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THE NEWSBOX

Unmoved, among the motley of the market place he stands,
 With the deeds of divers races in his grimy hands;
 Round the press of thronging thousands, in the thick of straining
 strife,
 He will cry you for a copper all the traffickings of life.
 Though you hail from sunset islands girt by seas of jewelled foam,
 He can cheer you on your journey with a greeting from your home,
 Though your heart is linked by memories to countries of the morn,
 He can barter you a message from the land where you were born
 Through the strident stress of noontide, through blazing bloom of
 night,
 Down the slow, slack hours of morning, ere the coming of the light,
 In the times of joy and laughter, in the darkest days of dearth,
 He can give you brave adventures from the farthest ends of earth.
 At the portals of the city, at the gateways of the sea,
 Where the ringing wheels of commerce should be sounding sym-
 phony,
 Where the flags of every nation are to all the winds unfurled,
 He will sell you for a penny all the romance of the world.
 —Henry M. Hoyt, Jr.

A BUSINESSMAN'S TICKET—WHICH?

By consulting the tax roll you will find that J. D. Matlock pays taxes on a property valuation of \$19,820 and that I. H. Bingham's property is assessed for \$600. You will find by consulting the tax roll further that the municipal ownership candidates for councilman pay taxes upon property valuations aggregating \$13,810, while the opposing candidates are assessed for \$8450. Mr. Matlock pays considerably more than double the amount of taxes that are assessed to all on the other tickets combined. Talk about the candidates favored by the Willamette Valley Company being a "Municipal Businessmen's Ticket" is the height of absurdity when the spot-light is turned on the assessment roll.

SPEECH AS INDEFINITE AS PLATFORM

At the Fairmount meeting of the corporation candidates for city officers their morning organ states that the candidate for mayor stated it would be "unwise for any man to pledge himself to the completion of that project until after the court has rendered a decision in the two law cases now pending." Mr. Bingham, not fully satisfied with making his indefinite and obscure statement, is reported to have gone still further, the morning paper's report continuing:

"He pointed out that even after these law suits are disposed of it would be necessary to critically investigate all the unwritten, inside history of that project before pledging himself to its completion."

This declaration is just as uncertain as the wording of the platform upon which Mr. Bingham is running. He may build a power plant or he may not—that is all that such an assertion means.

And if he does build a power plant, he will first employ new civil engineers, for in no other way can a matter of this kind be fully investigated, and this means several thousands of dollars in extra expense to the taxpayers and a long period of delay to do over the work already done by competent engineers.

However, the real joker in Mr. Bingham's address (we quote from the morning paper's report, so that we may not be accused of reporting the candidate incorrectly) is the following:

"He explained that he is in favor of municipal ownership of the water plant, and, when authority is granted by a vote of the people, he is also in favor of municipal ownership of the lighting plant."

What does this expression, "when authorized by the voters," mean? How will it be possible for the voters to authorize Mr. Bingham to proceed with the building of a city power plant any more than repeated expressions at the polls have shown Eugene people to be in favor of municipal ownership by a large majority? We presume, however, that Mr. Bingham will make no move, in event of his election until the voters have started a new campaign in favor of power and lighting. This means months of renewed agitation and another election; should the proposition carry there must be a new site chosen, new engineers employed and a new plant laid out and planned, all the work already done and paid for, all the effort expended in this direction will be thrown away.

Is this the kind of policy that the voters want? Do they want this question dragged along interminably or settled at this time for good and all?

Which is better, the positive policy of the present administration, or the indefinite, uncertain and, as many good voters fear, unreliable promises of candidates closely allied in their business relations with the Willamette Valley Company?

The Oregonian says that Portland needs a business man for mayor, but has never had one. Possibly, the Oregonian wouldn't know a business administration if it were to bump up against one broad daylight. It is mostly the point of view, after all.

One of the men who are bound to have something to fret over has jumped into print with direful predictions of the awful lot

of smuggling that's going to be done with airships. Cheer up, old chap; you will not be held responsible for loss of customs revenue.

The morning paper wants to know what the city administration will do if the injunction secured by the Willamette Valley Company is made permanent. Why, keep on contending for the right of the people to be free from corporation domination as long as there is a weapon left to fight with. These men have already proven by their acts that they are not quitters.

If a soil and gravel formation is impossible and unsafe, why don't some of the people going up to condemn the McKenzie intake notice the intake at the head of the millrace. Is that system valueless? Ask the owners.

Japs traveling in this country will talk about anything but the equipment of their army and navy. "I know nothing about that," is the substance of their replies to all questions along these lines.

"Men who wish to follow the dictates of fashion must pad their hips," says an authority. This must be a scheme to get rid of the pads left in stock when the hipless woman came in.

If the injunction club and candidates for mayor and councilmen have a cheaper and more practical power site than the McKenzie plant, why don't they tell where it is?

Chicago will have to get busy. A New York college professor says "there are more kinds of misery in New York than Milton imagined in his hell."

This report that stockings will be higher under the new tariff may only be a press agent's stunt to popularize the barefoot fad in society.

SOME COMPARISONS OF
CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

Great Possibilities for Eugene
in Harnessing McKenzie Riv-
er Energy for Transmission

To the Editor:—J. D. Matlock has lived all the years of his manhood in Lane county, and many of them in Eugene. His property, his investments are here—here are all his interests. And it would be the merest chance that could change such a condition.

How about his opponent, Mr. Bingham? Though a genial gentleman, Mr. Bingham is known to comparatively few of our people, while his material interests in the town are not such as to entitle him to the position that means so much to a growing, thriving city. In business life would the business man selecting a manager for his affairs take the one of few acquaintances or the other, known to everybody?

Maybe, though, the people who are opposing Mr. Matlock and the McKenzie power plant, the construction of which would mean so much to our city, have reason to take a candidate who, somewhat after the fashion of the negro's coon dog, takes the chance of catching votes "a comin' and a goin'." There should be no uncertainty about a candidate's position where the interests of the people are so deeply involved.

With all those thousands upon thousands of horsepower on the McKenzie river available for transmission to Eugene in electric energy, it should seem that there should be no question as to the vote. A city electric power plant would be the forerunner of other similar plants furnishing manufacturing establishments reliable power at a minimum charge.

To maintain our growth we must have factories. And the surest, the only way to get manufacturing to any considerable extent lies in the securing of cheap power. That will draw them as certainly as sweets draw flies on a summer day. And another very potent consideration. A large part of the money required to install a power plant would be paid out for labor and supplies, thus finding its way into circulation, to the benefit of the entire community.

Now about some things harped on by the subsidized Register. At least if not subsidized it is a marvel of newspaperdom. "The ox knoweth its master's crib." It harps on the abandonment of the Ritchie Creek scheme and the sums paid Civil Engineer Kelsey. Who ever heard of a great public work being done except on plans furnished by an expert? And so long as such an authority as "Bob" Ingersoll has showed the "mistakes" of Moses, whose promulgation of the ten commandments, whether his own work or as the agent of lawgivers, why should one expect perfection in a Eugene common council. It is enough that the city has finally settled on the right thing.

J. R. CAMPBELL

Editor Eugene Guard: Being anxious to see our shipping facilities improved and also anxious to see the right man elected to look after the money that is to be raised by taxes for the improvement of the mouth of the river, I hope that it may be fixed by petition, or some other way, so that the people will vote for it. As it stands now, I shall vote against it.

Frank Knowles.

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DOINGS OF IRVING
GRANGE IN MARCH

Meetings Held and Splendid
Entertainments Were
Given

Irving, April 1.—(Special Correspondence).—March was a very busy month for Irving Grange. Two splendid entertainments and other meetings kept the Grangers pretty busy during the month but the work was greatly enjoyed by all and not a discordant note was heard at any time.

Friday evening, March 5, the Grange gave an entertainment to the public consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations and a supper.

Every member was most excellently rendered showing that the young people of Irving Grange are capable of doing higher work than engage in the light and frothy amusements that so often appeal to the young.

The Irving band contributed largely to the enjoyment of the occasion and the boys deserve the praise that was given them. Mrs. E. A. Bond was tendered a vote of thanks by the Grange for her able management in the conduct of the entertainment for much of the success of the evening was due to the tireless energy of Mrs. Bond.

The receipts of the entertainment was \$25.00 which goes to the building fund of the new hall.

Pomona Grange met with Irving Grange Friday, March 12, and was of much benefit to the Grangers represented. President Campbell of U. of O. was there and gave a splendid talk which was greatly appreciated. Professor Alderman and County Supt. Dillard also were very helpful in the convention.

But the great event of the month however, was the entertainment given by the men to the ladies on Friday evening of the 19th. The ladies had won in the contest with the men getting the largest number of applications, and he it said to the credit of the men that not a man shirked doing his part. Every man responded as his name was called and judging from the demonstration made by the ladies, the men did well indeed. Oysters, cake, coffee and ice cream was served and from the way the ladies partook of these delicacies every thing was satisfactory.

At Saturday meeting a short program was given by the lecturer. After a song by the members of the Grange, John Parker read a paper on "Shall We Allow the Duties Connected With the Farm and Home Life to Interfere With our Social Duties?" It was an excellent paper and was well received by the Grange. Leon Bond read a selection.

Irving Grange is steadily growing in numbers and several were initiated during the month. If there is any danger in the rapid growth of the Grange, it is because the members are not careful enough in selecting application for membership. The greatest care should be exercised in the matter of applications.

A committee of five was appointed at the last meeting to see what could be done in the matter of a high school for Irving and vicinity. The local grange is alive to the importance of having the high schools within reach of the boys and girls who desire the higher grades without leaving home to obtain it.

The Grange intends to have a picnic May 22nd. A committee on arrangements was appointed and due notice of place will be given soon. The Grange desires a good blacksmith at Irving.

Also a good reliable nursery man is needed.

MARY DAY,

Grange Correspondent.

STALLIONS.

Duro, Scott, Oil again, and the well-known Morgan stallion, "News-boy," this season. He also has bought a magnificent black Belgian, which he will also stand.

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