

Do things yourself! It doesn't take much brains to criticize what the other fellow is doing. If "hot air" were music some would be a whole brass band—a bum one at that

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The Future Holds Great Promise for the Educated Person



—Hodge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

This is the day of the boy and girl—never in the history of the world has there been so much attention given to the education of the rising generation. In fact, there are those who stoutly maintain that the school program is altogether too elaborate and expensive, that it has been developed beyond all reasonable and proper bounds and that the results obtained are not at all commensurate with the outlay. It is to be deplored that in the multiplying of the studies and the widening of the scope of these institutions, that much superficiality has resulted. It is by far better to know a few things that are so, than to know a smattering of a lot of things that are not so. In trying to make good scholars, we must be careful that we do not make them good for nothing.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF IN WATER AND BRIDGE ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY

By W. L. MORRIS.

Saturday's election, when Aberdeen voters will decide whether the city shall acquire the Wishkah water project and purchase the A. J. West bridge, will be a case of history repeating itself in the municipality, according to the recollections of such early pioneers as A. J. West and John G. Lewis.

Twenty-five years ago water and bridges were associated—quite apart from their frequent physical union—far more closely in the minds of the voters, even, than they will be day after tomorrow at the polls. The association of projects will more closely approximate, possibly, the confusion that was said to obtain in the minds of a few South Aberdeen voters at the water election last month. According to a well circulated, but likely unfounded report, at the time these voters had decided to down the water bonds because they feared the city could not or would not finance both the water project and the purchase of the West toll bridge.

Municipal bridge and municipal water plant, the city's first venture in each case, walked hand in hand in the year '92, when the council passed a resolution, introduced by Councilman James A. Hood, providing for the purchase of the Heron street toll bridge from the Aberdeen Bridge company, composed of A. J. West, Samuel Benn, Wilson Bros. & Company, John G. Lewis and Reuben H. Evans.

"Before the council took any action on the bridge purchase," said A. J. West, yesterday, "it submitted the question of acquiring a city water plant to the voters. And before the water project came to a vote, some of the councilmen came to me and asked what stand I should take on that question.

Inside Politics 25 Years Ago. "I replied that I should oppose the municipal water plant's building, by

the projected \$65,000 bond issue, unless the council would agree to submit to the voters the question of buying the Heron street bridge and the city's operating it as a free bridge. We five owners of that old Heron street bridge build it for this reason only: the city couldn't."

"Charles R. Wilson, of Wilson Bros. & Company, and I had decided that there must be a bridge. As neither we nor any of our associates in the venture could afford to donate a bridge to the city, it had to be a toll bridge.

"Those councilmen who had called upon me agreed with me that bridge and water projects should be united. They couldn't well do anything else. The men working in my mill and in Wilson's mill were pretty tired of paying tolls. And, as they formed in those early days the greater percentage of Aberdeen's electorate, the water project would have been downed had not voters been assured that the city would buy the Wishkah river bridge."

John G. Lewis throws further light upon the game of making a city a quarter of a century ago, as played by a few iron spirits; and at the same time confirms Mr. West's statements.

"It was a fair trade, bridge against water," said Mr. Lewis. "Somewhere in my 'plunder' I'm sure that I have the original papers showing steps in those deals." And, suiting action to word, Mr. Lewis unlocked his big safe and dragged out a file of musty documents.

"Here's one old paper," he continued. "This is the note we gave the San Francisco bridge company, which took the contract to erect our bridge, for \$5,250; and this, for \$2,625: both as security for payment for the work. You see: they were paid in full May 26, 1892. We had accepted the franchise to operate the toll bridge from

the city, in January, 1891. We operated it about two years; then the city bought it.

Sold Water Plant, Too.
"We sold the city a part of its first water plant, the year before. And that transaction, as Mr. West told you, really was a part of the bridge deal.

"Down back of the Weatherwax mill, A. J. West, Sam Benn, J. M. Weatherwax, R. H. Evans and I, with some others who took smaller interests in the venture, put up a plant and we ran salt water into our mains: this was for fire protection only. If we hadn't done that, the city would have had absolutely no fire protection.

"At that time, in the late 'eighties and early 'nineties, Aberdeen's only drinking water came from Sam Benn's system, a little stream running down the gulch back of Pinckney's place. Before that period we used to throw a barrel into a boat and row up the Wishkah to Alexander Young's place. There, from a little spring of pure, cold water, we would fill the barrels, get them down to our boats and row back to town.

"When the tide favored, it is true, we could get water fresh enough to cook with from the Wishkah as it flowed through town; but that, of course, was not fresh enough to drink.

Made Electricity.
"Practically the same crowd that formed Aberdeen's first water company built and operated the first electric lighting plant here. We fired the boiler from refuse that came from the Wilson mill, to make power for our first lighting system. Like the Heron street bridge, those water and lighting plants were started by a few of us as private concerns, simply because the city couldn't build them.

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WATER! WATER!

The Water Bonds Election on Saturday of Supreme Importance

The water question seems to have stirred up quite a difference of opinion and let it be understood that those taking opposite views are equally conscientious and have the welfare of our city at heart, one just as much as the other.

But this question must not be viewed as a personal matter, and be settled on an individual basis; it is a community, a city-wide, far-reaching question.

Nothing will damn a city much quicker than an inadequate water system, and the people are educated to the perils of the same.

Then again there never was a proposition introduced, no matter how good, but what found opposition; even slavery in Lincoln's time found its rabid supporters, and they even went so far as to start a four years' war to settle the question. But who in America today would want to put back into slavery several millions of human beings?

It is always thus, all great questions are won by much effort and in many instances after strife and bloodshed.

This water question must be viewed in a large way, individual preferences, opinions and wishes must give way to the general good; this is the keynote of our republican form of government.

No patch work or make shift proposition should be considered. We either want the new water supply or we do not want it; if it is necessary, then all other features of the proposition fade into insignificance, and we must face the expense and bear the burden as best we may.

It would appear that a vote of 7 to 1 in favor of the Water Bonds at the last election should be a very good criterion as to how the people view the question.

Of course, it may be said that many voting for the bonds do not pay taxes so are not to be considered, but this argument will not be sustained as a large amount of our people who are taxpayers are certainly and whole heartedly in favor of the bonds. Their judgment and wishes are certainly to be considered as much as the objectors.

A city without an adequate water supply, a good sewer system and an efficient city government is certainly in a hopeless condition, and where any weakness in these departments is manifested prompt measures should be taken to bring about a most imperative change and the vital weakness corrected.

We must agree on the fundamental things if we expect to build up a big city here, and we can not allow personal opinions to stand in the way of needed public necessities, nor can we allow dangerous conditions to exist even though it might be preferable that it should be so on account of superficial or temporary reasons.

It is useless, foolish, fatuous and senseless to argue that we have a water system both as to quantity and quality, such as this city demands. We have not, and the question is not open to debate or argument, it is a self evident proposition.

Therefore the question, boiled down to the last analysis is,—is it necessary and wise to have the work done now; is the proposition proposed a feasible one; can the financing be accomplished without danger or hurt; all things considered, are we doing the very best thing that it is possible to do under the present conditions? This is the whole story in a nutshell; if an affirmative answer be given to these questions, then an overwhelming vote for the Water Bonds is the only wise, safe and sane way out. Mr. and Mrs. Voter it's up to you to vote for your own and the city's best interests.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS GOOD AT OPENING

Aberdeen High School Eleven Defeats Local Moose Team in First Game this Season

The football season has opened on Grays Harbor, and the first games indicate that the Aberdeen high school will have a good team, and that there will be opponents here and in other harbor towns that will keep the boys in good trim. Saturday the high school eleven defeated that of the local Moose, score 19 to 7. Jefferson high school of Portland will come to Aberdeen next Saturday to play the local school.

HERON STREET BRIDGE IMPORTANT TO TRAFFIC

Opening of Draw for One Hour Closes Adjacent Thoroughfares with String of Automobiles

The importance of the Heron street bridge to traffic in and out of Aberdeen was demonstrated Sunday. While making repairs to the motor with which the draw is manipulated the tenders were compelled to turn the draw by hand for an hour; and in that time, automobiles bound to and from Montesano, and other up river points, were tied up in strings that filled West Heron and East Hume streets for blocks.

FIVE COUNCILMEN OFFER TO SERVE WITHOUT PAY

Motion Made by Walker Finds Four Supporters But Majority of Seven and Mayor Phillips Oppose Economy

Members of the city council rose like little men, last night, to meet the suggestion advanced by Eugene France, former mayor, that they donate their services to the city. That is: they rose to meet the suggestion, but actually met it not quite half way.

A motion made by Councilman J. D. Walker, that the mayor serve without his salary of \$500 a year and that the councilmen forget to draw their monthly honorariums of \$25 each, failed of passage by one vote. Supporting the motion were J. M. Bowses, A. S. Brecht, W. J. Egerer, J. H. Empey and J. D. Walker; opposed, J. W. Fraser, A. J. Grant, E. C. McKnight, E. A. Milette, Anton Pista and W. H. McWhinney.

Walker and Empey urged that it was the plain duty of the mayor and council to donate their services, in view of the existing necessity for retrenchment in all departments.

Milette, Fraser, Pista, McWhinney and McKnight declared, in effect, that the laborer was worthy of his hire, whether for municipal work or other line of endeavor; and Mayor J. M. Phillips exemplified the theme. He was sure, asserted the mayor, that Aberdeen citizens would rather pay twelve councilmen \$100 apiece, monthly, for their whole time than the little \$25 that now secures but a small portion of their time.

Council Donates \$13.
However, the council did donate \$13 to the city last night; one iron man from each member and the mayor. The money is to pay for advisory ballots, 5,000 of them, explaining the method of marking ballots at the election Saturday, when voters will indicate whether they desire to purchase the West bridge over the Chehalis river, or not. The customary X, showing for or against the proposition, will not serve, according to the law. As the \$13 must pay for printing the ballots and for their distribution among 5,000 households, some of the councilmen favored a heavier donation, but it was not made.

A petition with names of 65 Aberdeen residents attached asking for the appointment of Mrs. Ruth I. Scofield as police matron, was presented, and Mrs. J. B. Haynes, representing the Aberdeen Civic Improvement association, spoke in its favor. A city of 10,000 population, explained Mrs.

Haynes, is entitled to a police matron, and thirty years' residence in Aberdeen had convinced the speaker that this city needs one.

Mayor Phillips said that Mayor McKee of Hoquiam had taken the matter up with him, asking that the two cities unite in the appointment of a police matron, possibly acting in conjunction with the county, too. Such procedure, however, did not meet with Mrs. Haynes' approval, and she declared that, were it followed, it would prove a dire failure. The matter was referred to the police committee and mayor for a week.

Ask for Fishermen's Dock.
Speaking for 500 fishermen of Aberdeen, V. Berg urged upon the council the crying need of a dock for fishermen, such as Seattle, Tacoma and other cities have. Egerer and other councilmen found merit in the petition, which was referred for a week to the mayor and street committee.

The matter of securing lights for the West bridge approaches, brought up by the mayor, was referred to the fire and light committee, after some spirited discussion. Milette and Pista declared that the Grays Harbor Railway & Light company should furnish the lights free, even though the company will not have the use of the bridge for several months.

Routine Matters.
Recommendation by Sanitary Inspector F. W. Wallace that a sewer complained of on F street between Market and Wishkah, be filled up, was referred to the street committee. Petition of the Aberdeen Auto Laundry, 520 East First street, for privilege to install a sidewalk gasoline tank, was referred to the fire and light committee. License renewals were granted the saloons at 317 South G and 417 East Heron street. Owners of pool tables in saloons were allowed privilege of paying a portion of the annual license instead of for the whole year. The fire and light committee was given power to act in supplying lights in Fairview addition at a cost of about \$200. The building and ways and means committees were instructed to find a building for storing the city's new concrete mixer and other apparatus and tools. All properly audited bills were allowed.

GIRL WOUNDS LOVER THEN KILLS HERSELF

John Stein, Logger, Escapes With Bullet in Arm, While Anna Johnson Takes Own Life

Tragic ending came to sordid romance, Tuesday morning, when Anna Johnson, aged 22, killed herself after an unsuccessful attempt to slay her lover, John Stein. The couple had been living together and the young woman, in a vain effort to make Stein marry her, secured his arrest some weeks ago. Tuesday she found Stein on East Wishkah street in East Aberdeen, working at a wood pile. Stein ran as the young woman drew a revolver, and the bullet struck him in the arm. The next shot was turned against herself, lodging in her temple. Stein was held by the police until yesterday morning, when Prosecuting Attorney Stewart decided that no case would stick against him, and he was turned loose.

HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Four Hoquiam residents were injured in an auto accident, Sunday, on the Olympic highway near Wilderness. Mrs. Charles Kearney was driving the car and lost control of it at a turn, the machine plunging 15 feet down into a ditch. Dean S. Palmer, secretary of the Hoquiam Elks lodge, sustained a fractured arm and bad bodily bruises; Charles Kearney several fractured ribs; and Mrs. Kearney and Miss McConnelly, public school teacher, bruises and severe shocks.

TWIN CITIES SEEKING MUNICIPAL ECONOMY

Agitation to Cut Down Expenditures for Government Conduct Started in Aberdeen and Hoquiam

In both Aberdeen and Hoquiam, within the past few days, lively impetus has been given the movement seeking reduction of taxes for conduct of municipal government.

Eugene France, former mayor of Aberdeen, is to the front with a suggestion that the city could save \$350 a month, or \$4,200 a year, if all members of the council would consent to serve without salary. Mr. France declares that plenty of citizens, with plenty of capacity for municipal business, may be found who will be willing to devote their time and labor to the councilmanic work, without compensation, if the present council be unwilling to accept his suggestion.

In Hoquiam the Commercial club is getting busy. At its first fall meeting, next Wednesday, W. L. Adams, president of the Hoquiam First National bank, will introduce a resolution calling upon city, county and school authorities to retrench in expenditures.

FRANK ROSS WILL SERVE TERM

Frank Ross will give himself up to the Pacific county authorities and serve his term in jail for assault upon A. A. Bradley, says his mother, Mrs. Margaret M. Ross. Frank would have joined his brother in jail ere this, says Mrs. Ross, had he known that his reprieve had not been extended.

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