



A WATER LETTER.

The First Citizen to Contribute on the Water Question.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—By the way of correction, let me say that too many false conclusions have been publicly expressed in the papers circulating in Corvallis. It has been said that the water company was obstructing the smooth progress of the water commission, or words to that effect. But I am in a position, having been the attorney for that company, to say this is absolutely wrong.

As a matter of fact, the water company, so far as I know, will welcome any intelligent movement, whether municipal or private, to introduce a gravity system of mountain water in Corvallis, well knowing that its distributing system in the city will make it a matter of economy for any water seller to own the present company's franchise and valuable pipe system.

There has been more or less said about the inadequacy of our pipes, but in a water system grid-ironing the town, there would be very little of our pipe but what would work into the distributing system and serve for many years. And iron pipe costs money, you know. It is very easy for theoretical or impractical persons to make statements which the facts might not justify in this matter, but whenever the town is piped as it ought to be, you will find these same pipes here now, used in the system. I say that without hesitation, for it is a matter of economy, and whoever undertakes the matter is bound to consult economy, especially as all private investors, except the Corvallis water company, have condemned the long and expensive pipe line from the mountains, as impractical, owing to the great cost and the small income.

No one, using his own money, wants to furnish mountain water to Corvallis without profit. My personal judgment, whatever that amounts to, is that the owner of a sixteen-mile pipe line from the mountains to Corvallis, will find it an expensive luxury. A luxury for two reasons, the first of which is that the Willamette water at Corvallis is as pure and healthful as any water. That is proved every year in Corvallis, for the reason that no case of sickness can be traced to Corvallis Willamette water, and never has been and never will be, either. The State Board of health has approved of Willamette water as healthful, at Corvallis. Will the Gazette or any one else venture to say that this city is unhealthy on account of the water furnished by the Corvallis water company, in the face of contrary facts well known to the entire community?

A gravity system has its advantages, and I think every one would like to see such a system here. It might be within the means of this community to obtain a supply through the entire year, at an elevation of 180 feet, of two hundred thousand gallons; and that is more than this town will need for a long time, from springs within five miles of town. There are several springs that high, within that distance, which in dry season will furnish probably that amount of water, and for eight months of the year a great deal more. The water from these springs is artesian, and even more pure than that from Rock Creek, which for a number of miles is subject to contamination of dead animals, decaying trees, foliage, etc., before reaching an intake sixteen or eighteen miles from Corvallis; and you must remember that in a small mountain stream, the intake will catch every particle of contamination. That is to say, one dead carcass in Rock Creek will in due time reach the stomachs of about two thousand people, when Rock, or any other

open small creek supplies our water. This is not the case with a large river, where many dead bodies might putrid without so much as one microbe reaching the water intake.

The smaller supply from several springs, sealed up, and lead to one main pipe line, would insure both purity and gravity. Taking other, older college towns for example, I do not foresee for Corvallis a population beyond the capacity of these springs, for many years.

This letter is written without the knowledge or connivance of the water company, Dr. Farra or anyone else, and is the result of my own personal observations, and expresses my own views as a citizen interested in the welfare of my native town.

I notice a number of open charges and covert insinuations in papers circulating in Corvallis to the effect that private opinions, thus and so, have been expressed, and that the make-up of the water bill is open to criticism and graft this, and graft that might occur, and the mischief be to pay generally.

I do not believe, nor do I think that any other right minded citizen believes, that this water commission bill was conceived or promulgated with any other design than to solve, if possible, a situation which had become acute in some ways, and to enable the city, if its inhabitants so desire, to carry out their own wishes in the matter of obtaining a water supply. The manner of suggesting the names of the commissioners, I can approve (being a presbyterian where our presbyters relieve the laity of much vexatious duty) and small reflection, indeed, is necessary to perceive the chaotic state of affairs if the persons drawing such a bill should call for volunteer commissioners. Then you might get graft in earnest; (not that there are any such known to live in this town). I do not believe there is a citizen in this town who would distinguish himself that way, even in the dark, and certainly there is no such named on the water commission. We must remember, sir, that conversations, however animated, touching the possibility of improper conduct, are not to be taken as imputing such conduct to any one. It would be a happy condition could a law be framed which would exactly suit everyone.

The perpetuity features of the water commission bill, appear to me to be only an excess of caution; a desire to insure conservative business methods and management in this public matter. It might have forwarded the movement to have had some public discussion on that point, but it must be remembered that this bill was drawn within a very limited time; its framers and advisers had no time to call for public expressions; and it is also to be remembered that community foresight has not yet proved to be as good as its back-sight. And with my own personal views on the net results of this mountain water movement, the state of wrapt adoration of the mountain water fetish which seems to have possessed the minds of many excellent and worthy citizens, is a demonstration to my vulgar mind that community foresight in this matter is obscured by other than reasonable considerations.

To assure my readers that this is a purely personal statement, and not in any way to be attributed to the water company, or Dr. Farra, its principal owner, I will say that I have severed all professional relations with both he and the company.

J. H. WILSON.

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THE FAR-AWAY PHILIPPINES.

All will remember Major C. B. Hardin of the 20 Inf., who was commandant at OAC previous to his change to the Philippines less than a year ago. Since going to the Islands he has carried on entertaining correspondence with John Allen, of this city. Mr. Allen recently received a letter from the major, who at present is stationed on the Island of Malahi, in charge of the government prison. Accompanying the letter was a picture of the prisons. These prisons, contrary to what we would expect, are ordinary thatched huts, and are surrounded by barbed wire fences. It is necessary to guard them night and day. The prisoners under charge of Major Hardin are half natives and half white men. Just before writing Mr. Allen the prisoners had an entertainment among themselves, and the major has sent the following prison-inspired verse that was recited on this occasion in far-away Malahi.

PARODY—A PICTURE NO-ARTIST CAN PAINT.

I.
Once there was two Deutscher boys, Louie and Mike,
They wanted to see how the boys in blue "hike,"
So they went to a recruiting office and held up their hands,
And they shipped them away from their own native land,
Out to the Philippines wild Goo-Goos to fight,
And the shovels and picks, "Ach Gott," were a fright!
And the day they first landed they seen such a sight—
'Twas a picture no artist can paint.

II.
You seldom see "Bobtails" act on the stage—
Just now in "Malahi" it seems all the rage;
We've studied for weeks in our "barbed-wire cage,
Learned all this foolishness, page after page;
You see us loose now, in sporty fine cloths,
But when the show's over to the "stockade" we goes,
And the look on our faces as slam the gate goes—
Is a picture no artist can paint.

III.
Picture Jack's rock scow down in the bay,
Picture the crew as they work day by day,
Picture the sentry with a great-big gun,
Ready to shoot you the minute you run,
Picture yourself with a bullet in your head,
Picture yourself on the ground nearly dead,
Now that is a picture to make you feel faint—
That's a picture no artist can paint.

PARODY—DOLLY GREY.

I.
Now we've done about enough for tonight,
For we've done our very best to treat you right;
Now this jingle may not rhyme, for our poet's doing time,
On an Island called "Malahi," far away.

CHORUS.

Goodbye, Dolly, we must leave you;
How would you like to come with us,
To the place where we are stationed,
Every morning lots of "rocks" to bust?
When we get back to "Fisco,"
Five dollars from our "Uncle" we will get,
And we'll go to a saloon,
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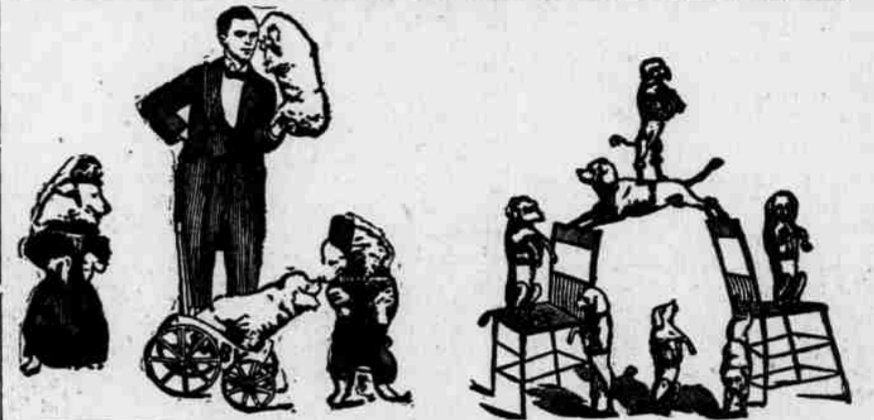
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