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Statement to the Public.

We have had four water elections, three to build a new system and practically confound the present system, and one to buy the present system at an agreed price. All four failed to carry, each having a stronger vote against bonding than the previous one. At both of the last two elections large majorities voted against bonds. Now comes another agitation to bond the city for \$75,000 on the same proposition that defeated the first three elections, to confound the present system and incur a big debt for the second one, while the present one has water of fine quality sufficient for at least three times the present population.

A remonstrance against further elections has been filed with the city council signed by practically all of the business men and large property owners, covering at least three-fourths of the taxpaying power of the city and enough responsible names to show beyond doubt the futility of calling any more elections along this line at the present time.

Some of the principal agitators who have been active in seeking a sentiment in favor of building a new water system at heavy expense and of confounding the present plant underfoot a few years ago to show the good people of Hood River that the little spring flowing about 125,000 gallons daily, which comes out about 50 feet east of the large reservoir, would furnish enough water for the entire city and urged the passage of an ordinance granting privileges and compensation to their company. These same people now insist that the present supply, which according to Robert's report delivers 950,000 gallons daily, is inadequate. The small spring furnishes about 50 gallons per capita daily and according to these agitators' methods of figuring was ample, but now the supply of 380 gallons per capita is inadequate according to the same figures. The same parties "rule or ruin" policy cost the strawberry growers of the west side of the valley not less than \$50,000 a few years ago and now the city is asked to put up the modest sum of \$75,000 for the real purpose of assisting these knackers in ruining the investment of those who have put their money into the present lighting and water system and brought the plant from practically nothing to the present standard, which was done at a time when the property had been badly neglected and the service disgusting.

The protest against further elections asks for a system of fire protection of which the business section is badly in need, but the answer is made that some citizens living in remote parts of the city object on account of said protection not extending to their residences and are not willing to have the expense of the protection paid out of the city funds. Have you ever stopped to figure how heavy this burden would be? A fire system would cost approximately \$1,000 per year and save in insurance rates over \$4,000 besides affording the protection that brings comfortable sleep and a net saving of \$3,000 for each \$1 cost.

The city license of 1907 and the taxes of 1908 together make \$8137 and add to this \$1,000 for fire protection makes a total of \$9137, of which the fire protection would cost practically one-ninth. The total tax is \$20 mills, of which the city levy is five mills or practically one-sixth of the total. The fire protection would cost approximately one-ninth of one-sixth of the direct tax, or one fifty-fourth of the total levy, say one-fiftieth in round numbers. A property owner who pays a total of \$10 taxes would contribute the magnificent sum of 20 cents per year for the purpose of having the business district of his city protected from fire. On this basis it would cost Frank A. Cram \$1, J. L. Holman 55 cents, Councilman Wright 40 cents, Stewart H. H. were Co. \$2.90, Wm. Stewart \$2.20, Councilman Buck 20 cents, etc., per annum. We mention these names, as most people know of what their property consists, where they live and do business, and because the amounts shown on the lists of taxes in the hands of the banks show the amounts on country and city property in a lump and we are informed that the amounts as shown on the tax rolls for city property only. It is certainly a serious matter to live in a remote part of the city and contribute from 20 to 50 cents per annum for fire protection, and one would think from the heavy pressure brought to bear on the city council that the extravagance would never be tolerated, notwithstanding that it is the custom in other cities. These trifling amounts look big, but the fact that those objecting could hardly exist on their present locations if the business district is not worthy of consideration.

A close examination of the rates charged for water in different cities vary considerably. The family rate runs from 50 cents to \$1.50 per month, bars from 25 cents to \$1, baths 10 cents to 50 cents, stores 50 cents to \$1, irrigation 25 cents to \$1.50 per lot, but in cities where one rate is low another is enough higher to make the gross revenue enough to pay on the investment.

In Hood River we have practically followed the schedule of our predecessors, the principal change being that we reduced the house rate from \$1.50 to \$1.25 with a discount of 25 cents if paid on or before the 10th of the month.

The real gauge of comparison is the gross revenue per capita per annum. In Hood River it is \$2.78; Oregon City, \$2.05; Baker City, \$4.00; Ashland, \$3.22; Pendleton, \$2.92; The Dalles, \$4.00. The list comprises both pump and gravity systems, and are all municipal except Hood River and all

have a gross revenue from two to three times the Hood River system, the lowest being Oregon City with over \$12,000. Inasmuch as the expense of operating a water system should not increase in proportion as the revenue increases after the mains are laid in the streets it is fair to assume that rates in Hood River will be further reduced as the business and the city grows, and when the gross revenue reaches \$12,000 or \$15,000 the people of this city should have water at a cost of not to exceed \$2 to \$2.25 per capita per annum, unless a big unnecessary expense is incurred.

It was our intention in replacing the wooden mains to put down such pipes as would afford a satisfactory domestic service, but in circulating the petition which was presented to the council we found that the demand for fire protection is practically unanimous, and in view of this fact will not put down a large cast iron main in Oak street and on such side streets as need fire protection. All work done will be in line with future requirements, but the system will not be complete until we have a contract for definite revenue for a term of years. We will place hydrants anywhere along the mains where the property owners wish to be charged for their support, until the city council can see their way clear to make a contract for a general system.

Whenever any matter in which we have been interested has come up before the people their verdict has been perfectly fair and in view of our high opinion of the fairness and good judgment of enough of Hood River's citizens to control such matters we are going to make this investment, believing that the property will not be confounded; also for the reason that the people who asked for fire protection deserve the very best that we can afford to give them under the unfortunate circumstances that now exist. We have delayed the work for a complete and satisfactory system, but the time has come when we must proceed to construct the very best protection we can afford under existing conditions, hoping that the city council will soon see their way clear to make a contract that will permit of the work being completed.

We fully appreciate the manner in which our many friends have stood by us all through this matter and propose to show our appreciation by following the most liberal policy possible consistent with conservative business methods and do this with the full belief that whenever the test comes our investment will be protected as it has been in the past.

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Concede Cake's Nomination.

Portland, Ore., March 23.—In virtually conceding the nomination of H. M. Cake, the Telegram says, in part:

Attracting crowds that numerically have been a great surprise to everyone, H. M. Cake is touring the state in behalf of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States senator.

Mr. Cake began his tour two weeks ago and has spoken practically every night since that time. Mr. Cake made many warm friends and a large following during his campaign two years ago when he lost the nomination for senator by a very narrow margin.

These friends and others who have rallied to his standard during the intervening period are successful in creating real enthusiasm for the aspirant as he tours the state. At every town in which he has spoken he has been heartily received and his addresses have been heard by crowds greater by far than usually gather to hear a political address.

Mr. Cake is an able speaker, forceful in delivery and wonderfully clear in expression. His talks are unique in that they differ so widely from a political harangue. He assails no one nor does he resort to elimination of any kind. He tells what he has to say in a clear logical way, a way that appeals strongly to the people.

In each of Mr. Cake's addresses he has urged the nomination of the Republicans of Oregon remaining loyal to their party. Fealty to party, he says, is all that is necessary for Republicans to continue in the ascendancy in this state. He is an ardent admirer of President Roosevelt and in every address has maintained that it is to the best interests not only to the entire people, but the people of Oregon particularly, that the president's policies be maintained. He is strongly in favor of the reclamation work that is being done throughout the state by the present administration.

It should be continued without abatement, he insists, and he also urges that ample appropriations should be made for the rivers and harbors of this state. The Willamette, he contends, should be opened to commerce as far as the possible head of navigation.

One feature of Mr. Cake's address that has attracted attention is his hearty endorsement of the election of United States senators. Mr. Cake believes in the people and consequently believes in

the election of senators by the people. He declares that if elected he will support a federal amendment providing for the popular election of United States senators. In this connection he recites the history of the public to achieve this end. For years and years various efforts have been made by the people to elect their own senators and he shows that there is a provision in the constitution at this time for so doing.

This subject, however, according to Mr. Cake, is not the overshadowing feature of the campaign. The election of United States senators by the people must prevail eventually, but the needs of Oregon and the maintenance of Republican principles should be the topic instead.

Mr. Cake's itinerary includes practically the entire state. Local machine politicians who professed to have little faith in his chances for success are now thoroughly alarmed. They see in the large crowds that are flocking to hear Mr. Cake's addresses and in the attitudes of the different newspapers throughout the state favoring Mr. Cake, a menace to the system which they hope to perpetuate.

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Adjourned Council Meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the council was held Monday evening and unfinished business and a new matter were disposed of.

Ordinance No. 151, being the estimated cost and assessments of the sewer lots in sewer district No. 9, passed its first reading and was referred to the sewer committee.

Ordinance No. 152, establishing the grade of Oak street, passed its first reading and was referred to the street committee.

A resolution was passed giving the street committee the authority to build a temporary bridge across Hood River without delay.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

Hood River Abstract Co., making list of property and assessments for sewer district No. 9, \$34.

Davidson Fruit Co., boards for street signs, \$4.65.

J. B. Hunt, 305 street signs, \$164.70.

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D. McDonald, supplies, 30 cents.

Five judges and clerks of special election, \$2.50 each.

A remonstrance was received against the grades as established on the west end of State street and referred to the street committee.

Councilman Wright reported that he and Mr. Hall went to The Dalles and met two members of the county court and found that there was due the city from back taxes on account of the special road tax of about \$4200, which they had assurance would be paid.

The balance was given to the Central Construction Company at their own request instead of making a cash payment.

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