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PRAYER IN THE MORNING:—My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.—Psalms 5:3.

AMBASSADOR HARVEY

News of the resignation of George Harvey as ambassador to England signals the fact the work he was sent to England to do has been accomplished. That work was the presenting of America's side of the war debt problem, to the extent that England would pay the principle of the war debt, as well as the interest. It was a delicate job. Harvey's achievement in this respect is too lengthy to recite here, except to repeat the fact England has agreed to pay, and is fulfilling the obligation.

In spite of denunciations from the unintuitive for Harvey because of his wearing silk knee breeches, silk stockings and cavalier pumps, George knew what he was doing. He knew that his ability as American ambassador, his effective as a representative of our government, lay largely in the favorable opinion he would make in the Court of St. James. He got this respect simply by acceding courteously and psychologically to the etiquette and the customs of the British court. It was his duty. Thereby he gained admission personally, as well as officially, to the hearts, minds and consciences of British officialdom so he could present America's argument concisely.

His mission accomplished, and by the way, England is the only European country on record to have paid America one farthing of franc of the World War debt, George Harvey comes home. When he arrives in America he will be a private citizen, probably the same old hard-boiled Republican, with a measure of commendation and reward due him for great diplomatic services rendered. And, if it is within the boundary of the Republican party to show its respect for his work, by giving him an important job in the management of the party campaign in 1924, the party will be doing more than the government can because the post of ambassador to England is the highest post America has at its disposal. In the meantime he should have the country's acknowledgement of having performed successfully the job ascribed to him by President Harding.

JUST SCRATCH, BOB!

It is reported Senator Robert M. LaFollette has lost some of his enthusiasm for the Russian Soviet because of the "cootie" comforts he has had in his sleeping apartments on his "investigation" trip through the Red country. It may be a great help to the United States Senate, that when Bob gets up to orate on the cruelty to dumb animals by the United States in not recognizing the Soviet government, that his memory wander to the cooties, causing him to stop and scratch in reminiscence of his trip. So much for Soviet sanitation.

PROBABLY HUMOROUS

The idea of the warden of the Oregon penitentiary sending convicts, especially murderers to the state fair to act as "stool pigeons" certainly is worthy of a place along side such famous sayings as "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute" if someone can just express it in the proper words. Bok might do well to offer a prize.

WE'LL CRAB

We don't care much for salmon, and when the salmon fishermen went on strike, we didn't even snicker. But, once in a while we do like a crab salad. When the crab fishermen went out in sympathy for the salmon fishermen, we began to see a shortage of crab meat, and by golly we feel like crabbing, and no sympathy in it either.

If you son-in-laws, who are always growling about your mother-in-laws, would just stop to remember you did the picking, not she.

After four years of prohibition we sort of ponder and wonder just what the governor of North Carolina says now to the governor of South Carolina. And it's a fairly good guess they don't greet one another so often as they "used to."

Married life must be something else besides the heavenly weather in Oregon if the statistics, giving the state second place in the divorce column, are correct.

Hunting is engaged in nearly all the year in Cuba, there being plenty of deer, wild boars, crocodiles, ducks and other game.

You don't get all of that Bok peace prize when you win it. It must be something like an indemnity. Youngtown Vindicator.

A GENERAL REPORT ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF INCREASING THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND

By F. H. Walker, City Engineer

In making this report, I shall limit it to those projects that are within our financial reach only. A number of the prospects have been covered by me in various reports made to the city councils in the past 10 years. I shall but briefly refer to them again in this report.

Although having studied the various projects as they came up for a number of years back, I can say that I took up the general investigation again this summer unprejudiced, and with a mind open to approve whatever plan should now appear to be the superior one.

I have covered through close inquiry, or personal investigation, every source of water that might be tributary to our city.

Neil Creek was given special attention, as it has always been looked upon as a good prospect, if we could only possess it in some way. It was thought we might purchase Talent Irrigation District water and swap it for drinking water from Neil Creek.

I have gone into this scheme to my satisfaction, and after thoroughly looking over the creek and its water shed, have been compelled to put it in the discard.

The mid-summer flow, which is the period we are most interested in, I find to be, in a season like the one of 1923, about 1,000,000 gallons per day, at a point higher up the stream, where we would be forced to take out, the minimum flow would be possibly as low as 700,000 gallons per day.

This amount of water is too small to justify the large expense required in piping it some 7 to 8 miles to Ashland Creek.

Much territory in the drainage area is privately owned and would have to be purchased and fenced, in order to protect the water supply. Trouble would doubtless be had in any effort to satisfy the long established water rights on the creek. For all these and other reasons, I can not recommend the plan.

Storage of winter flow water has received a great deal of attention by me, as it is the one source of a abundant supply apparently available to all. In fact this phase of the question has occupied my attention ever since 1912.

Briefly, I have investigated all places suggested by anyone as possible reservoir sites, within reach of either Neil Creek or Ashland Creek. On Neil Creek, there are possibilities of storage at both the upper and lower mill sites, but they are not first class, and their cost would be excessive.

There is no storage site on Clayton or Tolman Creek.

There is no storage on Wrights creek. On Ashland creek, I have personally traversed the entire water shed of both forks. Taken as a whole it is a discouraging proposition to look for a reservoir site on a creek that rises more than 300 feet per mile.

On the East fork of Ashland creek there is only one place where conditions are favorable at all for a dam and a small reservoir.

I reported on this some years ago. A concrete dam costing \$100,000 would store possibly 30,000,000 gallons of water. This location is somewhat more than a mile above our present East fork intake, or small reservoir. It would require a mile or more of new road construction. Nothing but a concrete dam is practicable. On the west fork there are more possible dam and reservoir sites, most all of which I have reported upon in the past years.

The largest one, well up toward the top of the water shed, heretofore referred to as the old Lake bed. This location is so far away, and the expense of road construction and transportation of supplies etc. so great, that I am inclined to put it in the background, as long as there is anything more feasible in view.

This reservoir would hold 100,000,000 gallons and would probably cost more than \$100,000. Certain features make this plan very uncertain as to costs and results, as up-to-date there is no indication as to the depth we would have to go with our concrete cut-off wall, also there is uncertainty as to where enough available material could be found to construct an earth dam at this point.

Other possible sites are to be found below Longs Cabin—these—figured on the basis of a dam of ordinary height 75 ft.—would store not more than 25,000,000 gallons of water. They would of necessity be concrete dams and cost close to \$100,000.

One of them would back water up to the Winburn property, and considerable damage would doubtless be asked. At the present East and West fork intakes, or small reservoirs, new concrete dams could be built to store more water. A 35 ft. dam at each place would store 10,000,000 gallons on the West Fork, and 7,500,000 gallons on the East Fork. Their total cost would be about \$50,000.

Another small storage exists at a point a short distance below where the two forks join. It is at the loca-

tion where the Upper Walker sawmill used to be.

This storage would also be small, 10,000,000 gallons or less, and the cost about \$25,000.

Another site is the one at the Lower Reservoir. This location has been passed up by me for several reasons. The construction of our present reservoir at this point has been criticized so much by our citizens in the past, and its location is at the point where its use would be so limited in comparison to others farther up the creek, that I have felt it a waste of time to attempt to justify its adoption.

At no time has anyone expressed an interest in this location to me, or requested me to report on the same. Should they have done so I would have been pleased to comply with their wishes.

A summation of our reservoir possibilities is about as follows: A number of them can be built with a storage in each of from 25,000,000 to 40,000,000 gallons, one possibly storing 100,000,000 gallons.

None of these will it be safe to figure as costing less than \$100,000. There is, and always will be enough water in the winter time to fill any or all of them, many times over. This of them, many times over. This water cannot be diverted or taken from us. We will always have it with us, 40,000,000 gallons of water at a cost of \$100,000 is very excessive, and unusual for reservoir storage.

However, it is better than none, and should it prove the best we could do, we should doubtless be justified in undertaking it. At our present rate of water consumption, some 3,000,000 gallons per day, with a storage of probably 1,000,000 gals. per day during the dry season, we could only hope and expect that this additional reservoir supply would tide us over, possibly only a portion of our shortage, which, of course, would be better than "no loaf at all."

Of course, should we anticipate a future growth to our city, it would be but a short period before we would be compelled to put up for another reservoir.

That is what we must expect to do, and perhaps be willing to do if we have no other resource. There is a possibility of another source of supply, which if it materializes this fall to a certainty, should receive our sincere and earnest attention. It is one that has materialized largely this summer. It did not enter in my plans until recently. I refer to another larger and vastly better reason for purchasing the right to a certain amount of water each season from the Talent Irrigation District, a perpetual right.

A plan that calls for no more money invested than it would take to construct one reservoir up our canyon and yet furnish us five times the amount of water.

Should the Emmigrant Creek reservoir be constructed, we can doubtless make a contract with them.

I am informed that if it is built, it will be ready to supply water in 1925. This is as soon as we can possibly obtain it from any other source. Should we obtain a supply of water from this source, it would be delivered to us at the city limits, at a point well above all houses.

From this point it would be carried through an open ditch, if practicable, to some point near Crownson Hill where it would be piped across Ashland Canyon to the old Anderson ditch. Here it would be carried in the old ditch as far as practicable, where it would again be carried in pipes to the territory it is to serve. No open ditches would be used where for any reasons, there were objections. No elaborate pipe system would be required or used.

The cheapest and lightest pipe could be used almost throughout as there would be but very light pressure of them. Water would be carried to the vicinity of all acreage to be served, where it would be then taken care of by the individual water users. The cost of such a lay out would not be large. No effort would be made to distribute this water to the lower part of town in pipes. Enough water would be diverted into Ashland Creek at the point of crossing, to supply all prior rights, to supply water for our parking system and to supply such acreage in the lower part of town as desired water, and to which it could be diverted out of the creek.

It could be arranged to supply the Boulevard park row with water. From it such acreage as desired water, both on the east and west sides of the city, could draw.

For every drop of water thus used for any and all of these purposes, we would be able to hold in our city pipe system an equal amount of pure Ashland Creek water for domestic and other purposes. It would mean that the entire flow of Ashland Creek in the dry season would be available for our domestic pipe system.

It would mean that even in our driest season, our city water mains would be completely filled with water, and no one, even on the heights, should suffer for enough to use around the house.

Such acreage as lays above the proposed irrigation line, could then be served out of our domestic supply as at present, but with sufficient pressure to deliver the water as required. This acreage would be

comparatively small, and doubtless could be cared for by years to come, if the bulk of other acreage is cared for as outlined above.

With possibly 2,000,000 gallons additional per day made available to our pipe system, or a total approaching 200,000,000 gallons for the dry season, and a similar amount of irrigation water available within our city limits, it would appear that we should have settled our water problem, not for three or four years, but for many years to come, and at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

By taking up with this plan, we not only put our own acreage irrigation on the most substantial and permanent basis, but we do actually materially aid and encourage and perhaps make it possible for 1600 acres lying just outside our city limits to get irrigation, and every acre as contributory to our prosperity as that within our borders.

At every turn, and in all ways this appears to be the thing to do at this time. Should we pass it up, we can never expect to again have this opportunity offered us, and the death knell would be rung to any possibility of our ever being able to furnish water for our acreage irrigation within our borders for any length of time.

I feel that in so strongly recom-

mending this plan I am supporting the best prospect our acreage owners will ever have for irrigation, not only for a few years in advance but for all time if so desired.

BOBBED TRESSES BLAST DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY

SOUTHEND, Eng., Oct. 5.—Bobbed hair ended Reginald Naude's happy married life.

Reginald, who claims to be an international opera singer, was haled into court on a non-support charge. He told the court that his wife was "an empty vague waster," had told him 400 lies, painted her face and bobbed her hair, while he preferred long-haired women.

Mrs. Naude said her husband refused to live with her because she had bobbed her hair.

The judge ordered Reginald to contribute \$3.50 weekly to his wife's support.

It used to be that whiskey would improve with age, but a thousand years wouldn't help a lot of the stuff that is being sold today.—LaGrande Observer.

Governor Walton, we take it, is surprised at his own moderation. He might be expected to take the K out of Oklahoma.—Astorian.

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By U. K. ALLISON

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