

THE WATER QUESTION.

Soon to Come Up for Citizens to Ballot On.

Perhaps at no time in the history of this city has there been so important an issue before the people of Corvallis as at present. For a town of this size to undertake the installation of a \$75,000 water system is no light affair, especially in the face of the fact that we are already in debt more than \$20,000.

As a city we are already in debt something like \$10,000 more than is allowed by our charter. Should the bond issue for a water system carry Corvallis citizens will be pledged to pay a debt of nearly \$100,000. True, there is a long time allowed in which to pay this, but it must be paid just the same. There is no design in this article to place the proposition before the people in a false light.

That the city is in need of water there is no question, nor does any person attempt to deny the truth of this statement. The question for the voter to decide is, all things considered, the wisdom of putting in the present system as proposed in Mr. Miller's estimate. Men who should be authority as good as any in this community declare it is not wise to lay wooden mains within the city. They say that for the main pipe line, where water runs swiftly, it may answer fairly well, but that where it simply lies in wooden pipe there is bound to be an accumulation of a sort of slime that is a menace to health. It is also claimed that where wooden pipe is asphalt coated inside and outside, it soon "dry rots" in the center and will not last. The statement is made that wood pipe not coated with anything will out last a coated pipe, as the fibre becomes thoroughly wet through and there is no danger of dry rot.

Without any desire to reflect upon Mr. Miller in his estimate of the cost or completeness of the system it may be pointed out that a few items of cost are missing. One of these items is the probable cost of right of way. When asked, during the mass meeting of last week, what the right of way was likely to cost, Mr. Miller is quoted as saying he could not tell, but did not think it would cost much. It is reported that he facetiously added that it would cost about a cent a mile. Of course, if he made this statement, he certainly did not expect to be taken seriously.

As a matter of fact, it is but natural to presume that this right of way will cost something. We are informed that some of the farmers along the main pipe line will give the right of way in exchange for water privileges. But there are water rights located near the source of our proposed system and those who control these rights are not likely to give them away. It is but natural that the owners of these rights place a value upon them or else they would not have gone to the trouble necessary for their acquisition. Hence, one cannot figure that we should obtain them for nothing.

True, litigation might win these rights for this city, but this would cost and out of the proposed bond issue of \$75,000 there remains neither surplus for carrying on suits nor to meet any exigencies that may arise. To incur a further debt is not desirable within itself, nor is there authority for so doing.

In the light of past reports printed in the papers of this city regarding the general healthfulness of Corvallis one can scarcely, with truth, declare that our water as it is today and as it has been for years, has suddenly become a menace to public health.

None are found bold enough to declare that the town has not outgrown its present water system; some sections of the city are wholly without protection in case of fire. As a result of insufficient

fire protection it is stated that our insurance rates are very high and had we a better system they would be greatly reduced. It is also claimed that when generally known throughout the country that Corvallis has a gravity water system many people would be encouraged to locate here and thus increase our population within a short time. It is also argued that the general health of residents of the city would be benefited, but this seems a little exaggerated as Corvallis is, and always has been, a healthful place in which to reside.

There is at present evidence of considerable difference of opinion between those for and against the proposition. There are many phases not touched upon in this article; matters that are common talk on the streets, and of vital importance in summing up the situation. There are honest men on each side of the question; men who mean well by the city. The thing for the voter to do is to use his faculties and inform himself before casting his ballot on the 6th of July.

Take Interest.

Elmer Dixon, who is superintendent of the poultry shows in connection with the Lewis and Clark Fair, makes the following statement and at the same time issues an invitation to our poultrymen to enter their birds for competition:

While fall fairs never have been and never will be very popular with poultry fanciers as a show season, yet when it comes to expositions of national importance, they excite the poultrymen to their highest enthusiasm.

And it is at these great expositions where exhibitors hope to win the coveted prizes, not simply for the small amount of cash that might be obtained by winning, but it is a chance of a life-time, an opportunity only present once in a century, and prizes won at Centennial expositions are rated far above any others, as will be seen in looking over the breeders advertising where they lay special stress upon prizes won at Chicago Worlds Fair, the Pan-American, and of more recent date the World's Columbian Exposition at St. Louis. Now no one would contend for one moment that the Lewis and Clark Fair would excel or we might say equal the foregoing named expositions, yet it comes in their class and will have special features in American history, that places it on an equal basis with other great expositions in a historical line, and for grand natural scenery certainly has had no superior, if an equal, by any that have preceded it.

As to its livestock department and especially in the poultry class it makes a strong appeal to breeders of all sections east of the Rocky mountains, more so than any other section could do, for the reason that from the time of hoisting the American flag upon this coast to the present day, it has been a valuable field for the produce of the eastern breeders, and while they may consider it too far from home for them to exhibit their livestock they must remember that it has never been too far from home for the breeders of this coast to send for stock to the extreme east, and also meet them in competition at their great expositions.

They need not be afraid that their honors will be so easily won, that they will be practically valueless, but on the other hand taking into consideration the distance and the class of stock they would meet, in my honest opinion they would be treasured above all others. There can be no mistake in exhibiting at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

We extend a welcome to breeders and fanciers and earnestly request that you and each of you make an entry and join with us in making a memorable event of the poultry display.

RUMOR OF C. & E. EXTENSION.

Is It to Be Finally an Accomplished Fact?

At intervals almost since the conception of the road rumors have been in the air to the effect that the line now known as the Corvallis & Eastern R. R. would do this, that or something else. In the past our hopes have been raised "sky high" on several occasions, only to fall with one of those awful thuds.

A rumor is again on the wings of the wind to the effect that the line is to be extended across the state. Taken together with the fact that Yaquina Bay is just now receiving considerable attention there may be something in this C & E business. The following is from the Telegram:

Preparations are being made to push the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad on to Malheur county. J. K. Weatherford, vice-president and general counsel for the company, spent a portion of the week at Vale, through which town the road is surveyed to pass, and the fact that the legal representative was there straightening up matters pertaining to the work is taken as indicative that operations will soon be begun.

The original route mapped out was over the hills and on through Malheur Canyon to Ontario, dividing Vale. This will give the Corvallis & Eastern a road through the center of the state, starting from Yaquina Bay, or more definitely at Toledo on the upper end of that waterway. The line now extends only from the coast to Corvallis through a fertile section.

All sorts of railroad talk has been started with reference to the future of the company in the event the line to Ontario is completed as now projected, and it is said in some quarters that the company will eventually become a branch of the Gould Western Pacific line, but this is not credited, even though it would provide an excellent outlet for the new transcontinental interests.

Yaquina Gets Attention.

To the people of Benton county as much as to the inhabitants of any other section does the importance of keeping open Yaquina Bay appeal. Situated as we are a line of steamers plying to and from Yaquina would prove of incalculable value to our people. Recognizing the importance of any step taken or any movement leading to the development of this harbor we are pleased to reproduce the following article from the Toledo Reporter:

The opening of Yaquina harbor is one of the questions that will not down. At the meeting of the Willamette Valley Development Convention, held at Independence, June 13th, the Hon. B. F. Jones made the principal address of the occasion, in which he showed the advantages to be derived from the opening of our harbor.

The convention unanimously adopted a report favoring the re-opening of Yaquina harbor. It has seemed passing strange to us that the people of the Willamette valley and of Lincoln county should remain so long passive and indifferent while corporations and rival seaport towns blocked their commerce and bottled up their harbors. Nature has been generous, the general government has been liberal and would continue to be so if we but made practical use of our present opportunities.

Mr. Jones, in answering some of the misrepresentations of unfriendly papers said: "Yaquina Bay is navigable for steamers such as run on the Columbia and Willamette rivers for a distance of 24 miles, and for a distance of 6 miles up from the harbor the channel is deep enough to float any vessel that ever entered the

Portland harbor, and the channel for that distance is several hundred feet wider than the Willamette river at Portland."

In conclusion he said: "Open our rivers, deepen our harbors, build up the merchant marine and we will have a safety valve that will regulate freight rates in all manner of transportation."

Now is the time for the whole people to wake up and give hearty support to these men who are trying to bring more prosperous times to the producers and consumers of Oregon.

Our Chicken Men.

In the last issue of the Northwest Poultry Journal we find the following items:

We were pleased by the receipt of a visit from F. L. Miller, the Buff Orpington man of Corvallis. Mr. Miller informs us that there is something doing at the Miller Thirty Acre Orpington farm. Despite the fact that he lost 250 chickens and three brooders by fire a few nights ago, there are still about two thousand young Buff Orpingtons and Buff Leghorns on the farm, and incubators still hatching. Mr. Miller is furthering his plans for at least 6,000 laying hens, not all this year, but within the next three years. It is a safe proposition to say that he will succeed, as Miller always does that no matter what he undertakes.

In our last issue of the Northwest poultry Journal we gave the egg record of Mr. Bates' hens of Corvallis. In this issue we give the egg record of Mr. Morehouse's hens of Prosper, Oregon. In the article of Mr. Morehouse, he says, "Now be fair and give the food producer a chance." The fault lies with the poultrymen, and not with the papers, that there are no records given. It is almost impossible to get a reliable record and, in most instances, if you go to a man or write to him and ask him how much he has made off of his chickens, he will either say, "Oh, there is nothing in poultry," or, "I have made a big thing," and when you ask him how many eggs he has received, he can only make a guess at the amount sold and the cost of the feed. We are always glad to publish records that we believe are authentic and especially when they go into detail, showing the number of eggs obtained, the number of chickens sold, the price at which they are sold and the cost of the feed. There is something tangible in a report like this.

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The feeling of impending doom in the minds of many victims of Bright's disease and diabetes has been changed to thankfulness by the benefit derived from taking Foley's Kidney Cure. It will cure incipient Bright's disease and diabetes and even in worst cases gives comfort and relief. Slight disorders are cured in a few days. "I had diabetes in the worst form," writes Marion Lee of Dunreath, Ind. "I tried eight physicians without relief. Only three bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure made me a well man." For sale at Graham & Wortham's drug store.

Huge Task.

It was a huge task, to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease, as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Iowa, but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by Allen Woodward, druggist; price 50c."

Cheap Sunday Rates Between Portland and Willamette Valley Points.

Low round trip rates have been placed in effect between Portland and Willamette Valley points, in either direction. Tickets will be sold:

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, and limited to return on or before the following Monday.

RATE TO OR FROM CORVALLIS, \$3.00. Call on Southern Pacific Co's Agents for particulars.

Asthma Sufferers Should Know This.

Foley's Honey and Tar has cured many cases of asthma that were considered hopeless. Mrs. Adolph Buehrig, 701 Third St., Davenport, Iowa, writes: "A severe cold contracted twelve years ago was neglected until it finally grew into asthma. The best medical skill available could not give me more than temporary relief. Foley's Honey and Tar was recommended and one fifty-cent bottle entirely cured me of asthma which had been grating on me for twelve years, and if I had taken it at the start I would have been saved years of suffering." Graham & Wortham keep it for sale.

Correspondents.

All past negotiations for parties to write matter for publication in the Gazette are hereby annulled. Those sending matter to this office for publication are hereby notified that no pay will be given by this office for such matter unless hereafter agreed upon and price stated. The Gazette will gladly consider all matter furnished without charge by the contributor. The name of the party contributing in all cases to be signed to the communication. For all further negotiations on this subject, address CORVALLIS GAZETTE, Corvallis, Or.

Three Physicians Treated Him Without Success.

W. L. Yaney, Paducah, Ky., writes: "I had a severe case of kidney disease and three of the best physicians in Kentucky treated me without success. I then took Foley's Kidney Cure. The first bottle gave immediate relief, and three bottles cured me permanently. I gladly recommend this wonderful remedy." For sale by Graham & Wortham.

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GREAT REMOVAL SALE

In order to reduce our stock and save moving, we will offer a reduction of 5 per cent on all goods bought FOR CASH, commencing June 5th and continuing until removal occurs, or about June 25th. Quite frequently a merchant offers a reduction on a special line of goods, but it is not often that a discount is given on everything you buy as will be the case in this Special Removal Sale.

This does not apply to small purchases of less than \$1.00.

Remember the date, June 5th.

Hollenberg & Gady,

The House-Furnishers.