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EUGENE HAS NOT

KNOCKED WATER COMPANY

We cannot agree with the morning paper that the Willamette Valley Company has been "knocked" by the people of Eugene. The capitalists comprising it took long chances by butting in here at a time when people were excited and many almost distracted by an epidemic of sickness due to its infected water, and when they were well informed that the sentiment of the community was practically unanimous for municipal ownership of the water supply.

Today water is being pumped from the Willamette river at low stage and in two weeks the town of Springfield, with probably 1200 population, will be dumping its sewage into the stream scarcely two miles above the intake of Eugene's water supply.

Is that keeping their promise to supply this city with pure water for all purposes? Is it "knocking" to demand that the health and lives of our people be safeguarded against a contaminated water supply?

The Guard vies with its morning contemporary or any other agency in promoting the welfare of Eugene, but it places life and health above every other consideration. There can be no "Greater Eugene" until this water question is settled, and settled right. The Willamette Valley Company has not made the proper effort to furnish Eugene pure water, or if it has, failure has resulted and it should be willing to turn its plant over to the people at a fair valuation and place the solving of the problem in their hands. The bonds asked for by the city council should be authorized next month by an overwhelming majority, and the means furnished the administration to secure a pure water supply. The Guard does not advocate the confiscation of the water company's investment, and would like to see the plant purchased at a reasonable price, and improvements made that will guarantee Eugene pure mountain water, free from pollution. There is no reason why this situation should not be faced honestly and resolutely by the businessmen of this city, who are devoting their energies and means to the building of railroads and work of improvement. It is the most important matter pending because there can be no solid, permanent advancement made until it is settled.

The Willamette Valley Company and its troubles, it is to be hoped, will not be transferred to the Storey-Brucher people in their railroad operations. If so, they are making a mistake in entering this field and attempting to gain the confidence of the public. If, however, they come here seeking legitimate investments that will help the development of the county, they may rest assured that they will not lack for co-operation and such support as may be expected from the people who are to become their patrons.

Lane county people invite capital, in every legitimate way, but it is not ready to give a bill of sale of all its possessions, or barter health, and even life itself, to any corporation in return for the investment of a few thousands in gilt-edged, dividend paying properties.

BASIS OF APPEAL

FROM JANDIS' DECISION

According to Washington gossip, there are only two legal avenues of escape for the Standard Oil Company from the fine of more than \$29,000,000 imposed by Judge Landis. One is through an appeal to the circuit court of appeals on a writ of error, which tribunal has final jurisdiction in questions affecting errors. The other is through an appeal to the supreme court of the United States on the ground of the unconstitutionality.

The government is perfectly satisfied that no reversible error can be shown and it is not believed the trust's attorneys really have any hopes of securing a reversal in the court of appeals. That being true, they have only the supreme court to look to. They will raise a number of constitutional questions, but the one on which they apparently lay the most stress is based on the claim of confiscation. The excessiveness of the fine as applied to the subsidiary concern will be urged. It will be up to the court then to determine whether the fine must be regarded as having been imposed solely on the dummy company or whether, in reality, it runs to the great trust itself. Judge Landis held to the latter view, and because of the astounding methods of the trust as revealed by the evidence given the people, the hope will be general that the Landis construction will be upheld.

The optimist, while he sees much of the evil, also sees much of the good. He sees more of the beauty, hears more of the music, his mental vision is keener, his spiritual insight deeper. His whole view of life is one of promise. When the problems, vexations and temptations come, he stands squarely in his path, and by attitude and expression declares his firm belief in the ultimate good. He has many experiences, and sometimes he fails, but he rises stronger in resolution for having discovered a weakness. There is in him something that never yields. He looks upon evil as something to be overcome. He makes effort, in proportion to this does he elevate himself to a higher plane of life. He has a mission in the world, and proceeds to do his work. This is usually done without demonstration. His force is like the sublime forces of the universe—silent, but always acting. Like the pessimist, his life and thoughts are contagious; unlike the pessimist, he is always welcome. If the two come face to face he will never yield to the latter's influence. He knows that eternal truth and goodness are working through him, and he believes in their ultimate triumph.

The navy department is considering a change in the uniforms of its Jack Tars, especially those worn on shore and on dress occasions aboard. The caps provide no shade for the eyes, and are easily blown off the head, it is pointed out, while the wide collars, flapping around the ears on a windy day, cause no end of annoyance. There is also an objection to the wide flaring trousers, which are really about as ridiculous, even though immortal in sailor attire, as the silly pancake hat. Undoubtedly it would be a splendid idea to relegate a lot of navy relics, and the present day sailor rig might very properly go first.

If Governor Magoon isn't more careful, the Cubans will be classing him with the spoli-sports. He has forbidden duelling on the island, though it could easily be shown by statistics that as practiced by the Cubans it is no whit more dangerous than lawn tennis.

Extremes meet on the New York police force. On the same day that one member was disgracefully dismissed for cowardice another distinguished himself as a fearless hero by rescuing a woman and two children from a burning tenement.

Georgia will put another reef in the negro vote, with the pending franchise bill which will take the ballot from practically every negro who does not pay taxes on \$500, and which is certain to become a law.

Governor Curry, the new rough-riding executive of New Mexico, who classes himself as a Roosevelt-Taft Democrat, is expected to curtail out all the graft in the territory. A sizable job, even for a Rough Rider.

That the Kaiser knows a thing or two about horses was shown by his establishing a stock farm in the Kentucky blue grass region to raise cavalry horses for the German army.

Winston Churchill, professional novelist and politician, struck a popular chord when he knocked those "who boost the cost of living."

There is no reason, so far as we know, for even supposing that Fairbanks, while in Lincoln, made a political deal with Bryan.

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ONLY GOD IS GREAT.

A certain pasha, dead these thousand years, Once from his harem fled in sudden tears.

And had this sentence over the city's gate Deeply engraved: "Only God is Great."

So these four words hung above the city's noise Like the accents of an angel's voice.

And evermore from the high barbarian Saluted each returning caravan.

Lost is that city's glory; every gust Lifts with crisp leaves the unknown pasha's dust.

And all is ruin save one wrinkled gate Whoseon is written, "Only God is Great."

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

SQUAB RAISING IN LANE COUNTY A SUCCESS

Rev. O. C. Wright is Shipping Two Dozen a Week to Portland—Pigeons are Very Peculiar—Homers

The raising of squabs is a success in Lane county, according to Rev. O. C. Wright, who has been in the business for some time. He says that some profit is being made from his birds, but that up to this time not all of the birds have been mated, it taking months for them to consummate nuptial ceremonies. From now on the pigeons will do their best, and the minister will reap the full profit of an established business.

He is shipping each week to Portland about two dozen squabs, which net the exporter considerable money. In the future more can be sent. A pair will raise seven or eight pair of young ones a year, only hatching two eggs at a setting. After a pair have been hatched about two weeks eggs are laid for another setting, and so on during the season, until seven or eight pair are raised.

It is said that some pigeons, when their mates are killed, mourn after their lost fellow so deeply that they will never mate with any other pigeon.

Rev. Wright has not tried any of his pigeons out yet, for their powers of flight, but as soon as they are thoroughly domesticated in their present home and when he finds the time, he expects to try a few of the young ones, with old ones perhaps as leaders, for a flight of a few miles.

All of the famous homing pigeons are taught in this way, at first being taken only a mile or two, then four or five, the distance being increased each time. For instance, some Portland fanciers have sent a number of pigeons here, and on the following trips sent them farther, from Roseburg, Grants Pass, and even California. All the while a process of elimination is going on, for at each greater distance the number returning grows smaller, and thus the weaker ones fall out.

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The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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J. B. COLEMAN.

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DON'T BE BLUE

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