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THE FIGHT FOR MOUNTAIN WATER.

The Capital City has started in on a campaign for a supply of pure mountain water for the use of the people of this city and suburbs and state institutions. This is the largest and most important undertaking that has ever been started in this city, and one that will tax the best efforts of the men who have been enlisted. The committee of 15 that met with Governor Chamberlain Wednesday to consider ways and means to bring about this desideratum comprise the best and most public spirited citizenship of Salem. It comprises men from all walks of life, from the highest public officials to the man of ordinary means who works at his trade for a living. The committee embraces men who represent merchandising, manufacturing, education, the medical and legal professions, lumbermen, woolensmill man, cigar manufacturer, and large taxpayers and representatives of capital. The personnel of the committee could not be better than of higher character.

Of course, it is understood that the work of this commission will only be preliminary. They are pathfinders to search out the way to bring this about, and to formulate a plan to accomplish the end sought. The creation of sub-committees and the collation of the facts and details necessary for intelligent action must be in the hands of some such preliminary advisory board, and the services of those men while in no way compensated for is none the less of the greatest value to the community. It is the highest order of patriotic service to the community. They are filling a more important office toward state and county and city than any official now rendering a service to the people—because they are doing a work that is to affect the health and welfare and protection of society for years and for generations. That they will give the matter their best time and attention no one can hesitate to believe. These men will not enter upon their duties in any slighting attitude. They will do the best work they are capable of and do it conscientiously.

In making it possible for this city and state to have pure mountain water these men are rendering a service that is far more important than they would be rendering by going to war for their fellow citizens. The warfare they are waging is against hidden and unseen powers for evil that cannot be discussed in public print. But they are waging a warfare for better water and better sanitary conditions, for longevity and against death in its most insidious forms. The campaign for mountain water is a fight for better social conditions for every family—better health and life in the home and the public institutions and better protection from fire. No one can estimate the value of such services and the men who give their time and attention to this matter are worthy of all honor and praise. By all means let us encourage them and hold up their hands in this fight for better water supply that will make this a greater city, and a greater state in the eyes of the nation.

This city will be more benefited by securing an uncontaminable source of water supply in the mountains than by all the other boosting agencies that can be devised. More people will come here to live and more homes will be established here on account of this movement. Let us not underestimate the value of this proposition from a home-building standpoint. Many a man is deterred from making this city his home because some one has told him there is not the best drinking water here. While this city has now a very pure water supply—the best obtainable from the river as a source—the advertisement we would get from bringing in mountain water would be our greatest asset in drawing population. As a result of an improved water supply this would become the home of the wealthier class of professional men who want to live in a residence city and will not come here to live in the face of adverse reports as to the water supply. Hence the biggest

boost we can give our city is to let in a stream of pure mountain water by a gravity system. That should and must be done within the next eight months.

A LITTLE MATER LIKE KEEPING PLEDGES.

The movement started by Scott, Fulton, et al. at Portland to release members of the legislature from their pledges is not making much headway, although many signers are being secured, without regard to their politics. The movement awakens new interest in the political situation, and will precipitate a hot fight over the speakership of the house and president of the senate. It is now apparent that the Statement No. 1 members, who are in the majority in both branches of the legislature will be able to organize both branches of the legislature. The presidency of the senate lies between Senator Kay of Marion and Senator Selling of Portland, both anti-machine men. The speakership lies between Patton, Jones and Campbell, or a Portland man if the presidency of the senate goes to Kay. It is a good sign of harmony between those who have any regard for public pledges that any one of them is willing to get out of the way for the other, preferring principle shall prevail, and placing faith with the people above personal advantage. Those who advocate pledge breaking are losing ground morally every day. After the Fulton banquet Saturday night at Portland, many who are opposed to Statement No. 1 took their stand with Duniway, saying they believed it was in the true interest of the Republican party.

What do men like Stephen A. Lowell, Benjamin Franklin Jones, Henry E. McGinn, and Willis S. Duniway mean by advocating that Republicans keep their pledges to the people? Don't they know that they are liable to be classed as Bryanites and traitors to the Republican party? Members of the legislature who took Statement No. 1 or Statement No. 2 should hasten to join the pledge-breakers' organization and get into Harvey Scott's Annanias Band Wagon if they want honors at the hands of the machine in future. The highest duty of a Republican representative is to break his party faith and deceive the people under all circumstances, according to the revised version of Abraham Lincoln, Lowell, Jones, McGinn and Duniway should be kicked out of the party, according to that angel of purity, Chauncey M. Depew, who is now the idol of the Oregonian.

How do alleged politicians in Oregon expect to do business with the people when their chief asset and stock in trade will be a record of violated pledges? The people do not trust them any too well now. How much less will they trust them when they have further officially gone upon record for a general public deception of the people? Why, as a rule politicians will not even trust one another unless pledges are kept. In politics you never have anything but a man's word for anything, and what will any man's word be good for if his written, publicly made, sworn to and subscribed pledge is violated and trampled in the dirt of repudiation? Why it is a proposition that a white man should be ashamed to make to a cannibal savage. If a man took Statement No. 1 let him stay with it. If he took Statement No. 2, let him stay with it. If he made any old statement, let him stay with it. We should be men or renounce all claim to respect in society.

THE HOLY CITY.

It is a remarkable fact that this beautiful biblical story play has never been able to get a house in Salem, avowedly the most religious city in the state. It is a city of churches and religious educational institutions and yet a play that is written about the life of John the Baptist cannot get four rows in the orchestra filled with people. The gallery will fill up pretty well with gallery gods, who are anything but

religious. But why the moral and religious elements will not turn out to see The Holy City at prices that run from 25, 35, 50 to 75 cents a seat is a religious mystery. It is probably explained by the fact that religious people have not the theater habit. They do not spend much on entertainments. They are mainly concerned about their own organizations and entertainments, and hence have not time or thought to spend on promiscuous amusements. But it is still a mystery how this kind of play can fail to interest those who are looking toward reformation of the drama, who want to see it turn its attention to the purer side of things. One would think they would fill the opera house when a religious drama is put on the boards and for one night, at least, crowds out the problem play, the sensational melodrama, and the racing and gambling plays that fascinate the wicked crowds of sporting people who flock to see them presented.

PREVENTED FROM MARRYING TWICE

Butte, Mont., Nov. 19.—Instead of being a happy bridegroom today, enjoying a honeymoon trip with the girl he was about to marry when a deputy sheriff "batted in" with a warrant for his arrest, Joe Turitch is in the hands of the police and Miss NIKÉ Marinovich retains her maiden name.

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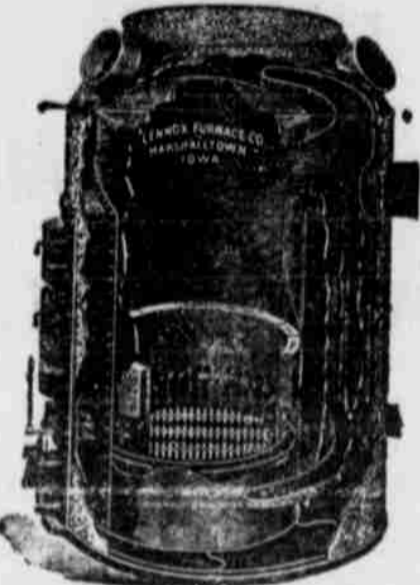
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No. 18—8:40 a. m.—Cottage Grove passenger.
No. 12—2:45 p. m.—Roseburg passenger.
No. 14—9:13 p. m.—Portland passenger.
Toward Portland, Freight, No. 222—5:0 p. m.—Portland freight.
No. 226—10:40-11:23 a. m.—Portland freight.
Toward San Francisco, Passenger, No. 11—11:03 a. m.—Roseburg passenger.
No. 17—6:45 p. m.—Cottage Grove passenger.
No. 15—9:56 p. m.—California passenger.
No. 13—3:31 a. m.—San Francisco express.
Toward San Francisco, Freight, No. 221—2:43 a. m.—Portland freight.
No. 225—11:28 a. m.—San Francisco freight.

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Time Card Effective Nov. 15, 1908.
For:
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Portland-Hillsboro and Intermediate, Local 4:45 p. m.
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Portland and Intermediate, Local 8:45 p. m.
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Portland-Hillsboro and Intermediate, Local 9:45 a. m.
Portland, Hillsboro and Tualatin, Limited 12:15 p. m.
Portland and Intermediate, Local 1:45 p. m.
Portland-Hillsboro and Intermediate, Local 4:45 p. m.
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