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The action of the city council Monday night relative to the meter system of regulating water supply and charges has met with practically unanimous endorsement. No more equitable plan could have been adopted with conditions of the city's resources in the shape they are. Had the council not been hampered by a lack of funds it would have been still more generous with the consumers. This was plainly evident to all present and heard the expressions of the councilmen and mayor. Conditions in this city the coming season will be greatly improved over last year.

the east and middle west to in- rated at the same value that was and Pacific highways in their street and Broadway. We repeat mobile ciub is preparing a new needs settlers; there is room for tourist book, for general distri- them here with ample opportanibution, which will contain a vast ties on every hand, but they amount of descriptive matter and must be met half way at least in will be illustrated with cuts of their expectations. In other some of the most attractive words, do not be grasping." scenery within reach of the motorist.

principled "land sharks" are continually doing, the Oregon for sale, with prices and terms. It is designed to bring together owners of land and prospective buyers without the intervention

dertaken in the valley.

credit is due for suggesting the obstructed view of snow-capped possibility of the project and to Mount Pitt. Paint up and clean W. A. Summer, manager of the up. Clamath orchards, is accredited the required prelimaries which promised the sucess of the enterprise.'

In an editorial last week the Ashland Tidings made this statement: "Everybody deplores the acquittal of Martin for the murder of Arthur Hubbard." The Herald deplores this statement by a paper usually fair in dealing with public questions. The statement is more than misleading; made without reservation it is a false statatement reflecting no credit on the paper making it. In his passion to discredit Prosecutor Kelly, Editor Greer made that statement, which he nor no other person can substanitate. Mor can he substantiate the statements made against Prossecutor Kelly if the published statements of the attorney for the defendent are to be credited, and the Herald believes the public in general accepted Attorney E. A. Reams' words as impartial and true when he stated Kelly was not to blame for the Martin verdict.

#### DO NOT BE GRASPING.

In speaking of the value placed makes a few pertinent comments. They are so timely and so applicapable to almost every community in the west that we give it consideration:

mental to a city or county than boosting the value of property far in excess of its worth, for immigration and an influx of settlers is not induced by inflated prices. What Oregon needs, what Douglas county needs, what Roseburg needs, is an increase in population of the steady investing, staying kind. We need to attract here the men and women with families, and of moderate means who must of necessity pass up the older settled and more expensive lands in the middle and central west. We do not want them to come here and find land values as high and even higher than they are in the great corn and wheat belts with all their diverse and competing means for transportation within In order to induce a great num- easy reach. There is no more ber of tourists to visit Oregon reason to base the value of all this year, automobile clubs and land in this country on the price the various business organizations that may be paid for a tract of throughout the northwest are ten-year-old bearing prune orplaning to send invitations to chard, any more than all real essimilar associations throughout tate in New York City should be itineries. The Portland Automo- it, this state and this county

> "Nature, not the Czar's arms, felled the proud Austro fort," is to nature or shot and shell.

est importance from a 'get water any along this great scenic route. the hands of the people east of quick' view point of any yet un- It will not require much effort to the Rocky Mountains. It conaccomplish this, for Central tains a map of every county in The scheme is to take the Point already occupies an enviawater from the old Pheonix mill ble reputation as one of the pretaitch and through an extension tiest, cleanest, most metropoliof that ditch put water on about tan and progressive cities in a 1,000 acres of orchard lying south Oregon. It is the only city south of Medford. To Wellbourn on the Pacific Highway from Beeson, the Talent horticulturist which the tourist can get an un-

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dealers in all sorts of materials ing district and center of great and supplies used by the county, alfalfa district of the valley. city or district are pleased over Packing and shipping point for the passage of the Bingham bill, many large orchards. Abundauthorizing a 5 per cent differen- ance of water for irrigation, pow tial in favor of home concerns. er and other purposes. Fruit

means of saving to Oregon Manu- dustry, followed by dairying, facturers and dealers many con- mining, and lumbering. Principal tracts that otherwise would go to crops are peaches, apples, pears, state concerns because of a slight apricots, berries, grapes, alfalfa, difference in the amount of the potatoes, onions, melons, and all

charged with the duty of letting fall 22 inches. Paved streets and contracts for public work, or for five miles of sewer and water construction of bridges, build- mains. Municipal water works. ings or other structures, or with Flour and feed mill, cement pipe the purchase of materials and and block factory. Bank: capital supplies for any public use, are and surplus. \$30,000; deposits, authorized to let the contracts to \$135,000. High and graded Oregon concerns if their bids are public schools. Baptist, Christian. within 5 per cent of being as low Christian Science, Methodist. as the best bid received from out- Episcopal and side the state.

Manufacturers who appeared clude Portland, the Columbian placed on the corner of Wall before the legislative committee said this law would be the means of retaining in Oregon many contracts that have been going to firms outside the state when the difference in the amounts, of the bids was only a few dollars.

#### A Valuable Volume.

The Herald is in receipt of an advance copy of the Oregon Almanac, issued by the state of neighbor's. In order to lessen the damage Archduke Fredrick's official note Oregon for the information of to the coast country the un- in praise of the unconqured he- homeseekers, settlers and visitroes of Przemysl. There is some ors. C. C. Chappin, Oregon Developement League has issued consolation in this fact to the State Immigration Agent, states a booklet, the title of which is warrior, but it is very lit-"Farm Lands in Oregon," It tle consolation to the widows and made to cater to local pride; for this there was no attempt contains a list of several hundred orphans of the brave men who on the other hand the farms and small pieces of land sacrificed their lives, whether opposite extreme was followed in an endeavor to be conservative. We commend the commis-It is estimated that 80,000 cars sion for this conservatism. will make the cross-continent gives the work greater value. It of middlemen or agents. Copies trip this year carrying visitors may be taken as almost absolute will be mailed to those interest- to the Panama-Pacific exposition. authority on all subjects with Thousands of these cars will pass which it deals, and it covers the "An irrigation project has been thru Central Point over the Pa- field of Oregon's vast resources. launched by orchard owners cific Highway, and our people It is unquestionably the best book whose holdings lie south of Med- should make a united effort to of information ever issued by this ford, says the Medford Sun, make this the "City Beautiful" department of the state. A milwhich bids fair to be of the great- -the most beautiful little city of lion copies should be placed in

the state, statistics on mining, agriculture, horticulture, and e very industry in the state. It is a valuable work.

Central Point receives the following descriptive mention, which is correct in the most essential

Altitude 1,300 feet. Population ed. The third requires that all 1,000. On main line of Southern ping and distributing point for Oregon manufacturers and rich agricultural and fruit grow-This law is expected to be the growing is the most important inother varieties of garden truck. Under the new law all county Early ripening season affords adcommissioners, school boards, vantage of best market prices for city councils, or other officers produce. Average annual rain-Presbyterian churches. Grange, Y. M. C. A., Masonic, I. O. O. F., Woodmen, Knights and Ladies of Security lodges. Commercial Club, Week-

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