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## CORPORATION MISREPRESENTATION

The means by which the private corporations which control public utilities maintain their hold are based largely on deception and fraud practiced upon the public through subversive publications, sometimes dignified by the name of newspapers. This fact is established at the present time by a letter published in the Pendleton Tribune over the signature of A. Welch, manager of the Willamette Valley Company. It seems that the Eastern Oregon city has a municipal ownership fight on hand, and that the East Oregonian, one of the ablest and most independent daily newspapers in Oregon, which is fighting for the right of the people to furnish themselves light and power, as well as water, having had successful municipal ownership of the water plant there for years, cited the contest in Eugene. Just as is the case in this city, the Willamette Valley Co., or rather the same corporation under a different name, is fighting the installation of a municipal light and power plant in Pendleton, and have apparently subsidized the morning paper, which is also similar to the Eugene situation. In reply to an editorial in the East Oregonian Mr. Welch wrote a letter which the Morning Tribune publishes and we reprint in full, as follows, addressed to the manager of their Pendleton plant:

"Portland, March 24.—Mr. F. W. Vincent, Pendleton, Or.—Dear Sir:—I have yours of the 23d and fully agree with you in the matter of editors. Now, the fact in the Eugene matter is this: That we sold the city of Eugene our water plant last July for \$140,000. The Willamette Valley Company has no interest in the plant at the present time. At the time the city took over the water plant we entered into a contract to do the pumping for 1 1/4 cents per K. W. The fact is that the city has had to raise the water rates over our old rates to make the water works pay the bond interest and the pumping bills since they took it over. Now, then, they have raised the cry that if they had their own power plant to do the pumping with that they could save money. In other words our pumping bills are from \$250 to \$700 a month, and they are going to put in a plant out on the McKenzie river for \$130,000 according to their estimate. A correct estimate would be nearly \$300,000, and run it into Eugene to do the pumping with. Now you can easily figure it out for yourself whether the city can save any money running their plant at these figures, even if the plant could be put in for \$137,000—their estimate of it. The idea is to spend the \$130,000 that is now in the treasury of the water fund. The fact is they had an authorized issue of \$300,000. After purchasing our plant, fixing the defects, and after they had made several extensions, they have this nearly eaten up, all but \$130,000.

"I suppose you know that many of the municipal water plants in the Northwest are now for sale. For instance, Hillsboro, which purchased its own gas and light plant four years ago and have in it now \$48,000, will sell for \$20,000 of anybody's money, and if you have not got the money they will trust you for the biggest part of it. Now, these are facts. You can print them and they will be backed up.

"Yours as ever,  
"A. WELCH,  
"Manager Willamette Valley Co."

In this letter, written to be published for the benefit of the corporation in Pendleton, Mr. Welch absolutely misrepresents the facts in order to deceive the people of that city. That seems to be a favorite method of corporation campaigning—telling the people of one community how complete a failure municipal ownership has proven to be in another community and making their statements absolutely without regard to the real facts in the case.

Mr. Welch, for instance, tells Pendleton people that Eugene has had to raise water rates in order to pay running expenses and interest on bonds. This is absolutely false, since every one here knows water rates have not been raised, and that the plant is already paying a good profit in spite of the exorbitant charges of the Willamette Valley Company for operating the pumps.

Mr. Welch says his company's bills for power range from \$250 to \$700 a month, when the records of the city, which contain their own bills, will show that they have exceeded \$700 and never have gone down anywhere near the minimum amount of \$250 named. The bills rendered by his company are as follows: November, \$467; December, \$531.20; January, \$543.20; February, \$783.30. This is apparently a deliberate misstatement.

Next he asserts that Eugene's proposed power plant will cost \$300,000, when he knows that all contracts for work have been let, and machinery contracted for, and that the entire cost will be less than one-half the sum he names for the "information" of the Pendleton people.

Mr. Welch further states that municipal ownership is a failure, and cites as an instance Hillsboro, Oregon—probably because he assumes that few persons are likely to know anything about conditions there. We confess we do not, but will take steps to find out at once. We do know that in every Oregon town that we have ever communicated with on the subject municipal ownership has proven a success, and on our desk this morning is a copy of the McMinnville Telephone-Register, con-

taining a report of the mayor on the condition of the city's water and light plant in which he says:

"The water and light commission has earned a net profit on the water and light plant for the benefit of the city of about \$1000 per month during the present year."

Hillsboro and McMinnville are towns in the same class, situated in neighboring counties.

This letter of Al Welch's simply shows to what extremes a corporation will go in order to deceive the people in the manufacture of public sentiment whenever they can find newspapers which can be brought under their control.

Here in Eugene we know all about this campaign of deception and misrepresentation—and in time the people of Pendleton will be more thoroughly informed on this particular point.

Railway development the Willamette valley must have. In no other way will it be possible to care for the thousands of home seekers who are crowding into Western Oregon. Small farms are dependent for profit largely upon good transportation and market facilities, and these we sadly lack. The Harriman system, the Oregon Electric and Welch roads all seem to be playing the old game of delay, refusing to recognize the right of this section to its share of railroad construction, and merely doing enough work and making such promises for the future as will hold the field against possible invasion from other companies. This deadlock must be broken or there will be an inevitable stagnation in the progress of the country. Eugene faces this condition and all Lane county is concerned in it. We must have more electric or steam railroads, and that is why the Siuslaw project has been undertaken by a company of local business men. We of Lane county are able to build this road if we set about to do it, and it will mean much for development of our industries and the profitable occupation of the thousands of newcomers who are crowding into the country; it will make a large city of Eugene. Better than anything else, it will break the railroad deadlock and force other roads into action in order to hold the business of this territory. Is not this enterprise worthy of the consideration and cooperation of the Commercial Club, as well as every progressive citizen?

The morning paper tells about the wonderful progress Eugene has made in the past two years, and therein it departs from a fixed rule of action and tells the literal truth. And during these two years the affairs of the city have been administered by Mayor Matlock and the councilmen who are in accord with him, their judgment and careful attention to public affairs contributing greatly to the growth and prosperity that has come to Eugene. Give us two years more of government in the interest of the plain people and we will have a city of 20,000 people here. If we turn the government over completely to the Willamette Valley Company—but there is no use talking about it. The people of Eugene are too wise to be fooled again.

## WORK ON NEW HOTEL WILL SOON BEGIN

Work on the new Oshorn hotel will begin within a few weeks and it will be rushed to completion. The building will be five stories high, constructed of brick with pressed brick facing and will cost approximately \$100,000, with furnishings to cost \$25,000 in addition. There will be 125 rooms in the building in addition to the office, dining room, kitchen grill and other apartments.

A meeting of the stockholders in the enterprise was held last night and directors elected as follows: W. J. Warnock, M. Svarverud, W. F. Osburn, W. E. Brown, Geo. T. Hall, Sr. F. W. Osburn was chosen as treasurer and C. P. Barnard as permanent secretary. John Hunsicker was chosen as architect.

The work of moving the two residences off the lot to be occupied by the hotel at the corner of East Eighth and Pearl streets will begin immediately after the first of April and soon after that excavation for the hotel building will begin.

## DAN J. MOORE LIVED IN EUGENE AS A BOY

The following concerning Dan J. Moore, the well-known Portland hotel man, is from H. R. Kincaid's Oregon State Journal of this city:

Mrs. Dan J. Moore, wife of the well-known hotel man of Portland, died a few days ago at Good Samaritan hospital. Mrs. Moore had been seriously ill for many weeks, and had gradually been losing strength after an operation performed in the hope of saving her life.

Dan Moore, manager of the Danmoore hotel in front of the big Helling theater and other hotels, is an example of what energy and good judgment can do. Twenty-five or thirty years ago his mother and Dan and Joe, boys in their early teens, and their sister, Nina, a few years older, lived in Eugene in a house where Manville now resides on the corner of Olive and 11th streets, along with Mrs. Moore's married daughter, Mrs. Heath. Mrs. Heath ejected her mother and the children, and they were furnished shelter for a time in a shanty at the south end of Olive street, where the Curries now live.

The boys did chores or worked out for a few dollars a month, or whatever they could get, and the girl did housework for Mrs. J. H. McClung and others, and with a little assistance from the neighbors the family managed to exist until they moved to Portland, where Dan has become a very useful citizen, prominent and influential in politics, business and society. We write this not to disparage him or his family but as a compliment to him. We consider his rise from such a hard and unfavorable beginning, greatly to his credit, as the real pituitary, flatboat and extreme poverty in early life

## THIS YEAR'S PAVING WORK HAS BEGUN

The work of excavating for the bitulithic pavement on Pearl street was begun this afternoon by the Warren Construction Co.'s crew. The city's steam roller is being used to draw the plow through the hard surface of the gravel street. The work was begun on East Sixth and East Seventh streets, there being five blocks on Pearl street to pave this year.

Besides this street, a block on Olive street between West Tenth and West Eleventh and one or two other short stretches are to be paved this year, and by the time these are completed it is probable that orders will have been made by the city council to pave other streets.

The mixing plant, which was moved early this spring from a point on Lincoln street abutting on the railroad grounds to a point on the city's land back of the butte, is ready for the "dope." The matter of a new location for the rock crusher has not yet been settled and as yet no steps have been taken to move it from its present location at the west end of the Butte.

The work in Eugene this year will be in charge of W. M. Church, J. H. Shewry, who was superintendent here a part of last year, is now general superintendent of all the plants south of Portland. Besides the one in Eugene there is one being operated at Salem, one at Medford and others will be located at Albany and Roseburg, these cities having ordered several blocks of streets paved this summer.

## STORY OF ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT DENIED

Punta del Gorda, Island of San Miguel, the Azores, March 30.—While the steamer Hamburg was at Horta a sensational rumor to the effect that a steamer passenger had attempted to assault ex-President Roosevelt was circulated. The Associated Press correspondent, however, is able to state positively that no such incident occurred.

The party were given an enthusiastic reception here. The next stop will be at Gibraltar.

was considered by Lincoln and his admirers as a great credit to him when he became president and the greatest man in the greatest country in the world.

The Allen Fruit Co. is today loading a car of dried prunes for shipment to Chicago. Mr. Allen is now in the East, looking after the market for the product of the cannery and evaporator.

## UNWRITTEN LAW WINS VICTORY IN DENVER CASE

Denver, March 30.—The jury in the case of John Cradlebaugh, of Wallace, Idaho, on trial for the murder of Frederick W. Walton, who wrecked his home, brought in a verdict of not guilty today.

Both the unwritten law and self-defense were urged in Cradlebaugh's defense. Mrs. Cradlebaugh herself went on the stand and told of her relations with Walton in the effort to save her husband from the gallows.

## MORE DETAILS OF PRISON BREAK

Carefully Laid Plan of Convicts Frustrated by Officials

Salem Or., March 30.—The four convicts who made an unsuccessful attempt to break out of the penitentiary yesterday were John Branton, convicted in Lane county for assault with intent to kill, and regarded as one of the most dangerous convicts in the penitentiary; J. P. Colyar, also from Lane county, serving a two-year term for robbery; C. H. Spaulding from Clatsop county, serving a term of two and one half years for larceny from a dwelling and L. P. Letheridge, from Umatilla county, serving a term of three years for uttering forged evidence of a debt.

## Worked in Prison Kitchen.

The four convicts worked in the prison kitchen at the penitentiary. Branton was a butcher, Colyar a baker and Spaulding and Letheridge were cooks. They were taken from their cells every morning at five o'clock and worked at their several duties in preparing the morning meal for the convicts.

While working in the kitchen in the early hours of the morning the bars were cut with the butcher knife. It was planned to make the escape from the butcher shop, located in the basement of the north wing of the prison. It was owing to the fact that the tampered bar was detected by J. P. Keeton, a guard, that the attempt to cut out was not successful.

Last Wednesday evening the bar, partly severed, was discovered by Keeton in making his rounds of inspection. He reported the matter at once to Warden Curtis and Superintendent James. Having no other means of discovering the guilty prisoners the prison officials decided not to repair the severed bar but to take extra precautions against the break. When the break occurred this morning the prison officers were prepared.

Prison Authorities Prepared. Guards were stationed at the gate where the convicts were compelled to emerge from inside the walls, other guards were behind the walls and in the upper windows of the prison. Almost immediately upon going to their stations this morning, the attempt to escape was made. The bar, which had been wholly severed since Wednesday, a small part at a time, was pushed aside and the convicts crawled forth one at a time, all the time being watched closely by the guards.

There is a slight trench outside the barred windows of the basement. In this trench the convicts quietly concealed themselves as they emerged from the window. When all had come forth they jumped out of the trench simultaneously and made for the open gate in the wall, which had just been loosed by the guards taking the trustees out to work.

They had hardly made the move until the muzzles of four guns were trained on them. They were commanded to go back through the wall. This was done so that their identity could be learned by a closer examination. The inner doors leading to the butcher shop in the basement had been carefully locked by Warden Curtis, so that escape that way was impossible.

As soon as he had crawled back through the window, Branton used the butcher knife, the only weapon with which he was armed to cut his throat and died before the warden could get to him.

## WANT THIRTEEN JURORS IN CASE OF PAT CALHOUN

San Francisco, March 30.—In order to lessen the possibility of a mistrial in the case of the Patrick Calhoun graft case, Francis J. Heney will make an application to the court to qualify a thirteen juror, who will not participate in the deliberations of the jury unless one of the twelve is unable to serve to the end of the case.

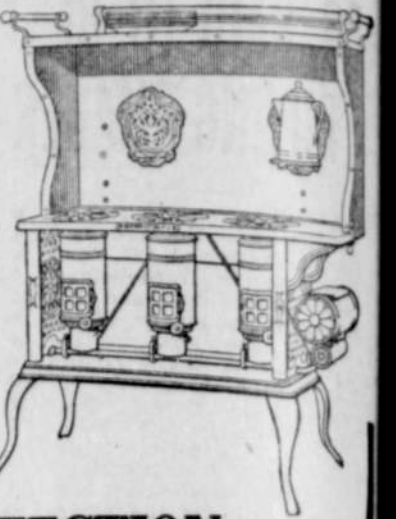
Seventeen men were sent up to Wendling today by a local employment agent to work in the Booth-Kelly mill and logging camps there.

## CHILDREN WHO ARE SICKLY.

Mothers who value their own comfort and the welfare of their children should never be without a box of Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, for use throughout the season. They break up colds, cure feverishness, constipation, teething disorders, headache and stomach troubles. THESE POWDERS NEVER FAIL. Sold by all drug stores. 25c. Don't accept any substitute. A trial package will be sent FREE to any mother who will address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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## DIED

At Pleasant Hill, March 29, 1909, Miss Jane Mitchell, aged 57 years. The funeral was held at the Pleasant Hill church today at 11 a. m. with interment in the cemetery near there. A sketch of the lady's life will appear later.

At Delta, Col., Sunday evening, March 25, 1909, at 7 o'clock, of lung trouble, John E. Saunders, son of Pascho and E. Saunders, of Eugene. Besides his parents he leaves three brothers, two sisters, a wife and three children to mourn his loss. His

brother, George, was just leaving Colorado when he received the news of his death. His wife was formerly Miss Hattie Bushnell, of Eugene. His many friends will be pained to learn of his death.

W. Polders, Andy Heitzman and E. Mink of this city, have purchased the Wm. Neils farm on the river mile south of Springfield. Two five acres are planted in hops at the new owners will continue the cultivation. This is said to be one of the richest farms in the county. Terms of the sale are private. Heitzman will conduct the farm.

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