

A STATEMENT ON THE WATER QUESTION

By T. H. FOLEY, Manager of the Water Utility

Learned arguments have been advanced recently, purporting to give reasons why the city should not own the city water system.

If the dollar mark is to be the only standard of measurement, the argument may be sound; because it is admitted that political operation of any business is not economical.

But since ninety per cent of all water systems in the United States are said to be municipally owned, there must be other reasons than the financial one why cities insist upon owning their own water systems. This is borne out by the fact that less than five per cent of other public utilities in the United States are owned by municipalities.

The principal reason why cities prefer to own their own water systems is that WATER IS A NECESSITY OF LIFE, and people are afraid that a private water company operated for profit, may risk the health of the community to insure that profit.

Although the filtered water furnished by us is PURE, and we take every precaution to insure its continued purity, some people are prejudiced against it, and will not be satisfied until water is taken from another source.

With this in view, we made the city a very low price on that part of the water system which the city may acquire from us.

In some quarters, the wisdom of turning over \$600,000.00 to the City Council is questioned. Many people do not believe that such a large sum should be expended. With these people we fully agree.

It is our opinion that if the people finally determine to bring water from the Tumalo, the total cost should not exceed \$450,000.00.

It apparently is not generally known that the City Charter provides that the City Council CANNOT operate a water system, but MUST appoint a Water Board of not less than three members (See page 29 of the Charter of the City of Bend.) This Board has full and complete authority over the expenditures of all water funds.

T. H. FOLEY, Vice-president, Bend Water, Light & Power Company.

VANCOUVER READY FOR CELEBRATION

Oldest City in Washington to Hold Centennial

(Special to The Bend Bulletin)
VANCOUVER, Wash., July 31.—Vancouver is making preparations for the reception of thousands of visitors during the week beginning August 17 when the oldest city in the state of Washington will open the celebration of its Centennial. It was in 1825 that Dr. John McLaughlin came to this place as chief factor of the Hudson Bay company, establishing the trading post here which he called Fort Vancouver and from which he ruled the Oregon empire from California on the south to the

North Pole and from the Pacific ocean to the Rocky mountains. Under a special act of congress the minting of half dollar pieces commemorating the Vancouver centennial is now under way and on August 8 the first consignment is to be shipped from the San Francisco mint. These coins have a profile of Dr. John McLaughlin on one side and of old Fort Vancouver on the other side and they are unique in that unlike all other coin issues since the Columbian exposition at Chicago they bear the name of the town at which the celebration is held thereon. The directors of the centennial have ordered but a limited minting of this coin, and already have thousands of orders for these at one dollar each. The celebration, underwritten by local capital is hoping to meet a large part of its expenses through the sale of these coins.

industrial and automobile exposition, a large outdoor amusement park, a pageant with 319 persons and a chorus of 150 each night for the week beginning August 17, and a wonderful historical exhibit which has been prepared under the auspices of Glenn M. Ranck of this city, with the cooperation of the Oregon Historical society and the Washington Historical society. Opening exercises, set for August 17, will attract notable persons from the two states and a big reception for that date has been planned. The governors of Washington and Oregon and the congressional delegations from the two states, with mayors of many of the cities, have been invited to participate in these exercises. Tampico is the largest seaport and chief industrial city of Mexico.

Man Found By Roadside Says He's Quake Victim

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
KELSO, Wash., July 31.—B. E. Spurlock, 51, found unconscious Wednesday night beside the Pacific highway near Ostrander, regained consciousness last night. According to his story he is a graduate of the University of Berlin, and practiced medicine for 22 years. He said he was injured in

the Santa Barbara earthquake, suffering a cut on his head, and lost all his effects. He had been receiving treatment at the Multnomah county hospital and left there Wednesday. Papers indicate that he is a 32nd degree Mason. He was overcome by the heat and weakness from tuberculosis, with which he is suffering. Castile soap, although made in Spain, is little used in that country. For toilet use the Spanish taste requires a highly perfumed soap.

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Hear G. R. POLLOCK of New York, N. Y. Sather's Hall Bend, Oregon

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