

# The Herald

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A city like an individual, must have an income in order to live in comfort or anywhere near it. There are many ways that a city may have of securing an income and one of the best is from municipal ownership of public utilities. The most common of these are the water and light systems. In Monmouth we have a very fair light system, but the water system is totally inadequate to the needs of a modern city. The pressure is such that an attempt of two parties on the same main trying to get water at the same time results in both using language more forcible than elegant, so that any attempt to use water under such pressure for fire protection is entirely out of the question. It has been asserted that with municipal ownership of our lighting system, that we could have lights for 32 cents per month for 16 candle power lights and at the same time the income from them would be sufficient to pay all running expenses and interest on the bonds, besides creating a sinking fund sufficient to pay the bonds in from ten to twenty years. If this is the case we can safely estimate that we can have the same light we now pay one dollar for, for half that sum and have the town well lighted with arc lights. This being the case then it would be well to take the matter of a water system into consideration. It could be run in connection with a light system much cheaper than it could by itself. The expenses of installing a combination system would be considerably less than that of the two systems separately and one man could attend to both. Would it not be well while we are talking up the water question to investigate this matter thoroughly? By putting in a steam plant we would have the question of fuel to consider, but as long as the timber in the hills along the Luckiamute lasts, fuel will be cheap. Another phase of the question is this; if we had municipal ownership of our water and light, the people of this city would be paying rent to themselves instead of to private individuals. True we would have to bond the city for the amount necessary to erect and equip the plant, but that accomplished the rent of lights and water would pay all expenses and should leave a small margin for the sinking fund, at the same time furnishing us light at a less rate than we are now getting. Again as soon as the rentals had paid off the bonds, say in ten years, then the rate could be lowered materially. Water could then be furnished for about 25 cents a month including water for sprinkling. Isn't it worth while

to investigate this matter?

### Cigarettes and Education

The Eugene high school board, according to a statement made in the Register, is trying to stop cigarette smoking in that institution. The wonder is that such an effort should be necessary. Probably one high school is no worse than another in this respect, but if cigarette smoking is prevalent in our public schools or is generally indulged in by pupils, then it is time to inquire if education is not largely a failure.

Not only is it unlawful for any youth to smoke cigarettes in this state, but if there is a tendency of youth to indulge in this vice it should be one of the first objects and features of education, both in the home and in all schools, to stop it and to instruct boys and young men in its evils.

There is little use of sending boys to Sunday school or in teaching them arithmetic, grammar and all the other multitudes of branches that the high schools aim to teach, if in the meantime they make a practice of smoking cigarettes. They should be taught that it is not only physically and morally injurious, but that it is not smart or manly.

No business man will have a habitual young cigarette smoker around him; good and helpful girls will not associate with him; and the habit spells probable failure along every station of life. Better get no book education than cultivate the ineradicable cigarette habit.—Portland Journal.

### Startling.

A gentleman opened a letter addressed to his son containing suggestions from a friend to the latter for a novel which he (the son) was privately writing. The father was exceedingly surprised and frightened upon reading the following dreadful words:

Dear Bob—You really must show more caution in constructing your plots, or the governor will be sure to discover the dead body of Geraldine in the cellar, and then your secret will be out. You consulted me about the strychnine. I certainly think you are giving it him in rather large doses. Let Emily put her mother in a madhouse. It will answer your purpose well to have the old girl out of the way. I think your forgery is for too small a sum. Make it three thousand. Leave the rest of your particularly nice family circle to me. I will finish them off and send you back the "fatal dagger" afterward by post. Yours,  
JACK.

—London Express.

### Burning Heretics.

The following items, copied from the municipal records of Canterbury by an English magazine, show that the burning of heretics in 1535, the time of the genial King Henry VIII., was an inexpensive amusement:

To bringing a heretic from London	14s. 8d.
For wood to burn him	2s. 0d.
For gunpowder	1d.
A stake and staple	8d.
Total	17s. 6d.

### Inspiring Hope.

The Doctor—Bear up. I must tell you the worst—you can't possibly recover. The Client—That's a pity, for if I'd lived a bit longer I should have come into a fortune. As it is, I haven't a penny to pay you with, doctor. The Doctor—Well, now, don't give up hope. We'll try to mend you. We'll try.—Illustrated Bits.

### As to Stage Fright.

"Stage fright" is surely among the most mysterious of sudden seizures. It begins when the actor or speaker thinks "they are not interested in me." It ends when he determines "I will interest them."—London Chronicle.

### The Modern Child.

Little Girl of Four (standing entranced before the window of a toyshop)—Oh, mother, if you was my little girl, wouldn't I take you in and buy you some of these lovely things!—London Tatler.

### Her Preference.

"I want to make a gift to Miss Passy," said Dumley. "I wonder what sort of animal she'd prefer for a pet?" "A man," promptly suggested Miss Knox.—Philadelphia Press.

The only real thing is to study how to rid life of lamentation and complaint.—Epictetus.

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