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Scraps from the Intellectual Junk Heap. Some Newspapers call it Editorial

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FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1911

Light and Water Franchise

The 43-year franchise of the Tumwater Light and Water Company, which has been before the council for the past six weeks or more, came up again at the adjourned meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Jacobsen for the light company and Fred Reeves of Wenatchee, attorney for the water company, were present. A large number of taxpayers were also present to protest against the granting of any franchise at this time. In view of the fact that within the past two weeks two companies engaged in taking water from the Icicle river for irrigation purposes have made propositions to supply the town with water for domestic and fire purposes at rates very materially below the rate now made by the Tumwater Light and Water Company, it seems but reasonable that the council should proceed with deliberation and care in giving a long-time franchise to any one at this time. The water supplied by the Tumwater Light and Water Company has never been satisfactory on account of its impurity. We have had here every summer for the past six years numerous cases of typhoid, and all the physicians believe it is due to the water we are compelled to drink. Before reaching the town the Great Northern railway runs for 12 or 14 miles along the bank of the Wenatchee river. The impurities and fever germs come from the car closets, the droppings from which, seeking the lowest level, find their way into the river and thus into our drinking water. Last summer some of our physicians advised their patients to boil all their drinking water. The offer of the Icicle Canal Company, as also that of the Snow Creek Water Company, to supply this community with water makes it possible to get our supply from a source which is practically impossible ever to contaminate. The city of Wenatchee, knowing this fact, has in the past, and is now, figuring on getting her water supply from this same source. Should this supply cost even more than the water now obtained from the Wenatchee river, it would still be advisable to contract for the Icicle river water.

That this is the opinion held by almost every citizen of the town is indisputable. But instead of costing more we are confronted with the assurance that it will cost less. So that we are safe in saying that nine-tenths of the people in this town are opposed to granting any franchise that might diminish the possibility of getting water from the Icicle river. The remark of the attorney for the Tumwater Light and Water Company that the granting of the franchise would not prevent the council from granting a franchise to any other company, the statement was made that if the Tumwater Company gridiron the streets and alleys with their wires and water pipes and thus make it very difficult and expensive for another company to get into the town, it would very likely deter another company from applying for a franchise. It was pointed out too, that the franchise asked for reserved no rights to the people but practically gave unlimited privileges to the Tumwater Light and Water Company. It is true if the company overcharged the water and light users they could appeal to the Public Service Commission for redress, but we all know how difficult and slow these commissions are to give relief from our experience with railroad commissions.

Why does the Tumwater Light and Water Company insist at this particular time upon a franchise from the town when it has operated its plant for the past seven years without such franchise. The company claims to have a franchise from the county commissioners almost coextensive with the one asked for. Either it does not rely very strongly on its franchise or it seeks

some advantage from the new one that the old one does not give. A private individual acting for himself, with due regards for his rights and benefits, would decline to take action in any matter that would impair his present or future rights or benefits, would he not? In his capacity as councilman, acting for the public, should his actions not be governed by the same rule? To do less is to do wrong. This is a fair and pointed proposition. Ponder it.

\$200,000 Payroll, 10,000 Population

The man who, having ears, can hear the sound of the hammer and the rasp of the saw, as mechanics are plying their trade, in almost any direction he may turn his head these spring days. The clink of the mason's trowel and the hoarse bawl of "mort" by the bricklayers and stone masons engaged on the three substantial brick blocks now under construction indicate a degree of building activity which means growth and prosperity. In every direction residences are going up. Just how many are under construction we are not advised, but it is no exaggeration to say since the advent of spring not less than 25 have either been completed or are in course of erection. Many of them are of a commodious and substantial kind.

As hinted last week, three, perhaps more, brick business blocks will be erected. Excavation work for the steel plant buildings is being pushed as fast as men and teams can do the work. The big mill is running full blast in all its departments. With the prospect of ground being broken at an early date for the cement plant, the marble-sawing plant and lime incinerator, why should not our people have confidence in the future of Leavenworth? To add to and supplement an industrial payroll of \$200,000 per month, we will have eight or ten thousand acres of fruit land coming into bearing in a very few years. All of these industries will support a population of 10,000 people. Yea, more. Other industries will follow in the wake of those now practically established, and additional population will follow as a corollary.

That Leavenworth may become the liveliest manufacturing city in the state of Washington in a few years is no iridescent dream. We have right here all the raw material necessary for the building up of a manufacturing town. The possibility of water power development—the cheapest on earth—thousands of horsepower running past our very doors. Only waiting for capital to develop it. The steel plant will harness 5000 horsepower less than 300 yards from the town limits by damming the Wenatchee river. Work on this project will begin in the fall, during the lowest stage of water. The power developed will be used in connection with the operation of the steel plant.

Verily, the present prosperity and the future outlook is something over which the people of this town may be truly congratulated. And yet, when one considers that all this prosperity was simply forced on us because of the natural advantages that abound here, and how much more might have been accomplished if we would work together for the upbuilding of the town, it makes others marvel at our lack of enterprise, as did the Wenatchee man to the writer when he said if Wenatchee had the resources, the payroll and many other advantages that Leavenworth possesses they would build a town of 50,000 inhabitants in five years.

Let Us Have a "Square Deal"

Now that the light and water question is uppermost in the minds of the people of this town, we consider it our

duty to lay before them some facts that may have escaped notice.

The price made to consumers within the town limits by the Tumwater Light and Water Company is \$1.50 per month for a single tap for domestic purposes. Last summer the company extended a six-inch pipe line across the river, at an expense of over \$1000, to the lands of the Darling Land Company, where the company makes a charge of \$2.50 per acre for water during the irrigation season. No franchise was asked for this extension from either the town or the county, and the wonder is still growing how the company, which is losing money for its owners, could go to the expense of extending a long line and sell water at a lower rate outside the town than it does within the corporate limits.

An explanation might be found in the fact that the manager of the Tumwater Light and Water Company owns a tract of the Darling land which needed water. If the company is losing money on the water it sells for \$18 per year for a single tap to consumers within the town limits, how much is it losing on the water it sells for irrigating an acre of dry ground for four or five months for \$2.50? Does the town of Leavenworth need to protect itself in granting a franchise for any purpose to a company that makes such manifestly unfair discriminations? We think it does.

Attention is here called to this matter for the purpose of reminding the town council that it is highly important to proceed slowly and carefully in dealing with a corporation—or with an individual, for that matter—in granting a franchise extending over a long period of time where a whole community is interested, so that its rights may be safeguarded against discrimination and unfair charges, onerous and burdensome regulations.

Let the rights of the corporation be well defined and clearly stated, but do not overlook the fact that the rights and interests of the public should be guarded with even greater care. This applies with just as much force to the Snow Creek Water Company and the Icicle Canal Company, as it does to the Tumwater Light and Water Company. This paper plays no favorites and emphatically lays stress on the Roosevelt doctrine of the square deal for all.

Commissioner Kinney was here one day this week and said to a reporter for The Echo that, as the state highway board had decided that work on the South side state aid road had not commenced before the new road law took effect, it was necessary to begin all over again and that the court at its meeting last week passed the necessary order in relation to that important highway, so that the contract would probably be let at an early day. This road has been under consideration for more than two years. It has been that long since the court decided to have the road built and the people of this town are beginning to believe that some underhand work is being done to delay construction. To more than half of the people who live in the vicinity of Peshastin this road is of considerable importance, as it will cut the distance they will have to travel in coming to Leavenworth half in two. Somebody is going to be smoked out over this matter if something is not done, and done soon.

Property owners in the Cascade Orchards complain that some Leavenworth people make a practice of telling strangers that their land is not suitable for orchard purposes and otherwise discourage investment in that very fertile valley. Now, this is all wrong. The people who have settled in that valley are tributary to Leavenworth. They come here to trade. They are honestly engaged in an effort to demonstrate that their land is suitable for orchard purposes, and it is far too soon to deny that their faith is well founded. Do these misguided people not know when they decry any portion of our valley they throw the shadow of doubt on all our lands and injure themselves—injure the whole community? If you have thoughts or ideas about the Cascade Orchard land, and one can have ideas only, as there has been no demonstrated fact, keep them to yourself, at least till something has been proved.

In the past three weeks we have received as many as four communications to which the writer, either intentionally or unintentionally, omitted to sign his

or her name. We have on many occasions in the past tried to make it plain that unsigned communications would receive no consideration. Some of the letters received were intended for publication, and might have found a place in our columns if the rule had been obeyed. All unsigned letters go straight to the waste basket. You may save yourself the trouble of writing for publication unless you intend to sign your name. Bear this in mind. If you are ashamed to sign your name you make us ashamed to print your article.

\$30,000,000 FOR IRRIGATION

Water From Lake Wenatchee for Quincy Flats—Headgates to Be Placed Ten Miles From Leavenworth

The following, from the Wenatchee World of Monday, indicates that the big irrigation canal which has its head near Leavenworth is about to take shape and will be one of the big enterprises that is sure to aid in building up a city of 8,000 or 10,000 inhabitants in a few years. Surely all things are coming our way:

"A. J. Ternent, secretary-treasurer of the Quincy Valley Water Users Association, was one of the delegates to the convention of the Grant County Development League, which was held in Wenatchee yesterday. He makes the statement unqualifiedly that the waters from Wenatchee lake will be put on the whole Quincy flat, covering an area of 400,000 acres. As to the time, he does not speak definitely; but says that in his opinion it will not be longer than five or six years.

"In discussing the situation Mr. Ternent says: 'The water users association was organized about three years ago. Since that time over \$20,000 has been expended in securing data, surveys and water rights, and it can be authoritatively stated the project is absolutely feasible. Lake Wenatchee and 18,500 acres of land in that vicinity have been set aside as an irrigation reservoir for this project. This was done at the instance of the association and at the recommendation of our consulting engineer, Joseph Jacobs of Seattle.

"Our consulting engineer was formerly connected with the United States government and has visited all of the larger engineering feats of this character in the world. He states in his report to us 'the proposition is feasible.'

"He is now making a more complete report, and he now has a party in the field. It is working at Lake Wenatchee at the present time.

"According to the report of the geological survey for 1910, the stream gauge station on the Wenatchee river shows that 3,120,000 acre feet passed off this water shed through this stream. With this water properly stored there is sufficient to irrigate 500,000 acres of land and still have plenty to waste.

"The dam as proposed at Lake Wenatchee will form one of the largest reservoirs in the United States. In fact it is said it will approximate in capacity the big Roosevelt dam in Arizona. At present the lake is less than seven miles in length. Under the reservoir proposed it will be at least 35 or 40 miles in length.

"The estimated cost falls below \$100 per acre. Under this estimate everything is figured at the highest possible cost, in the belief of engineers. In fact it is thought the cost will run at a more reasonable figure."

ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING

Water and Light Franchise the Leading Feature—No Action Taken

Save Councilman Rice all the members of the council were at the adjourned meeting Tuesday night, together with a large concourse of citizens drawn to the meeting by the prospect of action on the franchise asked for by the Tumwater Light and Water Company. Manager Jacobsen and Attorney Fred Reeves represented the company.

Bids for a new shingle roof on the city hall were authorized. F. L. Potter was granted permission to erect a roller skating rink on certain lots near the G. N. round house.

Franz Freund was granted permission to build a sidewalk along lot 6 block 4 Merriam's addition.

The Washington Steel & Iron Company submitted the following bid for electric lighting:

"If the town will distribute the power the company will deliver the power at the city limits at a flat rate of \$45 per horsepower year, or 4 cents per kilowatt hour, provided the minimum load is not less than 100 kilowatts. If the company is to distribute the power it would ask the following rates: The first

60 kilowatts at 10 cents a kilowatt hour; the next 40 kilowatts at 8 cents a kilowatt hour; all over 100 kilowatts at 6 cents a kilowatt hour. One hundred street lamps of 32-candle power at a flat rate of \$1.50 per month each."

The ordinance granting the Tumwater Light and Water Company a right to all the streets and alleys for 43 years, to erect poles and lay water pipes, known as the street and alley franchise, coming up on second reading, a general discussion followed in which many citizens present were opposed to granting any franchise at this time, for the reason that there was good prospect of getting better and cheaper water from either of the two companies now operating on Icicle river.

After an hour and a half spent in discussion Councilman Hathaway moved that the ordinance be placed on its passage; but, the motion failing to receive a second, was left where it has been for the past six weeks, among the unfinished business of the council.

A new ordinance extending the fire limits to the south side of Commercial street was read; and one establishing new building regulations was read the first time.

The following election officers were appointed for the North side precinct: Inspector, H. X. Featherstone; judges, O. B. Robertson and Gene Hamilton; clerks, Glenn Marble and Oliver Swartz. For the South side precinct: Inspector, A. D. Weeeler; judges, B. Sampson and J. Pesch; clerks, George Blocksedge and John Byron.

Carried adjournment to meet Tuesday May 16, at 8:15 p.m.

Election of Officers

The M. E. Ladies Aid will meet in the basement of the church for the election of officers and a social meeting, Thursday afternoon May 13 at 2:30 p. m. Every one cordially invited to come.

Mrs. D. B. MacMillan,
Mrs. George Rice,
Mrs. F. T. Motteler,
Committee.

F. L. Heidrich, a prominent South Seattle merchant, owner of Cascade Orchard property, and Peter Rebhahn, assistant manager and agent for the Seattle Brick and Tile Company, spent several days here this week looking after their property. Both gentlemen expressed themselves as well pleased with the prospect of a fruit crop in that well known and highly improved portion of the Upper Wenatchee valley. A. W. Heidrich one of the star players of our baseball team is a son of F. L. Heidrich, and when not playing ball looks after his father's orchard. Mr. Rebhahn also has a son here who is superintending the care of his father's apple orchard.

THE CHURCHES

Catholic
Services next Sunday as follows:
Confessions at 8 a. m.
Sunday school at 8:30 a. m.
High mass with sermon at 9 a. m.
All are welcome.
Rev. J. M. Van de Walle,
Pastor.

Christian
Friends and members of the faith will meet in K. of P. hall, over the scenic theater.
Sundayschool at 10 a. m.
Services at 11 a. m.
Junior Endeavor Friday, 4 p. m.
A hearty welcome to all.

Lutheran
Religious services will be held next Sunday at St. Paul's church on Benton street as follows:
Sundayschool at 9:45 a. m.
No preaching services.
All are invited to these services.
Martin Raasch, Pastor.

Methodist
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Junior League, 3 p. m.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Public preaching, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30.
Choir rehearsal, 8:30
J. E. Weigle, Pastor.

A better Echo than ever. Read it.

SANITATION

In the spring of the year, when the busy housewife is rummaging closets and catchalls, when rugs and carpets are on the line, when the mayor appoints a street-cleaning day, and the members of the City Beautiful Club are abroad with their badges of honor—the shovel and the rake—and when even the robins are singing, "Clean up, please up," we are all thinking of one big word—"sanitation."

Beginning in this issue of The Echo there will appear three articles by the physicians of Leavenworth on this great subject. When we are sick and call in our physician we listen most eagerly to his advice because we want to get well. Now, while we are well, let us read and ponder every word he has to say about how to keep from getting sick.

A most valuable article for those interested in sanitation will be found on the first page of the current number of the Woman's Home Companion. It is entitled, "The House Fly." This magazine is rendering public service in frequently printing articles on kindred subjects.

I Buy at Home Because

My interests are here;
I want to see the goods;
Here I live and here I buy;
I sell what I produce here at home;
I want to get what I buy when I pay for it;
My home dealer carries me when I am short;
The man I buy from stands back of the goods;
I believe in transacting business with my friends;
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The man I buy from helps support my school, my church, my lodge, my home;
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