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HOW LONG, OH, HOW LONG SHALL OREGON BE PARADED AS THE FOOL OF THE FAMILY?

The people are interested to know that the appropriation to help the federal government to construct the free locks and canal at Oregon City is still available, according to the statement of Governor West. The history of the long struggle for free locks and canal at Oregon City has been told so many times the people are pretty familiar with it.

Under the Penoyer administration the time lapsed for independent state ownership.

The state lost its right to take over the property.

Some years ago the matter was again taken up by the Willamette Valley Development League and Open River Association, and the legislature was about to act, on a bill for state ownership.

Congressman Hawley opposed that and took the position that the state and the federal government should share the expense.

That prevailed and the rivers and harbors committee took the position that the Willamette being entirely within the borders of the state, unless the state took the first step the federal government would not act.

So several successive legislatures were induced to put up the \$300,000 appropriation conditioned on congress passing a bill to purchase, acquire by condemnation or construction of an entirely new locks and canal. This was done.

For two years the matter has dragged, and the U. S. engineering department has decided to locate a new locks and canal on the east side of the river—on the Oregon City side.

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This, the Oregonian has shown, would involve destruction of business property and power sites, and a total expense for mere right of way of about two million dollars before there was ever a dollar spent digging the canal.

No more effectual way could be adopted to block and defeat the whole enterprise than to locate it on the east side of the river.

It would involve the whole matter in litigation in the federal courts, and take years of litigation to determine the mere matter of right of way.

Is this in the interest of transportation, or in the interest of corporations that do not want an open river with free transportation through the locks and canal?

Let any business man or producer or shipper in the Willamette valley think for a moment, and he will come to the conclusion that there is only one logical place for the locks and canal, and that is where they are now located.

The big interests, through their agents and attorneys, have undoubtedly found a way to paralyze the efforts of the people who want an open river.

The west side of the river has locks and canal that can be enlarged and can be acquired.

The people appreciate Governor West's manly words to the effect that the state is willing and ready, and has the power to do its part what is necessary to break the embargo on water transportation for Western Oregon by removing fifty cents a ton lockage charge, and all other charges that are taken in the form of toll, and which make continuous passage of freight and passengers on the river from Portland south into the richest territory on God's footstool almost impossible.

We need more state and federal officials like West, who energetically and everlastingly take the producer's side of this matter, and are not half-hearted about it.

Congressman Hawley will have to explain some matters about his connection with the free locks and canal.

He was accused by the Portland Journal with having let the matter fail in the house, and then the appropriation was put into the bill in the senate.

If the Portland Journal is not merely making political capital

out of this Congressman Hawley should awaken to the importance of this matter, which has dragged about long enough, and some one is responsible.

A congressman should not require jabbing and prodding on a matter vital to the producers of Western Oregon.

The people of Oregon are paying tolls that in the aggregate amount to sums estimated at \$100,000 to \$200,000 per annum.

The congressman from this district should not be indifferent about so great a matter.

It should not be allowed to drag two years longer, and then fail for trickery and jobbery at the hands of the agents of the interests who do not want water transportation into the heart of Western Oregon.

The Willamette river has practically been kept closed to traffic by neglect and indifference, and the people have paid the bill.

Not one good, hearty protest has been uttered at this delay, and at this outrageous dilly-dallying with the free locks and canal at Oregon City, that should stir the blood of a congressman, if he has a drop of red blood in his veins.

There is complaint that Oregon gets almost nothing for reclamation work.

States like Idaho, Washington, Wyoming and Montana are getting from five to ten millions per annum to develop government irrigation plants, and Oregon is happy to have a million or two million, or even not to have Oregon projects condemned.

Oregon is made the fool of the family by these lackadaisical politicians who only do a little hollering about a thing to get re-nominated and re-elected, and then subsides and put up no fight for Oregon interests for two years.

The people are sick and tired of such representation, and the Republican party has had to bear the load of the helpless paralytic styles of statesmanship that goes limping about on crutches, while more active delegations walk off with the pie.

How much longer shall the development of the state drag by the heels, while the representatives fail to deliver the goods and are petted and made much of by the corporations that profit by their indolence and failure to fight for the interests of the state and the cash accounts of the producer?

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THE OPEN FORUM

The Capital Journal invites Public Discussion in This Department—Let Both Sides of All Matters Be Fully Brought Out—It Is Not the Purpose of This Newspaper to do the Thinking for Its Readers.

Salem, Or., Sept. 9, 1911. Ed. Journal: In a recent issue of the Statesman, our mayor is quoted as saying we should not try cases in the newspapers. If we did not get such facts as are printed in The Journal, how would we know what is going on? If you attend the council meetings all you hear is "hot air," and one gets disgusted with the school-boy actions of some of its members.

Regarding the Asylum avenue contractor personally, I do know that he has not been treated right. He had his curb all in, ready to grade, when the electric line started to work, throwing most of their dirt on the side, same as on State street, instead of hauling it away. After they were finished the water company came along with a big main as far as Seventeenth street, then, when everything is practically ready for him to go ahead, they try to hold him up.

It was the same way on D street, it was all graded and stoned on the street when along comes the water company, digs it up the full length, and has held that street back as well.

Another thing I have noticed that in the whole length of D street the city has failed to give the property holders any fire protection, as the only hydrant on the street is at Seventeenth and now should they put in hydrants they will have to tear up the street. I would also advise signs to be put up at each end of Winter, Summer and Cottage streets during fair week, so as to notify those desiring to get to the fair grounds that those streets are not passable.

They talk about the Welch line holding up improvements, what has the Hill line done at the intersection of High and Chemeketa? Where in the West will you find a city that will allow any firm or corporation to tear up a street its full length, as Chemeketa and State streets now are?

You are trying to make a city, but all you are is an overgrown village. We possibly expect too much of our mayor, but I happened to be present at the time of his installation, and what he has promised and what he has done—well, think it over.

Yours for Improvement, G. E. T.

SETTLE IT VI ET ARMIS IN THE JAIL

Two prisoners in the city jail, Sullivan and Pugh, arrested on minor charges, had a vigorous argument in the city prison Tuesday night, and Sullivan won. Sullivan likes Salem's damp night air, and insisted on keeping the window raised in the "bed-room" of the jail, Pugh was cold and insisted the window be left down. Argument led to blows, and the two men stepped around pretty lively for a few minutes. The window was left up, and Sullivan is still enjoying the balmy ozone which "works while he sleeps."

An item in a local paper recently intimated that street fights should be prevented. A city hall official, at that time, asserted that this was impossible, even if a patrolman was placed in every block in town. The fight in the city jail clinches the fact that as long as men have different opinions, and have muscle and grit enough to back them in their arguments, fights will occur—on the floor of the police station. It is said that "a brother is born to adversity, and men were born to fight," and, in keeping with these predictions, men still continue to wage war, sometimes in the roped arena, again in the political field, in the editorial columns, police courts and battlefield, men still scrap, and Sullivan and Pugh were only using their heaven-given privilege in fighting for what they thought "their rights."

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