

CORRESPONDENCE

UNDERWOOD.

B. Veach and H. Westhausen went down to Hood Valley Saturday of last week...

A. J. Hayes made a flying trip to Stevenson last Thursday evening going down on the local in the afternoon and returning on the night train...

Mrs. E. H. Knapp came up from Portland on business pertaining to her place.

The Hood Land company have their engineer with a crew on the ground surveying a railroad out to their timber. They expect to begin grading soon.

B. W. Pollard was up on the Underwood ball grounds Wednesday with his two teams, putting the finishing touch to discing and digging. He was assisted by Will Underwood.

Messrs. Lowden and Hoasey are pushing work on their buildings. Owing to the squally weather it has caused some delay in getting buildings under cover.

Frank Larson and assistants have been busy in their grubbing which they lately contracted of Mr. Lowden.

A farewell dance was given at George Wise's Saturday night. Mrs. Wise and son, Clarence, expect to depart for Missouri in a few days. George and daughter, Goldie, will follow sometime during the summer.

J. W. Marsh came up from Portland Saturday night looking after business, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Emil Waitfors is reported very sick at this writing. We hope she will soon recover.

C. B. Aitman left for Portland Saturday on business.

Mrs. J. R. King as a Portland visitor part of the week.

Many Sleepless Nights Owing to a Persistent Cough. Relief Found at Last.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably covered a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights..."

The Water Question.

It is gratifying indeed to note the progress being made in the debate for municipal water. Whatever is conceded in the argument by the week, we shall consider closed, and except for reinforcing of other statements...

Very good quite a change from the stand taken last March. The city council and certain other private affairs, they also now wish to drag out. Very well. If a mistake was made by their introduction it will be remembered that the president of the water company dragged them in. If the mistake is owned, as it evidently is, another great concession is made.

The \$6,000 salaries and the \$75,000 bonds or the income derived from the plants are germane, unless performance the company owes to its mistake in trying to fight the city at all in its effort for more and better water. Should these errors be owned, the stand on property rights be retracted, the News settle down again into being a newspaper, pointing the needs instead of an organ, we shall be glad.

The question therefore returns to the original motion proposed by the city council to change the charter. Shall the charter be changed? Yes! Because the income from a water

plant owned by the city should go to ward its maintenance, fixed charges and bonds. In no city of our size has the plan to tax property to run a plant been adopted. Why follow such an absurd plan here? This, of course, pulls the teeth out of the tax dragon. In all other towns, however, each water user pays the same amount for water. The renter and the banker pay each the same rate and if each use the same quantity of water each pays an equal sum toward interest, fixed charges and bonds. It is this fact clearly seen and worked out into actual experience in other towns that makes the reference to tax payers and heavy property holders so absurdly ridiculous. Of all the multitude of replies from towns both in and out of Oregon, not a single one reports error having paid a cent of tax. Water rates have not fixed charges and paid out the bonds. The city of Ashland is most like the required plant in Hood River, it pays to the city above all repairs, extensions, fixed charges and bonds about \$7,000 per year. Their rates per month are for house \$1, for bath \$1.00, for toilet \$1.00, for irrigating, \$2.25, or a total of \$5.25 per year. Hood River pays just \$20 for this same service, or \$10.35 in excess of Ashland. Salaries amounting to \$6,000 per annum are to the point. If this sum went into our city treasury instead of private purses, and if each householder were spared in addition \$10.35, it would make quite a difference to us.

We concede this argument not germane, except in so far as it removes the News Editor's grave fears over taxes. We have heard "taxes," "heavy property holders," "income taxes," till it becomes necessary to show it up and to give the experience of seventeen other towns, all of which report, "no tax."

The tax cry here reminds us of the clergyman who was so fond of postulating on infant baptism that he exhausted the patience of his flock. It reached such a pass that the congregation thought to cure him of infant baptism by selecting a text which would exclude the idea. He consented and they chose these words: "They shall grow up like calves of the stall."

The following sabbath he mounted the pulpit and triumphantly announced these words three divisions to his text: My first is the Gates, my second is the Stall, and my third is Infant Baptism. Now after showing that a water plant does not tax property, if the charter is changed, that no other town has paid a cent of direct tax, yet next week the News Editor may be expected to arise and solemnly announce: "My third is tax."

Herein lies the difference between high school bond, sewer bond or parking bond and a water bond. The first have to be paid and with interest; the last pays itself and with interest and without \$6,000 salaries.

Shall the charter be changed in regard to a two-thirds vote to carry a bond issue? Yes. If a majority, not a minority, shall rule. Is it out of place to ask who are shouting against this change: the business men? Not one. The laboring men? Not one. The clergy? Not one. The lawyers? Not one. Who, then, is so scared of a majority? The News. We have just learned of a private toll road so like Hood River's struggle for water that we respect it. Fourteen farmers lived in a small valley, who need a private toll road to let them out onto the public highway. Five farmers owned the toll road and divided the cash, while nine men clamored to construct a

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"Just a little tickling in the throat!" Is that what troubles you? But it hangs on! Can't get rid of it! Home remedies don't take hold. You need something stronger—a regular medicine, a doctor's medicine. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral contains healing, quieting, and soothing properties of the highest order. Ask your doctor about this. No alcohol in this cough medicine. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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good highway. Five is a majority of nine on a two-thirds vote, so the nine men went into court. In court the five men urged the judge most vehemently against a majority and in favor of a two-thirds vote. The judge became curious to know what influenced these five men to advance such high sounding arguments on a two-thirds vote, so he inquired of them. The first thought anything done up in that valley was important ought to meet pretty nearly the unanimous opinion of the valley. The second thought if the people were not unanimous the thing ought not to be done. The third thought the men who started the game were wise and their wisdom ought to be respected. The fourth "thought so, too." But the fifth, a simple fellow, said, "Ye see, judge, it's this here way: We-uns is five and them's nine. Now we-uns keep the gate and divide the swag, and we don't want no majority in our'n, not on yer life."

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a cough that has been hanging on for over two months by taking Ballard's Horehound Syrup. If you have a cough, don't wait—stop it at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs, cold in chest, influenza, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Chas. N. Clark.

Will Open Branch Office

Newell, Gossett & Walsh, civil engineers, of Portland, advise that they will open a branch office in the Davidson building on March first. Mr. P. M. Morse, well known in this place a few years ago as assistant engineer with the O. R. & N. Co., has been secured a manager of the office. Mr. Morse's record shows him to be a capable and experienced engineer. He served with the O. R. & N. Co. for six years, rising from the position of rodman to that of engineer in charge of construction. For over a year he was in the maintenance of way department, where he was engaged much of the time in making surveys of the company's lands. After leaving the O. R. & N. Co. he was for two years on construction work for the Pacific Railway & Navigation company, on their line to Tillamook. He served with the O. R. & N. Co. when work closed down in 1907. Mr. Morse now resigns as engineer in charge of bridge and tunnel work for the United Railways to take this new position.

For the past year Messrs. Newell, Gossett & Walsh have maintained a temporary office with the Briggs Amment Land Co. Last week Mr. Newell made a trip to Hood River and surrounding country, and after going carefully over the field was convinced that Hood River and vicinity there was a prospect for more important improvement work than in any other section of the country with a reach of their Portland office. It was on account of this prospect for extensive and important work that the man of Mr. Morse's experience and ability was secured for this place.

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Advertised Letters

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W. M. Yates, Postmaster.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup not only allays inflammation and irritation of the throat and lungs, but it drives out the cold from the system by a free and gentle action of the bowels. Sold by Keir & Cass.

Miss Nettie Pough returned Friday from Sherman county, where she has been visiting relatives for a couple of weeks.

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Stops Fermentation and Cures All Stomach Trouble Before You Realize It

Take your sour stomach—or maybe you call it indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or catarrh of stomach; it doesn't matter—take your stomach trouble right with you to your pharmacist and ask him to give a 50 cent case of Pap's Dipsapin and let you eat one 22-grain trisulphate and see if within five minutes there is left any trace of your stomach misery.

The correct name for your trouble is food fermentation—food souring, the digestive organs become weak, there is lack of gastric juice; your food is only half-digested, and you become affected with loss of appetite, pressure and fullness after eating, vomiting, nausea, heartburn, griping in bowels, tenderness in the pit of stomach, bad taste in the mouth, constipation, pain in limbs, sleeplessness, belching of gas, biliousness, acid headache, nervousness, dizziness, and many other similar symptoms.

If your appetite is flake, and nothing tempts you, or you belch gas or if you feel bloated after eating, or your food lies like a lump of lead on your stomach, you can make up your mind that at the bottom of all this there is but one cause—fermentation of undigested food.

Prove to yourself after your next meal, that your stomach is as good as any; that there is nothing really wrong. Stop this fermentation and begin eating that you want without fear of discomfort or misery.

Almost instant relief is waiting for you. It is merely a matter of how soon you take a little Dipsapin.

Miss Ida Bruce returned to her home at The Dalles Thursday after visiting friends in the city.

NOW IS BEST TIME TO TAKE

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Mix by shaking well in a bottle, and take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bed time. He states that the ingredients can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy at small cost, and, being of the soluble extraction, are harmless to take.

This pleasant mixture, if taken regularly for a few days, is said to overcome almost any case of rheumatism. The pain and swelling, if any, diminishes with each dose, until permanent results are obtained, and without irritating the stomach. While there are many so-called rheumatism remedies, patent medicines, etc., some of which do give relief, few really give permanent results, and the results, and the above will do it, he greatly appreciated by many sufferers of this time.

Inquiry at the drug stores of this neighborhood elicits the information that these drugs are harmless and can be bought separately, or the druggists here will mix the prescription for our readers if asked to.

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