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FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

Next Wednesday the question is to be submitted to the tax payers of this city for their final decision whether Forest Grove shall or shall not have waterworks.

Physicians have urged the imperative need of it for the health of the city, business men have shown its advantage to property interests. The proposed method of obtaining water has been fully and carefully investigated. A committee of representative citizens after thorough study has unanimously decided on certain recommendations. The city council to a man has endorsed their report. A commission of business men has gone over the estimates and decided that the work could be completed within the given limit.

The election next Wednesday will decide largely the future of Forest Grove. It is no time now to bring forward pet theories. Whatever you may think the best way, don't condemn the present plan and vote against it until you have considered whether the present plan is worse than no system at all. Should the bonds fail to carry the city will go on in its present way with the certainty that it will be many years before the question will again come before the people. Forest Grove has many advantages but they will not compensate for this lack.

Wednesday will be an eventful day for our city. If the bonds are voted it opens up a golden vista—a future more bright than is open to any other town in our state of anything like its size. If the bonds fail there are to be many years of dragging out a weary corporate existence. Every one who can vote should vote. Shall Forest Grove advance or go backward?

THE CANNERY COMPANY.

The Electric Light company, "the Forest Grove Cannery Co.," deserves every citizen's gratitude for the public spirited way in which they have met the propositions of the citizen's committee in the water question. It should be remembered that the company is offering property bringing in good returns with a valuable and exclusive franchise with over eleven years to run, for merely what the plant cost. The franchise without the plant would be considered commercially worth more than is asked for the plant. Under city ownership light for house use can be furnished at less than the cost of the more dangerous and inconvenient coal oil. Probably \$2000 now goes out from the Grove for coal oil and this can all be kept at home, for the production of electricity will for the most part require only the products of our own region.

The city street lighting will cost nothing as against \$1530 and more arc lights can be put in.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

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"The construction of the Nicaragua Canal is of the highest importance to the American people, both as a measure of national defence and to build up and maintain American commerce. It is, moreover, of special importance to our

Pacific States, and we favor its construction as speedily as possible by the Government of the United States."—Oregon Republican Platform, 1894.

SAME HERE.

A fight is already being made against Hermann, with a hope of defeating him for re-election. However, it looks like he will succeed himself. So will Senator Mitchell and Congressman Ellis. The people want their services continued.—Heppner Gazette.

Our knowledge is not from hearsay when we state that Hon. Thomas H. Tongue will contest the nomination of Mr. Hermann. Now we will notice with marked interest what the Plaindealer has to say about Tongue. Is the Washington county politician "digging his political grave"?—Florence West.

Profit by Others' Mistakes.

EDITOR HATCHET: Portland has the best gravity system of water supply of any city on the Pacific coast. (Supposed to.) It certainly is a fine system, but like all gravity systems cost a large sum of money. The cost has been about \$4,000,000. This means \$200,000 a year interest or two dollars per capita for her present population. This would be a heavy burden on the taxpayers were it not that the revenue derived from the sale of water is so large, amounting to about \$550,000 per annum. Operating expenses are about \$120,000 and interest on bonds \$200,000 making the total expense of the city's present water system \$320,000 a year. Deduct expenses from receipts and we find a balance of \$230,000 a year net profits, or a net annual profit sufficient to pay off her bonds in less than twenty years. This is a very handsome showing and would seem at first thought to be an excellent piece of financial engineering, but let us look for a moment at what Portland might have done had she been wise before it was too late. If, instead of adopting the gravity system, Portland had constructed water works on the deep well and Holly system and connected with it an electric light plant, one sufficient to supply water for all purposes and the other electric lights for all who desired them, she would, for one-half the cost of the Bull Run system have a combined system of electric lights and water supply as good as any in the country, and would have a direct revenue from the two systems of at least \$1,200,000 a year. The expense of operating the two plants would be about \$200,000 a year, interest on \$2,000,000 bonds \$100,000. Total expense, \$300,000 leaving \$900,000 a year as net profits or a gain over her present arrangements of \$670,000 a year, a net income sufficient to pay off the bonds inside of three years. This is what Portland might have done but did not do. With no debt to pay interest on she could easily pay the expenses proper of her municipal government with the net proceeds of the combined systems.

Forest Grove has the light of experience of her big neighbor to guide her and should not make the same blunder Portland made. —R.

Fingers Crushed.

Byron Smith met with a painful accident Tuesday afternoon on Mr. White's farm near Gales Creek. While examining something under the baler the machinery started, one of his fingers was caught in the plunger and all the fingers drawn in. With rare presence of mind Mr. Smith caught hold of his hand and held it from drawing in further and the return of the plunger freed it. He came on to the Grove and Dr. Large dressed the injured member. Had it not been for a glove Mr. Smith was wearing as he was tending the wire three fingers would have been lost completely. The three fingers were nearly amputated and it will be some time before the hand can again be used.

A Letter from Rev. Mr. Watters.

Long Beach, Wash.,
Aug. 27, '95.

EDITOR HATCHET—If this reaches you in time will you please state in the HATCHET that I will be at home this week and in my pulpit next Sabbath. This is a delightful summer resort. A beautiful feature of the evenings is the long line of bonfires extending for miles along the shore, made of the drift wood. The people are coming and going and many are waiting for the first rains before they entertain the first thought of returning home. Great quantities of fish of several varieties mostly carp are daily washed ashore. Mr. J. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Adams the bride and groom are here.

Yours truly
D. A. WATTERS.

Fond Recollections.

Pass the butter, Mable darling,
Shove it lightly though the air,
In the corner of the dish, love,
You will find a nut brown hair;
Often have I stroked those tresses,
In the days long since gone by,
Now I strike them every meal time,
In the butter or the pie.
—Ex.

County School Notes.

Mr. Case has been elected principal and Miss Umphlett assistant in the Dilley School.

A three months term is running in district 28, near Scappoose, since the 5th; with Miss Hattie Mullins of Dixie as teacher.

Cornelius public school will begin Sept. 16 for a four months term. Ed. D. Curtis, principal, Mrs. Emma Cornelius and Miss D. True, assistants.

Miss Mary R. Traver of Forest Grove will teach the school in district 6, near Reedville, beginning Oct. 1 and running three months.

School in district 20 joint, by Middleton, will begin Oct. 1 for a three month term. Miss Florence Cook of Dundee teacher.

There will probably be no further division of school funds. Some taxes are still unpaid which will be collected this fall but not enough to warrant an apportionment.

The annual teacher's institute for the school year 1895-5 will be held at Forest Grove sometime in October. The state superintendent is to be present.

The American Book company has sent out circulars, during the past week, through the County Superintendent, showing the prices for the authorized text books for the public schools. These are to be posted in the school room. A circular letter addressed to the district officers and relating to this subject has been issued by the state superintendent.

Money in Fruit.

Mr. Anderson, on the hill north of town, was offered \$2000 for his prunes and plums, to be delivered by him at the freight depot here, the buyer to pick and dry the crop. It is estimated his grapes will bring him \$1000. There is a fortune in fruit raising here if any one is willing to give the fruit the careful attention it requires.

Train Time Changed.

Monday the time of the afternoon mail train (No. 2) which formerly reached here at 4:07 was changed to nearly three quarters of an hour later. The time at the Washington county stations now is Gaston 4:29, Dilley 4:41, Forest Grove 4:46, Cornelius 4:51, Hillsboro 5:03, Newton 5:08, Reedville 5:18, Beaverton 5:23, Shattuck 5:45.

GREENVILLE.

Mr. Ira E. Bradley who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever is improving under the careful and skilful treatment of Dr. W. G. Cole.

Hop experts who have visited the hop yard of J. C. and Will Moore speak highly of the present crop. Picking will begin near the 10th. Mr. Wade who also has hops has two new buildings for drying and packing hops. The usual prices will be paid pickers about here.

Mrs. Dickens who has been quite sick is recovering.

Dr. Parker now has the post office. Some people wonder that a good republican should be appointed to office during this administration.

CORNELIUS.

Frank Fineout came out from Portland last week.

M. Klinger threshed from two acres of wheat 99 bushels, near town.

Jim Palmer returned from the Nehalem country last week.

Charley Russia, who lives two miles south of Cornelius, left here Monday evening for San Francisco to be absent a month visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Clara Mosher of Albany visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Geo. A. Brown of this place left Aug. 27th for Sacramento to visit her brother and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Albert Wilcox is able to be out on the streets again.

Chas. Schmidt of Canby visited Cornelius last week.

Clark and Phillips did business in Hillsboro last Thursday.

R. W. McNutt left for Netarts last Thursday.

Harry Lamar of Tillamook was in town Thursday with a load of salmon.

Donald McPherson and Al Bludsoe were in town last Friday.

While Miss Birdie Cornelius was going over to see her grandfather Monday she stepped in front of the P. O. for only a few minutes and some one took a watermelon out of her buggy, but it was again returned by A. By Stander.

Mr. Holtz and Charley Russia of Blooming were in town today, Monday, on business.

A. L. Umphlett from Amity was in Cornelius today on business.

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Who Will Be Next?

The junior member of the Bulletin firm, T. H. Adams, was married to Miss Nellie Woods on Wednesday, August 21, at the home of her parents at Forest Grove, Oregon. The newly married couple expect to be at their home in Kalama after Saturday, Aug. 24. This event has been expected by many Kalama people for some time and the question with them now is, "Who's next?" Contributions have begun to come in already and among them is the following:

In Adam's day
They had a way
Of getting brides without a carriage,
They cut a rib
So very glib,
And made a bride for marriage.

But Adam found
On looking round
A better way to do it,
He found a fair
With lovely hair,
And then began to woo it.

The maiden fell
I'm glad to tell,
Nor was it very stupid,
Shot thro' the heart
With many a dart
Stole from the bow of cupid.

May his "fat take"
Ne'er prove a "fake"
But justify his notion,
As being best
Of all the rest
From ocean unto ocean.
—Kalama, Wash., Bulletin.

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