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IS GOOD PROSPECT

FORCE OF MEN WORKING TO DEVELOP SPRING.

Flow Will Probably Fill Ten Inch Fire From Laterals to Reservoir.

Mayor Taylor and several councilmen visited Gallaher springs, the source of Athena's future water supply, Wednesday afternoon.

The party returned thoroughly satisfied that a sufficient supply of water will be developed at the springs and ground adjoining, to meet the demands of the city for years to come. It will be good water, too—pure, crystal spring water, cold and soft.

Foreman Shultz and a small crew of men had made a good showing in the two and one half days they had put in at the ditches. Several hundred feet of ditch had been excavated to the required depth, the men at that time being just below the first spring and working in rock and gravel. In the ditch below where the men were digging water was flowing in amount about half that running on the surface from the spring. There was no decrease in the flow from the springs, indicating that the water carried in the ditch was from the underground flow. Thus it will be seen that when the lateral pipe lines are extended from hillside to hillside above and below the spring, practically all the water will be drained into the main supply pipe leading to the reservoir, the flow probably filling a 10 inch pipe. It is for the purpose of determining the amount of flow and the size pipe required, that the men are working on now.

The ditch was started several hundred feet below the spring and dug toward town. There are several springs, and when the officials made the visit none had been tapped. Above the spring, a considerable distance, there is a marshy tract of ground. Through this the pipe line will be extended.

The reservoir site is of sufficient elevation to give more pressure than the present system affords, and every indication exists that the new system will come up to all expectations.

School Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that interest on all outstanding warrants of School district No. 29, will cease after Monday, May 1, 1905.

O. G. Chamberlain, Clerk.

EASTER EXERCISES.

Sunday School of M. E. Church Next Sunday Night.

The Methodist Episcopal church Sunday School will have its Easter day exercises Sunday evening. The Easter sermon was delivered Sunday before last and the Sunday School deferred its exercises until Sunday coming, on account of the Free Methodist conference which was being held at the church on Easter day. Those having the program in charge have perfected numbers of much merit and interest. A cordial invitation is extended all to attend. The program follows:

Processional, "On to Victory."
By the school.
Choir.
Anthem.
Invocation.
Song, "Sweet Easter Bells."
Miss Cannon's Class.
Banner Exercises, - Nine little boys.
Song, "What do You Think."
Six little girls.
Recitation, - Lela Stamper.
Song, "Here and There, Everywhere."
Miss Rosenzweig's class.
Exercise, "The Gardens Lessons."
Three little girls.
Solo, Selected, - Mr. Arlie Pennick.
Easter Secrets, - Six little girls.
Song, - Mrs. Stewart's class.
Recitation, "Far Away a garden Lieth."
Lottie Gay.
Song, "Lord Roll the Stone Away."
Mrs. McBride's class.
A Plea for missions with class reports.
Song, "I know That My Redeemer Liveth."
Benediction.

LIGHT FOR WEST SIDE.

Are Will Probably Be Placed On Hunt Avenue.

Mr. Pason, of the Electrical department of the Preston-Parton Co., announces that he has made contracts to furnish electric lights to several residents on the west side and so soon as a sufficient number of residents on Hunt Avenue contract for private lights, to justify the company in connecting the service, an arc street light will be placed in position.

There are many pretty homes on the West Side, and with electric light facilities, will be more. Since city water convenience was established in that part of town, the residence district has been greatly improved, until now it ranks among the best in the city.

DAVISON TO PORTLAND.

Physical and Mental Condition Said to Be Serious.

John Davison, whose physical and mental condition is considered by his relatives and friends to have assumed a serious stage, was last night taken from Pendleton to Portland for medical treatment. Tuesday the local Odd Fellows lodge of which Mr. Davison is a member, received word from Pendleton that the man needed attention and J. C. Stamper was delegated to go to Pendleton, and accompany Mr. Davison to Portland. He was taken to Dr. Williamson's private sanitarium in Portland, where a specialty of treating nervous diseases is carried on.

To Run the First Boat.

C. S. Allen of Lewiston, lessee of the steamer Mountain Gem, that runs between Riparia and Lewiston fully realizes the importance of the open-river-to-the-sea project, and it is learned that he is planning to show his view of the importance of the portage road by sending the Mountain Gem to the portage with the first cargo of freight ever hauled from the upper country. The portage will be completed May 15, and the river will be at the best stage of water the latter part of that month or early in June. The trip over the section of river between Riparia and the portage can then be successfully run, and the captain is thoroughly informed regarding the stream.

Market Reports.

Liverpool, April 27.—May wheat, 6s 1-2d.

Chicago, April 27.—May wheat opened at 88 1/2 to 90c and closed at 88c; barley 44 to 47c; flax \$1.25; Northwestern, \$1.40.

Portland, April 27.—Wheat, club, 84 to 89c; bluestem, 89 to 91c; valley, 86c.

San Francisco, April 27.—Cash wheat, \$1.45 to \$1.51 1/4.

Portland Selected.

The Women of Woodcraft in session at Los Angeles, have selected Portland as the location of their permanent headquarters. The selection was made on the third ballot, Portland receiving 246 votes, Denver, 110, and Oakland and Leadville 29 votes each.

Yesterday's Baseball.

Portland—Tacoma 1, Portland 2.
San Francisco—Oakland 1, San Francisco 4.
Seattle—Los Angeles 2, Seattle 5.

BEST JOB IN OREGON.

The State Printer's Annual Profits are Estimated at \$90,000.

It has long been recognized by those acquainted with the workings of the state legislature that the office of state printer was one of the most remunerative in the gift of the people. Just what the net yearly earnings of this official amount to, however, it has been impossible to ascertain, owing to the complex nature of the work.

Various estimates of the profits of the state printer have placed the amount from \$5,000 to \$20,000 yearly. A careful investigation of the methods and expenses of the office, together with a list of the various appropriations for that work, show that the state printer must have a balance of no less than \$20,000 yearly, after paying all legitimate expenses connected with that department.

In the majority of the work which goes through the state printer's hands is printed twice; for instance, the laws are each printed in a pamphlet form and afterward collected in one volume.

The state pays for the full amount of composition in each case, while the type is kept standing, so that almost the entire composition on the second run is "picked up" by the printer.

Whenever it is possible to do so, the clause allowing extra compensation for two, three or four columns of matter is taken advantage of, and much work that would be as useful to the state if set in one column is made to occupy two or more, without adding very materially to the actual cost of composition.

The calendars of the house and senate, which are printed every day during the legislative session, offer the best opportunity for graft of this kind, and an examination of these documents shows that the state printer is fully cognizant of the fact.

These calendars could be run in one column without materially interfering with their usefulness, and were at one time so printed. At the last session, however, these calendars were carefully arranged so as to be set in four columns, thus doubling the price of composition. Not only did this arrangement double the price of composition, but it very materially added to the amount of "white space" in the work, and which is measured as if solid type. The matter in the calendars is added to day by day, but the state printer receives pay for all matter contained therein each day. In this way the state pays for the same composition as often as forty times.

It is not hard to figure the net profits on this one job, as it was done exclusively by the right force at the state printing office. This night force consisted of from four to seven printers working twelve hours each night, one pressman and one press-feeder doing the presswork in a few hours in the early morning. These compositors were paid at the rate of price and one half, that being the union night scale. Their earnings came to just \$7 each a night, or \$40 for all of time, while the pressman and feeder's work brought the amount up to about \$54 a day. As the paper and binding is paid for by the state, the net profit in this work is the difference of \$54, or less if the entire seven men were not employed, and the amount received by Mr. Whitney. At double rates for composition, set in four columns, and the allowance of 55 cents a token for presswork, this work figures up to \$6 a page for every page of the house and senate calendars. These vary from four pages at the beginning to 108 pages each at the end of the session, or a daily average of about 80 pages each. Thus, Mr. Whitney received a daily average amount from the state of \$969 a day on this one job, of which over \$900 was clear profit. This is only one of many of the ways that the state printing office is made to pay big profits.

Local Option Petition.

The petition from the citizens of Freewater for a vote on the liquor question to be taken there in June, will be acted on at the meeting of the county court next week, says the East Oregonian. The election will probably be ordered by the county judge at his session of court on Monday, as it is now being held that such petitions should be passed upon by the judge alone and not by all of the commissioners, as was done in the past. At the meeting of the commissioners which will commence on next Wednesday, the contract for the two bridges in the north end of the county will be let.

Walla Walla Horse Show.

A fine parade of blooded horses will be held in Walla Walla on May 6. A number of prominent horsemen have about completed arrangements for holding the show and from the interest being taken in the event the parade held two years ago will be eclipsed in both the number of horses on show and in the quality of breeding.

IS A CLEAN SWEEP

SENATOR MITCHELL LOSES EVERY COUNT IN FLEA.

Grand Jury Held to be Legally Constituted—Courts Decision Extends to Other Cases.

Judge Bellinger in court Tuesday, ruled in the government's favor on every count regarding the plea of abatement filed by United States Senator Mitchell. Bellinger held that the government could show by an affidavit whether George Guiston, the juror who it is alleged is disqualified, was capable of acting in that capacity. District Attorney Heney announced that he would file the necessary affidavit at once.

The ruling, as it was provided, extended to the other cases in which pleas in abatement were filed in behalf of the other defendants indicted by the same grand jury.

Every objection raised by Senator Mitchell's plea in abatement to the indictment found against him by the federal grand jury was swept aside. It was a signal victory for the government and Senator Mitchell will be obliged to face trial in June.

Judge Bellinger's decision was rendered in a crowded court room, many of the leading members of the bar being present. Senator Mitchell occupied his customary seat beside his attorney, Judge A. S. Bennett, but his composure seemed undisturbed as the elaborate defenses reared by his counsel were one by one swept away by the court.

"This clears the decks," said United States District Attorney Heney at the adjournment. "It is a clean sweep for the government and means an early trial for Senator Mitchell upon his indictment. A demurrer is still to be argued but that is a mere matter of form and I think the defense so regards it. The indictment is all right."

In dismissing Senator Mitchell's plea in abatement Judge Bellinger has disposed of all similar pleas filed by other defendants in the land fraud cases, as it was stipulated that all should stand or fall together. Some demurrers remain to be argued but they are regarded as purely formal.

In Senator Mitchell's case the demurrer is to be argued by briefs. If the demurrer is overruled, as the prosecution expects, the defendant will then be compelled to enter his plea, guilty or not guilty, to the indictment.

When Judge Bellinger entered his court room every seat was taken and standing room was at a premium.

He proceeded at once to read his decision. It is a voluminous one, occupying nearly an hour in the reading, and cites numerous authorities in support of his conclusions.

Upon every issue raised the court decided in favor of the government. The contentions of the defense that certain of the grand jurors were not qualified to act; that Francis J. Heney had no right to appear before the jury in the capacity of United States district attorney, and that Heney was so vindictive in his decision of the defendant as to prejudice the jury, were all overruled. Finally the court sustained the contention of the district attorney that the objections raised by the defense could not properly be raised by plea in abatement, and therefore the court and not a jury must decide upon the legality of the grand jury's proceedings.

It was alleged in Mitchell's plea that two of the grand jurors, Frank Bolter and Joseph Essner, were not qualified to act for the reason that their names were not on the assessment roll. Judge Bellinger held, however, that this would constitute a disqualification. He said: "It has never been decided in this state, so far as appears, that a property qualification is necessary to the competency of a juror. A person may be a property owner and tax payer whose name is not on the particular roll mentioned in the section in question. There may be a sheriff's assessment of property subsequent to the making of the list by the county court from the assessor's roll, and equally conclusive of the fact that the party assessed is a taxpayer."

The question was discussed at much length and the court declared that the objection went not to the qualification of the juror but only to the regularity of the organization of the jury.

The Best Cough Syrup.

S. L. Apple, ex-Probate Judge, Ottawa Co., Kansas, writes: "This is to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and that I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by McBride.