

DITCH A PUBLIC NUISANCE

Always An Eyesore Has Now Become a Menace

Its Covering Rotten and Its Stagnant Pools Serve as Receptacles For Refuse

Editor Journal: The North Mill creek ditch running down Division street to Front, and down the latter to the brick mill has long been an eye-sore to that part of the city, and of recent years has become a menace to the public health, while the bridges covering the ditch where the latter crosses or runs down streets are in such condition as to be eyed with suspicion by people compelled to travel on them, and is a menace to safety.

The ditch deflects water from Mill creek at North High street, and runs thence to Liberty, from which point it occupies the center of Division street to Front. Here it turns northward, taking up nearly the entire west half of Front street to the mills, a distance of fully two blocks. On Liberty, Commercial and Front streets the ditch is bridged, and from the corner of Division and Front to the mill it is covered with planking. In many places this bridging is rickety, many of the heavy planks used in construction are loose, and others are so absolutely decayed that it is unsafe to travel on the structure. To such an extent has the covering of the ditch on North Front street been neglected that travel avoids that half of the street entirely and the result is that half of the street for two blocks is to all intents and purposes closed to the public, and this on the only street west of Liberty on which it is possible to pass out of the main part of the city to North Salem and the rich farming country in the Mission Bottom south of Salem.

But the gravest danger lies in the extreme unhealthfulness of the ditch. While it is not being used as a sewer, it is as great a menace to health as would be an open sewer to that part of Salem. The ditch is from 35 to 40 feet wide, about eight feet deep, and when full carries a large volume of water. When in this condition the water flows through it sufficiently swift to keep pure and clean, but when it is left only partially filled, or almost empty, as has been the case for the past few years, the water is practically stagnant, the malarial vapors rising from it are sickening and conditions are appalling. A ditch of this kind naturally becomes a dumping place for all manner of refuse that people are too careless or too lazy to dispose of properly, and all kinds of things have been found floating lastly on the surface of the foul water, from dead mice, cats, rats and chickens, to dead babies. This

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On May 1st, 1903, the son of R. C. Fulton, the manager of the Pacific Coast Electric Company at Second and Polk streets, San Francisco, was declared by the family physician to have chronic kidney disease and incurable. Another physician was called in and confirmed the diagnosis. The whole body was swollen with dropsy, and a fatal termination looked for. The Fulton Compound was then turned to as the only hope. On September 1st the dropsy had disappeared and the boy was well, and after double examinations the physician declared the recovery complete and gave Mr. Fulton a written report which he now has.

Julius G. A. Cabanis, the Police Judge of San Francisco, also attests the recovery under his own observation of a friend of his who was recovered when the case (chronic Bright's Disease of the kidneys) was well known to be incurable according to all medical authorities. Up to the advent of the Fulton Compound medicine knew nothing that would cure kidney troubles after they became chronic. Actual thousands of all cases are now curable, even after they have developed into the dreaded chronic forms of Bright's Disease and diabetes. No statements are published or invited except from chronic cases that, like the above, are incurable by all other known medicines. If your kidney trouble is recent Fulton's Resol Compound will cure it quickly. If it is of ever eight to ten months standing it is the only thing known that will save your life. John J. Fulton, Co., 406 Washington street, San Francisco, sole distributors. Fulton's Resol Compound cures Bright's and Kidney Diseases, B. I. for Diabetes, B. I. for Prostate and all other ailments. See for particulars. We are the exclusive agents in this city.

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is literally true. It is not fancy, for it was but a very few years ago when the body of a new-born infant was found floating on the waters of the ditch on Division street, between Commercial and Front.

It is stated above that the ditch is not used as a sewer. This is not entirely in accordance with the facts in the case, for North Mill creek is used as a sewer by very many of the residents along the creek from the point where it enters the city limits near the penitentiary to the Willamette river. This was stated before the city council a few weeks ago by a member of the state board of health, who confessed that he himself was making use of the creek for a sewer, that the sewage from his house, like that from many houses on the creek, was run into the stream, thus polluting its waters. This water, or rather sewage, runs through the ditch, which in turn takes its entire volume of water from Mill creek, only a few blocks above the mouth of the stream.

It can be easily imagined what the conditions must be when all this is taken in account, and when the vapors from the stagnant water, rise the malarial gases floating in the air over the ditch and drawn into the nostrils of the passersby and the residents of that section, the presence of considerable of the illness of that portion of Salem can easily be accounted for. Occasionally the water is all allowed to run out of the ditch, and then for days and weeks the bottom of the big artificial crack in the earth is a slimy mud, sending up a stench that would gag a mule.

Many of the residents of that portion of the city favor the filling up of the ditch and placing the streets again in the condition they were intended to be in when the city was laid out. If this cannot be done, the owners of the ditch ought to be compelled to keep it clean, and to keep the bridges and covering in decent repair; keep the ditch clean with water running through it swift enough to prevent stagnating, and repair the bridges so that there will be absolutely no question as to their strength and the safety of the traveling public, and prevent a recurrence of such an accident as was had on North Front street a year or two ago, when a section of the covering gave way under one of the Indian school teams, precipitating horses and hack into the cold and muddy water of the ditch.

This ditch might be of interest to the state board of health, and offers a splendid field for investigation for Dr. Woods Hutchinson and his associates in their search for microbes, germs and bacilli. (Signed)

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A VISION OF GREATER SALEM.

A Dreaming Citizen Who Saw Far Into the Future.

Ed. Journal: I have read so much in your paper about the future of Greater Salem that I fell into a dream the other night, and here is what I saw. It must have been about 1910, A. D.:

The state house resembled a marble temple, painted pure white, and the copper dome was gilded.

A magnificent library building stood midway between the postoffice building and the state house, in which were housed the state law library and a fine free public library.

All of Wilson avenue was parked and set to ornamental shrubs and flowering plants with a large fountain and large enclosed lagoon.

Some fine statuary was placed in different parts of the grounds, subjects being of national importance, including Schiller and Goethe, Burns, Jefferson and Lincoln.

A fine public high school building stood where the two old Central schools formerly stood, and all that part of the city was filled with residences, lighted at night.

Court, State and Chemeketa streets were covered with asphalt, and bordered with roses, instead of maple trees.

North and South Mill creeks had been turned over to the public, were cleared of sewage, and the banks planted with fine-leaved trees and indigenous flowering shrubs of Oregon, like dogwood, syringa and all the native hawthorns and spires. They ran with clear water, fit for man and beast, and were stocked with trout.

A grand natural park lay to the south of the city, the gift of a public-spirited citizen, who had preserved the natural trees.

A gentleman who had held office many years at home and abroad had crowned one of the hills with a fine residence. Another official, who had made nearly \$100,000 out of the public, had donated a block and erected a fine music pavilion for the public.

After several years' work by the Marion Square Improvement League seats had been placed in the park, and cement walks laid around the square. Bicycle paths were laid on all the principal streets.

BOOM FOR OREGON GOATS

Created by Two Plucky Marion County Breeders

Gets the Record Price For a Doe at the Kansas City Stock Show

R. W. and J. B. Craig, of Macleay, have done a great service to Oregon by taking some fine Angora goats to the Royal Stock Show, at Kansas City, and selling them at top figures.

It involved a big expense and took some grit to carry fine-bred animals so far, and put them into the great auction sales in competition with the best goats from all the states and territories.

The Kansas City Journal, of October 24th, has the following of interest to goat breeders:

Thirteen hundred dollars is the price L. and P. Witt, of Montrell, Tex., paid for the prize goat of the Royal Stock show, at the sale of Angoras yesterday afternoon. Dick, Jr., is the title of the little animal for which this price was paid. He was the property of F. O. Landrum, of Laguna, Tex., and won first money for the best buck 2 years old or over. At the sale half an hour later another buck, which to the ordinary observer, looked just like Dick Jr., sold for \$750. Dick, Jr., however, belongs to the aristocracy, and has a pedigree that can be traced back to a royal family in South Africa.

F. O. Landrum owned also the sweepstakes doe, but refused to put her up at auction. R. W. Craig owned the next best doe at the show, Oregon Beauty, which was sold to J. J. Gentry, of Montrell, Tex., for \$900. So far as was known yesterday this is the highest price ever paid for a doe. This price has created a boom for the Oregon stock, which, up to this time, has not cut much of a figure among breeders. Southern breeders are anxious to get hold of some of the stock from this state, and the Oregon goat is commanding a good price.

The record of sales October 23d included the following:

Dick Jr., first prize buck, 50 F. L.; sold by F. O. Landrum, Laguna, Tex., to L. and P. Witt, Montrell, Tex. Price \$1300.

Oregon Beauty, second prize doe, 39 C. B.; sold by Craig Bros., of Macleay, Ore., to J. J. Gentry, of Laguna, Tex. Price \$900.

Doe, owned by Craig Bros., of Macleay, Ore., to J. J. Gentry, of Montrell, Tex. Price \$175.

Buck, 456; sold by Mrs. M. Armer, of Kingston, N. M., to B. Bellows, of Hardy, Ia. Price \$145.

Buck, 452, sold by C. P. Bailey & Sons, of San Jose, Cal., to Kirchner & Weaver, of Parksdale, Tex. Price \$105.

Buck, 106, sold by J. W. Troutman & Sons, of Komisky, Kan., to George H. Baldwin, Mendon, Ill. Price \$15.

Doe, 5334, sold by Craig Bros., Macleay, Ore., to Ludlow & Co., Lake Valley, N. M. Price \$300.

The annual banquet of the American Angora Goat Association was held at the Transit House, covers being laid for about 200, and every seat was filled. The menu for the banquet was unique, and the guests were unanimous in the declaration that no better bill of fare could have been offered.

The Brassy Knocked Him.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—A marriage license was issued today to Benjamin Horn, a Pittsburg capitalist, and Bessie Anthony, national champion woman golfer. They will be married November 3d.

Took the Balloon Route.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Mrs. William Miller, wife of the minister of the leading Dunkard church in this city, committed suicide last night by inhaling gas; cause temporary insanity.

After the Bank.

Sedalia, Mo., Oct. 30.—Robbers made the second attempt this month on the safe of the bank at Pilot Grove this morning. They failed, but got \$50.

Their Tin is Short.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—J. L. Perkins & Company, dealers in iron and tin, failed today, with liabilities of \$210,000 and assets of \$200,000.

Big Floods in England.

London, Oct. 30.—Floods are increasing today. The Thames is the worst, but Peterborough, on the Nene, is submerged.



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