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Ashland May Own Water System.

The water and light question in Ashland has suddenly assumed a new phase. The Electric Light Company, no doubt realizing the hopelessness of bucking the municipal ownership idea so firmly believed in by a great majority of our residents, has offered to sell their plant, water rights and a contract with the Condon Power Company to the city for a sum equal to the purchase price paid by them, the value of their improvements and 7 per cent interest on their investment. The total sum will probably be something between \$60,000 and \$65,000. The price the present owners paid for the plant was about \$41,000 since when many improvements have been made.

The business transacted by the company which is summed up in the expression "profits and expenses" by the Tidings reporter in Thursday's issue of that paper is not to be taken into consideration as stated by our contemporary.

The idea is pleasing to all who would welcome a settlement of the vexed water and franchise questions, and the solution offered would be fair to all concerned. Even were it possible to do so, it would be against the spirit of fair play to force the Light Company out of the town without offering just remuneration for their holdings.

These developments have effectually stopped the third ticket movement for the time being, but there is no doubt but a good, strong ticket will be put in the field on a municipal ownership platform if the present negotiations fall through and there is little doubt as to the outcome.—Ashland Tribune.

Ashland Normal Notes.

The new students this week are Alma Gilham, Ashland; Fred Peterson, Klamath Falls, and Herbert Eastman, Ashland.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, pastor of the

Railroad Rumors Confirmed

The time has come when the Harriman system can no longer overlook the field of Central Oregon, or neglect to bring it up to the highest point of development. Hill is reaching out for the territory, and it will be a race to see who will control the situation.

For that reason Mr. Harriman is in a hurry and is now by his announcements confirming the stories of contemplated construction which have been printed in The Oregonian from time to time. It was officially stated by Mr. O'Brien some time ago that he had more than \$4,000,000 to spend on a new line. The Coos Bay road was already provided for, and the only extension of sufficient length to justify so large an expenditure was the east and west line across the state. This is the line that is soon to be built.

The incorporation of the road by William Crooks and associates some weeks ago, which line purported to be an extension of the Springfield-Natron branch of the Southern Pacific, reaching east through the Cascade Mountains, clearly established the fact it was a Central Oregon road that was to be built with the big sum of money set aside.

When the work is all done, Oregon will be gridironed with roads, the longest of which will be the one reaching across the state from Natron to Ontario. This road will extend from the present terminal of the Springfield branch up the course of the Middle Fork to Summit Lake, or near there, and from thence, on across the state to some point just south of Malheur Lake, around that and on up the Malheur River to Ontario. It will be practically 300 miles in length and will open one of the richest sections of the Northwest to traffic and settlement. The surveys for this road are now all mapped out in the Harriman offices in Portland, but no information will be given out as to the location of the line, or the places through which it will pass.

All during the Summer surveying parties under the direction of Engineer Graham have been working in Central Oregon. For several months a large party was camped at Madras, a short distance south of Shaniko. This party has since moved to Laidlaw, a new station, and is still, or was a short time ago, working towards the completion of a North and South survey extending from Shaniko, through the Prineville country and on to a junction with the main line of the Southern Pacific passing

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through Klamath Falls and making the connection near the town of Weed, south of Mount Shasta.

This line will avoid the heavy grades of the Siskiyou and will at the same time invade Central Oregon and the Klamath country with its irrigated lands, sheep, cattle and horses. When it is completed it will be possible for the trains to be taken over an easy grade around the Shasta Mountains, into the Klamath country, and either on to a junction with the O. R. & N. on the Columbia River or across the Cascades and up the Springfield branch into Portland.

Local Option as it Works

The blind pig cases reported in the last issue of this paper were tried Tuesday in Recorder Berry's court except that of Tom Roberts and Will Canning. The latter forfeited their cash bail deposits, the former \$50 and the latter \$20, and decamped from town to parts unknown. Murphy, Millon and Grieve were convicted, as charged, of keeping a tippling house, the places being the Houck corner and the brick corner of 4th and A streets. In the case of Murphy and Millon evidence of their written promise, in consequence of a former charge of a similar nature, to abstain from the business of liquor selling in the future was introduced, the purpose being no doubt to secure a severe sentence and that result was attained. Murphy and Millon were each fined \$200 and given 30 days in the city jail. Grieve was fined the same amount and given fifteen days in jail. There was no pledge of record in his case, though he and Hulon were charged with a like offense at the same place of business, the Houck

corner, several months ago, plead guilty and were fined. The men were placed in jail Tuesday evening and continue there serving sentence.

Roberts and Canning did business at the Faber corner, A and 4th streets. All these places have been operated regularly for many months as "blind pig" saloons, two of them during practically the whole of the past two years. The Houck corner establishment has been lucky, having escaped the official eye during the whole two years so well that its managers have been healed before Judge Berry only twice before the present trouble. The Weiss block establishment on 4th street, which has not been in operation so long, has been pulled twice while Tom Roberts place has been rounded up every time a spy has been sent out after the blind piggers.—Ashland Tidings.

Petition For Liquor License.

To the Hon County Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County.

We, the undersigned, residents and legal voters of Plevna Precinct, said County and State, respectfully ask that a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon in the precinct aforesaid for a period of 3 months, from 4th January, 1906, be granted to B. T. and I. E. Inman, partners, at Keno in said precinct, and your petitioners will ever pray.

This petition will be presented to said court on the 4th day of January, 1906.

Dan Doten, W. D. Allred, A. W. Shur, Walter Cook, E. P. Brady, C. M. Madison, David Ford, Marcus Anderson, Wesley Cole, Wm. McQuar, L. F. Stinewig, Ralph R. Ladd, Chas. Gordon, F. H. Downing, Geo. B. Morgan, Ed. M. Morgan, M. J. Matton, G. G. Kerns, L. W. Anderson, R. W. McCormick, W. C. Cradlock, Geo. Kegg, L. E. Newbanks, A. M. Ormsley, R. A. Emmitt, P. J. McCollum, C. M. Wilson, John Barrett, G. F. Severts, H. F. Chapman, W. F. McCollum, Geo. C. Way, E. L. Newbanks, D. L. Gordon, Fred I. Chapman, A. D. Gillman, Harry Pearson, W. K. Smith, Ray Lamb.

PRIZES FOR ESSAYS

Given by the Oregon Society of Sons of American Revolution.

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers prizes to the pupils of the public schools of the state of Oregon for essays connected with Revolutionary history. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded to the best three essays in the order of merit, on either of the following subjects:

1. John Paul Jones.
2. Woman's Part in the Revolution.
3. The Commissary Department of the Revolutionary Army—compared with the present.

The essays are limited to 3,000 words, written in the student's own hand writing on one side of the paper. The essays must be accompanied by a certificate of the principal of the school attended by the writer, stating that the writer is a bona fide student of the school and has attended not less than four weeks during the school year of 1905-6. Each essay must be signed by the writer in his or her proper name and giving the postoffice address of the writer. Essays must be forwarded to Mr. Harrison G. Platt, Commercial Block, Portland, Oregon, so as to reach him not later than February 1st, 1906.

In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by these considerations:

1. Historical accuracy.
2. Manner of treatment.
3. Orthography, Grammar, Syntax and Punctuation.

Additional information may be obtained by addressing the chairman of the committee at Oregon City or other members of the committee at Portland, Oregon.

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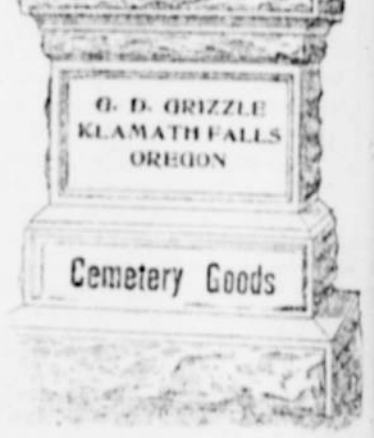
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