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THEIR WORK COMPLETE.

Water Committee Finishes Its Labors Last Night.

Last night, after the Gazette press hour, the water committee was to hold what will probably be its last meeting, and a committee of four was to be appointed to look after the business hereafter. None of these men were anxious to receive promotion from the regular to this special committee, since all are busy business men who have for months met regularly once a week, frequently neglecting their private business to further that of the water company which means the city and citizens generally.

The big task is now completed and tapping began Saturday. Applications for water are coming in quite well and yesterday an active committee was placed in the field to make a thorough canvass of the town and solicit further applications. Gangs of workmen are to be started out in all parts of town, so that the tapping may be done as rapidly as possible, although the demand for connections is something not easily handled.

The system just completed is what is known as the gridiron, or circulation system; in other words, the pipes have no "dead ends," but are so arranged that the water flows continually and there is no chance for sediment or impurity as would be the case with "dead end" pipes where stagnation would be possible.

A fact worthy of note is that people visiting the intake since the completion of the system say that no diminution of the water supply is observable, either above or below that point, in spite of the fear that was voiced in certain circles that Rock Creek would go dry or be unable to furnish water in sufficient quantities. This objection is said to be far fetched when it is taken into consideration that the intake now taps but one, and probably the smaller of two branches of Rock Creek, and that at any time the supply can be increased to twice the present quantity by tapping the second branch of the creek, which is easily accessible, the intake being located near the forks of the stream so that each can be called into service.

Already 699 bills have been paid by the Water Committee, which shows the volume of business that has been transacted.

Mr. Miller, in his estimate of the cost of construction of the main line by contract, was so accurate that his estimate on the distribution system was accepted, and on his advice the work was let by day's labor, a fact which saved a goodly sum in the expense of construction, as the actual expenditure by day's labor fell considerably below even Mr. Miller's conservative estimate.

The list of expenditures for construction of the system has been submitted by Floyd Bogue, who has been the assistant engineer, and is as follows:

Amount of warrants issued to June 14, 1906.....	\$61,065 48
Amount due Washington Pipe and Foundry Company.....	8,192 06
Amount due Crane Company.....	424 17
Amount due W. H. Mitchell.....	2,708 80
Payroll of June 21, 1906.....	376 20
Payroll due June 23, 1906.....	125 00
Bills ordered paid, but warrants not drawn by clerk.....	40 16
Bills payable.....	274 42
One man patrolling pipe line for 30 days.....	75 00
Floyd Bogue's salary for June.....	65 00
Engineer's fees due.....	765 50
Total.....	\$74,111 88

Was a Pioneer.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Compton, who died in Corvallis Thursday morning, was held at Roseburg Friday afternoon, and the remains were interred in that city.

Mrs. Compton came to Oregon in 1854, settling in Tygh Valley,

Wasco county. During the Indian trouble of 1855 while her husband was with the volunteers, she remained in her home and defended her belongings from the Indians when others in the neighborhood had fled for safety to other places, leaving their possessions at the mercy of the redskins and sustaining heavy property losses by so doing.

A SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

Recital Friday Night Pleased Large Audience.

Mrs. C. B. Marshall has won an unusually high class of testimonials as a refined and artistic performer upon the piano. She, however, sustained her excellent reputation gained elsewhere, by her recital given at the First Methodist church last Friday night, in her first appearance in this city.

Not only an artist is she, but the piano is made to breathe forth music seldom heard from that instrument. Her range of numbers were suited to the popular ear, as a rule the best judge of music.

Her interpretation of the masters is most comprehensive. One or two numbers allowed a display of skill so dear to the average player.

The march by Hollander and a selected number by request, "Old Black Joe," appeared to meet with especial favor with the delighted audience.

Mrs. C. E. Peterson, always appreciated by a Corvallis audience, was in splendid voice and was beautifully supported by a violin obligato by Miss Marian Chappel.

This surprise of the evening was the singing by Mrs. Harold Strong who appeared in concert in our city for the first time after an absence of several years spent in vocal training at Stanford. Her voice proved to be as pure and clear as a bell, and in her singing of the beautiful Scotch ballad, "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," her notes issued as sweetly as from the throat of a bird.

Both Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Harold Strong responded to enthusiastic calls for encores.

On account of being the accompanist for Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Marshall did not respond to the insistent audience for encores.

The following program was rendered:

Nocturne, Op 37—No 1.....	Chopin	
Mrs. C. E. Marshall.....	"Come, Sweet Morning".....	Elkin
Mrs. Harold Strong.....	March, Op 35—No 1.....	Hollander
Mrs. C. B. Marshall.....	"Bonnie, Sweet Bessie".....	Gilbert
Mrs. Harold Strong.....	(a) "Twas a Lover and His Lass,".....	Nevin
(b) "Good Night".....	Selected	
Piano Solo.....	Mrs. C. B. Marshall.....	"Once in a While".....
Mrs. C. E. Peterson.....	Violin Obligato, Miss Marian Chappel.....	Brilliant.....
Webber Lizz.....	Mrs. C. B. Marshall.....	

They Played Ball.

The Corvallis "Business" Men 8; Kline's pretty boys in the pretty suits, 4. Such was the score in Sunday's base ball game between the Kline crack team and the pick-up nine of old-time fans, the contest taking place on the flat. A large and enthusiastic crowd cheered the victors and jeered the defeated.

What Kline's men missed in playing, however, they made up in uniforms and attractive appearance, and they promise to square accounts next time. The line-up was:

CLINE'S	OLD-TIMERS
Colbert	C
Orner	rb
Kiser	2b
Hollister	3b
Cronise	ss
Bilyen	lf
Keady	cf
Butolph	rf

THE TRIAL ON

George H. Mitchell Will Have Hearing at Seattle.

Yesterday at nine a. m., in Judge Frater's court at Seattle, the trial of George H. Mitchell was begun and intense interest is taken in the outcome by residents of Corvallis and, in fact, throughout Oregon.

O. V. Hurt, Ed. Baldwin and J. K. Berry left Saturday morning for Seattle to remain until the trial is ended and the fate decided of Edmund Creffield's slayer, young Mitchell, for whom, in this section, there is nothing but sympathy.

Mr. Hurt, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Berry were served with subpoenas Thursday, but it was of their own choice that they made the trip, desiring in every way possible to aid the man whose act in defense of his sisters' honor has placed him in such a precarious position under the law.

As everyone hereabout knows, George Mitchell, after following Joshua Creffield, the self-styled "apostle" of holy roller fame, for several weeks, finally ran across him in Seattle on May 7th and deliberately shot him down, stating that the latter had raped Mrs. Burgess Starr and Miss Esther Mitchell, the sisters of the murderer.

In spite of the manner in which the deed was committed, coolly, with premeditation and in defiance of law, there has never been a moment since that everyone familiar with the practices and teachings of the dead Joshua has not affirmed that Mitchell did a good deed, and was perfectly justified in slaying one who could scarcely be called a human being because of his bestial nature.

This sympathy for the young man who valued his sisters' virtue and fair name above all thoughts of personal safety, and who avenged their ruin to the limit, is universal, and there is hope expressed on all sides that he may be cleared, in the trial that is now in progress.

The list of witnesses drawn by the defense is as follows:

O. V. Hurt, John Catlin, Lewis Hartlev, Paobe Vanderkelle, Mrs. Hager, Milt Beer, Chas. Shires, Alpheus Mills, E. R. Bryson, Edwin Baldwin, Geo. VanBrant, John Baldwin, Willis T. Gardner, Dr. F. W. Brooks, Peter View, Wm J. McMillan, Fred Mitchell, Mrs. Burgess Starr, M. P. Burnett, J. K. Berry, Burgess E. Starr, Henry P. Harris, Mary J. Graham, John Manning, J. J. Woods, Henry R. Morris, Mrs. Hager, May Hurt, —Glover.
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The War Ended.

It seems from report that there has been a full grown fight on, over at Albany, between the Independent and Bell telephone companies. W. D. DeVarney, it will be remembered, secured a franchise from the city and had done about \$1,000 worth of work, setting poles and digging holes, when about six weeks ago the work was suddenly suspended by an injunction brought by the Bell people to restrain the Independents from further building. The injunction declared that no franchise had been secured by the latter company.

Not only this, but the Bell people, so the report goes, proceeded to set their own poles immediately in front of those of the rival company and to string their wire, thus hindering the Independents in their labor.

After a month or more of lost time the injunction has been set aside and work is being prosecuted by the DeVarney people with all possible speed. They are now putting in an all cable service, so that there will be no cross wires nor other difficulties common to the ordinary systems, rendering

this one far superior to what it would have been if the usual open wire system had been completed as was intended in the beginning. The cable was necessary in order to avoid trouble with the Bell wires which had been put in the way, and the Bell people thus unintentionally defeated themselves and aided the enemy to a considerable extent.

THE NYE CREEK BOOM

Things That are Doing Over There—Rent Gone Up.

Parties returning from Newport Saturday brought stories of great changes and vast improvements that have been wrought at Nye Creek since last year. And along with the improvements has come a new schedule of rental rates that is an eye-opener to the old-timer who has frequented the resort for many seasons.

Cottages that contain three rooms, one of which is a bedroom about the size of a roomy band box, now command a rental rate of \$25 per month. These cottages formerly sold outright for \$50. Any old thing in the way of a house is worth \$20 per month, and some that are but sparsely furnished are engaged for the next two months at \$40 per month, a rate that seems exorbitant to one who has known Nye Creek in its infancy.

It is stated that about two-thirds of the cottages are now occupied, and every evening the boat brings in a few more pleasure-seekers.

With the usual American eye to the almighty dollar, landowners now have platforms built which are leased to those desiring floors in their tents. A rate of ten cents per day is also charged for space on which to pitch a tent, with no floor provided.

It is said that there are new houses everywhere at Nye Creek, and that they are being built on more substantial plans than has been the custom heretofore. Capitalists have, in fact, built houses especially to meet the demand of summer renters, and these dwellings bring nearly any rent demanded.

Board, it is stated, is \$5 per week at Nye Creek, but over at Newport there has been very little change or growth, and rates are about as usual.

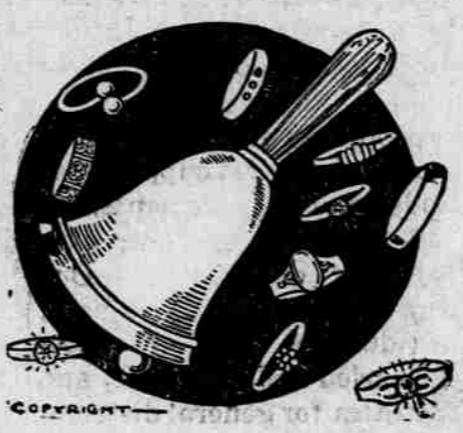
The boom is, of course, credited in large part to the coming coast railroad which has been so widely discussed, and on which the work of surveying is being rushed, according to the parties in from the coast Saturday.

Crow Reservation Opened.

The opening of the Crow Reservation commenced in Billings, Montana, Thursday, June 14th, registration having been commenced on that day. The registration is being conducted by Chief Clerk Lewis of the General Land Office and six assistants. Several thousand persons registered Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Registration will continue until June 28th and probably 20,000 people will go to Billings for that purpose during the last week. After the registration the lands will be disposed of under the drawing system, commencing July 2nd.

Some of the choicest land in the famous Yellowstone Valley is included in this land being given away by the Government. The land can be irrigated from the Yellowstone and Big Horn rivers. Companies have been organized to place water upon the land as soon as it is settled upon, while the Government is building an irrigation canal and has others in contemplation. The railroads have made a special homeseekers rate from all points for this opening and people are going from all parts of the United States.

Miss Margaret Snell slipped and fell, Friday, in some manner injuring her shoulder quite severely.



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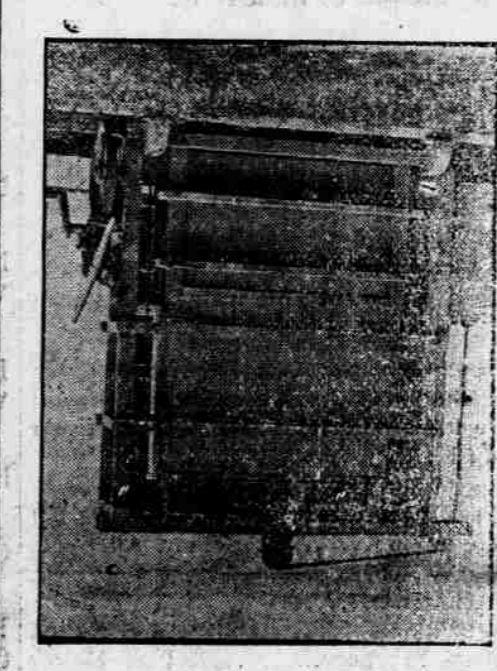
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