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WATER WORKS FOR BURNS

CITY DADS ARE INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCH.

Civil Engineer Foster Visits Several Places Near City to Make Measurements And Get Elevations.

C. M. Foster, a civil engineer from Baker City, has been investigating the possibilities for water works here the last few days. The city dads had decided upon such a move at the instigation of several large property owners and a letter had been written Mr. Foster asking his services, but the gentleman was already enroute to this place on other business when the letter reached Baker.

Mr. Foster discouraged a pumping system from the start and stated that from personal experiences and the efforts of Baker City in such a plant he could not advise a town of this size to undertake such a proposition, as it would prove too expensive.

His advice was for a gravity system and expressed himself, upon the matter suggesting that we should have water, not only sufficient for fire purpose, but domestic use as well. He felt that the expense incurred would not justify for fire purposes alone. The gentleman did not realize that individuals had, in some instances, spent big sums in apparatus for water works for private use and that windmills or engines could be found on almost every residence block in the city, therefore, unless the city could furnish water at very reasonable rates and an abundance of it, the works would not realize much from this source.

A representative of the Times-Herald was present at a meeting Wednesday evening held for the purpose of hearing a report from Mr. Foster in regard to the feasibility of a gravity system from The Miller Springs, Cherry Springs, Rimrock, or water from the springs in the canyon above J. J. Tupker's place.

In substance the civil engineer reported as follows: The measurement at Cherry springs developed about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of water; at Rimrock springs there was so little water that it was not considered at all, therefore no measurements were taken. Cherry springs was found at a sufficient elevation to afford a very satisfactory pressure, but it was out of the question as the water supply was inadequate.

The Miller springs at the M. L. Lewis place might supply sufficient water but this he considered a problem and would take considerable time and expense to determine, owing to the nature of the ground and the necessity of getting the flow of five or six springs into shape to determine the entire flow. This too would be a drawback in that it would not give sufficient force to afford protection to property any higher than Main St. It would however, be enough force to give moderate protection to the business portions.

From his investigations Mr. Foster considers the spring in the canyon above Tupker's the most feasible and that does not show flattering just at the present time, but it is his impression that possibly with proper work enough water could be secured. This would give considerable fall and give sufficient force even on the highest portions of the residence blocks on the hill. The gentleman said even this would not be a feasible proposition unless water could be sold for domestic purposes. He was much inclined to discourage any project that would incur expense without also deriving revenue. A dead expense would be too much of a drain on the taxpayers and would prove burdensome finally.

While he expressed himself as not being satisfied with any of the projects he had examined, although they offered possibilities, he emphasized the fact that any of them would be more satisfactory, in his estimation, than a pumping plant. "It is a hard proposition" said Mr. Foster.

Foster "to get water high enough from any of these courses within a reasonable distance of your city, I cannot say definitely in regard to any of them, either, as to sufficient water. They are all a problem and must be thoroughly tested and measured before we can determine."

Nothing definite was decided upon by the council, except that a further investigation would be made to ascertain the amount of water at each place and to look into the matter of ownership of the springs. The Miller springs are situated on road land and M. L. Lewis now has a five year lease upon the property with the privilege of purchasing at the end of the lease. It is not known whether the city could get possession of it at all or not.

It was the impression of some present that J. J. Tupker had filed rights on the water in the canyon above his place and it was determined to find out the ownership of other places under investigation also and if any project is considered feasible to get an option on them.

The Times-Herald had been led to believe that the people of Burns could expect an immediate bond issue for several thousand dollars and that we would have water works in no time. That the people were being robbed without being notified or given a chance to express themselves in the matter. Such is not the case, however, and we find the present investigations are merely preliminary and may not develop into anything definite. This investigation was asked by several prominent property owners who desired to know if such works were feasible and within moderate cost.

The Times-Herald found some councilmen that do not approve of such a move just at this time, unless it would show very flattering, but considered it an opportune time to investigate, so that the information would be at hand for future use should such time come. Now that the subject has been under discussion they propose to prosecute it further and ascertain to a certainty just what cost. Such being the case, The Times-Herald feels there is no occasion for uneasiness at this time. We also wish to say that the fact that certain individuals advocate any public improvement is not sufficient to condemn it, or otherwise.

The Times-Herald is not influenced by personal likes or dislikes in such matters. If it considers a project of sufficient merit it will be upheld. The present investigation has not been carried forward sufficiently to determine what will be the result and The Times-Herald cannot conscientiously approve or condemn at the present stage. It realizes, nevertheless, that to construct such water works as it would consider adequate would cost considerable and that a plant that might be of sufficient capacity for present wants would not suffice should Burns double its population, which certainly will be at no distant date. It would therefore object to such a move at enormous expense that would prove inadequate and have to be abandoned at some future time on account of lack of water. Such improvements should be permanent and if the city authorities cannot find water in sufficient quantities to furnish twice the present population, it would not approve of any great outlay.

Future investigations will prove the merits of the present sites and these will be submitted to Mr. Foster or some other competent engineer, who will estimate the cost.

What's in a Name?

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, discovered some years ago how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and prouting Piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases, DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. Sold by Burns Drug Stores.

PARNEY COUNTY MOST PROSPEROUS.

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ANOTHER RAILROAD PROJECT

THROUGH LINE FROM CASPER WYO. TO EUREKA, CAL.

Will Pass Through Malheur, Harney and Lake Counties, and Make Main Shops at Boise, Idaho.

In the presence of perhaps 25 members of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce and other citizens of Boise, F. L. Evans last evening presented his proposition for the construction of a through line of railroad from Casper, Wyoming, to Eureka, California, says the Statesman. Briefly stated Mr. Evans' proposition, which came from the Missouri Trust Co. and the first vice-president of the American Central Insurance company both of St. Louis, is that the right of way, terminal facilities, etc., shall be donated along the line from Pine, Idaho, to Vale, Oregon, the first section of the road to be built, and a bonus of \$500,000 shall be raised along the line. This bonus is to be in the shape of notes, due in 50 months and conditioned upon the completion of the Pine-Vale section of the road within that time.

Of this amount, it was brought out in the discussion of the proposition, it is expected that Boise will furnish depot grounds and about 40 acres of ground near the city for main shops of the company, which are to be located here, right of way for about 10 miles east and 15 miles west, and \$350,000 of the cash bonus.

Mr. Evans, after a brief introduction, presented a letter signed by Edward H. Gorse, secretary of the Missouri Trust company of St. Louis in which he referred to Vice-President Edward H. Thompson, of the American Central Insurance company. In this letter it was definitely promised that he would endeavor to finance the proposition, which he stated he had assurances he would be able to do upon the basis stated.

He disclaimed having any arrangement with the Northwestern road, even as to a traffic agreement. It would be useless, he insisted, for Boise to look to the Northwestern, the Burlington, or any other existing road to come here, as they were all bound by agreements not to enter Short Line territory. Any other line must be built by private capital or not at all.

The maps of the route showed that the proposed line will follow the old Midland right of way from Boise to Middleton and Caldwell, crossing the Short line at that place. The Snake is to be bridged a few miles above Nyssa and the Malheur river joined near Vale. The route goes up the Malheur on a water grade, traverses Harney county, Ore., and crosses the mountains near Goose Lake. Running down the west side of Goose Lake, the line follows Pitt river, then crosses the range and down the Mad river to Humboldt bay at Eureka.

To the east the route follows the south fork of the Boise to Pine, crosses the Mountains to Hailey and thence across the state to St. Anthony. Traversing the Jackson Hole country, connection is finally made with the Northwestern road at Casper.

Among the branch lines proposed one from central Idaho down the Salmon and to Butte, over the line of the old Idaho Midland, one in central Oregon and another from Eureka to San Francisco.

In reply to a question as to why construction work was to commence in the middle of the line, Mr. Evans said it was because this section was a key to the entire line and that they could hardly be shut out by other companies at the two extremes while if a line were started from Casper, the Short Line for example, would have an opportunity to occupy the only available passes in this portion of the route.

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For the first time in 12 years C. A. Haines, of the Narrows, yesterday saw a railroad and for the first

time in his life visited Baker City. A little over 12 years ago he began business in Harney County and for several years, has been handling about \$75,000 or \$80,000 worth of goods annually at a little town of less than a hundred people. Mr. Haines is a young man of fine physique, good judgment and enterprising spirit. He is the guest in Baker City, of Mr. S. S. Litchfield, by whom he has been introduced to all the leading business men, and tonight will be initiated into the order of Elks. When questioned about his country Mr. Haines said:

"General business in our section is very good and has been right along. The prices of cattle are improving, and cattle are beginning to move. There has been a large crop of hay all over the county, the result of the copious rains in the spring and early summer, and we will have plenty of feed for the winter. One and two-year old steers will now be shipped freely and are bringing \$15 to \$20 a head. One, two and three-year-old wethers, from the mountains, are selling at \$1.80 to \$2.75, and large shipments have been ordered. These are fair prices, and with the big price which was obtained on wool, our people will average more than an average profit for the season's business."

"No, I'm not here on business, but am visiting Baker socially and am on my way to Vale, where I have been summoned as a witness in the Colwell murder case. This is my first visit to Baker, and the town looks very good to me. It has every evidence of modern business methods, and prosperous times. Its people are sociable, and hospitable, and when the Sumpter Valley Railroad is finished to Burns, we will be up here ever once in a while."—Democrat.

F. S. Rieder, formerly county clerk of Harney county for several terms, who is now general superintendent of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road company's road grant is in this city conferring with Attorney M. R. Elliott in regard to the company's property. This is the first visit Mr. Rieder has made the city in 19 years and he notes a remarkable change from a few stores to a city of over a thousand inhabitants.—Prineville Journal.

A WONDERFUL INVENTION.

It is interesting to note that fortunes are frequently made by the invention of articles of minor importance. Many of the more popular devices are those designed to benefit people and meet popular conditions, and one of the most interesting of these that has ever been invented is the Dr. White Electric Comb, patented Jan. 1, '99. These wonderful combs positively cure dandruff, hair falling out, sick and nervous headaches, and when used with Dr. White's Electric Hair Brush are positively guaranteed to make straight hair curly in 25 days time. Thousands of these electric combs have been sold in the various cities of the Union, and the demand is constantly increasing. Our agents are rapidly becoming rich selling these combs. They positively sell on sight. Send for sample. Men's size 35c, ladies' 50c—(half price while we are introducing them.) The Dr. White Electric Comb Co., Decatur, Ill.

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SUGGESTS POOLING CATTLE

THE ONLY WAY TO DISPOSE OF THE STOCK TO ADVANTAGE.

A Prominent Cattleman Thinks Local Ranchers Should Organize to Offset the "Cattle Buyers' Trust."

Lewen, Sept. 18th.—(To the Editor)—I enclose you a clipping from the Baker City, Weekly Bedrock Democrat of Sept. 12th. It may interest some of your subscribers to know that a cattle buyers trust exists elsewhere besides "Harney County." If the cattle men of the neighborhoods of Harney county would get together, and form associations for the selling of their mutual cattle in big lots, they could correspond with outside buyers (Advertise if necessary) and by selling direct to them, do away with the middle man, and his extreme profits, and a fair price would be realized by the man who feeds the cows.

Respectfully yours,
Fred Otley.

The clipping referred to in the above was published in our last issue. We agree with Mr. Otley in regard to pooling stock for the purpose of selling to best advantage, provided it can be done. The Times-Herald had hoped the Harney county Live Stock Association would take this matter up at an early date and make an effort to secure buyers for the fat cattle in this section that are now ready for the market. It would certainly be of mutual benefit to all concerned and help the present rather close times in the way of distributing several thousand dollars among Harney county stockraisers.

The Times-Herald has no positive evidence that such a thing as a "cattle buyers' trust" exists in Harney county, yet present conditions would indicate that Mr. Otley's assertion is not far from wrong. If such is the case it is only justice that local cattle raisers should make an effort to dispose of their stock to outside buyers if they will pay a satisfactory price and the suggestion in the above letter is good. The Times-Herald will assist in such a move, not however, from any mercenary motive or for personal spite, but to assist its readers and friends in disposing of their products to best advantage.

The local association contemplated such a move last fall, but did not begin correspondence early enough in the season to accomplish its purpose, consequently the stock that should have been marketed at that time were carried over the winter and some are still on hand. If stockraisers are not satisfied with the prices offered by local buyers and have reason to believe better prices can be secured, they should begin at once to investigate and find buyers. The season is now far advanced and if results cannot be obtained in the near future stockmen will either have to take the prices offered by local buyers or again feed their beef through the winter.

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