

THE WATER-DITCH.

A Move in the Right Direction.
As was announced in last week's issue, the Board of Trade held an adjourned meeting in Union Hall Monday evening to listen to the report of the committee on manufacturing. Following is the report of the committee:

To the President and Gentlemen of Lebanon Board of Trade:

We, your committee on manufacture, in making our report will say

1. In order to carry on manufacturing to any great extent, power is the first thing in order, because necessary in working machinery.

2. That steam and water power are the greatest motor power that is used in the civilized world.

3. That owing to the designs of nature in supplying us with an abundance of water power which can be had so cheaply, that we heartily recommend the latter.

4. That your committee do recommend your honorable body to secure at once what is known as the Lebanon ditch.

5. That there be enough home capital secured to control the same, for we believe that the time is now at hand when more aid can be secured than at any time heretofore.

Therefore that through the proper channels of this body we incorporate and secure the right of way for the Lebanon ditch for the purpose of manufacturing, and that proper means be taken to raise the necessary money to complete the enterprise.

J. J. SWAN,
W. B. DONACA,
JOSEPH ELKINS,
G. T. COTTON,
CHAS. D. MONTAGUE.

After some enthusiastic and interesting speeches by some of the prominent citizens the report was adopted. By motion the committee were ordered to draw up articles of incorporation for the said canal and to lay the same before the Board of Trade at their next regular meeting, which is on Monday evening. By a motion of the chairman of the committee F. M. Miller was added to the committee. There seems to be great interest manifested in the work, and from the outlook we feel sure that the ditch will be built—and that soon. We heartily recommend the course that has been pursued, and think it is a step in the right direction; yes, more, the very salvation of our town.

WORSE THAN EVER.

This week has been an unusually wet one in this part of the valley on account of the heavy rains that have fallen, but the south winds have taken a great deal of snow from the foothills and mountains and caused the small streams and rivers to rise rapidly and in many places to overflow. Telegrams from the blockades between here and California state that the condition of the road is worse than ever, with but little prospect of getting better. Some of the officials of the road say they do not look for a train through before the first of March. On Wednesday a great deal of the railroad track was under water in several parts of the valley, and no train was allowed to run at night on the main line. We were told by one on board the train Wednesday that in some places between here and Albany the water was five inches deep over the track. The Willamette at Albany was fourteen feet above the high water mark, and at the docks all of the merchandise had to be moved off of the lower dock. We never saw so much water in Lebanon before. Every ditch, ravine and hole was full and most yards were flooded. Old settlers say they have never before seen such heavy storms in Oregon.

Among congressional news we note the preparation of a bill containing provisions of importance Washington, Idaho and Montana. It asks for a re-examination of their entire public lands as to their mineral character, at an estimated expense of \$50,000. The admission of Wyoming is favorably commented on. A bill will come before the senate this week, providing that in all land cases which had been proved up prior to January, 1890, and where innocent parties have obtained an interest by purchase or otherwise, patents shall be issued. It is designed to clear up cases in the northwest that have been hung up for years.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

They must go. They undermine American labor. They cause honest, laboring white men to become tramps. They send all the money they receive back to China. They take work from many a poor woman. They disgrace our young men. They are a very corrupt and immoral people. They must go.

Such were the remarks of a fault-finding, chronic-growling, selfish and penurious set a few years ago. And this fault-finding was kept up until many good people thought it would be best to stop the Chinese from coming to our country. And our law-makers listened to the public clamor and cowardly passed the restriction act. Let us note these statements: If our condition as a people would be better without the Chinaman, there ought to be some improvement by this time, but let us see.

We were told they would undermine American labor. Since the Chinese have gone has labor changed? Yes; gone down, not up. We were told that they cause honest, laboring white men to become tramps. Have the number of tramps changed? Yes; increased, not diminished.

We were told that they sent all the money they received for work back to China. But they left value received for every dollar they sent away, and one thousand of them gave \$2,500 to home mission work in the United States.

We were told that they took work from poor white women. Are white women doing the work they did? No. Are our young men growing better in the absence of the Chinamen? No. Are the Chinese as filthy and corrupt and immoral as the Italians? No. Everyone knows that of all the laboring men that ever came to the United States none were more industrious, more harmless, and more civil than the Chinaman. And the day will come when our nation will see its mistake and annul the restriction act. Even so come quickly, amen.

F. W. PARKER.

LEBANON'S PROSPECTS.

There is no town in Oregon with brighter prospects than Lebanon, it being situated near the center of Linn county, the finest agricultural county in the state, located on south fork of the Santiam at the terminus of the Lebanon branch of the S. P. R. R. with three trains a day, giving us good mail facilities, and better than many towns with much larger populations than we have. Laying to the west of our town is some of the finest grain and fruit lands in the county; to the north is land suitable for grain, hops, fruit and vegetables; to the south and east is a large stretch of country suitable for grain and stock raising. These lands are occupied by a thrifty, enterprising class of farmers and stock raisers, some of them owning large tracts of land which they are willing to subsidize into smaller tracts to suit purchasers, having learned from experience that small farms with better cultivation will give more favorable results. Lebanon has a population of from seven to eight hundred, being the second largest town in the county. The business of Lebanon is well represented by an enterprising class of business men. We have good public schools, an academy and a number of churches.

The citizens of our town have made arrangements with O'Neil Brothers, of California, by which they agree to erect and operate paper mills with a capacity of five ton of paper per day, with a pay-roll of four thousand dollars per month.

Our citizens are taking steps to organize a company for the construction of a water ditch, by tapping the Santiam river at or near Cleadle's Falls and bringing water into the city limits, giving us a good water supply and power sufficient for a number of mills and factories. With all these improvements we may reasonably expect to double our population within the next eighteen months.

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CHAS. B. MONTAGUE.

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