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BEST OF ALL.

So many things we wish for every day.
So ill content with blessings by the way;
But much is ours that's really worth the while,—
A song, a prayer, a greeting and a smile;
A rift of sunshine in a stormy sky,
Health-giving winds of heaven passing by,
Sweet scent of roses, breath of forest wild,
Faith, Hope and Love, the laughter of a child;
And richer gift no grace of heaven can send
Than hearty hand-clasp of a faithful friend.
—Emily Selinger.

"The Only Crime Of The Water Board."

There is nothing wrong with the water board accounts. Instead of a shortage of $33,500 the board has $1.14 too much on hand. The council has found after thorough investigation that there is an abundance of fine water at Thorn Hollow, that the work is being efficiently conducted and that the water commissioners have been acting faithfuly and honestly in the performance of their duties.

This is the substance of the report made last evening by the city council. It is a report submitted after several weeks of diligent inquiry. It is a report submitted after the books of the board had been audited by experts. It is submitted after the council had made a personal trip to Thorn Hollow accompanied by the city engineer. It is a report submitted after the council had held many sessions for the purpose of going into every phase of the subject with a view to ascertaining the truth.

The report of the council is the verdict of the jury in this case and it is the answer to the vicious and unscrupulous attacks that were made on four members of the water board and on the Thorn Hollow project. The verdict is a flat contradiction of the claims made by Dr. Best and the sheet that published and endorsed his miserable rot. The report means that the council after a full and impartial investigation has found those attacks to be false and unjustified. It was libel and those responsible justly deserve criminal punishment.

The report of the council is not surprising to the East Oregonian. This paper has never believed the derogatory stories published against the project and against Messrs. Moore, Brown, Ladow and Jack. This paper has known the true source of those damnable and villainous attacks. It has known the true identity of those who have sought to block the gravity project and to do so were willing not merely to betray the interests of Pendleton but to besmirch the records of honest men. This paper has known the insidious ways by which the opposition has worked and has understood the cause of that activity.

The report of the council bears out the contention made by this paper in November that the only real crime of the water board has consisted in faithful advocacy of a gravity water system for Pendleton. The only offence of which that board has been guilty has been the offence of striving honestly and energetically to secure good water for this city and thereby provide for the city's growth and the welfare of the people. They have been guilty of doing this in defiance of the wishes of a small reactionary element and in defiance of the desires of the Pacific Power & Light Co. which concern is to lose its pumping privileges and is resentful because the Thorn Hollow project will bring a municipal electric plant within reach of the people.

It is because the four members of the water board have served the people faithfully and courageously that they have been assailed and maligned. For their fidelity and good work they have been rewarded with gross slander and abuse and insult. It has been a shame and a travesty on civil government in Pendleton. It is a situation that should never be allowed to occur again. The people must be on guard against such jobbery and deceit.

The Trouble With Kelsey.

News stories telling of the awarding of the work for designing the interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver state the engineers, Messrs. Waddell & Herrington, will be given a commission of five per cent on their work. It will mean the sum of $87,500 for planning the bridge. Five per cent of the cost of construction is invariably their charge and they were paid such a commission for building the Hawthorne avenue bridge for the city of Portland and the same commission for designing the new steel bridge in Portland for the O.-W. R. & N Co.

For planning the gravity water system for Pendleton Mr. Kelsey has been given a commission of four per cent by the water board and the payment of that amount has brought forth most bitter cries of anguish from the "antis." It illustrates the peril of the engineer who in finding a desirable water supply for a community also discovers the possibility of a municipal electric plant in connection with such a system. Had Mr. Kelsey's plans in no way encroached on the sacred preserves of the Pacific Power & Light Co. all would have been lovely and he would be an angel instead of the deep dyed villain he has been painted.

Let Them Finish the Job.

Now that the council has found after thorough inquiry that the four water commissioners are free from just criticism the natural and logical couse will be for those men to remain in charge of the work and see that the project is completed. Councilman Montgomery was right in his contention and it will be surprising if that suggestion is not carried out.

In filing their acceptances last evening after the council report had been given Messrs Jack and Brown took patriotic action. There is too much at stake to take chances on an unfriendly water board. There is good evidence of a clever design to hamper the project and such designs might succeed should the board fall into unfriendly hands.

The welfare of Pendleton demands that the water board be kept in the hands of men who have been tried and found true. Two members have already offered to serve and as they begin on new terms required no appointments. Messrs Moore and Ladow should likewise be retained if they will serve. Their records have been found clear and it is up to them to stay with the job. If they refuse to serve there will be need of care in the selection of their successors.

Pendleton cannot afford to have its gravity water project subjected to any further jobbery.

Old Nineteen Thirteen treated Pendleton very well and there are indications the new year may do fully as well if not better by this city.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again," and the ascension accurred at the council meeting last night.

To swear off a bad habit shows good intentions; to keep your resolutions shows stamina.

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The Countersign.

The maneuvers of the Swiss army were at their height.

A dark figure stole out of the shadow of a cheese bush.

"Who goes there," asked the sentinel.

"A friend," came the answer.

"Step forward and give the countersign."

The dark figure pulled a black bottle from his pocket and gave it to the sentinel. The latter smelled the contents and put the bottle to his lips.

"Pass," he commanded, and the stranger passed within the lines.

The stillness of the grave settled over the Alps.—New York Sun.

Any man under a cloud naturally appears in a bad light.

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