

EDITORIAL

The current water shortage brings to the fore the necessity for providing additional storage for the city's water supply. Present storage capacity takes care of normal demands but is inadequate when anything out of the ordinary occurs.

As stated by Mayor Turner in another column of this week's Gazette Times, work of drilling a new well will start shortly. It is anticipated that this well will produce at least 200,000 gallons daily. Such production will make it necessary to provide another reservoir, and the city officials have in mind one of 500,000-gallon capacity. The one reservoir now in use has a capacity of 300,000 gallons. A storage capacity of 800,000 gallons should solve the problem for years to come, providing ample water supply for all civilian use, including a sewer system—another project on the city's improvement program.

We must not lose sight of the fact that these improvements will cost money, but at the same time we are wondering if we have not been losing money by delaying construction even at present prices. A sewer system could not be successfully operated without adequate water supply and it might be asked why have a second reservoir when the water supply is not sufficient to keep the present reservoir filled. The truth is that the reservoir is well filled most of the time. Need of additional storage is seen in times of shortage. The auxiliary supply could be brought into use and prevent interruption of irrigation service at a time when lawns, shrubs and gardens need water every day.

At the moment, the most pressing need is for an auxiliary supply of water. If the new well is a producer, the larger reservoir and the sewer system will follow. As stated before, they will cost money and the city will of necessity have to assume a considerable obligation. Towns, like individuals, become lethargic when out of debt. There is a feeling that the goal has been attained and the tendency is to rest on the oars. There is no pushing ahead, but rather, we drift with the current. It may be said in favor of plunging in debt—not too far, mind you—that there is always one objective: striving to get out. Heppner needs a more adequate water supply and a sewer system. If we wait until we can pay cash for them it is doubtful if some of us will live long enough to enjoy them.

In all this controversy, or lack of agreement as the case may be, ever-trading city and county property, both sides appear to be a bit too zealous about protecting the public interest. If this sense of protection is carried on too long the public is bound to be the loser.

It is quite believable that the two units of government will come to an agreement. If one side or the other has to give a little, or maybe it would be pertinent to suggest that both give a little, they will be serving the public interest. After all, the properties involved belong to Mr. John Public and he will not be taking too big a loss whichever way the deal blows. Lack of agreement is stalling the hand of progress and it is quite certain the public is more interested in the ultimate development of both of these properties for more efficient use than whether or not the county and city officials have established valuations that cannot be changed without reflecting upon the judgment of the officials. Each side has set a mark to which it is holding as if it were a matter of life or death. If each will come half way a settlement can be reached in a hurry. Let's get some action!

There has not been much stir around Heppner due to announcement of the proposed McNary county. Most comment is to the effect that the tendency is toward consolidation of counties nowadays, rather than carving out new ones from the older counties. The proposal for a new county is a little out of line with the common thought and if the promoters are to realize their ambition it will require an unusually active campaign.

If the people of the north end of Morrow county and the western portion of Umatilla county will content themselves to await the inevitable development following construction of the McNary dam it is likely that the demand for a separate county will disappear. Road improvement, which seems to be one of the bones of contention in this county, will come as most people move in and the tax distribution is equalized. Also, there is the possibility that the "no-man's land" lying between the cultivated areas on this side of the sand belt and the river settlements will largely be removed. The project communities can easily be made close neighbors with the rest of the county by the application of water to that strip now embraced in the bombing field.

Archdeacon and Mrs. Neville Blunt are leaving next Tuesday to spend the month of August in Victoria, B. C. While away Rev. Blunt will conduct services in St. John's church.

word of the death of an old friend of the Padberg family, Mrs. Emma Haughton, passed away July 13 at her home in Norway, Oregon. She will be remembered here as Emma Owen.

drove to Hood River Tuesday, talking household goods down to their son, Victor, returning home Wednesday evening they were accompanied by their granddaughter, Cecelia Parker, who will visit several days.

I thank the people of Morrow, Gilliam, Umatilla, and Wheeler counties for their patronage during the past eighteen months. For Fay Bucknum, the new owner of The Flower Shop, I bespeak your continuing loyalty and kindness, without which I could not have built my business, nor can she succeed.

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Resolved that Bunch Grass Rebekah lodge No. 91, I. O. O. F. of Ione, Oregon, in testimony of our loss, be draped in mourning for the allotted time and that we tender the family our deepest sympathy in their affliction. A copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and copy spread upon the minutes of this lodge.

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