

The Herald

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Much has been said pro and con on the subject of the cost to the city of the chemical engine. There are a few who are honest in their belief that it is a useless expense. To those we ask a careful consideration of the facts in the case. On short notice we have been unable to get the exact figures regarding the assessment of the city, but it is approximately \$200,000 and for the purpose of this article we will presume that it is so in fact. If it were not held back by some who ought and do, know better, the assessed valuation would run considerably more than \$200,000. For the purpose of this explanation we will take only one example. The price to the city for the chemical engine is \$750 to be paid in three annual payments. After it was bought the representatives of the fire underwriters who fix the insurance rates, came here and looking over the situation reduced the rate materially. Taking the rate under the old rule for the livery stable we find that on a \$1000 policy a premium of \$52.50 was paid. Under the new rating \$45 is paid, making a reduction of \$7.50. This is just one per cent of the cost of the engine. Mr. Graham's total assessment on his barn, dwelling and personal property does not reach \$2000 or one per cent of the total assessment of the city, but for the sake of comparison we will say that it does. This then would make Mr. Graham's share of the total cost of the chemical engine \$7.50, which amount he has saved in one year on the insurance on his barn alone and he carries insurance on his hay and other property and on his dwelling, so that he is saving considerably more in one year on his insurance than he will have to pay in three years on the engine. This is not the only case in town as the reduction has been made along all lines of business and on some the reduction is even greater. If any one has nothing that is worth insuring it is not the fault of the city council and it is not likely that such will have to pay heavy taxes, therefore their kicking should be taken for what it is worth. Usually those that have the least to pay for public improvements are the ones that do the most to retard the growth of a city or community. The Oregon snail is a very conservative personage and very slow and dignified in his movements, but we can find his prototype more or less numerous in most of the small towns in western Oregon and the more numerous they are the more run down at the heel the town looks. Nature and necessity are doing much to relieve the situation, but they

are slow, yet in the end they will conquer. We must of necessity expect opposition to anything new in the line of improvements until people get familiar with details. It has always been thus and perhaps always will be until some method of universal education is adopted.

Brother Hayter has a double headed squib in Tuesdays Observer telling that "Fogle is sore" and quotes from a recent editorial in the Herald. In commenting on it he says that "Notwithstanding the fact that the Herald recently printed a bitter and unfair criticism of the Observer's attitude toward the local option question and the further fact that the foregoing paragraph would give us a beautiful chance to retaliate, but we shall refrain, etc." Now brother don't let a little thing like that hold you back, but get right in, only don't whine about it. If you consider our article unfair you should be able to produce argument to prove it. The trouble with you brother Hayter is that you want to carry water on both shoulders and if not careful you will spill the most of it down your back. This paper doesn't whine about anything, but states its position plainly and it don't care two whoops in the hereafter who don't like it. Further along he has another little dirty sling at the editor of this paper when he says in throwing a boquet at himself "We suppose that as long as we get letters like this from our subscribers, we really ought not to pay any attention to the whining criticisms of a jealous would-be competitor." Try the shoe on the other foot and see where it pinches. We know that if there is any jealousy that it is in the Observer office for a comparison of the subscription list of that paper for the Monmouth and vicinity district before the Herald was started and now will reveal a considerable shrinkage.

Healthful Tombstone.

Nobody ever dies in Tombstone unless they brought it "with'm," or fall into a 600 foot vertical shaft, or buy an automobile, or "sass" their mother-in-law, or try to thaw out powder, or mistake cyanide of potassium for sugar, or start off a county seat removal racket. Some die of old age, some old partners of Daniel Boone, but none has ever been known to die from physical irregularities contracted in Tombstone aside from the above mentioned causes and occasionally an abnormal tightness about the throat, superinduced by a coil of manila rope, or from a cold caught through a hole made by a 45.—Tombstone Epitaph.

To Philip Sober.

When a woman who asked Philip of Macedon to do her justice was snubbed by the petulant monarch she exclaimed, "Philip, I shall appeal against this judgment."

"Appeal!" thundered the enraged king. "And to whom will you appeal?"

"To Philip sober," was her reply.

The Waning Honeymoon.

"I forgot something," said the husband.

"Yes," pouted the wife, "you forgot to kiss me."

"That may be, but what I came back for was my overshoes."—Kansas City Journal.

Apples and Pears Wanted.

The Monmouth Cannery wants pears and apples for canning. In apples the Gravenstein or Waxen preferred, but any good cooking apple will do. Call at Cannery or write for particulars and prices
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