

# Gorvallis Times.

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### THAT LAW.

Senator Fulton declares it to be his belief that the primary election law is unconstitutional, on the ground that the voter is required to announce his political preferences.

Whether constitutional or not, the law is one that people in all human probability, will speedily tire of. For an ordinary state election, it in fact provides for two instead of one, with all the machinery, paraphernalia, blanks and ballots incident to one election, and therein will prove unnecessarily expensive. In nominating candidates in towns of 2,000 and over, it compels a form of nominating candidates that costs more than does a whole city election. Instead of eliminating bosses, as its purpose is declared to be, it opens up a rare field for the talents and manipulations of bosses. Under it, the boss can mass his followers more completely and compactly for a given candidate than can others, and by hocus pocus nominate his own tool with a smaller percentage of voters than is possible under convention method.

A final and fatal objection is that the candidate with the largest financial means stands the best chance of being nominated, and since he is most likely to be the candidate of the boss, it is the boss who will reap the benefit of the new plan. The sending of emissaries and cash out into country precincts to line voters up, will be the new spectacle in nominating governors, secretaries of state and other important offices, in the future, if the primary election law stands the test of the courts and time.

### HONORS WON.

By Corvallis Man—How His Work Ranked Among the First in Competitive Display.

A carbon photo, entitled "Father Time," the work of W. G. Emery of Corvallis, is to be reproduced in the near future, as a frontispiece in the Camera Craft, a photographers journal, published at San Francisco. It was selected for the purpose by Mr. Hicks, art critic of the paper at the recent meeting of the photographers of the Northwest at Tacoma, where 157 photographic studios represented by over 2,000 pictures were on competitive exhibition.

The same picture was also one of four, selected from out of all the pictures for reproduction in a Tacoma paper as representative of the best of each style of photographic work on exhibition. In a group of 10 official inter-state exhibit of the association, one of Mr. Emery's pictures was selected, and when the group was extended to 20 at the request of the committee on selection another of Mr. Emery's pictures was chosen, making two for the local photographer out of the 2,000 photos in the contest. The second picture in the latter case was a photo of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wiley, and the other was the "Father Time" photo.



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### WHAT IT IS.

Mountain Water Offer—Another Engineer Made Estimates—Some Opinions.

The city has an offer for a mountain water system. The proposition was published in full in a recent issue of the Times. It is known that there are substantial interest behind the offer, and that the city is now in position to negotiate with a prospect that mountain water will be brought to town in the near future. This makes interesting the question of what are the terms proposed in the present offer.

Concerning the offer, there is a general opinion that it is the result of the recent investigation of Engineer H.V. Gates. It is positively known that this is not the case. It is known that the offer was prepared, if not actually framed, before Engineer Gates came to town. It is also known that it is based on the investigations of still another engineer from abroad, who came secretly to Corvallis during the summer, and in a stay of several days, visited Rock Creek and made such investigations as enabled him to give parties interested an estimate of the approximate cost of the system. Upon the report of this engineer, sent to Corvallis some time after he made his investigations, the present offer was made. It is further known that Engineer Gates' investigation were wholly independent of and had nothing to do with the present offer, and that there is a likelihood that he and people identified with him may make a proposition. Whether or not a bid from that quarter will actually come to pass, remains to be seen. Meantime, the present offer, which is in the hands of the council committee for examination and report, proposes terms as follows:

### WHAT THE OFFER IS.

1. The city is to loan the water company about \$25,000 and is not to receive any interest on the same, but instead thereof is to be supplied by the company with water for fire protection, sewer flushing and for city hall use during the 30 years the franchise is to exist. That is to say, if the city should sell its bonds at four per cent, its water for city use would cost \$1,000 per year; if at 4 1-2 per cent, \$1,125 per year; at five per cent, \$1,250 per year.
- ii.—The company for security on the loan is to give the city a second mortgage on the plant, the first mortgage to be some sum not fixed in the offer, and entirely optional with the company, up to half the cost of the plant. This first mortgage might be either the capital of the company, or money that it should borrow.
- iii.—The company, after completing the plant, is to set aside a certain per cent of the profits for a sinking fund to be used at the end of 20 years in paying off the first mortgage; and if, at the end of 20 years, the city does not wish to purchase the plant under the option, then a similar per cent of profits is to be set aside for a sinking fund to be used in paying back the sum loaned by the city, which payment shall be made at the end of 30 years. Under the arrangement, the city's second mortgage on the plant would become the first mortgage at the end of 20 years, and, provided the plant had not from decay or lack of proper repair become a bad security, the whole of the city loan would be repaid in cash at the end of 30 years.
- iv.—At the end of 20 years, the city may, if it desires, buy the plant by paying a purchase price to be fixed by multiplying the net income by 10, the original loan to apply as a part of the purchase price. It is not, as in the case of the Dallas arrangement, made binding on the city to purchase the plant at the end of the 20 years.
- v. The offer is made contingent on the question of whether or not arrangements can be made to supply the agricultural college with water.

### OBJECTIONS OFFERED.

It is not probable that the company expected the council to accept the present proposition without change. It is not probable that the present offer is the best the company will make. A certain preliminary dickering is always incident to a water works deal as well as in a horse trade. Numerous Corvallisites, however, are taking the offer as final, and are prone to regard the proposition or any other from the company as an impossibility. Some others say they don't want the city to loan money to a private corporation, but that it should sell bonds and build its own works. In fact, there is a wide variety of ideas on the subject. Some object to public ownership, because, they say a plant could neither be built, nor be managed as cheaply by the city as by private interests; and that a sale is an extravagance and

low an attempt by the city to build the plant.

### A CITIZENS OPINION.

A level-headed citizen summed up the situation yesterday, with the following words of wisdom. He said: "It is a good time now for all the people of Corvallis to keep their shirts on. It is a good time right now for them not to get into a wrangle over the question of how this mountain water business shall be done. The city has an offer to build the plant. It is a bonafide offer in that it has substantial interests back of it. It may have features that are objectionable, but these are not accepted and do not have to be accepted by the city. The thing the offer does is to open up negotiations with a fighting possibility of an agreement that will put in the water on terms advantageous to both. I would prefer that the city make no loan to the bidder; but I doubt if the city can find a bidder who will undertake the enterprise without assistance. Therefore, I can submit to a loan proposition in which the city's interests are properly guarded. I do not want the city to build the system itself; but if it cannot be secured any other way, I will submit to that plan without complaint. The whole thing is a question of not what Bill and Jim, Sam and I may want, but what we can get, and get on the best terms. In my opinion the final resort is public ownership, but it should not be undertaken until every other resource has been tried. My opinion is that if the city assists with a loan, its interests can be properly safeguarded and a sufficiency of bids be secured to give the city satisfactory terms and assurance of a mountain water supply, all of which would be the best thing that has happened to the town since the legislature permanently located the agricultural college here."

### BENTON PRUNES.

In New York City—Buyers Want More of Them—The Market Over.

Three carloads of the prunes shipped East by the Corvallis packing house have arrived at their destination, and mail advices have been received by Manager Robert Johnson concerning them. The fruit is highly complimented in "quality and handling" and the buyers say the conditions are so satisfactory that there is no doubt that the cars yet to arrive will be acceptable in every way. Inquiry is also made with reference to the present crop, and assurance given that the buyers desire to keep in touch, and do further business, with the Benton County people. The up shot of the deal is that new customers have been made, and the local packing house is in position to deal with buyers, without the intervention of the numerous middlemen, each of whom must have a profit. Unfortunately for this year's business, there is no crop in the big prune orchard, but Manager Johnson will endeavor to secure such prunes as are available from other orchards in order to keep up relations with the New York buyers until the better crop of another year will be of avail for still further promoting the relation and reputation already established.

### Real Estate Transfers.

- The following deeds have been filed for record: C C Chandler to Chas Evans, 35 acres in Alsea, \$400.
- Anna Farra and husband to Ed Buxton, 2 lots block 19, Co addition, \$1.
- U G Berry to Esther Carl and husband, quit claim deed 4 lots Corvallis, \$500.
- W P Miner and wife to W J Mitchell, lot 8 block 6, Jobs addition, \$50.
- United States to Richard Zahn, patent to 160 acres in Alsea.
- J C Pritchett and wife to E A Parker, 16 acres near Philomath, \$192.
- Mose Burnap and wife to F M Taylor, 1 lot and fraction of block 14, Philomath, \$2,000.



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### WHO HAS THEM?

Samples of Benton County Corn Wanted for Lewis and Clark Fair.

There is a lively search in progress at present among those on the committee for securing samples of Benton products for the Lewis and Clark fair. The present quest is for Benton grown corn, and an urgent appeal is made for those who have corn on their place to select the best ears and wrap them carefully, so that they may preserve their color, and then let the committee have the same for the Benton exhibit. It is stated that many samples are available in Benton county, if the growers will only make known the whereabouts of the cereal so that the committee can get track of it.

Another appeal is made for fine timber, cuts across logs and all sorts of polished woods or any thing in the way of woods, that Benton produces, that will make a showing at the fair. Let timbermen awaken to the call, and do their duty in this respect, as it is a matter of personal pride that Benton's exhibit shall be complete and excellent.

In a recent interview with a member of the Lewis and Clark official board, a Corvallis man was informed that anything that will help to show Benton county in its best light is requested by the fair management, as no exhibit is wanted unless it is complete, and the best is to be obtained. Samples will be returned to those who give them provided, of course, that there is no accident to same. It is suggested that the women of the county take a hand in the matter, and offer specimens of fancy work, or any thing else that they may desire to enter in the exhibit.

Corvallis members of the collecting committee have a small dryer in operation, in which they are preparing fruits for use, and any one wishing to donate fruit for the purpose should make the fact known immediately, as the season will soon be past, and there are some kinds of samples that must be saved now, or not at all. The fair management will furnish carpenters and painters for the purpose of preparing sections in the grand pavilion for the county exhibits of Oregon, and it is the duty of everyone to see that Benton does herself justice in the extent and character of the showing that is to be made.

### Millinery Opening.

Ladies are hereby invited to call and see the display of fall and winter pattern hats Wednesday and Thursday Sept 28 and 29th, Mrs. C. A. Gould.

### Notice.

Persons having pipe tongs or other tools borrowed from Huston's hardware store are requested to return them at once.

### To Hunters.

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass on our lands, situated 8 miles south of Corvallis, either by hunting or otherwise. T. W. B. Smith. J. G. Smith.

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Lost, strayed or stolen, black and white Llewellyn setter dog, about three years old: left Corvallis about 1st of June, goes by the name of Mack, has scar on hind leg, made by barbed wire; I will pay \$10.00 reward for information leading to the recovery of the dog. M. P. Burnett.

### Yaquina Oysters.

Will arrive for the first time this season at Zieroll's today, and will be received each week on Saturday thereafter. Phone your orders.

### Lost.

Thursday, a black and white spotted pointer about six months of age. Information leading to recovery will be rewarded and should be left at the office of Yates & Yates.

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