

UNDERDRAINAGE CALLED FOR.

A Splendid Suggestion.

Editor Reporter.

Is not the present muddy condition of the streets of McMinnville highly suggestive of a need of a system of underdraining?

A system of underdrains laid down at a depth of from three to four feet and placed at proper intervals would draw out all the sub-oil water and lower the water line so that surface water could readily sink into the ground and leave the surface dry and solid for travel.

The benefits that would be derived from such an improvement would not be confined to the streets alone, it would greatly improve the health of the town. Stagnant water, and cesspools of filth, has a tendency through constant evaporation, to chill and poison the atmosphere. It would also prevent a great deal of impure water from getting into the wells. The origin of a large amount of sickness such as malaria, typhoid-fever and diptheria and many other dangerous diseases may be traced to this source. Underdraining is not expensive when a good outlet is already provided as is the case in McMinnville and when drain tiles are used it is permanent and will continue to perform its good work for generations to come. The amount of money necessary to carry out such a system would be very small indeed, when compared to the great amount of good that it would accomplish. It would increase the value of city property more than ten times the cost of the improvement. P. W.

Poor Economy.

Yakima Signal.

Every once in a while the Signal runs against a man who "takes so many papers" from abroad that he cannot afford to take his home paper, and yet when he meets with misfortune he looks at his home paper for consolatory notice, and when he has a favor to ask, this same home paper is the one he goes to it for its granting. Such men drop out of a community and none know it or feel the loss but the immediate family. The papers he does take have no knowledge of him, nor care for his interests beyond the amount of the subscription, and yet he goes along ignoring the paper which is constantly endeavoring to build up the country in which

he has residence and thereby adding to its general prosperity, to assist in adding wealth to some foreign community. Every head of a family should take a local paper. Its cost is nothing in comparison with the benefits derived therefrom. The man who neglects to take his home paper for economical reasons is a poor calculator, and if all his other transactions are on the same basis he will find when the year rolls around that it has brought anything but profit.

Spinner, we had almost forgotten him; same as R. B. Hayes, John Conness, Gorham, and Frank Pixley; but his name came up in a letter from Florida last week. Twenty years ago he was a conspicuous personage at the head of the United States treasury. His white mustache, his brusque manner, his loud voice, his inimitable corkscrew signature, his fervent patriotism, and his equally fervent and picturesque language, all combined to attract attention to him. He was one of Mr. Lincoln's closest counsellors. Now he is in Florida for his health. His daughter married the president of a bank in Jacksonville, but the general refuses to be cooped up in town. He lives alone in a couple of tents on Pablo beach, sixteen miles off. One tent is his kitchen, and the other his parlor and bed-room, and he seems quite comfortable. I paid my respects to the venerable camperout; says this letter writer; and he said that life had by no means lost its attractions for him yet. A tent on the beach in Florida furnishes his ideal headquarters for a rheumatic." Where is Hannibal Hamlin? He whose picture ornaments a niche in the sanctum of the Reporter editor.

Big land schemes still continue to be recorded. The latest is from Colorado capitalists, interested with New York, Chicago and St. Louis parties, in a scheme to gobble up the Cherokee lands with the intention of opening that country to settlement. The price mentioned is \$3 per acre. The scheme also includes the acquisition of four million acres in no man's land, extending to Mexico, claimed by the Cherokees. It is asserted that \$20,000 has been spent already in looking up records and negotiating with the Indians. It is a very small "settlement" that will result from the scheme, if it is successful.

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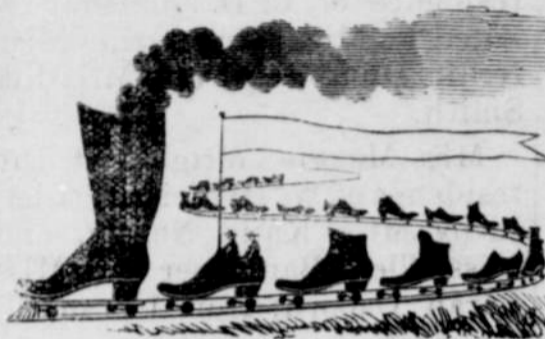


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