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little to say regarding the mayoralty contest during the few days between this time and the election but will devote its chief energies to urging the adoption of the commission form of government—a reform that aims at an efficient government all the time and a reform that should be adopted by the people of Pendleton.

COMING OUR WAY.

Information received from Washington by Major Swartzlander, agent upon the reservation, shows that the agitation for the establishment of the reservation water rights is bringing results. The slow moving wheels of the government are getting into motion and good should follow. It seems squarely up to Mr. McCourt to act and if he does his full duty he will try to prove the reservation water rights are appurtenant to the land. It would be a farce to ask for water for such Indians only as are able to farm their own allotments. That would be denying the benefits of water to the old men, the squaws and children, who need such blessings the most.

For his good work in striving to have the reservation rights established local people owe much to Major Swartzlander. The agent is acting with a view to promoting the interests of the Indians under his care. He is doing his duty and his course should be appreciated and encouraged by the Indians and by local whites. His behavior is in contrast with that of some of his predecessors and it gives the major a rare distinction.

Fortunately the question of reservation water rights is one wherein the interests of the Indians and of Pendleton are one and the same. It will be a great thing for the tribesmen to secure water for the irrigation of their allotments. It will be a blessing to them whether they do farming work themselves or rent their allotments. The establishment of reservation water rights will be a particularly fine thing if reservoirs are constructed to store some of the flood waters. Such a course would make it possible to irrigate a large section of the reservation and to do so without injury to waterusers farther down the stream.

The importance to Pendleton of having a large irrigation district adjoining this city is so well known as to need no comment here. It is of sufficient importance that local people should bring into play every possible influence that can help towards securing a full and speedy establishment of the Indian water rights.

ADOPT THE CHARTER.

In the present municipal campaign the mayoralty fight is occupying the center of the stage. There are some seven or eight men running for the council but it is doubtful if one man out of 10 can name them all, though their names have all been published. This is the usual state of affairs. Whenever there is a fight over the mayoralty it generally absorbs the public's attention and little care is given to the selection of councilmen. As a result we do not have good councils and more than likely the members thereof are picked to serve some other interest than the welfare of the people at large.

Should the people adopt commission government for Pendleton they will then have to select but two men instead of eight or 10. They will be able to get better men than at present and they will be able to judge more accurately of their qualifications. No candidate will be able to

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 Then it's ho! for the place where the hearthstone flares!
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What to us that in other climes
 Flowers glitter and fountains leap!
 What to us that thro blossoming limes
 Soft the breezes of summer creep!
 Give me a vigorous blast and bold,
 That carries the snow from the mountain-ways,
 Give me the winter stern and cold,
 But ho! for the joy of the evening blaze!

At the ingle side here's a cherry seat,
 And gaily the shadows dance on the wall;
 What care we here for the driving sleet,
 And winds that rave o'er the chimneys tall!
 The cold may sting the wayfarer's cheek,
 The snow may swirl in a wildering maze,
 But here shut in from the night so bleak
 All hearts grow young in the evening blaze!

—Anna J. Roberts.

THE TWO MAYORS.

Through the announcement Saturday of their respective platforms the two candidates for mayor have made it known what may be expected of each in the event of his election. It must be said also that both platforms are very pleasing in most regards.

Each candidate has given an emphatic pledge to stand by the present liquor ordinance and to prohibit any increase in the number of local saloons. This should insure a continuance of the policy of strict regulation, regardless of who is elected.

With reference to public utility corporations both have something to say. Mr. Matlock is explicit in the declaration that if elected he will work for cheaper electricity and for cheaper gas and he says that should a controversy arise between the public and a public utility corporation he will stand first, last and always, as a champion of the people. Mr. Raley confines himself to a general statement favoring municipal regulation of public service corporations and all public utilities in all things which will promote the best interests of the city and the people.

Both candidates declare for an improved water system but do not go into details. Apparently they are waiting to hear from the people as to whether they want a gravity system or an improved system of some other sort.

That they will work for civic improvement is declared by both men. Mr. Raley says he favors a constant development and improvement of suburban streets and sidewalks while Mr. Matlock favors progressive city improvements commensurate with the population and wealth of the city.

In announcing their positions openly as they have done both candidates have taken the proper course and the East Oregonian, which has been insistent upon such a step, desires to congratulate them upon their frankness with the people. This paper also cherishes the hope that the new mayor, who ever it may be, will keep sacred the promises just made. If those promises are kept in spirit and letter there will be an improvement in the municipal government of the city of Pendleton.

As to which of the two men should be elected the East Oregonian is willing to trust the judgment of the people. So this paper will probably have

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