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What of Eugene's Water Supply?

If the alleged analysis of the state board of health is correct and the water supply of Eugene is still impure, the situation calls for prompt and energetic action on part of the city council. There is no good reason why Eugene, situated on one of the largest and purest streams of water in the state, should not be furnished with a satisfactory quality of water for all uses, if the water company and municipal authorities will co-operate to an end which will be mutually beneficial. If the proper committee of the council would take the matter up and thoroughly investigate the work of improvement done by the company and have the present supply officially analyzed, they would have a basis for future proceedings; and it would seem to be to the interest of the company, also, to give them every possible assistance in their investigations. It goes without saying that not only does an impure water supply menace the public health but it is also materially injuring the city by reducing the value of every piece of real estate in it, since the state papers are so industriously advertising, and upon every occasion exaggerating, the unfortunate conditions that were the result of an inexcusable neglect on part of the former owners of the water system.

It is not improbable that a somewhat ornamental state board of health seeks to secure a certain amount of free advertising at the expense of Eugene. This city suffered, it is true, from an epidemic of sickness, traceable to its water supply, and has been steadily regaining normal conditions of health for some months past without having, so far as any one here is aware, received the least assistance from the health authorities of the state. There may be a not altogether unselfish reason why the aforesaid board so regularly makes its existence known to the people of Oregon by publishing in the daily papers a bulletin regarding the very unsatisfactory health conditions at Eugene. Otherwise, the dear public might not be aware that the distinguished pill vendors who comprise the board are working overtime in the interest of afflicted humanity. Three weeks ago the local health officials, backed by the Lane county medical association, reported that there were only 7 cases of fever in the city and that there had only been 33 cases since March 1st. Now a Portland physician comes out with the statement that if we are not all dead or dying it is probably because we are germ-proof, or else too wicked to die young. Furthermore, the water company asserts that it is filtering all its water, and the secretary of the health board down in Portland flatly contradicts the statement.

Really, it seems about time for somebody whose duty it is to know, and who does know, to tell the people of Eugene what they are drinking since the saloons were closed up. If the water company is pumping good water into its reservoirs from its new wells and forcing it through approved, modern filters; if they are flushing out the pipes and eliminating the "dead ends," it is but simple justice to them that the people should know it and give them due credit therefor. If, on the other hand, no honest effort is being made to supply fit water for all family purposes, it is up to the city government to tell the citizens so, that the proper steps may be taken to compel the company to keep faith with its patrons,

or, failing in this, to install a municipal system that will supply the need. The people of Eugene are reasonable and only demand what is theirs of right, but they are being kept very much in the dark regarding a matter of vital concern to them. They may only look to their city government for information and protection; if the city water supply is still impure that knowledge should emanate, not from Portland, but from the local authorities. If it is not impure it is up to the same officials to see that the false statements are publicly refuted, because they are detrimental to every interest of the city.

According to a tabulated statement just issued by the Roseburg land office there are 5,135,000 acres of land in Lane county, of which 3,321,637 has been entered upon, 13,967 is for entry, 42,550 is unsurveyed, and 142,210 acres are reserved.

Judge Hunt will be generally commended for his severe sentence of Miller and Kincart, the rascals who thought to escape punishment by turning state's evidence against the men they induced to go into their scheme after they had conspired it.

The dispatches state that Russell Sage and his wife had talked over her plan of giving their wealth away. That seems to explain the cause of the old man's sudden death.

Wm. R. Hearst has come out flat-footed against socialism. Now for a scorching in the "Appeal to Reason."

His Viewpoint.

What tales we would hear, Amusing and queer, Of courting and fighting and sport, Of billing and cooing, And other things deluge— The world's hidden secrets, in short— The pickpocket's touch And kissing and such, If the man in the moon could report.

The things that he sees, Half hid by the trees, A neighborhood scandal would start, For he may discover The girl and her lover So close he can't tell them apart. He sees the caress And only can guess It is an affair of the heart.

Down farther may lurk A sneak thief at work Where the washing is hung on the line. He fills up on plunder, And then it's no wonder He ducks when the moon tries to shine, And up a back street He beats a retreat, And misses next morning a fine.

Some rouser who may Turn night into day, A copper asleep on his beat, And Mary and Willie In love and so silly That seeing them act is a treat— If the man in the moon Could give us a tune 'Twould mostly be gush and repeat.

News to Them.

"She is in love with three different men." "Why don't she toss up a coin to decide between them?" "She has a much simpler way. She is going to take the first one who asks her."

Pair of Problems.



He wrote a mighty problem play, Where virtue got a boost, And then a bigger problem was To get the thing produced.

Awful Chance.

"I hear Jenks has fallen in love with his wife." "Did it hurt him?" "No; why should it?" "Well, he had such a terrible long way to fall."

Almost an Insinuation.

"What time is it by your watch?" "I haven't it with me." "Well, there is a telephone." "What's that got to do with it?" "You might call up your pawnbroker and see."

Pain Greater.

"It must be awful to be hit in the solar plexus." "Yes, but there is a worse place." "In the eyes, for instance?" "No; in the pocketbook."

Never Can Tell.

The thirty dollar Panama Which some swell spender graces Perhaps has cost him two or three When you get down to cases.

Notice To Ice Consumers

Until further notice the price of all ice delivered in less quantities than 100 pounds will be 14 cents per pound. No deliveries will be made to private residences on Sundays. Ice can be had at the factory until 11 a. m. on Sundays; none in the afternoon.

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By Professor HUGO R. MEYER of Chicago University

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The federal courts have construed the act to regulate commerce and have weighed the evidence in cases brought before them under that act in accordance with the assumption that "commerce" in its largest sense must be deemed to be one of the most important subjects of legislation, and an intention to promote and facilitate it and not to hamper or destroy it is naturally to be attributed to congress. The very terms of the statute, that charges must be "reasonable," that discrimination must not be "unjust," and that preference or advantage to any particular person, firm, corporation or locality must not be "undue" or "unreasonable," necessarily imply that STRICT UNIFORMITY IS NOT TO BE ENFORCED, but that all circumstances and conditions which reasonable men would regard as affecting the welfare of the carrying companies and of the producers, shippers and consumers should be considered.

AND THIS SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY A TRIBUNAL APPOINTED TO CARRY INTO EFFECT AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT.

A Poem for Today

THE QUALITY OF MERCY

By William Shakespeare

THE first undoubted mention of the play of "The Merchant of Venice" was in 1598. It was published quarto in 1609. Some writers have thought it strange that Portia "should talk Christian doctrine to Shylock." They forget that Portia's doctrine is derived from the Jewish writer who in Ecclesiasticus xxvii. 2, said, "Forgive thy neighbor the hurt that he hath done unto thee, so shall thy sins also be forgiven when thou prayest."



HE quality of mercy is not strained; It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed— It blesseth him that gives and him that takes; The attribute to awe and majesty 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes The throned monarch better than his crown; His scepter shows the force of temporal power,

Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings; But mercy is above this scepter'd sway; It is enthroned in the hearts of kings; It is an attribute to God himself. And earthly power doth then show likest God's When mercy seasons justice. Therefore, Jew, Though justice be thy plea, consider this— That in the course of justice none of us Should see salvation; we do pray for mercy, And that same prayer doth teach us all to render The deeds of mercy. I have spoke thus much To mitigate the justice of thy plea, Which, if thou follow, this strict court of Venice Must needs give sentence 'gainst the merchant there.

Teachers' Examination

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Lane County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the High School building in Eugene, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, August 8, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, August 11, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology. Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, algebra. Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, school law.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, August 8, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, August 10, at 4 o'clock p. m.

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