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## THE WATER PROPOSITION

A Brief Summary of the Provisions of Senator Avery's Bill Empowering Corvallis to Build Waterworks.

That the City of Corvallis will have its own waterworks is now practically assured. All obstacles have been removed save one, and that is the consent of the voters of the city. That the supply of water will come from the mountains is certain, should the plan receive popular sanction at the polls, and the cost of bringing it is not too excessive.

Corvallis now has a modern sewer system, and though some opposition was expressed, the benefits derived have been such as to remove that objection. True in some instances, the construction of sewers has worked hardships, but these have been exceptions, and what is true of sewers is true of nearly all city improvements. With this sewer system, Corvallis needs a thoroughly modern water system, one that will supply wholesome water and afford adequate fire protection. When such a water system is installed, Corvallis will have just cause to feel proud of her municipal improvements.

That our town may have such a system is made possible by Senator Avery's bill authorizing the City to construct waterworks. And the advantages to be derived are so manifest that the probability of the plan not receiving the approval of the people, is too remote to be regarded seriously.

The legislative act limits the amount of indebtedness that may be incurred for this purpose to \$75,000, and should it be found, after survey and estimate has been made, that a plant can not be built with pipe running from Mary's Peak, within the figure named, the question of securing mountain water may have to be abandoned.

The cost of a mountain water system, taking the supply from Rock Creek, near Mary's Peak, has been estimated at all the way from \$40,000 to \$100,000, but those claiming to have investigated the matter, state that they are satisfied the system can be built at about \$65,000.

The act as passed does not confine the city to any particular system, but provides for a construction committee of ten persons, and it is left to them to decide on the kind of plant and the source of water. The committee consists of E. Woodward, M. S. Woodcock, R. H. Huston, Thos. Leese, B. F. Irvine, F. L. Miller, S. L. Kline, P. Avery and W. S. McFadden, and it is understood to be the unanimous opinion of these gentlemen that Corvallis should have a new water system and that the water should come from the mountains.

When the Committee has the plant completed, they then elect a Commission of four resident tax-payers who continue the management of the system. A new member of this commission is elected annually by the Committee and for this purpose the bill provides for the continuance of the commission.

That the city may have funds to carry out the work, provision is made for the issuance of bonds in denominations of from \$100 to \$1,000 that bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5 per cent. The bonds run for 40 years but the city has the right to pay them off in 10 years.

Water rates are to be fixed by the committee and the rate is based on the securing of a necessary fund during the ensuing year to pay for the maintenance of the plant and one year's interest on the bonds. After ten years an additional fund shall be raised equaling three per cent of the par value of the bonds.

Provision is made for holding an election to vote on the bonding question, and no person who is not a resident of the city or

who does not pay taxes on \$1,000 is eligible to a position on the committee or commission.

The bill did not contain an emergency clause and for that reason will not become a law for 90 days after its approval.

The subject of mountain water has been agitated more or less for the past ten years, but it has been deemed impracticable. Two years ago, Portland parties were before the council asking a franchise, but for some reason they abandoned the idea. Engineers have gone over the ground and each time their reports must have proven discouraging, for nothing has been done nor attempted.

The present water company has made the city several propositions, but more or less objection has been found to each, the principal being because municipal aid was asked. But with the plan outlined in the legislative act, though a city indebtedness is incurred, the payment of the same comes off of the consumers of water, and that this rate shall be no more than is absolutely necessary for the purpose in hand, is guaranteed by the terms of the law.

### Valuable When Practical.

State Superintendent of Public Institution T. H. Ackerman was in our city during the week and made a visit to the schools. Wednesday, he visited OAC and made a very pleasing address to the student body in chapel.

Supt. Ackerman in the course of his remarks, laid great stress on things that were practical. He was pleased to note the practicality of the general course of study at the OAC. In order to bring close to the student mind the value of a practical education he recited the experience of a former OAC student who, when he began farming in Southern Oregon noticed that his alfalfa field was spotted and, thanks to his course of study here, he brought into use his knowledge of the chemicals of the soil and was thereby enabled to pursue a course which ultimately insured a good crop.

The gentleman in question is in no wise opposed to a higher, or classical education, but said the time spent in acquiring classical lore is wasted without the student is peculiarly situated in life, and possesses a mind particularly adapted to such a course. Moreover, said student must have use for this class of learning and be capable of using it, or the time spent in acquiring it has been wasted. To make his position plain, Supt. Ackerman recited a story of a young lady who was studying latin, which was "Greek" to her because she had no faculty for acquiring it and little likelihood of ever using it.

While here the superintendent called on the public school and was quite pleased and interested in the work being done.

### County Court.

County court convened in regular session last Wednesday morning for the transaction of such business as legally comes before it. The usual grist of bills were allowed. The session was unusually brief, court adjourning the same day, early in the afternoon. The following special business was attended:

In the matter of the petition of S. F. Frazier et al for a roadway running north from Corvallis across lands of Wm. Cress et al, board of road viewers were ordered to meet in this city March 24 and proceed to make survey and report at April term of court.

After considering various bids for the contract of furnishing wood for use at the court house, the following contracts were awarded: P. Avery, 25 cords old growth body red fir at \$3.60 per cord; A. R. Norwood 25 cords split maple at \$5; Frank Francisco, 25 cords oak grub at \$3.50. All to be delivered at the court house.

## COLLEGE JOTTINGS.

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

The stone seat which was erected on the campus by the class of '03 and which has encountered many vicissitudes, and has seemingly been a special object of vandalism in the past, has once more been repaired.

Miss Reva Buell, of Sheridan, has been an OAC visitor this week.

Much interest is manifest in the coming basket ball game with Dallas, which is to be played in the Armory this Friday evening. Although the OAC team was defeated at Dallas a few weeks ago, the students have much confidence that the home team will win.

Miss Juanita Rosendorf is filling the place of Prof. Helen Holgate, who is absent from school on account of illness.

Prof. Berchtold has been absent from his classes the past few days on account of sickness.

After a year and a half spent visiting friends and relatives in the East, Miss Ellen Chamberlain arrived in Salem last week.

The senior girls are to entertain the boys of their class tomorrow evening in true Colonial style. Special features of the evening will be music by the Senior Orchestra and a minuet. The young ladies are making every effort to have the affair a perfect success.

President Gatch made the announcement in chapel yesterday morning that H. C. Darby had been chosen Valedictorian and Alice Jones, Salutatorian. This only afforded another opportunity to make manifest the high esteem with which these students are regarded. There exists between college societies a rivalry for such honors as these and therefore the Feronians and their brothers, the Philadelphians, are highly pleased on account of the selections. Students to act as Valedictorian and Salutatorian are selected at a special meeting of the faculty for the purpose, and scholarship has much weight in determining the choice.

### Improvements are Promised.

As a result of the meeting between officials of the Southern Pacific and C. & E. companies and our city authorities, last Monday evening, Seventh street will be put in first-class condition so soon as the ground is in condition to work. This street crosses property of both the Southern Pacific and C. & E. companies and each will do their part towards the contemplated improvements.

Just as soon as the weather is settled definitely and the ground is in condition to work, Chief Lane will have a force of men and teams at the task of grading, and the railroad companies will undertake to do the graveling act. The matter of a sewer across the Southern Pacific property is a problem that is incubating in the minds of the officials of this road and it is hard to foretell what they will conclude to do.

While in the city the S. P. officials visited the State Agricultural College and were shown about the premises, where many interesting features attracted their attention. They expressed themselves as both surprised and pleased with what they saw at the college.

### COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

#### Oak Grove Chips.

James Simmons, who has been quite ill, is getting so as to be around again.

Will Morris was doing business in Corvallis Saturday.

Mrs. Ingle and daughter left, Tuesday,

for their home in Baker City, after a brief visit with relatives here.

Mrs. G. W. Goff left Saturday, for Halsey, Linn county, where she goes to visit her daughter, Mrs. Charles Shoel.

P. Karstein sold nine of his dairy cows to a Seattle buyer and delivered the same to the stock yard in Albany, Friday; price \$250.

Born, to the wife of Paul Johnston, a daughter, Friday, Feb. 25, 1905.

A good many of our people made it their business to be in Albany, so as to see the large gathering of the Woodmen of the World, which was well represented from all parts of the district.

T. B. Williamson sold a fine span of 6-year-old Clyde mares for \$350 to Mr. Cooper, of Independence. He bought them to work in his hop yard.

Fred Pernot returned last week from Portland, where he went some time ago for medical treatment.

Saturday evening, March 4th, a basket social will be given at the Grange hall at Fairmount. The proceeds will be used towards furnishing a library for the school.

The Oak Grove Lyceum is generally well attended. Last Saturday night standing room seemed to be at a premium. The question discussed was: "Resolved that there is more happiness in Pursuit than Possession." The judges passed their decision in favor of the negative.

The orchardists have been very busy since the warm weather began spraying their orchards; and it will not be long if the warm weather continues until our beautiful little valley will be a vale of flowers.

Mutton sheep seem to be in demand. The buyers keep scouring the country picking up what they can find, though they only get a few at a place as farmers don't want to sell the ewes at this time of the year. The prices range from \$3 to \$4 per head, according to grade.

#### BEAVER CREEK.

A large crowd attended the Williamson sale, but bidders were scarce.

Mr. Winters is at present engaged in making a new garden fence.

Frank Ecker will start for Oklahoma in a few days.

Miss Maggie Daniels has of late been engaged in doctoring an aching tooth.

Geo. Manning is still suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Ed Davis has been quite sick, owing to an attack of la grippe.

Ora and Noma Ireland are bed-fast, owing to a severe attack of la grippe.

Geo. Winters, Terry Butler and John Daniels were Philomath visitors last week.

Geo. Armstrong is at present visiting his mother and brother.

Grandpa Butler is reported to be about the same.

We have in stock all the standard line of wheels made by the Pope Manufacturing Co., at prices to suit all. D. & A.

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A complete line of Bicycle sundries and Cutlery on hand all the time. D. & A.

### Reduction in Fare.

Commencing Nov. 7, rates between Corvallis and Portland, via C. & E., Albany and S. P. will be reduced to \$2.60, same as West Side rate. Tickets on sale by C. & E. agent and all offices in Portland.

### NOTICE.

The sale of mens' and boys' suits and overcoats is still on at S. L. Kline's. It will pay you to buy them now.

### Women's Kidneys.

Women are more often affected with kidney disorders than men but attribute the symptoms to diseases peculiar to their sex, while in reality the kidneys are deranged. Nervousness, headache puffy or dark circles under the eyes, pain in the back, are signs of kidney trouble that must not be ignored, or a malady will result. Foley's Kidney cure has restored the health of thousands of weak nervous, broken down women. It stops irregularities and strengthens the urinary organs, it purifies the blood and benefits the whole system. Sold by Graham and Wortham.

### For Sale.

Thoroughbred Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels at \$1.00 each. Call on F. R. Barnes at Granger, South of Station or address Corvallis R. F. D. No. 1.

### Strikes Hidden Rock

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