

GETTING THE WATER CURE.

Bond Buyers Claim they Already Have a Contract with the City-Does not Agree to Pay Par for the City Bonds.

The water commission had a private meeting on Thursday evening in regard to Engineer Chase's plans and specifications for the proposed new water system and in the action of the city council in passing an ordinance to its third reading, which negotiated for \$45,000 bonded indebtedness with the interest to commence on the 2nd of January. After the commission had gone through the specification and ordinance, it instructed Mr. B. L. Eddy to draw up a number of amendments and adjourned until the next afternoon, when they were taken up. The commission emphatically objected to the city council disposing of \$45,000 of bonds, and to draw interest on the 2nd of January, when the money would not be required for six months or more provided a new system was put in. The commission was in favor of entering into a contract with the bond buyers on the understanding that if the city decided to put in a water system the bonds were to be taken up when the money was required, and not before. As the water rights, where it was proposed to locate the intake on the Killam creek had not been obtained, neither the rights of way for the pipe line, the commission suggested that this be attended to at once. The most important question the commission was up against was the material to be used in the pipe line. Some of the commissioners are decidedly opposed to putting in a 14-gauge steel pipe, while others thought it was all right, as the engineer had recommended it. It was, however, decided to recommend two other kinds of pipe in the specifications, one of the commissioners remarking that if that was not changed he wanted to get off the commission, "for he'd rather be the contractor than a banker with a graft like that in the specifications." All the recommendations that were submitted were carried with the exception of one, that relating to the mention of buying out the old water system. After President Cohn had stated that he had asked Mr. Cooper what the old system could be bought for, he thought \$7,000 was out of their reach, and Mr. Thayer saying the system would have to play out of itself, no objection was raised as to leaving out all mention of the old company. The commission recommended a number of other changes along the lines suggested above, and the President, B. L. Eddy and M. F. Leach were appointed to lay the commission's desires before the city council that evening.

There was quite an interest taken in this meeting. After the recommendations had been read, Councilman Chase moved that they be adopted. Mayor Talmage looked ill at ease at the sudden turn matters had taken to thwart the effort to saddle the city with a bonded indebtedness and a large amount of interest to pay before the money was required, and he did not help his position by complaining about the commission not doing anything, when it was well known that neither the city council nor the commission could do anything until Engineer Chase had handed in his report. The mayor said the bond buyers had prepared the ordinance which the city council had partly acted upon. The city council decided to submit the recommendations to the bond buyers before they incorporated them, so adjourned until Thursday so as to get a reply.

A reply was received from the bond buyers on Thursday, and it is putting it mild in saying that some of the members of the water commission are thoroughly disgusted. The bond buyers claim they already have a contract with the city to take the bonds, and the only modification they will agree to is that the entire amount of bonds must be taken up on the 1st of March and the interest will commence from then. Another thing that was a surprise to the commission, and will be as big a surprise to the citizens, the bond buyers do not even agree to pay par for the bonds, which was one of the stipulations the water commission wanted incorporated in the ordinance and which the bond buyers now object to. The water commission held a meeting Thursday afternoon and took the matter. Mr. Eddy protested at such unbusiness-like transactions in the negotiation and disposal of the bonds and binding the city up to the bond buyers without the consent of the water commission. He was so disgusted that he did not want to remain a member of the water commission, so resigned as a member, for he would not stand for such "rotten" transactions. All the water commission's recommendations, which safeguarded the city, have been turned down in favor of the bond buyers.

The city council meet the same evening and agreed, by resolution and ordinance, to accept the bond buyer's conditions for \$45,000 worth of bonds, thus closing another chapter in the history of the water agitation, and which is going to give the citizens the "cold water cure" good and hard.

The Echo de Paris claims to have information that it was on the request of the British Government that Vice-Admiral Roistevsky sent back Lieutenant Valron, of the transport Kamaichka, to testify before the International Commission on the North Sea affair concerning the wireless message which around the suspicious of the commander of the Baltic squadron and led to the firing on the Gamecock fleet.

Proved an Alibi.

As Drew Dawson and Hubert Smith and his wife had circulated reports reflecting upon the character of Prof. H. E. Whitney, the Board of Directors called a meeting on Thursday afternoon to investigate the allegations, when there was a large attendance at the School House. It was at the request of M. Whitney that the meeting was called. Drew Dawson and Hubert Smith and wife were notified to be present and they made their statements. Mr. Whitney denied every word of what had been said about him and accounted for all the time and where he was between six and eleven o'clock on Thursday evening of last week, and to corroborate this a large number of witnesses were called, all of whom swore that Mr. Whitney was from seven o'clock to a few minutes past eight in the M. E. Church. At about ten minutes past eight he was in Clough's drug store, and five minutes later he was at home, where he remained 15 minutes. From there he went to the Presbyterian church and remained 20 or 30 minutes. Leaving the church about nine o'clock he went home with several young ladies and were in their company until eleven o'clock. The evidence was so clear as to Mr. Whitney's whereabouts that even that it was a matter of physical impossibility to prove that he was elsewhere.

On Thursday evening the board made further investigation that it was almost impossible to distinguish a persons where the witnesses said they identified the professor, and the board decided this morning that the witnesses were mistaken in the identity of the person they saw near the Adventist Church and acquitted Mr. Whitney.

BEAVER.

Christmas morning was welcomed with a white covering on mother earth, of hail, saddened also by the funeral services of Mr. E. W. Brown, whose death we gave a notice of last week. He has been an invalid for some time. He was buried in the cemetery on the hill at Beaver. Rev. H. White preached the funeral sermon.

The Beaver and Spruce Sunday schools celebrated Christmas at the U. B. church with a number of recitations and songs, after which came the unloading of the two trees, which pleased both young and old.

Beaver is to hold a watch meeting at the U. B. Church on New Year's eve, beginning at 8:30 P. M.

A number of the Beaverites attended the dance at Three Rivers and report a very enjoyable time.

A quiet wedding was held at the home of W. A. Sailing, the contracting parties being Miss Delia Sailing and Mr. Ernest Tyler of Tillamook City.

The hypnotist failed to hypnotise, so he went way back and sat down.

The estimate wheat yield in South Australia this year is 14,575,000 bushels, an increase of 1,360,000 bushels with last year.

The Tokio correspondent of the Temps wires that Lieutenant-General Kodama, Field Marshal the Marquis Oyama's chief-of-staff, has been recalled from the front for striking the field marshal. Lieutenant-General Kodama is without doubt one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of Japan's Generals, and at the time of the outbreak of the war it was generally believed that he would be appointed commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army. The announcement of his appointment to be chief-of-staff was received with general satisfaction as the preparedness of the Japanese army was generally credited to his foresight and wonderful executive ability.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Tillamook County. In the matter of the Guardianship of Elizabeth L. Terwilliger and David L. Terwilliger, minors.

This matter coming on to be heard upon the duly verified petition of Lloyd C. Smith, Guardian of the persons and estates of said Elizabeth L. Terwilliger and David L. Terwilliger, minors, praying for a license to sell the following described real property belonging to said minors, to-wit:

Beginning at a point one and thirty-eight hundredths (1.38) chains North and five and fourteen hundredths (5.14) chains East from the point where the North and South line between Lots three (3) and four (4), section twenty (20), Township one (1) North of Range ten (10) West of the Willamette Meridian strikes the shore of Tillamook Bay (which is a large rock marked X X X) marked X

on a large rock for the South East corner of boat-house lot; thence West fifty (50) feet; thence North two and sixty-four hundredths (2.64) chains to center of county road; thence East along said road fifty (50) feet; thence South two and sixty-four hundredths (2.64) chains to place of beginning; and it appearing to the court that said real property is a small parcel of the lands owned by said minors in Tillamook County, Oregon, and that it is necessary and would be beneficial to the said wards that such part of their said real estate should be sold.

It is therefore, this 27th day of December, 1904, ordered that the next of kin of the said wards and all persons interested in their estates do appear before this court on Monday, the 6th day of February, 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. at the office of the County Clerk of Tillamook County, Oregon, to show cause why a license should not be granted for the sale of said portion of the estate of said minors.

And it is further ordered that this order shall be served by publication thereof at least three successive weeks prior to said time of hearing, in the Tillamook Headlight, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Tillamook City, Oregon, and circulating within this county of Tillamook.

W. W. CONLEY, County Judge. State of Oregon,) S.S. County of Tillamook,) S.S. I, George B. Lamb, County Clerk of Tillamook County, Oregon, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of order with the original thereof as the same appears of record in my office as clerk of the above entitled Court, that the foregoing is a correct transcript from such original and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this December 28th, 1904. G. B. LAMB, County Clerk.

Editorial Snap Shots.

Tillamook County has been getting a good wetting down the past few days before it goes "dry."

You don't belong to Oregon's "Four Hundred" if you are not indicted by the Federal grand jury.

Who of the city officials, received the "fines" that were collected from those who ran gambling games?

It was stated after the second election to bond the city that it was illegal on several grounds. How is that?

There is now no longer any "hot air" in the water question. Money talks, and no wonder, now that it is beginning to effect people's pocket books.

Patronize home industry by having a wood pipe manufactured at home, which would give employment to a number of men and would keep the money right at home.

We wish our numerous readers and the people of Tillamook County a happy new year, and the prayer of the editor is that it will be a prosperous year to one and all.

There is one thing the water commission should not overlook. Suppose the income, with the running expenses, fail to meet the interest, where will it obtain the balance?

Can you prove an alibi where you were Thursday evening? The professor is the only man in the city who has done so and cleared himself. It's up to the rest of the men to prove an alibi.

How public spirited and enterprising some people can be when they have the other fellow's money to spend for public improvements. But, on the other hand, watch how tight and stingy themselves.

One of our advertisers gave the editor a box of cigars for a Christmas present. We appreciate the kindness, for when a newspaper helps to build up a man's business it is nice to know that business men appreciate it. We seldom forget little incidents like this.

The old year is almost gone, and like previous years, the county has lost a number of citizens by moving to other parts and others by passing to the great beyond. It is impossible to tell what changes the new year will bring and whose death we shall have to record.

Wouldn't \$300 or \$400 have been good fat pay for running lines and preparing plans and specifications for a new water system from Killam creek? It has eaten up already about \$1,000, and this may not be the end of the expenses under that head. If the construction and the running expenses of the proposed new system runs up in proportion to the engineering, ghee, won't it be step by the time the mortgage plaster is hand to the citizens on a silver platter.

By the mandate of the people of Tillamook, as expressed by a large majority of voters at the polls in November, the saloons will have to close on Sunday, and will have to remain so. No doubt an effort will be made to evade the law, but it now rests with the proper officials to see that it is enforced, for the people of the county will hold them responsible, for it is their duty to enforce the laws, and for which they are paid out of the taxpayer's money.

The water commission has already demonstrated it business ability and its interest in the city by thwarting the efforts of Mayor Talmage to have the city bonded for \$45,000 and paying out at least \$1,500 in interest before the money is really required. Heaven knows the citizens will have to pay plenty for a new water system before it is complete, and it is just as well to stop the leakage right now before they become too extensive.

Somehow or other the Headlight man is out of joint with the bondage system. Probably we are somewhat cranky on this subject and may have a screw loose in our cranium when we write about it. We contend that no one should have the right to vote a mortgage on another person's property, especially when people who pay taxes on a little personal property can sway an election to bond the property in a city. And for public utilities, such as the proposed new water system for Tillamook City, let the bond agitators bond the system, the same as the railroads are bonded, and not people's property mortgaged without their consent.

The law enforcement party in Yamhill County means business and sets the pace for other counties. They have incorporated the Law Enforcement League of Yamhill County. The Record says "they designate the object of this incorporation to be to voice the demands of the law abiding citizens of Yamhill County for the enforcement of the laws which involve the moral interests of the county, and to secure the enforcement of such laws by all lawful means." Tillamook County is not the only place where peace officers have drawn fat salaries for not doing their duty, for the enforcement of the law party in Yamhill County has gone into the fight with a determination and will win out, as they will in every

other county if they will keep lining up on that issue.

There is not a word of truth in the accusations which have been the subject of much gossip in the city the past few days about Prof. H. E. Whitney. If any man ever proved an alibi, he not only did so himself, but his reliable witnesses proved, without a shadow of doubt, an alibi for him. Some of these witnesses were Revs. C. A. Stockwell and S. A. Foster, P. Brant, W. High, Ed. Snodgrass, Supt. W. W. Wiley, Mrs. Botts, Mrs. Beals, Miss Ruth Cooper and others. No wonder that Mr. Whitney wanted an investigation when he could produce such an array of evidence to disprove the allegations made against him, but still for all that it is a shame that a man of his standing in the community should have to refute such false accusations. The proper thing for those who made them, now they have heard the other side, is to admit that they were mistaken. If they were induced by others to make them and stick to what they said, let us know who they are. Mr. Whitney has established his innocence and we sincerely hope his accusers will now acknowledge their mistake to avoid further complications.

Sheriff Woolfe has again made himself obnoxious to litigants who have business at the sheriff's office, not only so, but he is making it expensive for them by not allowing of competition. Until Woolfe stepped into the sheriff's office, it was always customary for private litigants, or their attorneys, if they had an execution to publish, to allow them to put it in the newspaper where they could get it done cheapest or in the newspaper they preferred. As the private litigants have to foot the bills, it is only right that their requests should be complied by an act of courtesy on the part of the sheriff, who, we are sorry to say, has broken through this long precedent in Tillamook. Last week, Mr. F. R. Beals had an execution to publish, and business man that he is, wanted to know what it would cost, as it was his private business and he would have to pay for it. Consequently he obtained bids and accepted the one where he could get it published cheapest. Mark Mr. Beals surprise and disgust, after he had explained about this, that Sheriff Woolfe positively refused to sanction the request, so Mr. Beals and all other private litigants are "held up" and made to pay "blood money" because they are not allowed to have their work done where they can get it done cheapest. It is not long since that Mr. Botts made a like request to Sheriff Woolfe with an execution, but it was withdrawn because he would not allow Woolfe to become the dictator of his private business. It is a very unsatisfactory state of affairs, for the county court, in the matter of the publication of the delinquent tax list, calls for bids, while a citizen, with his private business, is deprived of competition by Sheriff Woolfe. Another thing, as Sheriff Woolfe is not having the executions set in nonpariel type, it costs the private litigants several dollars extra on account of being set in brevier type, thus making more lies to be paid for. These are the naked facts, and Sheriff Woolfe can substantiate every word of it.

BOULDER CREEK.

The Christmas tree and program at Boulder school-house was a great success. The decorations were tastefully and the songs, dialogues and recitations were well rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jensen and Mrs. Sophia Jensen came up from Hebo Thursday and attended the Christmas tree, returning home Friday evening.

Miss Zella Blackburn went to Tillamook Saturday to spend a two weeks vacation, after which she will take up her work again as teacher in this district. She has given excellent satisfaction and the directors consider themselves fortunate in retaining her.

C. A. Smith went to the city Saturday and came home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bays and daughter Pletham, Miss Lillibel Bays and her brother Abie visited from Friday till Sunday at H. L. Jensen's.

Miss Bessie Bays spent a day or two with her friend Miss Ida Nicklaus last week.

Some of our young folks attended the Christmas tree at Blaine Christmas Eve.

SOUTH PAIRIE.

The weather has been rather severe on stock, though there is plenty of green feed yet.

Guy Vaughn had the misfortune to get his hand cut while sawing wood with a wood saw, almost severing his fingers.

Frank Fowler and wife have bought a dairy ranch on the Bay City road.

Willis Powell and son, and Isaac Wells, spent a few days hunting ducks on the beach last week.

A severe Winter storm prevailed over Kansas on Monday. Much sleet and snow have fallen with a rapid fall in temperature. There will be little suffering among stock, the farmers being generally well prepared for the Winter. There is a blizzard sweeping over Indian Territory. There was a drop of 35 degrees in the temperature. Stockmen assert that the cold wave will not effect cattle as they are in excellent condition and able to stand much cold.

IS A FROG FISH OR GAME?

Problem with Which Canadian Government Officials and Experts Are Wrestling.

The dominion of Canada has another and peculiar grievance against this country. Canada is a land in which frogs multiply and grow fat because of the immense stretches of waste places, yet because of the enormous demand for their legs in the United States the Canucks are fearful that unless restrictions are placed upon the killing of their native croakers there will be none left in the country.

The dominion department of marine and fisheries can do nothing practical, it appears, to stop this destructive export of frogs' legs until they determine whether the frog is fish or game. If a frog is a fish the department at Ottawa has the power to institute a close season for it. If, however, it should be decided that the frog comes under the category of game the question of a close season must be settled by the provincial authorities.

If the law officers of the different governments interested fail to come to an agreement on the subject the matter will probably be submitted to a committee of experts. Everybody agrees that something must be done to prevent the total destruction of a valuable article of both food and commerce. If it should be decided that the frog is neither fish nor game, it may be necessary, in order to secure a law for its protection, to obtain from the imperial parliament the passage of an amendment to the act of British North America.

FOUND IN A LETTUCE HEAD.

Fine Collection of Microbes Gathered from Its Leaves by a Scientist.

There is really such a thing as getting too much for one's money, as, for instance, when one buys lettuce at five cents a bunch and has a menagerie and a flower garden thrown in.

Even the casual consumer of salads occasionally has a temporary loss of appetite from the discovery of a large white scale or a small green worm among the crisp crinkles of his lettuce.

But these discoveries are only a faint suggestion of the glories of animal life which lurk undetected in those same inviting leaves. A man by the name of Ceresole, having found more than the usual number of insects pasturing upon his plate of salad, went out into the market place and bought samples of lettuce, and, radishes, celery and the like.

The wily Ceresole washed his marketing in sterilized water and examined the sediment. A simple microscopical survey revealed a luxuriant, if not pleasing, fauna of 52 species, comprising amoebae and anguillulae, along with the eggs of the Toenia, Oxyuria axarides and Ankylostoma.

Not content with these pleasing revelations, the curious Ceresole undertook a bacteriological investigation and added to his previous discoveries a rich menagerie of microbes, including micrococci, staphylococci, streptococci, sarcinae.

There were others. But why enlarge upon the matter. Enough is enough. And the moral of this is you can't be too careful about washing your salads.

PROPHECY OF GLADSTONE.

One That the Grand Old Man Made Many Years Ago Which Has Come True.

Prophecies, even when the prophets are politicians, sometimes come true, says the St. James Gazette. Here is a notable Gladstone utterance which we can now look back upon as quite prophetic. Speaking or writing 25 years ago of the "menace which, in the prospective development of her resources, America offers to the commercial pre-eminence of England," the grand old man predicted that America, and America alone, "can, and probably will, wrest from us that commercial primacy. We have no title, I have no inclination, to murmur at the prospect. If she acquires it, she will make the acquisition by the right of the strongest; but, in this instance, the strongest means the best. She will probably become what we are now, the head servant in the great household of the world, the employer of all employed; because her service will be the most and ablest. We have no more title against her than Venice, Genoa or Holla-d had against us."

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