

## SEWERS OR WATER?

### Shall City Purchase Light & Water Plants or Install Sewer?

This is the Question that is Agitating the Members of the City Council--Advocates of Purchase of Light and Water Plant are in the Majority Five to One.

Which is it to be? The purchase of the light and water works and postpone the construction of a sewer system until later, or, install a sewer system and postpone the purchase of the light and water works until a more auspicious moment? This is the question that is agitating the minds of the city council and no small part of the population of the city. At the present time it is impossible to gauge public sentiment on the question as it has not progressed far enough to arouse discussion and the announcement of opinions. It stands about five to one in favor of the purchase of the water works and the electric light plant.

The argument advanced in favor of the purchase is that it will enhance the value of property to such an extent and will itself become such a valuable asset of the city that it will then be possible to issue additional bonds with which to raise the money necessary for the construction of the sewer system. That under present conditions the building of a sewer system is not imperative and that it will require more money than the city can possibly raise. On the other hand, while the purchase of the water and light plants are not imperative, they are essential to the carrying out of the greater development of the city. They can be bought for less money at this time than they can one year from now, they will increase rapidly in value, the income from both will be sufficient to maintain the plant and extend them, and leave some money in the treasury for the welfare of the city in general. But above all of these considerations is the one that the city can buy and pay for the water plant and then be able to issue enough additional bonds to install a proper sewer system.

"Too much water?" says the sewer advocates. "You have already strained the limit of your credit in the purchase of the light and water plants; your present assets are loaded down and not available for further mortgaging. The light and water plants will be worth no more than you pay for them and consequently you can-

not raise as much as they cost you. Then where will you get the money for your sewer system?"

On the other hand, the sewer advocates claim, when you build the sewer you add to the value of the property an amount equal to the cost of construction. On this you can borrow more money. We have the light and water plants now and we do not have to worry about them. They are not a necessity. But we have no sewer and that is a necessity. Let us take care of the necessity first and the luxury afterwards.

That the question of which the city will have is going to be warmly discussed is certain and whichever side wins will do so only after a bitter struggle. The lines are only being formed. The question cannot be settled until next year. It must eventually come before the voters and they will decide. It is out of the question to think of a sewer until the railroad reaches this city, but in the meantime it will be necessary to have the question passed on by the people, the bonds issued and sold and the plans drawn and many other preliminary steps taken. If the sewer advocates win.

Professor Head, the well known piano tuner is in the city and will remain here for several weeks. Orders for piano tuning may be left at or phoned to Crissler & Stitts and they will have prompt attention. Professor Head is having a shipment of pianos come and when they arrive those wishing to purchase will have an opportunity to get a bargain. It.

J. J. Curnow, who has been in this county for the past several weeks, returned this morning to his home in Placerville, Calif. Mr. Curnow stated that he was well pleased with what he found here and intended to return next spring and bring his family with him. He further stated that if his friends listen to what he has to say that many of them will accompany him and become residents of Klamath county.

#### WORK BEGUN.

J. W. Jory Begins Construction of South Branch Laterals.

The directors of the Water Users Association this week received from the Secretary of the Interior the contract entered into between the association and the Reclamation Service, the same having been approved by him. This contract covers the co-operative work to be done by members of the association, the pay for which is to be in warrants. These warrants may be turned into the Reclamation Service in payment for the cost of construction of the system.

The first contract to be let under this arrangement was the one signed on the 6th inst. between the association and J. W. Jory, and was for the construction of a system of laterals under a portion of the South Branch canal. Mr. Jory commenced work on this contract yesterday morning. Under the stipulations he will have to complete his work by December 15th.

When bids were asked for, Mr. Jory's was the only one received. This was somewhat discouraging, but investigation proved that it was not due to disinterestedness on the part of the farmers, but because the work came at a bad season of the year, considering its location. As work progresses and bids are asked on laterals farther down the valley and nearer to the homes of the farmers in that section, there will be plenty of competition.

#### LOOK OUT FOR HIM.

HILLSBORO, Ore., Oct. 20.—A painter, assuming by the name of R. C. McLain, arrived in Hillsboro about the first of the month and endeavored to cash a check for \$1200, drawn on a bank at Clearmont, Iowa. The bank however, refused to cash the paper, but instead took it for collection.

This seemed agreeable to McLain, and to show that he was all to the good, he rented a house and ordered several hundred dollars' worth of furniture, having it delivered at the rented property. He also bought on credit a lot of rough lumber which had been used in the street fair and had one load of it moved.

McLain suddenly disappeared, and shortly afterward, word was received from the Iowa bank that the officials of the concern knew no such man, nor had he any money on deposit subject to check, or any other assets in its keeping. McLain was here about two weeks and received but \$15 on his representations, and part of this he left in the town. His present whereabouts are unknown.

The final whirl of the Republican national campaign will occur in Indiana, Ohio and New York. From now on until the day of the voting every available speaker of National reputation will be heard in the three states which both parties regard as pivotal. The National committee has arranged to throw the following speakers into Ohio: Mr. Taft, Postmaster-General Meyer, Secretary Garfield, Secretary Straus, Senator Dilliver, Senator LaFollette, Leslie M. Shaw, General O. O. Howard, Representative Foster, of Vermont, and Representative Longworth of Ohio. The campaign in Indiana will also be conducted with all the vigor the National committee can put into it.

Beginning Monday, next, the closing days of the month will be occupied with a whirlwind rush of the Democratic campaign in California. Theodore Bell, returning from a triumphant speechmaking tour of the Eastern states, and ex-Mayor Phelan of San Francisco, will bring all their forcefulness to bear to spread the Bryan truth from one end of the state to the other. As a means for hustling the two speakers from place to place and making every minute count, a special train has been engaged.

The 2-year-old son of John Nimmons of Litchfield, Ill., was frightened to death by the squealing of a hog this week. The baby was near the sty, when the hog, fighting its mate, emitted a loud squeal. The baby fell over in a faint. Convulsions followed that resulted in the death of the child.

Bigelow & Adams do a wholesale and retail business buying direct from factory. Sample at E. W. Gillette's Furniture Store this week. No Middleman's profit about it.

#### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Second day of the Session of Klamath County's Educators.

##### Thursday Afternoon.

After the noon intermission Miss May Robinson gave us some very excellent plans for "Six Boxes" and other devices. Miss Robinson was followed by Supt. Robinson who ably handled the subject of "Reading." His leading thoughts were to dwell on the expression in reading and to train the pupils to picture clearly the thoughts of the lesson.

Mr. Butcher gave the teachers much useful information on the subject of "Agriculture." He said Agriculture should be taught in every school and where time is limited, it may easily be correlated with other subjects, and by so doing furnish good subject matter for themes.

The next feature of the program was the "Department Work." The Primary Grades assembled in one of the lower rooms, where Miss Alice Pool gave a practical talk on "Busy Work," which was highly appreciated, as we all know Miss Pool's ability in this line of work. Pres. Shafer also addressed the teachers on Primary Work. In another room Prof. Butcher gave the High School teachers and others an interesting talk on Athletics.

In the Grammar Grade Department Supt. Robinson gave some excellent instruction on "Geography."

##### Thursday Evening.

The first evening session of the Institute was well attended by the citizens, and the program was exceptionally well rendered. Prof. Wirtz furnished the music for the evening, giving a piano solo and a violin solo, both of which were highly appreciated by the audience.

Supt. Robinson rendered a most excellent talk on "Progress and Initiative," urging the necessity of getting before the youth of Oregon the marvelous opportunities this state offers them.

Pres. Shafer made a few very pointed remarks on the great expenditure of public money on buildings and equipment, and incidentally remarked that manifold benefits would be realized by the increased expenditure on brains, but did not wish to convey the idea that less should be expended on public buildings and equipment, but more on preparation.

Miss Shives was at her best when she pleased the audience with the reading of "Sarah Jane's Visit."

The entire program was instructive and interesting.

##### Friday Morning.

The second day's session of the Teachers' Institute opened promptly at 9, at which time Prof. Butcher conducted a "Model Opening Exercises," and it was an inspiration to the teachers and a model that all might well follow.

The teachers were delighted to meet and greet Supt. Ackerman at the morning session, also Miss Marvin, secretary of the State Library Commission.

Rev. Pratt favored the meeting with a few pleasing remarks, saying that if he were not a preacher he would be a teacher.

The day's program really opened with a most valuable talk on Reading by Supt. Robinson. Mr. Robinson made it clear that association of events that lead up to the writing of a poem are most essential to the rendering of a reading lesson. The teachers derived great benefit from this lesson on reading.

Supt. Ackerman appeared next announcing that he desired to talk "shop" for a few minutes. Taking up the course of study he made some brief suggestions urging each teacher to make it really a text book for the coming year, thus coming in touch with the real values of the State's Course of Study.

The teachers are always pleased to hear the Superintendent for they realize that it comes from the fountain head educationally. After a brief intermission the teachers assembled in divisions, known as departments, for special instruction for High School, Grammar and Primary Work. Before the High School Department Supt. Ackerman discussed the topic, "How to Make History Interesting to Boys." He made it clear that much of the boys' progress in this study was due to the direction of the teacher.

Supt. Cooper of Bonanza also discussed the history question and offered many suggestions in the way of selecting reference books.

## NAME IS STICKELS

### Man Accused of Horse Stealing Declares He Has No Alias.

Claims That His Name has Always Been Stickels and Intimates Possibility of Two Men With Same Name--Is Not Acquainted With Willamette Residents.

#### Grammar Department.

Miss Marvin addressed the Grammar Department on Geography, and her remarks were full of life and suggestion. The teachers in the department obtained many practical plans and suggestions, the working out of which will benefit the schools of Klamath County to a great extent.

Supt. Hall then gave some very excellent plans of dealing with grammar, his talk arousing much interesting discussion.

#### Primary Department.

Teachers of this department were delighted with Miss Callahan's way of handling a reading lesson, and especially her methods of obtaining expressions both oral and written from primary pupils.

Miss Marvin also appeared before the department and in a few minutes outlined much valuable work in Geography.

It should also be said that Prof. Wirtz has had entire charge of the music during the Institute and all express their delight with the able way in which he has conducted it.

#### EDUCATIONAL MEETING AT MERRILL OCT. 21.

An Educational meeting will be held at Houston's Opera House, Merrill, Oregon, October 24th, at 7:30 p. m. Everybody is invited to come and hear able discussions of educational themes of the day.

The following program will be rendered:

Male Quartette.  
Reading. . . . . Miss Applegate  
Recitation. . . . . Alex. Tenbrook  
Male Quartette.  
Remarks. . . . . Co. Supt. J. G. Swan  
Address. . . . . State Supt. J. H. Ackerman

C. R. Miller, the McCloud photographer, who has been here for several days securing panoramic views of the city and surrounding country, will leave in the morning for his home. It is his present intention to return to Klamath Falls next spring and locate here permanently.

If the Supreme Court of the state does not return a decision in the Medford liquor case on next Tuesday it will probably be a month later before they make a return in the matter, as they leave at the latter part of next week for Pendleton to remain for some weeks.

"If my name is not Stickels, then my mother was mistaken, and I hardly think that such is the case," was the way Jay Stickels, who is confined in the county jail on the charge of horse stealing, put it in referring to the allegation that he is traveling under an alias. "My father died when I was 2 year old," he continued, "and I have no recollection of him. I was born in Iowa and left home for the Black Hills when I was about ten years old. Since that time I have never seen any of my people and have heard from them but seldom. The last time I had any word from my mother it was to the effect that she had remarried. Her name now is Mrs. Lon Covett. When I was a boy her name was Stickels and she certainly would not assume a false name in the neighborhood where she was born and raised and where my father married her. This letter that has been given so much publicity is a mistake.

"I have been in the Willamette Valley, but am not acquainted with anyone there, with the exception of a doctor who lived at Cottage Grove. I have no relatives by the name of Casteel, never heard of the name and have no reason for trying to avoid its use if it had been mine.

"I have no knowledge of the present whereabouts of my mother, but if I had and she was able to come here, or communicate with the authorities, I would have no trouble in proving that the charge that I am travelling under an alias is a false one. Evidently this man who makes the charge seems to think that his brother is the only one on earth who might possibly have the name of Jay Stickels.

"My only desire in asking that this charge be denied is that I do not care to have it militate against me when I am placed on trial on the charge of horse stealing. I realize that a fellow without friends or money has a hard row to hoe, and I do not want it made harder by additional charges that are equally false."

Peter C. Peterson, of Kalliskell, Montana, arrived in the city Wednesday, and is looking over this section with the view of locating. He is very much impressed with the Klamath country, and will buy property here if he finds a piece that pleases him. Mr. Peterson left this morning for a few days trip through the Lakeview country.

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