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The Tillamook Headlight.

Fred C. Baker, Publisher.
As to the Proposed Water System.

The report and estimate of cost for a new water system for Tillamook City, prepared by Engineer W. B. Chase, appeared last week. He has carefully inspected what streams were suitable, and gives estimates, which places the cost at nearly \$50,000. It will be noticed that these estimates does not include the freight, hauling, superintending and the cost of laying three or four miles of pipe through the city, hence it is plain that by the time everything is totalled \$60,000 would be necessary to put in a system from Killam creek, which is by far the best place to get an abundant supply of water and the proper place to choose it is decided to bond the city for a new water system. To summarize the report as to the best location for obtaining the supply of water, Mr. Chase says there is not enough water in Hughey creek to justify the expenditure of putting in an expensive water system, provided a better stream is available; the north fork of Wilson river would furnish plenty of water, but owing to the distance that a pipe line would have to be run through a rough country to obtain the elevation, that is considered too expensive a route; the Chance creek is turned down as being hardly as suitable as the Hughey creek; Killam creek is pronounced by Mr. Chase as affording plenty of good water, and with a reservoir to be built between the city and the creek, this is thought to be the best location. No one doubts but what this would give Tillamook City a splendid water system, but the all-important question to be taken into consideration is whether Tillamook City is of that magnitude to warrant such a large amount of bonded indebtedness, with \$10,000 on the school buildings. Probably it would not if the city was likely to double in population in a few years. At present there is no prospect of that. It is right here where there is such a difference of opinion in saddling so much bonded indebtedness upon a city the size of Tillamook. Can it stand it? That is the question for the taxpayers to decide. True it is that the system would be a source of revenue and would give the city fine fire protection, something that it is badly in need of with so much valuable property at stake. With the present population it is possible that the revenue could be made to nearly cover the interest, that is if the present water company was out of business. Probably between \$250 and \$300 per month would be as much revenue as the city would receive from the system, and out of that there would be some expenses. It is now up to the citizens of Tillamook City whether they want to bond the city for \$60,000 for a new water system. Now is the time to discuss the matter, for it has commendable as well as objectionable features when the size of the city is taken into consideration. All that the HEADLIGHT would advise the taxpayers to do is to consider carefully and decide wisely before they incur such a large amount of bonded indebtedness, for it is an awfully easy matter to advocate, shout, yell and vote to spend large sums of money for public improvements, but it is when the money has to be paid back is where the shoe pinches. We would like to see Tillamook City own its own water system, and as to the propriety of going to such a big expense to procure it, we are somewhat in doubt. It may turn out a good investment and a fine thing for the city, while, on the other hand, it may become burdensome to the taxpayers, for no one can tell, in the development and growth of the county, how it is going to effect Tillamook City, and on that account it makes it much harder to decide what is best to do at the present time.

As to the management of a city water system, this should be entrusted to, say to 12, business men, who should handle it as a business proposition in behalf of the city, with as much economy and interest as they would their own business. And in selecting men to constitute a city water commission, those who are head and shoulders above receiving a bribe and have no lightning rods out for a graft should be entrusted with the management of a water system, and the taxpayers should know, before they vote to bond the city for \$60,000, who it is that is going to expend that large amount of money. Tillamook City is no exception to the rule, for there are hoodlers here as in other cities, and, perhaps, more so by the size of the city, and in proof of this we cite the grafting when the city bought 1900 feet of hose for the fire company. It is right that we should call attention to these facts, and should an effort be made by any click of hoodlers to control even a city water commission, then we say, firmly and decidedly, vote against bonding the city. On the other hand, let the personnel of the commission be composed of men who would resent bribery and grafting, and then the taxpayers would more readily, and would have greater confidence, in voting to bond the city for a larger amount of bonded indebtedness than a city the size of Tillamook City should burden itself with. Therefore, the taxpayers have a right to know who

is going to manage this big business undertaking before they vote upon bonding the city.

The Wall Street Situation.

Depression continues to characterize Wall street, so far as the stock market is concerned, and expressions of uneasiness are beginning to be heard. The liquidation movement goes on and although in the opinion of some of the leading financiers the prices of most standard stocks are so low as to offer profitable investment there seems no promise of an early improvement in the market. Last week the most noteworthy fact was the decline in steel securities and these showed further weakness Saturday, other stocks being similarly affected. There was a report near the close of last week that a conference of bank presidents had been held to consider the situation and adopt a policy in regard to it. Later information, however, is to the effect that there was no formal conference, though it is quite possible that one may be held at any time, unless there should be a material change in conditions. In the last issue the United States Investor says that the consensus of opinion seems to be that we shall have no money scare this fall, but tighter money conditions may be expected, and adds: "It avails little, however, to point at Wall street liquidation and the low rate for call money as a reason why no danger of such a contingency exists, for Wall street is not the whole country. Wall street undoubtedly has its home in order; it is carrying few stocks and has quite generally made provisions over the first of the year. Unless a wild era of speculation is started—and this is not probable—Wall street can rest easy. The banks are keeping a watchful eye on such loans as they are carrying for brokers, especially as regards industrial collateral. It is said, however, and liquidation from this quarter should still further strengthen the situation." If this is a correct view of conditions there does not appear to be any substantial reason for uneasiness, so far as the legitimate business interests of the country are concerned. The general situation is sound and it Wall street has its house in order there is nothing to cause apprehension.

South Needs More Labor.

While some people are preaching separation of the races in the south and deporting the negroes, southern planters are in need of labor to carry on their industries and negro labor is the best they can have if the supply was equal to the demand. The south has been making rapid progress in production and the increase in the labor supply has not kept pace with the industrial advance. So scarce are workmen in portions of the south that some of the leading men of that section not long ago were willing to petition congress to allow Chinese to come in to fill the vacant places. It is stated that the cotton planters of Mississippi intend to send north to obtain Italians to pick the cotton. Southern newspapers are filled with advertisements for men, women and children to assist in some kind of work. A southern man writes thus to an eastern paper: "Work is so plentiful that people are glad to get it done by white or black. Some who have always been used to the negro are wanting no others to serve him. Here, then, is a solution of what is known as the negro problem. If the present prosperity should continue, and there is nothing in sight to hinder it, we shall have all our people, white and black, at work."

In view of this situation, the advocates of race separation and negro deportation, such as Bishop Turner and Mr. Graves, are not likely to make many converts to the visionary and impracticable idea in the south. That section could not dispense with its negro labor and continue to make industrial progress.

Secretary Shaw is looking after the financial situation, and is prepared to relieve any stringency which may present itself. As the circulation in the past few months has been larger than it ever was before, there is no need to have a stringency. The per capita circulation is almost \$30 now, while it was only \$21.10 in the middle of 1896. The talk about stringencies looks silly. Most of those who are shouting for an increase in circulation are speculators, who want money to be made more plentiful as a means for them to conduct their cornering operation with a little more safety to themselves. Legitimate business interests have all the money they need.

Representative William Alden Smith, one of the men from Michigan, who believed it was his duty to oppose strenuously Cuban reciprocity in the last Congress, says, in an interview, that he will not offer any factions opposition to a joint resolution putting the Cuban treaty in effect. Smith, as well as a number of other Representatives, have seen a light since they made such a fight upon reciprocity, and find opposition to the policy of President Roosevelt is not popular at home, even if the beet sugar interests do demand it of them. Smith is a candidate for the Senate to succeed Burrows, and both of them are watching each other closely. Burrows followed Smith's lead last winter, and Smith will probably follow Burrows, who, last spring, made no opposition to the Cuban treaty.

TILLAMOOK RHAPSODY.

Happy the Life of a Farmer in That Favored Locality.

W. B. C. (presumably Engineer W. B. Chase), writes the Oregonian, giving a brief sketch of Tillamook County during his short stay in the city.

It is a law of human nature not to appreciate one condition until you try another. If you want to appreciate the goodness of even the worst kind of a streetcar and other city things, just take the stage at North Yamhill and go over the mountains to Tillamook. You will be jerked, pounded and knocked, thrown from one side of the stage to the other, then tossed up. Sometimes the stage will go down, leaving you in the air, only to hit you when you go down to meet it. Sometimes the thing creeps, and again goes tearing down the mountain. You will discover much you never dreamed of, and bones you never heard of, and long for a telescopic backbone.

Some time after dark you will see a light away down below you, and presently the stage will whirl up to a place called Trask's. Here you will begin to appreciate things. A good supper, a big fire, a fireplace like your grandmother had, and a good bed. In the morning at the ghostly hour of 5 you get into a muddy, wet, open stage and start off in the dark with the vision of the cosy farm-house, a big fire and two or three pretty girls you saw at Trask's. Heaven bless Trask's! After a few miles in the dark the light begins to come. The valley widens out into broad farms, dotted with snug farm houses and showing evidence of comfort and wealth. Along the road the farmers have a habit of hanging little bags, something like Christmas stockings, on posts in the road near the gates. These the patient stage-driver snatches off as he drives by. On his return he hangs up the bags again, filled with mail from the outside world. Everything here is emerald: emerald mountains, green meadows, a springtime green everywhere, so different from the yellow and brown of the Willamette Valley. At last over a good gravel road you drive into Tillamook City, a thriving town of about 1000 inhabitants. Here you find a comfortable hotel with everything good to eat; and, bless you, how they do eat here! They claim to cure all diseases by eating. The best of meat, cream and butter fit for kings, and no end of it. Everybody here is fat, or soon will be. Certainly that is the way it has effected, Representative Eddy, my landlord Allen and genial Mayor Talmage.

This country will some day support more people to the square mile than any part of Oregon I have seen. A good worker can raise a family and make money on 40 acres of this meadow land. The meadows are wonderful and good to the tops of the hills.

The main roads are well graded. Cows and milk cans appear about the houses and capacious barns on every farm. The grass, cows and milk cans make a combination that knocks out hard-times and financial distress. Wall street may shake and railroads go into hands of receivers, but these Tillamook dairymen go on forever. In my investigation of the streams for a water supply I have examined and measured several, and if the great distillery of water ever produced pure water it is here. The Tillamook River, Wilson, Trask, Kilebis, Miami and several smaller streams flow into the bay.

Tillamook City has a fine new school-house that makes you think of the Portland schools. Next year the city will probably build a new water-works, and after that a sewer system, which, owing to favorable conditions, can be done at minimum cost. When a railroad is built to Tillamook the population will double in a year. Considering the timber and large extent of good land, I do not know of a district that promises such a rich reward to the railroad builder as this. Just to serve this district I suppose the Wilson-River route would be the shortest and cheapest, but to develop a large and naturally rich section, a line from Portland to the Nehalem and thence to Tillamook Bay and on south would be a great line.

Canada proposes to abolish the preferential tariff of 33 1/3 per cent on British merchandise imported. The favoritism fails to increase trade as expected and leads to trickery in labeling goods not produced in England. Preferential tariffs, retaliatory tariffs and reciprocity are all untested edge tools.

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