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NEW COMPANY TO BE FORMED

Local Parties Present Water Proposition for Corvallis.
—Intend to Incorporate if Accepted.

An entirely new proposition to bring mountain water to Corvallis was presented last Monday night by entirely new water company. The new firm is composed of Corvallis men and others and wants a franchise for fifty years to supply this city with the best water to be obtained at the foot of Marys Peak.

The council now has two different propositions before it for consideration, the present offer and the Corvallis Water Company's offer, which was presented last week. Both propositions are now in the hands of the water committee. The last offer is as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORVALLIS.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of ourselves and others proposing to incorporate under the name of "Corvallis Mountain Water Company," offer to install a mountain water system to supply the City of Corvallis and its inhabitants with water for fire protection and domestic and other uses upon the following terms and conditions:

First, that the city grant us, or our assigns, a franchise for the period of fifty years to lay a circulating system of main pipes through the streets and alleys of the city of Corvallis and its future extensions, and to sell water to its inhabitants at minimum rates to be agreed upon.

Second, that the city enter into contract with us, or our assigns, for its water supply for the period of twenty years from the date of the installation of our proposed system, which contract shall provide that we or our assigns shall furnish the city through such circulating system, water for adequate fire protection throughout the city, sewer flushing, sprinkling all street squares and street fronting on city property, and for use in city buildings and fire department, in return for which the city is to pay us on the day such service is furnished through such proposed system, the sum of \$19,600.00 in advance, or the sum of \$17,000.00 in advance for fifteen years of said term, or the sum of \$13,300.00 in advance for ten years of said term, and in the event of a partial payment only being made, then for the balance of said contract period at the rate of \$2000 per year payable quarterly. This contract shall also provide that if for any reason the city is unable to make the advanced payment provided for therein at the time specified therefor, then the city shall pay for the services contracted for, at the rate of two thousand dollars per year payable quarterly.

In case this franchise and contract is granted us, we expect, subjected to the conditions hereinafter expressed, to install with all possible speed a first-class, up-to-date system, of sufficient capacity and pressure to supply the present and prospective needs of the city, and as soon as possible to supply the same with a stream of mountain water from Rock Creek at the base of Marys Peak, conducting the same through a durable conduit to a reservoir near the city and thence to the city system. This system will cover practically the entire city as at present bounded and will also include main pipes to the principal sections and more thickly settled portions of the proposed extensions of the city limits. In this respect it is our desire and intention to fully meet the wishes of your honorable body.

This offer is conditional upon the city agreeing to assist us in any proper manner, by lending

us the use of its name, by condemnation proceedings, the donation of any necessary rights or powers or otherwise, but at our expense, in procuring necessary right-of-ways and water rights, or if necessary and requested, to procure the same for us at our expense. In case of delay in acquiring such right-of-ways and water rights we agree to supply said system immediately with water from the Willamette river by means of a pumping station of like sufficient pressure and capacity, until such rights can be secured.

This contract is contingent upon a satisfactory contract being made with the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College to furnish water to that institution.

We further agree that notwithstanding any grants of a franchise to us or any agreement or contract with the city for its water supply, we will at any time within sixty days from the date hereof relinquish all claim and right under such franchise or contract in case the city shall decide to put in its own water system, upon the city's reimbursing us for such reasonable expense as we may have incurred up to that time.

A. J. JOHNSON,
E. R. BRYSON,
GORDON V. SKELTON.

Actor James Keane in Trouble.

James Keane, who a short time ago played such an excellent three-nights engagement in this city, putting on "What Happened to Jones," "Sherlock Holmes" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is soon to fill an engagement in Justice Reid's court in Portland in a different role. Keane will come before the bar of justice as defendant in a suit instituted against him by Herbert Ashton and wife and Tony West and wife, former members of the Keane Dramatic Company, to recover \$180 salary alleged to be due them and fares to San Francisco, which was the place where they signed to play with the actor manager.

There is an old theatrical saying "it is very cold in winter and the walking's good in June." The winter season is now on and while the plaintiffs in this suit may be able to ride on the train to San Francisco at their own expense, they propose to see Keane purchase the railroad tickets. The trouble is all on account of the dismissal by Keane of Messrs Ashton, West and their wives. Keane concluded to reorganize the company and put on only "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Consequently a fortnight before Christmas he gave Ashton and wife and Tony West and his better half the customary two weeks' notice. It is a rule in theatrical circles that the week before Christmas which is called Christmas week, a manager is entitled to lay his company off and pay the members nothing, and if he plays the company only half salaries are paid. The reason of this is that the week is a great one for shopping and light business is expected at the theaters. The same rule applies during holy week.

Keane invoked this rule against his discharged players. They objected claiming that where they had received a final discharge on two weeks' notice they were entitled to full pay for the final week of their engagement whether it was Christmas week or any old week. They also demanded fares to San Francisco where they signed alleging that they are entitled to transportation back to the starting point. Keane declined to pay even in stage money, and the result was that John F. Logan was employed to collect the bill, and has started things going in that direction.

Patronize home industry—Corvallis Steam Laundry.

COLLEGE JOTTINGS.

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

Mr. Shepard gave a short talk in chapel Tuesday morning on the proposed new building for the students. He distributed neat little booklets among the students which contain information about the Y. M. C. A. and the proposed new building.

Rev. Humbert, of the Eugene Divinity School, was a visitor at chapel Wednesday morning and lead devotional exercises.

The football boys had a call meeting Tuesday to consider some things of importance.

The basket ball girls are getting in good form for the game which occurs with Albany in the near future. Myrtie Harrington who has had a sprained wrist and Edna Smith, who has been unable to practice for some time on account of a sprained ankle, were both on the field for practice Wednesday evening.

The Feronians and the Philadelphians are to have a joint meeting of their societies Saturday evening.

Two OAC students were united in marriage last Saturday. They were J. C. Wright and Miss Mae Harris. They have the best wishes of all their student friends.

Ada Finley, an '03 graduate came in from her country home Monday and will spend the rest of the winter in Corvallis. She has just completed a successful term of school in her home district.

Students were glad to see Coach McFadden of the '03 football team in town. He expects to retire from football coaching and devote all of his time to the practice of law.

K. of P. Will Break Record.

Five thousand candidates will be initiated into the mysteries of the Knights of Pythias at one time on Monday night, Feb. 20.

For the occasion the big Jai-Alai building on De Baliviere Avenue, near the World's Fair Grounds, will be converted into an immense lodge room, and the greatest initiation in the history of all secret societies will take place in St. Louis.

Pythians not alone from St. Louis, but from all over Missouri and from distant states will be present to participate in the unparalleled initiation.

It is anticipated that more than 15,000 Knights will participate in the ceremonies. St. Louis with its 34 lodges and more than 5,000 members will be the hosts and among the guests will be 1,000 Knights from Kansas City, who have already signified their intention of attending the Pythian Big Night as the occasion is referred to.

Pythians are awakening unusual interest everywhere and Missouri is determined to out-do all other states. It was first proposed to confer the initiatory degree upon a class of 2,500 but so many responded that it was decided to double the number.

County Court Notes.

In the matter of the donation of county funds for the improvement of county roads, it was ordered by the court that the order made in said matter, July 7, 1902, be rescinded.

In the matter of the application of T C Baker and others, for a county road, it appearing that the board of road viewers having not filed their amended report in said matter, it was ordered that it be continued for the term.

It was ordered that the supervisors be directed to collect the road and poll tax of \$3 in cash for the year 1905.

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F. L. Miller, Corvallis, Oregon

No Peruna in Corvallis.

The first of the week Deputy Dist. Atty. Brown held a caucus at his office at which all Corvallis druggists were present. It was for the purpose of reading and explaining the present local option law, so that there would be no misunderstanding in regard to it, and also to inform the druggists that according to a version of the law, Peruna and certain other patent medicines containing alcohol come under the head of "spirituous liquors," and that it would be his duty to prosecute any case coming to his notice, where Peruna was sold, whether to habitual drunkards or to an invalid who wanted it only for medicine. As Peruna contains less than 20 per cent alcohol and is also one of their best sellers, the local druggists feel that the recent ruling is a little severe, as it will hurt their business to a great extent, and they have a number of customers who purchased Peruna regularly before prohibition went into effect. These customers will now be forced to send away for their medicine. Truly the drinking man of Benton county is "up against it" as the druggists all intend to obey the law if it runs them out of business, too.

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