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TO SINK ARTESIAN WELLS

LOCAL CAPITAL TO PURCHASE THE MACHINERY AT ONCE.

Will be Prepared to Sink to a Depth That Will Insure a Flow—No Question But Artesian Water is Here.

The Times-Herald is pleased to note that local people have determined to take up the matter of pushing experiments for artesian water in this valley. As a matter of fact it cannot be considered strictly an experiment, for artesian water can be secured to a certainty, the only question being the depth necessary to secure a sufficient flow of commercial value. This will be settled the coming season to the satisfaction of all and that without asking aid or a bonus from anyone.

Messrs. Ben Brown, I. S. Geer and W. Y. King will secure a drill of sufficient capacity to go to a depth necessary to test the actual flow and force of this artesian water. These gentlemen expect to make a business of sinking wells and have the capital to place the best machinery on the ground that can be obtained. The success of the venture is not questioned and people will hail the coming with delight. From present indications there will be a great amount of work to do as soon as the machine is on the ground.

While this is entirely a business proposition with the gentlemen who are taking it up, it is also of public interest in that it will be the means of bringing much of our semi-arid land into cultivation and adding rapidly to the development of the country in that respect. It will give confidence to many who would make their homes here who now hesitate to take up land that is not within easy reach of some stream, where water for irrigation may be obtained. As soon as the water is struck on one or two places it will be only a short time when double the amount of acreage now under cultivation will be seeded to various crops, making it possible to at least supply the local demand for provisions that are now shipped in from outside points. With water for irrigation diversified crops may be successfully raised each year, when our flour, bacon, lard, butter, etc., will then be home product and the profits from such remain with our neighbors. Such enterprises should have the support and encouragement of every citizen of the county. It means much to every individual regardless of his business pursuits.

BANNER HORSE SALE OF THE SEASON.

Horseman gets \$45 All Round—Another Big Imported Stallion Brought in.

W. H. Cecil, the Crane creek horseman has made the banner sale of the season. He has just disposed of his horses to C. B. Cross of Farmer, Idaho at \$45 per head, including last springs colts. This is the best price for a bunch of horses yet recorded in this county this season, or for many former seasons, for that matter. Mr. Cecil's horses were exceptionally good and shows the advisability of breeding a better class of stock. Local horsemen are taking more interest in their stock and many fine stallions have been bought during the past season which will further bring the horse business to a much better standing. The latest to be imported is a fine 3-year-old black Percheron weighing 1985 bought by A. Venator in Omaha recently. The animal reached Ontario last Saturday and is now being brought from the railroad by Newell Hall.

Something New in Railroads.

Another railroad is headed for Northern California. In fact if all the rumors of railroads entering the north materialize this favored section will be girdled with the bands of iron and the whistle of the locomotive will be heard from the remotest parts of the north.

The latest news in the railroad line is the incorporation of what is to be known as the California Inland and Empire Railroad, which company will extend an overland line into Northern California, striking Alturas, Modoc County, and connecting with a branch road running to Eureka, Humboldt County, crossing the Southern Pacific at some point between Red Bluff and Redding.

WRITES OF PRIMARY LAW

JOHNATHAN BOURNE, JR., WARNS THE VOTERS.

Fears Bosses Will Defeat Ratification of People's Choice for U. S. Senator—Recommends Vigilance.

Portland, Dec. 16.—Editor, The Times-Herald:—Understanding that you have given the Direct Primary Law much thought and rendered valuable assistance in effecting its adoption, I take the liberty of writing you as to the desirability of using your influence in urging the voters to register in January so that the letter and spirit of the law can be made more effective by securing a very large registration prior to the primaries to be held April 20 next.

All persons familiar with U. S. Senatorial elections not only in Oregon but in all the states of the Union, must be cognizant of the fact that oftentimes financial, official, or other personal considerations are frequently the deciding factors. Certainly, the great mass of voters throughout the states have but little voice or say in the election of United States Senators.

The elevation of the general political tone and the elimination of personal, selfish considerations must be most desirable to every honest citizen and voter; hence the enforcement of the spirit of our present Direct Primary Law certainly must appeal to every thoughtful citizen. If enforced, then political and senatorial combinations are necessarily divorced from prejudicial and pernicious legislation in our state legislatures. It has been frequently seen that senatorial votes have been secured in return for the enactment of legislation detrimental to the state as a whole and in the interests of special privileges to be enjoyed by a few.

Under our old system forty-six members of the legislature could elect the United States Senator, and powerful interests when allied certainly could more easily influence, coerce, persuade, or cajole this number than they can the majority of the voters of the state under our present Direct Primary Law.

It is the intention and spirit of this law that the people shall decide and select the United States Senator, and the state legislative members are simply to ratify the will of the people as expressed by the people in the general election in June, and when the legislature convenes in January elect the people's choice. The operation of this Law should be similar in effect and result to our National law for the election of President. The National electors simply ratify and elect in the electoral college, the man for President whom the people have designated as their choice in the previous National election in November.

It is true, our present law is not mandatory, simply because of the United States Constitution. The law is however, advisory, and its operation can be made as effective as if the letter of the law was mandatory. How? Simply by those who believe in the spirit of the law and who feel that the people should rule, allying themselves into leagues and pledging themselves to each other that they will vote in the primary election for only those legislative candidates who in their petitions for nomination pledge themselves if elected to vote in the legislative assembly first, last and all the time for that candidate for the United States Senate who in the previous June general election received the plurality of all the votes cast in the State.

Caution: I am advised that an effort will be made by some of the advocates of individual "boss-men" and "machine" politics to make this law inoperative by endeavoring in the different counties to get legislative candidates to pledge their support to the county's choice instead of the state's choice for United States Senator. Should this be accomplished in several counties, of course, the law would naturally be inoperative for the reason that it would be impossible to secure forty-six members of the legislature who had pledged their support to the same individual. The object and intention of the law is to force the legislative candidates to pledge their support to the one individual selected by the

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The only reason many Assessors have not made up their rolls on a full valuation basis in the past, it was disclosed in the discussion, was the fear that the state might base the pro rata of taxes which counties must pay the state on a basis of assessments, but the argument was made that the Legislature from those counties which have gone to a full valuation would never allow a law detrimental to their interests to be passed.

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