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It's about time to have another illegal election to bond the city?

Is it to negotiate and dispose of city bonds that the water question is revolving round to? It looks so.

The water question up to date. The bone of contention now is: "Shall the city council play second fiddle to the commission or the commission play second fiddle to the city council."

What a peck of "hot air" the water question has caused and what a peck of litigation is now in sight, simply because the matter was taken up in a wrong spirit to "do up" those who have vested interests here.

A remark was made at the city council meeting on Monday that "The people had no confidence in the city council," to which President Reynolds replied, "I don't blame them a bit!" And later he said "There can't have been any council worse than this!"

We hope the vote which sanctioned the bonding of the city is not knocking the life out of business as it did the value out of city lots and property, and which sent them on the down grade and they are liable to go down to rock bottom with a bondage plaster stuck to them.

Why, there's plenty of room for those who want to sacrifice themselves on the political altar as candidates without getting into a political scrap about it, and it's more the merrier, for we would not for one moment dissuade anyone from running who has a political bee buzzing in their bonnet.

The water company is not saying very much and is saying wood with a complacent smile now there is so much difference of opinion as to the personnel of the commission, and the difference of opinion whether the city council or a commission ought to construct and manage a city water system.

The warrants that the city recorder issued on Monday and are attested to by the president of the council are not valid. After the bills were o.k.'d by the finance committee no motion was made to order the recorder to issue warrants. President Reynolds, while signing the warrants, remarked, "What a lot of people have a graft on the city!"

It may have been a smart trick to get the taxpayers to vote for a \$58,000 bondage indebtedness on the understanding that a commission was to manage the affair. Now that the taxpayers find that they have been duped, no wonder they have blood in their eye and will use every means in their power to prevent the city council from negotiating and disposing of bonds.

"If anyone thought they were voting for a commission when they voted to bond the city they were badly fooled," said Councilman Reynolds at the council meeting. And that is exactly the idea we wished to convey when the HEADLIGHT advised the taxpayers to vote down the ordinance which vested the power in the hands of the city council to negotiate and sell bonds and put in a new city water system. The city council has the taxpayers who voted for a commission over a barrel."

The Eugene Register makes a bid for Tillamook's support in the congressional convention for L. T. Harris, thus: "The Headlight is assured to begin with that Hon. L. T. Harris, if nominated and elected, can be depended upon to labor incessantly in behalf of Pacific Coast interests and Tillamook harbor will come in along with Siuslaw harbor for his faithful effort to secure their improve ment. Every interest of Western Oregon will find in L. T. Harris a vigorous and forceful exponent. Lane county would appreciate the support of Mr. Eddy and his friends."

Is the proposed water commission to be side tracked and turned into an advisory board? It would seem so, but in our opinion the gentlemen who had consented to serve on the commission will never consent to this in view of the fact that there is a strong public sentiment in favor of placing the whole matter in the hands of the commission. As this is what the HEADLIGHT has contended for, we do not propose to hedge one iota from that position, for we believe it is to the best interest of Tillamook City to allow successful business men to manage it, and with a view to making it a business and financial success.

Representative B. L. Eddy left on the steamer for Southern Oregon this week. As he is a candidate for circuit judge, he will see what his chances are for the nomination. Mr. Eddy is not only popular in Tillamook county, but the ability he displayed while representing Tillamook County in the state legislature, also brought him a large circle of friends in other counties. There are

those who believe that Tillamook is entitled to some kind of recognition in the republican state convention, as most of the larger counties have gobbled up the nominations in previous years. Mr. Eddy will have the Tillamook delegation to back him for the nomination, but not a few of his friends would rather have seen him an aspirant for congress on account of the "bottled-up" condition of Tillamook County.

"They seem to get the poorest lawyers for city attorneys and district attorneys," said Councilman Chase when he found that the ordinance raising the saloon license to \$800 was defective. Not knowing that Deputy District Attorney Botts was in the hall, the councilman wondered why his ally had caused so much tittering, not that his remarks had included the deputies. After a while Chase spied Botts in the audience, when he said: "Come here, Mr. Botts, I want to see you." The expounder of the law walked up to the table and took a seat by the side of the city dignitary. Then Chase consulted the district deputy about the ordinance. Now the question arises, who is Botts to charge this professionservices up to, Chase or the city council? Would it not have been a good retort if the deputy district attorney had replied, "They seem to get the poorest persons for city councilmen."

We did not know until the next day that several parties attended the council meeting on with the expectation that the marshal's salary would be cut down 2.50 because it is said he is operating a number of slot machines in the city. We object to having the marshal's salary cut down on that account. As the citizens voted for a "wide open" gambling town we do not see why the city marshal has not the same privilege to run games as the professional gamblers. We do not believe in making fish of one person and fowl of another. Anyway, there is not much likelihood that the city council will take the trouble to take up such a delicate matter as allowing "wide open" gambling. Oh, no—not much. It is no harm to ask, however, if gambling houses pay for the privileges they enjoy in this city?

The HEADLIGHT man does not pretend to be much of a politician, but dabbles into it a little for the fun and sport there is in it, so would advise aspirants to be not over anxious about getting a nomination, for in that case they would not feel so had if they are turned down. We have found that the most successful office seeker is the man who comes within an ace of landing a nomination, turns in and helps his opponent and party with as much vim and determination as though he received the nomination. But look out for the man who failing to accomplish what he is after, tries to cause a split and eventually lands up by helping the opposite side. As everybody knows, they are justly entitled to be called what they are—political soreheads. And how they do get it in the neck, thereafter!

There are a few republicans, who, for some jealous reason, are saying that Mr. Eddy is supporting certain aspirants for county offices, and they call them "Eddy men." We know for a positive fact that Mr. Eddy has not, nor the republican leaders, committed themselves to any of the numerous aspirants. And on that account it is a free and open fight for all those who may aspire to office. As to being called an "Eddy man" in politics in this county, we would not want anything better if we were an aspirant for office, for there will be but few delegates in the next republican county convention but what will fall in line under Eddy's banner. And it is right, too, for Mr. Eddy is, as every loyal republican is fully aware, entitled to the leadership of the republican party in Tillamook, for the county was ably represented in the state legislature, which not only brought honor on himself but upon the county and people who sent him there. That is the reason there is an overwhelming number of "Eddy men" in the county, and we are sorry to hear that a few who were instrumental in causing factional fights in previous years have started in at the old anti, disgruntled stand. These people, it seems, will never take a tumble to themselves and learn by experience, for the republican primaries and conventions in recent years haven't done a thing but land the ax on the neck of the anti. If they want to put up anti-Eddy candidates and fight it out that way, well and good, we think it is a good idea for the republican leaders to accept the challenge forthwith and without further ado, so that the lines can be sharply drawn and where no one can straddle the fence. Not that the HEADLIGHT is wanting to see a personal fight, but as Mr. Eddy's standing and character is above reproach, we have no fear as to the result.

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CITY COUNCIL DIVIDED.

Not Disposed to 'Appoint a Water Commission.

The regular meeting of the city council was held on Monday evening with Councilmen C. E. Reynolds (presiding), W. O. Chase, A. T. White, W. H. Cary and G. Munson present.

The following bills were o.k.'d by the finance committee, but did not go through the regular form of being allowed on a vote of the council:

T. B. Hoadley	\$2 00
John Olsen	2 00
George Watt	2 00
Elmer Hoag	2 00
Otto Heins	2 00
G. W. Kiger	3 00
G. B. Alley	3 00
Electric Lights	27 00
Wade & Ackley	12 45
Water Rent	15 00
Recorder's salary	8 33
Marshal's salary	45 00
.. killing dog	1 00
Independent	10 16

The matter of street and sidewalk improvements and putting in several new lights occupied attention for quite a time, and the ways and means committee reported that it had done nothing about securing a new site for the hose company.

President Reynolds reported that the ordinance passed at a previous meeting of the city council, that raising the saloon license to \$800, would have to be gone through again, because the ordinance did not state whether the saloon keepers could sell liquor in Tillamook City or New York City. The mayor had called his attention to this, who allowed the ordinance to become a law without his signature. The Recorder was instructed to get the ordinance, which he did from his office, but the council did nothing with it.

Recorder Coates then read the petition to have a commission appointed to manage the water question, which appeared in a previous issue of the HEADLIGHT. Councilman Chase then took the floor and moved that the petition be granted and the names mention in the petition be appointed. He said he was heartily in favor of the commission taking hold of the matter and the city council giving them the power to proceed as soon as possible. He said a number of people had voted to bond the city because they thought the commission was going to manage it. He and two others of the councilman, White and Munson, had signed the petition, and he was in honor bound and under a moral obligation to stay with it. He said he did not see any use delaying the matter, for the people wanted to know what they were going to do. Councilman White seconded the motion.

President Reynolds then addressed the council. He said if people voted, thinking that the commission was going to manage the affair, they were badly fooled. The ordinance they voted for gave the city council the authority to negotiate bonds, and said the president of the council, "the city council is just as able to negotiate and sell those bonds as the other fellows." As the mayor had asked to have the matter laid over, so he thought there was no rush. He was opposed to the commission having the entire management, but he did not object to its serving in the capacity of an advisory board to the city council, for it had no power to act until the next state legislature give it the authority. He had no objection to the commission being appointed to work with the council but he did not propose to give it over to those fellows. The first thing for them to do was to ascertain whether they could negotiate and sell the bonds, and if they could not do that what good was there appointing a commission?

Councilman White and Munson said the commission could only act as an advisory board. Councilman Cary explained why he did not sign the petition, for being a councilman, he did not think it necessary. He was opposed to the council giving away its right, but if the commission wished to work with the council, he had no objection. He was in favor of laying the matter over until the next meeting.

After a good deal of talk, Councilman Chase, with the consent of the recorder, withdrew his motion, and on motion the petition was laid over until the next meeting.

G. G. Alley, who had not finished his agreement to fill in a ditch to drain his property, was to be notified to do so forthwith.

Headgear Discussed.

The Eugene Register man announces that his hat, which he won off the Tillamook Headlight on the last Speaker-ship contest, is worn out and that he needs another. Considering the amount of talking that has been done through that hat during its two years' residence in Eugene, the inference is that the Tillamook man deals in only the best head covering.—Statesman.

Constant buzz of wheels in the head-Geer of the Statesman office would indicate a case wherein a hat could not be made to stay on long enough to be talked through, regardless of quality—of the hat.—Eugene Register.

Field Marshal Count von Walderssee died shortly after 8 o'clock Saturday evening at Hanover, Prussia.

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