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This weather is awfully hard on the ice man.

Poor old Abdil Hamid, the deposed Turkish ruler! Only eleven of his wives are to be allowed to go with him to prison.

The weather man says this is the driest April Oregon has seen in thirty-eight years. With the continued cool weather and no snow coming out of the mountains, it is feared that hot weather in June will bring it out with a rush and make high water.

A Chicago representative in the Illinois legislature has introduced a bill, the purpose of which is to limit the size of women's hats to 18 inches, and forbids the adornments to extend more than six inches beyond the crown. The "mean thing."

The position of editor of such a great newspaper as the Oregonian is one of greater honor than that of minister to Mexico, and Harvey W. Scott is to be commended for his good judgement in declining to lay down his pen to go to Mexico as a representative of the home government.

It is surprising to see what an accumulation of old tin cans, scrap iron and miscellaneous junk can be gathered up in Newberg each year at cleaning up time, but it serves a good purpose in making fills in depressions in streets when well covered with dirt, and great is the relief to have it put out of sight, rather than to have it scattered about town.

A short time ago the Graphic called attention to the fact that a fresh coating of gravel spread about the Southern Pacific depot grounds would be appreciated by the patrons of the road, and a car load of decomposed granite has already been set out at the station with which the want is to be filled, thanks to the promptness of the accommodating officials, whose attention only needed to be called to the need.

President Taft wants the men who are to take the census in 1910 to be appointed on their merit, regardless of political affiliations and congress has passed a census bill in accordance with his views. This will meet with the approbation of the general public, for a census report to be of value must be as nearly correct as it is possible to make it. Let the best men be chosen, from the heads of bureaus down the line to the smallest precinct enumerators, and then hold them, each and everyone, strictly accountable for the work put into their hands. Let the census of 1910 be the most accurate ever taken in the history of the country.

A city is kept clean by every man sweeping in front of his own door. A city is made beautiful by each man keeping his home neat and his front yard in order. Even a rented place is pretty if the tenant has pride enough to keep it neat and clean. Where all the houses and yards on a street are well kept that street attracts the attention of passers-by. It does not take much time to make a place neat, and the sight of a neat place raises the estimation the public has for a family. The city should do something for its parks and for the streets; the people must do it for the houses. To have a city beautiful the people who own the houses and the people who rent houses must take an interest. Attention to details make beauty.—Corvallis Gazette.

In days gone by, with the passing of the big expositions, the thought often came to those who were privileged to visit them that this would be the last for a long term of years, but no very great lapse of time has been allowed to intervene between these great spectacular events. With the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific not yet out of the shell, there comes in clarion notes from staid old Boston a proposition for holding a World's Fair for the New England states in that city in 1920, in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers at Plymouth Rock. The suggestion comes none too early, for the fact that New England has never held a big exposition is ample evidence of their tendency to deliberation, and ten years will be none too long in which to mature the "ideal."

**OLIVER FAILS TO SHOW US.**

Our friend, Oliver, in his first effort in favor of the purchase and operation of the lighting plant by the city, was quite optimistic, and suggested that with the city operating both the water and lighting systems, we might soon be building a new city hall and establishing city parks with the profits.

The Graphic stated that if Mr. Oliver would show our people how it could be done, his proposition would no doubt meet with favor, and asked him to forthwith show us. This he does not attempt to do. In fact he states, in a play to the galleries in a column article last week, "at this time the writer will have but little to say relative to figures that will show for themselves."

Then he at once proceeds to fall into the trap laid for him, by going on to show that while but the meager sum of \$4500 has been paid on the water bonds in eleven years time, and further that while a large amount of money has been collected in water rents, it has all been eaten up in maintaining, and enlarging, and extending the system. This is exactly what we expected him to say. We all know that the city is receiving a large monthly revenue from water receipts, amounting to \$6000 or more a year, and we also know that the city must be looking out for a larger water supply for the near future. The revenues of the past have been expended as stated, for keeping the system up to meet the requirements of our growing little city, and it is likely that these conditions will not change during the present generation. In fact the chances are that more bonds will need to be sold in the not very distant future in order to be able to furnish the water Newberg will demand.

This being the case we are unable to see how it will be profitable for the city to undertake the purchase and operation of a lighting plant, which will cost ten times more to operate and keep in good order, than it costs the city to maintain its gravity water system.

If Mr. Oliver will show us how the city can furnish the people with better lights and better power, for less money than we are now paying, we will allow him to cut out the big savings he proposes to make for the purchase of other very desirable utilities, and we will vote him a public benefactor forthwith.

But first give us the figures Mr. Oliver.

**CENSUS OF NEWBERG TO BE TAKEN.**

In a growing town it is always a matter of speculation as to the actual number of inhabitants within the corporate limits, and only at periods when the census is taken are the residents able to give inquirers any very definite information as to the number of people the town has. Three different times in the past the Graphic has taken the census of Newberg, the office bearing the

entire expense, in order to be able to give its readers the information they desired.

Recently we began preparations for making a count of the people of Newberg this spring, when we learned that Prof. F. K. Jones of the college was planning to have the young men of his Sociology class take the census. As a result we have decided to work together, and consequently blanks have been prepared and the work will be begun this week.

The town has been laid off into districts and divided up, and the count will be made by the following named young men: Roy Fitch, Earl Henry, Nathan Cook, Ernest Hadlock, Haines Burgess, Roy Mills and Harvey Wright. They have been instructed to go about the work with the same care that would be required in taking the census for the government, and we ask for them such assistance as our people may be able to render, in order that an absolutely accurate count may be made.

Besides asking for the number of people in a family a few other questions will be asked, the answers to which will be helpful to the class in Sociology. When called upon don't fail to give the names of any who may be away from town at present, but who retain this as their home.

The young men will not be able to leave their school work continuously, but be patient and in due time we will be able to tell you what the present population of Newberg is.

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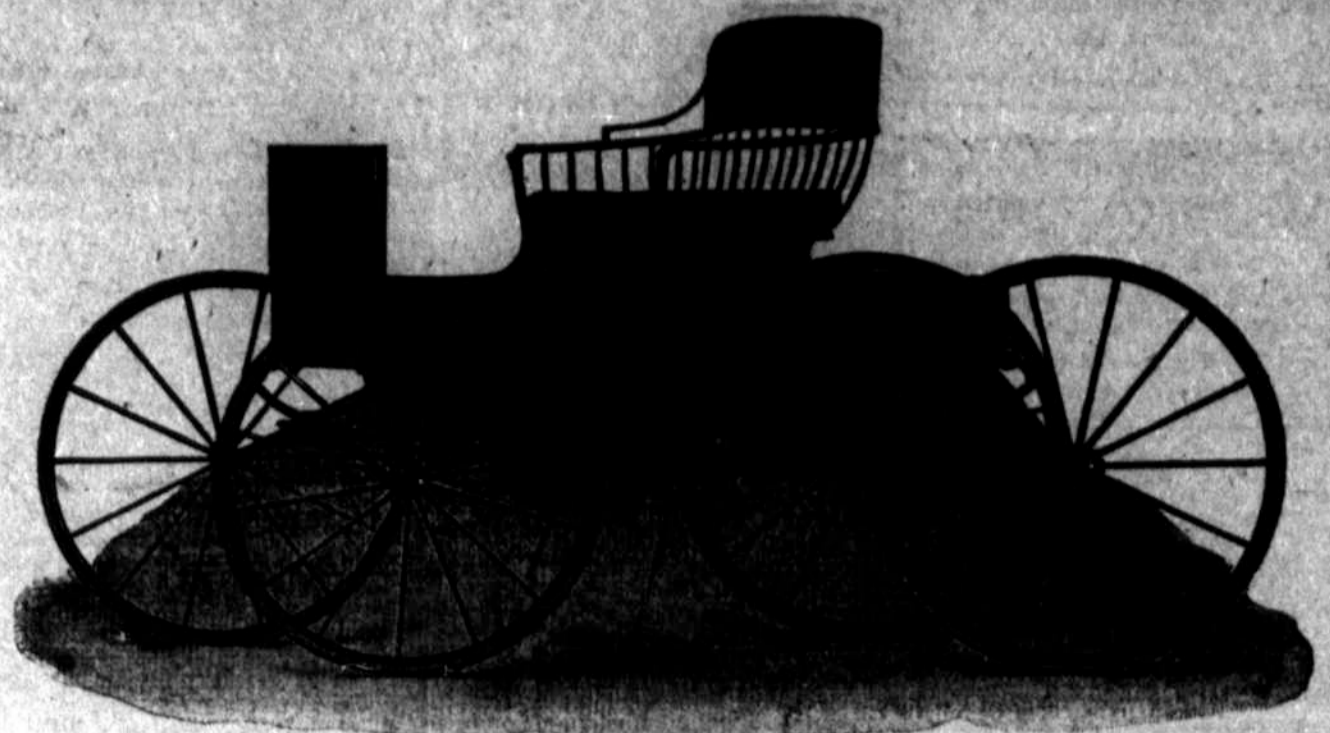
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