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Monmouth, Oregon.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 1911.

**TO CHANGE CITY CHARTER**

Last week we made mention of a suggestion to amend the city charter and promised to publish the amendment as suggested by the council, which is as follows:

An act by the City Council of the City of Monmouth to amend Section twenty seven (27) of said charter subject to its adoption by the people as by law provided.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Monmouth that Section twenty seven (27) of the said charter be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows; to-wit:

Said corporation shall not create any bonded debt except as follows, to-wit:

The common Council of the City of Monmouth, Oregon, may borrow on the faith of said City a sum of money not to exceed twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary for the purpose of supplying said city with water, and to that end shall have power to acquire by purchase or otherwise and own and possess and dispose of such real or personal property within and without the limit of said city as may be deemed necessary and expedient, and to borrow said money said City may issue and dispose of bonds on the City of the denominations of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) each as purchaser may desire, with interest coupons attached thereto not to exceed said sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) which said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor of said City and countersigned by the Recorder thereof, whereby the City shall be held and considered in substance and effect to undertake and promise in consideration of the premises to pay the bearer of said bonds at the expiration of such time as the Mayor shall prescribe, not to exceed twenty (20) years, the sum named therein in gold coin of the United States, together with interest thereon in like gold coin at the rate of not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum, payable half yearly as provided in said coupons. Provided that before any indebtedness shall be incurred under this act the proposition for incurring such indebtedness shall be submitted to a vote of the legally qualified voters of said City and said proposition shall receive a majority of said legal voters before such indebtedness shall be incurred, and in no case shall any such indebtedness be incurred by said City without said vote which shall be taken at a special election meeting which shall be called by the common Council of said City upon presentation to them of the petition therefor signed by at least fifty (50) of the lawful voters of said City, and notice thereof shall be advertised in a news-paper in said City or in posting notices thereof in three (3) public places therein for ten (10) days preceding said election, provided that said question of issuing bonds shall not be submitted to a vote more than once in any calendar year. The common Council before selling any bonds under this act shall advertise the sale of the same for thirty (30) days before the date of said sale inviting bids therefor and said bonds shall be sold to the highest bidder.

In reaching out to secure the State Normal School Monmouth citizens did well, because they had not only the purpose in view to better their own town, increase its population and enhance the value of property, but they also had the higher and more commendable object in mind that the educational facilities of the state should be raised to a degree that better service would obtain throughout the state, and that the present and future generations might be blessed because of the advantages

to higher intellectual attainments.

Such purposes are legitimate and worthy of a progressive people, and having been successful in our pursuit of the object of our desires, are we now equal to the requirements that have come to us because of our success?

Monmouth must have an ample supply of pure water, a supply not only necessary for domestic use but also for protection from fire and sufficient for sewerage purposes, this becomes a necessity because of protection to health and from fire, and in order to secure it there are but two ways. One is to obligate the town and secure the means to bring water from some source or other, and the other course is to give a franchise to some individual or corporation and let them supply the city.

In the former case the town will have secured its supply at cost, while in the latter instance the water-octopus will always have its tentacles holding on to the interests and business of all the citizens of the place drawing its interest regularly and placing to its bank account that which the citizens otherwise would retain.

Now if the city secures its own water supply then consumers will receive their supply at cost, taking into consideration cost of construction, operation and maintenance of the plant, and when the bonds are paid there will be no perpetual interest drawing leech demanding its toll from the city.

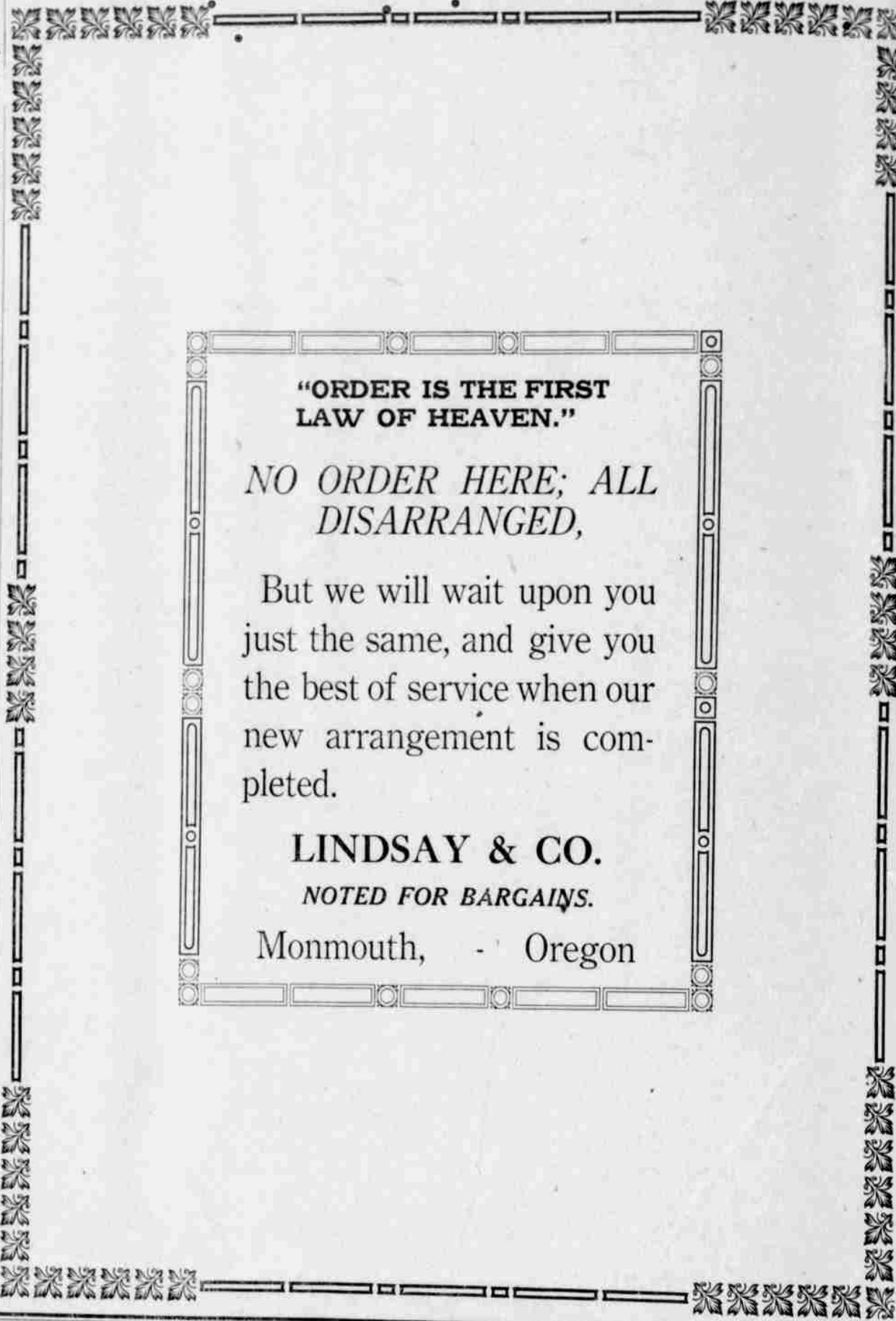
But one asks who will pay the bonds or indebtedness? Will it not come out of the property? Won't we be taxed for it the same as we pay our school taxes?

No. Those who use water will put up for all the expense both of operation and construction, also interest upon the bonds until they are paid.

Are the citizens of Monmouth equal to the occasion. We believe they are. Eugene and Corvallis have made good and are reaping the benefits. Let us do likewise.

A good reason is found in the Danville, Illinois, bribery case why so many officials, when elected to congress, or any other responsible office, through the franchise of those whom they represent, so often go against the interests of those who have honored them with positions of trust. The Danville voters sold out to the politicians who paid a price for their votes. The same thing was done in Ohio and has been done at other places, and as a matter of the transaction those who bought up the votes owned the voters just the same as if they had purchased any other kind of cattle, and as the disposer in such case was no more righteous than the briber he had no one to kick but himself and the briber had to sell himself to get his money back. It is about equally certain that those who will bribe others will take a bribe themselves when the proper opportunity presents itself. They are in the business for profit.

Feb. 2nd, the day the ground hog is supposed to come out was



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bright, clear and rather cold but from the frigid condition of the temperature which has prevailed for the past week we think Brer Groundhog used good judgment in retiring again.

R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the State Asylum, has spoken in his own defence and it has the ring of candor and truth and we are inclined to think that Jay Bowerman has suffered rather than, profited by his attack.

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

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**Church Directory.**

**EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
L. C. HOOVER, Pastor  
Morning service at 11:00 o'clock  
Evening service at 7:00 o'clock  
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.  
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**  
W. A. WOOD, Pastor.  
Morning Service at 11. a. m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
W. W. DAVIS, Pastor.  
Preaching Service, 11:30 a. m.  
" " 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
B. Y. P. Union, at 6:30

**W. C. T. U.**  
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