go back and launch into the deep once more. Stayton school people must not become discouraged, but launch out into needed work waiting to be done. "Many Are Self-starters But Fail to Keep Going."

O. E. S. DELEGATES TO GIVE REPORTS

INDEPENDENCE, June 24—Ada chapter of the Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night. The delegates who attended grand lodge will give their reports. There will be initiatory work. The evening will close with a lunch.

Miss Bernita Jones is quite ill at the home of Mrs. Marie Ruef. Mrs. Clarence Jones of Silverton, her mother is here caring for her. Miss Jones has been bookkeeper for the Thomas and Horton hardware store for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Wiley spent Sunday at the Newport beaches, coming home by the way of Hebo. They found the weather ideal, and big crowds at the beaches. The masqueraders gave one of their dances in the Campbell hall Saturday night. A good crowd was in attendance.

E. A. Duncel was elected a director of the school district No. 29, he will succeed A. E. Horton. C. G. Irvine, re-elected clerk.

BEATIE ON FACULTY OF WASHINGTON U.

SILVERTON, June 24—Silvertion friends will be glad to learn of the advancement of Alfred Beattie, who taught in the Silvertion senior high school for two years. Mr. Beattie, who is a graduate of Oregon State college, left here for Pullman, Wash., where he has been teaching for the past two years. Next autumn, Mr. Beattie will begin work in the University of Washington where he has signed a contract to teach.

Silvertion Farms Change Owners

SILVERTON, June 24—Mr. and Mrs. George Elton, well-known farmers of the Bethany district, who sold their farm to O. Lundbacken early this spring, have moved over to the former home of Mr. Elton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Elton, in the Brush Creek district. Mr. Elton with his brother Axel have purchased the farm and will manage it. John Elton who, with his brother Axel, has been farming the place has made no definite plans for the future but says he will travel around and see a bit of the country at least during the summer months.

JEANNE SMITH BETTER
LINCOLN, June 24—Miss Jeanne Smith, who has been in the Des Moines hospital for some time is able to be around again. She is staying with a sister in Salem but will return to her home in Lincoln in a few days.

POOLE'S FISTS PUT SCHULTZ IN BLIGHTY

Autos Collide Without Damage But Drivers Mix Afterward

STAYTON, June 24—Ed Schultz of Lyons is in the Stayton hospital in a serious condition as the result of an encounter between himself and Roscoe Parle, who lives east of Stayton.

Both men were enroute to Stayton Saturday night. Schultz accompanied by his wife, daughter and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heath, and Parle by his wife. It seems that one tried to pass the other enroute and bumped fenders. No material damage was done to either car.

Both cars came on to town and parked near the bank, the occupants got out and Parle is said to have gone up to Schultz and with little or no conversation, struck him, knocking him to the pavement. He was carried to Dr. Beauchamp's office near by and it was found he was severely cut on the head and had bad bruises on his back. It was feared his skull was fractured. He was unconscious until late Sunday afternoon.

It is said a charge of assault and battery will be lodged against Parle, who is a husky chap and

Geer Clan Holds Annual Reunion at Champoeg Park Santiam District Bible

CHAMPOEG, June 24—The descendants of Joseph Cary Geer held their ninth annual reunion at Champoeg park Sunday with a basket dinner at noon and a program after the business meeting in the pavilion.

Following the business meeting presided over by A. A. Geer, president, the secretary, Mrs. C. C. Geer, read the obituaries of Mrs. Theodosia Geer Jones, sister of ex-Governor T. T. Geer, and George H. Beebe who passed away during the past year. Letters from Mrs. Lois Beebe Grubb of Silverton, Perle Geer of Boston, Massachusetts and Mrs. Ethel Short Lucas of La Canada, California who each expressed their regrets at not being able to attend the family gathering.

It was moved that the rules be suspended and the same officers who held their positions for the past year be retained. Mrs. T. T. Geer, honorary president; A. A. Geer, president; Mrs. F. W. Settemier, vice president and Mrs. C. C. Geer, secretary-historian. Those appointed on the program committee for next year were Mrs. Ernest Kruse, Mrs. A. A. Geer and Mrs. C. C. Geer.

The short program included two piano solos by Homer Kruse, a talk on early pioneer history of Oregon by Mrs. Edythe Tozier Wethered concluded by a vocal duet, "The Old, Old Home," by Mrs. C. C. Geer and Ruth Geer.

Members of the family were present from all over the northwest, the youngest present being Raymond Russell Geer, 4½ months old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Geer of Albany and the oldest being Byron Grimm of Hubbard.

The reunion next year will be held at the A. A. Geer farm in Waldo Hills, plans being made to hold it there this year were given up due to the illness of Mr. Geer.

Walling Clan to Hold Reunion

LINCOLN, June 24—The Walling clan will hold their annual reunion in the J. D. Walling picnic grove Sunday, June 29th. This is to be an all day affair with a basket dinner at noon.

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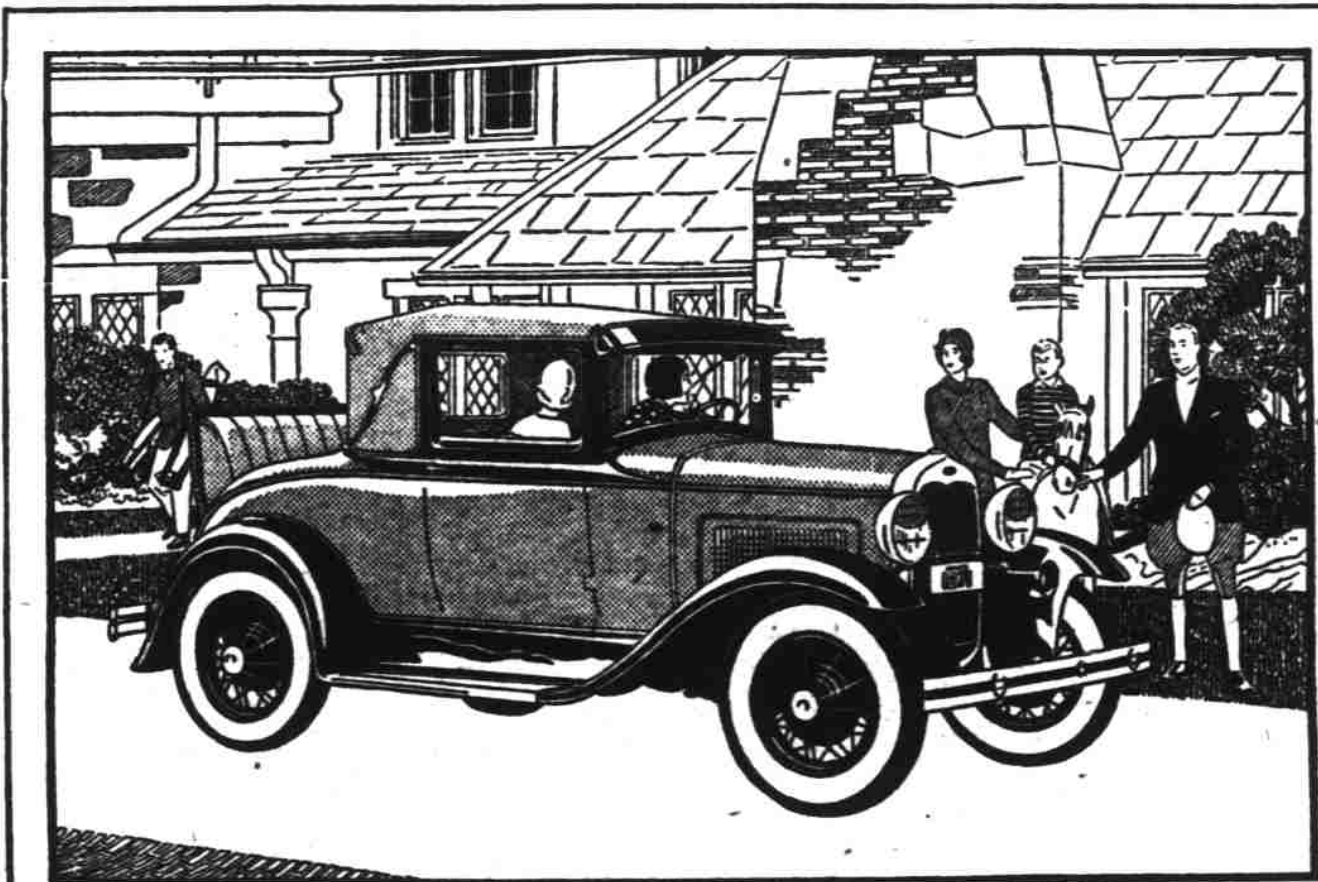
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