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## ANOTHER PROPOSITION MADE.

For Mountain Water for Corvallis—New Terms Submitted by Local Company.

At the city council meeting last Tuesday evening Mr. W. B. Chase, a prominent water works contractor, of Portland appeared in behalf of the Corvallis Water Co., and presented a new proposition to supply this city with mountain water piped from Rock creek near the foot of Mary's Peak.

It is Mr. Chase's intention, providing their proposition is accepted by the city, to reorganize the present Corvallis Water Company, and put it upon a new basis, by introducing new capital in the company, and giving the city the option of purchase after a certain date. One plan is for the city to advance the company \$25,000 for which the city is to receive for a period of 30 years all water for fire protection, sewers, public buildings, street sprinkling, etc; and should the city decide to buy the plant after ten years, two-thirds of this advance payment would be applied on the purchase price, or if the plant should be purchased after 20 years, then one-third of the \$25,000 would apply on the purchase price. Another option is for the city to pay a stated sum each year for the use of such water, this plan eliminating the advance payment of the \$25,000.

The plan of the proposed plant would require the expenditure of about \$80,000, and the main pipe line would be about 14 miles in length, with a reservoir located on a hill just west of town.

Through inquiry by a GAZETTE reporter, public sentiment seems to be in favor of allowing the old company the preference over an outside firm, providing of course they give as good a proposition as could be secured from the outside. By the old company reorganizing, it would afford an opportunity for a safe investment by local parties who have money laying idle, and beside, would keep the income at home where it would go into immediate circulation, instead of being shipped away from here, as would be the case, it is claimed, should outside capital build the plant.

Should the city decide to advance the \$25,000, it would be necessary to issue bonds for this amount, which it is thought would be taken up by local capitalists.

The new proposition is now in the hands of the water committee of the council, for consideration. It is as follows:

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the city of Corvallis, Oregon:

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We will place in the streets of Corvallis, and maintain during that time a circulating system of main pipes, sufficient to afford complete fire protection for the city during said time.

We will bring a stream of water from Rock creek, at or near the base of Mary's Peak, to connect with such pipe in Corvallis for a gravity system, such stream to flow from hand gate in Rock creek to a reservoir of not less than one half billion gallons, through a durable pipe line not less than eight inches in diameter, and said reservoir to be not to exceed three and one-half miles distant from some point of said distributing pipe system, and at

the proper elevation to furnish necessary pressure, and to be connected with said distributing system by a durable pipe line of sufficient diameter to insure necessary supply of water. Such reservoir and pipe lines to be maintained in good free working condition during said thirty years.

The City to have the option to purchase the entire water plant at the expiration of ten years, at the actual cost of the additions made to the plant hereafter by the company together with five per cent. interest on such cost.

Or, the City to have the option to purchase the plant in twenty years, at an appraised valuation, to be arranged between the City and company or by a disinterested board of appraisers; this option to be open at expiration of any period of five years after said twenty.

The contract to establish a minimum rate for private consumers.

If the Company gets the contract it will pipe the city as soon as it can be done, with large pipes, so the town and college if desired, can have all the water and protection from fire, from the pumps, until the mountain water system is completed. And it will be so arranged as to connect with the mountain water pipe when this is laid, and said mountain water will be furnished at the earliest date possible to bring it in.

The Corvallis Water Company has, at much pains, and considerable expense, and with the best advice and assistance possible to obtain, made careful estimates and plans for the gravity system above outlined and feels that, in making this proposition to the City it has proposed to supply the city with the best water available at as low a price, and on as favorable terms as consistent with reasonable business prudence. The plan outlined will be modern and up-to-date in every particular, and place Corvallis on equality, as to water supply and fire protection with any city in the state. The proposition contemplates the reorganization change of name and enlargement of company by the introduction of new and substantial interests.

THE CORVALLIS WATER CO.  
By G. R. FARRA, Pres.

## Clearing Right-of-Way.

H. C. Diers, chief engineer of the Willamette Valley Electric Railroad company returned to Eugene Wednesday evening from Martin's Rapids, on the McKenzie river, where he started a good sized force of men at the work of clearing the right-of-way for the power canal.

Mr. Diers this morning said that the work of clearing would be pushed rapidly to completion and it would not be long before the work of digging the canal would begin.

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S. Montgomery Thorp, son of General Thorp, of this city, writes from the great ship yards at Newport News, Va., that he has a fine position in the mechanical department and is much pleased with his prospects. There is only one larger ship yard in the world. Young Thorp has been absent a year and during that time he has visited eighteen of the largest cities in the United States. His trip included 5,000 miles of railway travel and cost him upwards of \$200, all of which he earned himself. He has never been idle for want of work at good wages. General Thorp is soon to make his son a visit a review some of his old battlefields in Virginia. May he have a pleasant trip.

## COLLEGE JOTTINGS.

Items of Interest In and Around the O. A. C.

A number of new students registered this term. Many of the old students did not return.

Zophar Thorp, a former OAC student, is now physical director at the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth. He also has charge of the basket ball team and asks for a game with OAC. His many college friends wish him success in his new field.

Floyd Williams left Thursday for Jefferson, to work on his thesis.

Miss Bertha Watrous returned from Olympia, Wash., Tuesday, where she spent her vacation with her parents.

Miss Margaret McCormick returned to school Tuesday, after spending the holidays at her home in Lebanon.

Bert Pilkington has resumed his studies at OAC, after a short visit with Portland friends.

Noah Gregg has rented rooms in town for his son and daughter, who are to attend OAC.

Ebner Mossie, a former student at OAC, is now traveling salesman for an Eastern firm, selling fire proof paints.

George Herbert Root returned from Wasco, to resume his studies at college.

Ward Webber, who attended college last year, has returned this term to complete his course at OAC.

Students marched out of the Chapel, Thursday morning without music. President thought it better to have no music than to have good music and not keep time to it.

## Board of Regents Meet.

The semi-annual meeting of the board of regents of OAC was held at the College Wednesday. It was an harmonious meeting throughout, with all members present except the Governor, the Secretary of State and Mr. Olwell. Mr. Cotton was present for the first time during his term. The following business was transacted:

The Experiment Station committee reported nine institutes held throughout the state since the last meeting, with a total attendance of 3,000 people.

The executive committee reported that much progress and many improvements had been made by the Eastern Oregon experiment farm, and the outlook was flattering.

The Y. M. C. A. asked for assistance for building their proposed hall, which was referred for further consideration.

A request was made by the Students' Association for light and water for their meeting rooms.

The rule of the board prohibiting the college football team from playing with a club team was rescinded, and the matter will now be at the option of the faculty.

Regent Keady resigned as a member of the Executive Committee in favor of Mr. Cotton, who was elected to fill the vacancy.

The matter of assistance to the College Barometer was referred to the finance committee.

It was recommended that an appropriation be secured if possible, to build a girls' new dormitory, as the present one is becoming too crowded. It is intended if a new building is secured, to turn the present dormitory into a society hall for the use of the college societies.

The question of holding a fourth term during the summer months, was carried over until the July meeting.

## F. L. MILLER'S Big Advance Sale of Women's and Children's MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

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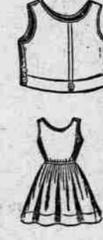
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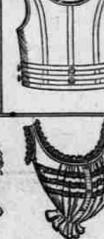


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## F. L. Miller, Corvallis, Oregon

### Coombs-Potts Wedding.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Potts, Friday evening, Dec. 27, when their daughter, Hattie was given in marriage to Arthur Combs, of Ashby, Texas. At 8 o'clock Miss Maud Eaton entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march played by F. A. White, followed by the bride, escorted by her sister, Mrs. Verline, and the groom attended by Mr. Verline, and took their places under a floral arch from which was suspended a silver bell. The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. S. M. Wood. Mistletoe, ferns, and Oregon grape were used in decorating the rooms. Congratulations over, all repaired to the dining room, where a bounteous repast was served. The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Arlie Woods. Mr. and Mrs. Combs received many beautiful and useful presents.

The bride was reared and educated in Oelwein, Iowa, coming to Corvallis two years ago, and taking a special course at OAC, and has many friends here who regret to have her leave. Mr. Combs is a highly respected and prosperous young man of Ashby, Texas, and at present is engaged in rice farming.

The guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Verline, and Miss Maud Eaton, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hills of LaFayette; Rev. and Mrs. Mears, of a Vista. Mr. and Mrs. Combs left for Portland, Friday evening, they will stop in Los Angeles, Calif., and San Antonio, Texas, and will be home to their friends after Feb. 1, at Ashby, Texas.

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