

TEMPERATURE
COSTS \$250,000

Waterusers Pay Highland Pipe
Cost and Land Gets
Free Benefit.

MAKES BIG MONTHLY BILLS

Were This Tube and Others Charged
Against Landowners, Consum-
ers Would Pay Lower Rates.
Mayor Lane Favors Change.

Paid for out of monthly receipts from water consumers of Portland, the Highland pipeline, nearly finished at a cost of \$250,000, runs through many areas of vacant land, between Mount Taylor and Portsmouth, improving their value to many thousands of dollars, yet the owners of the land pay nothing in return for the benefits and in some cases no more for water than users in any other part of the city.

This method of paying for pipe extensions is fixed in the charter and can be changed only by amendment. It places the cost of new mains on consumers throughout the city, necessitating high rates for water in order to provide the funds required by the Water Department. Were the cost charged against the property-owners benefited, as is the cost of sewers and streets, instead of against consumers, rates could be reduced one-third, lessening the average family water charge per year from \$18 to \$12. This would increase the cost of water for residents of those areas which should require new extensions or repairs of pipe. Mayor Lane said yesterday that the new larger mains would place the expense on those receiving the service and exempt those who obtain no benefits from the improvements.

Vacant Tracts Benefited.

The Highland pipe is bordered by long stretches of unoccupied land, the largest single holding being the Ladd farm, north of Base Line road, three miles from the center of the city, which farm the pipe skirts on the north border and parallels near the east margin. Other tracts along the pipe have few or no buildings, and some ranging from one lot to many and to acres. All these holdings have been greatly improved in value by the pipe. Their owners anticipated the advent of the pipe in many cases by making up the price of their land and since the pipe is laid have marked it up again.

This pipe is very much needed on the Peninsula and the cost of water there probably not have been deferred longer. It serves only a fraction of the population of the city, yet is paid for by all consumers, though most of them are several miles distant and can never use the big tube.

This is the most expensive water-diet ever laid in the city, on account of its extreme length. Other shorter pipes have been laid by the department. Large sums must be expended in the denser part of the city on both sides of the river, in the next few years in order to secure better distribution of water. The tubes are too small in the compact city to afford the needed service. Mayor Lane said yesterday that the new larger mains would cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Mayor's Views on Subject.

The present system of compelling consumers to pay for new mains is declared by Mayor Lane as "unjust, dishonest and cruel." "The pipes should be paid for by property-owners," he remarked yesterday, "not by consumers. It now costs many families more for water than for bread. A charge of 45¢ per year for a family is too high. The system is one that makes that high charge should be changed and I am going to do what I can to bring the change about. In many a block of houses like that on Mount Taylor (pointing across the street from the City Hall) the total monthly cost for all is between \$20 and \$30. There are blocks of ground owned by poor persons, who own several streams of water, more than all the consumers in that block over there, and who pay only 3¢. This I consider unjust. Many a poor man has to pay for water-mains, while rich owners of vacant land pay nothing, and yet the land of the latter is enhanced in value just as much as that of the former."

How Water Board Stands.

On the Water Board, R. B. Lamson favors the proposed change in the method of paying for new mains. G. W. Allen is understood also to favor it. Dr. C. H. Rafferty, it is said, would not be unwilling, but Dr. S. E. Joseph is put down as opposing the change. The Mayor's influence on the Water Commission will be exerted for the change. The route of the new Highland pipe is as follows: West from Mount Taylor down Park avenue to West avenue; west on West avenue to Base Line road; north on Base Line road to county road, between tracks of Betsy Bamford and C. M. Wilberg; north on county road to north line of E. B. Davidson's donation land claim; west on that line touching Ladd farm and Ralston's addition, through O. R. & N. track and Sandy road to county road, adjoining H. C. Leonard tract; north on that road touching Fernwood addition to north line of Isiah Burckman's tract; west on that line touching Irvington to East Seventeenth street; north on East Seventeenth street, through Vernon to Killingsworth avenue; west on Killingsworth avenue through Piedmont to Patton avenue; north on Patton avenue to Portland boulevard; west on Portland boulevard to Delaware avenue; north on Delaware avenue to Pippin street; west on Pippin street and Dawson avenue to Portsmouth avenue; south on Portsmouth avenue to Willamette boulevard; north on Portsmouth avenue near to Columbia boulevard.

FLOOD DANGER IS PASSED

RIVER TO REACH STAGE OF
NINE FEET HERE TODAY.

Will Then Recede, According to the
Weather Bureau—Southern Pa-
cific Is Repairing Bridges.

Edward A. Beals, district forecaster, reports that the river will come to a stand at Portland today after reaching a stage of about 9 feet. It was 8.4 feet above the lower-water mark at 5 o'clock last evening and rising slowly. During the preceding 24 hours it rose 1.2 feet. The stream began to fall at Salem early yesterday morning and the crest of the flood is expected to reach here this afternoon. Storm warnings are up at the various points along the coast in the district. Heavy rains are expected to follow the blow and consequently there is still some danger of exceedingly high water. There is thought to be no im-

mediate likelihood that the river will reach the danger point of 15 feet. On attaining that point a number of the upper floors of the docks would be flooded, as well as many of the basements along Front street. Much driftwood is being borne toward the sea by the swift current.

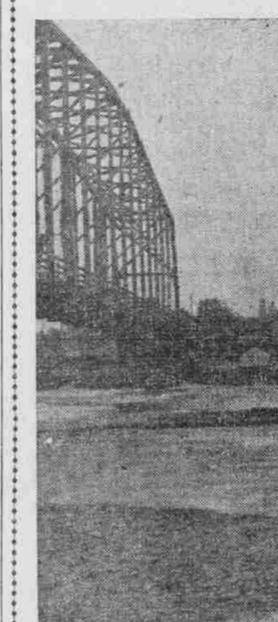
The locks in the Yamhill river at Lafayette have been closed to navigation on account of the freshet. Water is over the walls of the structure. The work of repairing the government dam at Canandaigua in the Willamette has had to be discontinued and the plant will be brought to Portland. Operations at that point will not be renewed until next spring. The Lewis river is full of floating logs and brush and it is feared that the boats will not be able to get up that stream for a day or so. All of the tributaries of the Columbia are bankfull. The latest river data issued by the Weather Bureau is as follows:

RIVER READINGS, 5 P. M., NOV. 9, 1906.

Station	Height, in feet	Change in last 24 hours
Eugene	2.2	-.4
Tripple	2.9	-.1
Albany	2.7	-.1
Salem	2.7	-.1
Tualatin	2.2	-.7
Barlow	2.4	-.1
Portland	8.4	1.2

Repairs were being pushed yesterday on the Jefferson and Abiqua bridges on the Southern Pacific East Side lines. Other structures in the Willamette Valley which were weakened by the recent freshets in the Santiam and Mollala rivers have been strengthened and with-

DAMAGE DONE BY FLOOD IN SANTIAM RIVER



WRECKED SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE AT JEFFERSON.

the fall of the streams they are no longer unbar.

Conditions were reported as generally improved yesterday. The floods had subsided all along the line. Overland trains to California and Southern Oregon will continue to be operated by the West Side division of the Southern Pacific and the Corvallis & Eastern for at least a week or until the Jefferson bridge is sufficiently repaired to permit the passage of trains. Local service will still be maintained to Jefferson on the East Side. Because of the longer haul to Albany by the West Side trains continue to come in late. Mail yesterday from California were delayed about three hours.

Hood River Flood Recedes.

HOOD RIVER, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—The high water in the Hood river which caused some damage and threatened to do more has come down and the fear that it would carry away the dam of the power company has passed. The structure is being strengthened to withstand any future flood. The track of the Mount Hood Railroad has also been repaired sufficiently to allow of the running of trains. The flood did some damage to irrigating ditches in the valley and is also said to have carried out a dam in the west fork of the Hood river.

Logs Floated Down by Freshet.

TILLAMOOK, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—The flood in Wilson river has floated about 3,000,000 feet of logs belonging to the Hadley Logging Company down to the bay. These logs completed half the logs in the river.

River Falling at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—The water in the Willamette river at this place began receding this forenoon and is now at 11 feet 8 inches, or six inches less than high mark. No damage has been done here.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. S. C. Tichenor, Mayor of Clatskanie, Or., has left for San Diego, Cal., to visit his son.
Mrs. Kelsey, widow of the late Judge Fred D. Kelsey, of Kodiak, Alaska, is visiting her mother at 368 Vancouver avenue. She is on her way to her future home at Columbus, O.
William T. Hobson and Frank W. Eckstrom, of the firm of Uhl Bros., San Francisco, are guests at the Hotel Portland for a few days.
D. H. Karm, a well-known traveling man of San Francisco, who was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital two days ago from the Portland Hotel, is in an extremely critical condition from pneumonia.

At St. Vincent's Hospital the deckhand of the Charles Spencer, Stratton, who had his right leg pulled off at the knee at Porter's landing some days ago, is, contrary to expectations, improving and will recover.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Oregonians registered today as follows:
From Portland—V. C. Barker, Mrs. E. Little, at the Auditorium.
From Oregon—C. E. Briggs, at the Palmer House.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Northwesterners registered today as follows:
From Spokane—J. M. Anderson, at the Imperial.
From Seattle—Mrs. J. West Gerard, Mrs. M. B. Payne, at the Woodstock.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth
Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for cutting teeth. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

FAVORS FREE WATER

Federated Trades Listens to
Advocates of System.

PLAN ALREADY INDORSED

If Proposition Is Brought Before
the Voters Union Men Will
Work for Its Adoption
at the Polls.

Organized labor in Portland is strongly in favor of the free-water movement, started by the Water-Consumers' League. If the proposition is brought before the voters by the initiative and referendum, all local unions will work for adoption of the new sys-

WAGON DEFENDS FREE WATER

R. B. Lamson's Objections Answered
by Leader of New Plan.
H. D. Wagon, president of the Free Water Association, yesterday sent the following open letter to R. B. Lamson, member of the Water Board:

Portland, Nov. 9.—(To R. B. Lamson, member of the Water Board.)—Dear Sir: I have read your letter in The Oregonian in which you try to take shelter behind the city charter for the sake of the water management. You know they are unjust, and you come out and try to make amends by suggesting that the land here be extended of the water mains, all of which is included in the reforms that will be submitted by the Free-Water Association.

Mr. Lamson, it is plain why you rushed into print at this time. You say that free water is out of the question and then proceed to set up a man of straw of your own make and say it is the only way to progress. The Water Board, it is plain, is not the proper management of the water system. In your zeal to serve the land interests you quite lose your temper when you vent the following assertions:

"Such a proposition would be on par with free heat, free light, free bread, free anything, to be made free by a general tax on city property," and goes to show that you know nothing or care nothing for economic justice. The people of Portland (all the people) own our water system, not the Water Board or the land speculators.

We claim that the act of the people (all the people) in bringing Bull Run water into Portland has added millions of dollars in value to the land in Portland, and on this fact rests the justice of our contention that the landed interests should pay for the water.

As all the people are land users, so all

would bear the burden in proportion as they are land users, renters or owners.

Mr. Lamson, what the land of Portland would be worth if renters were to leave Portland? Clearly, it is the presence of the industries, working men, women and children who make the land values, and not the owners.

We see that you know what you want, that you have been found out. It is merely a compromise in reducing water rates you are willing to "cut it in half." You remind me of that old negro down South who was caught coming out of a widow's hen house with four hens by a man who knew the darky, and said: "Sam, have you no more honor than to steal chickens of a widow?" Sam answered: "Gosh, massa, she a widdy! Den I put hat de chickens back."

The Free-Water Association says no compromise; the present water management is discredited; it knows nothing of the people's rights, or cares nothing.

Our plan is common, since it is a well-tried plan. Any man with common sense and honesty can mark it, and we ask, in justice to the common people, in the name of the man who do the work in Portland, in the name of the women who work in our laundries and often have to do without a roll of butter in order to pay the water tax; men who own the land, can you spare these women workers, or must you have their butter money?

Mr. Lamson, you acknowledge that the water has been used to enrich the land-owners, not the property-owners (mark the distinction).

The people will have to vote on the proposition of the Free-Water Association.

had sunk so that only the tops of her masts were showing above the water. No trace could be found of her crew.

The wreck must have occurred about three weeks ago, for fishermen at Petersburg say the boat had been in the water ten days when they found her.

FIVE BIG DEALS CLOSED

ACTIVITY FOLLOWS LULL IN
REAL ESTATE MARKET.

Single Lot on First and Morrison
Streets Sells for \$101,000
and Marks Advance.

After several days of comparative inactivity in the real-estate market, due to the rain, several important sales were closed yesterday. The largest transaction involved a consideration of slightly over \$100,000, and there were others of \$75,000, \$65,000, \$25,000 and \$20,000 each.

A single lot at the southwest corner of First and Morrison streets was purchased for \$101,000 by Leo Friede and the Lewis estate from Mrs. Louisa Houston of New York. The dealer sets a new figure on a lower Morrison-street property, as the lot was offered a short time ago for \$60,000. There is a two-story brick on the property with a frontage of 100 feet on Morrison street and 50 feet on First. It is occupied by a millinery store on the first floor, with offices above. This is a step in the recent activity which has been shown on First street, and which promises to develop into a still more important movement.

A large sale of North Portland realty was made by Brooke & Kiernan. A quarter-block at the northeast corner of Third and Couch streets was sold by this firm to A. C. Pike, a local merchant. The previous owners were S. B. Lithicum and several other local men. The holding is unimproved except for a frame building, and brought \$65,000. This is regarded as a very reasonable figure in view of the advance of values in the northern part of the city.

A large tract of land, owned by A. L. Parkhurst, at the head of Lovejoy street, was sold yesterday to W. B. Scott, who recently came to Portland from Montana. There are 40 acres in the holding, and the price was \$75,000. The property lies north of King's Heights, which is a fine residence property, and will be platted for residence property. The sale was made by Knapp & Mackey.

Dr. R. C. Yenny has sold a lot on the east side of Park street, between Morrison and Yamhill, to James Surman for \$25,000. The lot lies immediately south of the Park-street annex of the New Tull & Gibbs building.

A lot at the northeast corner of Seventh and Everett streets has been sold by Mrs. Mary T. O'Brien to Mrs. Florence Lyman for \$23,000. There are three frame dwellings on the lot, which will be removed for the erection of a three-story brick warehouse.

SETS FIRE TO TENEMENTS

Five Blazes in Few Hours Cause
Panic and One Death.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—One woman is dead, man is in hospital suffering from severe burns, 3000 persons fled from their homes in panic, and thousands more passed a sleepless night as a result of a series of incendiary fires in the two blocks bounded by Broadway and Sixty-first streets and Columbus and West End avenues early today. Scores of persons whose lives were endangered by the conflagration were rescued by firemen. In all there were five fires, everyone of them incendiary, between midnight and 3 o'clock this morning.

The woman who lost her life was Mrs. Caroline Swan, 70 years old, whose home adjoins one of the buildings which was fired. She died of heart failure, induced by fright. Adrian Tompkins, in a hospital with his hands and feet severely burned as a result of climbing down a red-hot fire-escape, is seriously injured.

The rapidly-spreading fires raised the people throughout the vicinity to a high pitch of excitement, which spread even to Broadway and the Marle Antoinette hotel in the neighborhood.

In each case the firemen quickly stopped the progress of the flames. The loss was about \$20,000.

Frank Morrison, of Boston, a vaudeville performer, who arrested an suspicion of setting the fires. The police allege that in each of the fires tenants reported that when they fled from their apartments Morris was the first person they met.

All the houses where the fires occurred were flats, three occupied by white and two by negroes. There were many brave rescues by firemen and tenants.

Mikkleson Loses Part of Crew.

SEATTLE, Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Three members of the crew of Captain Mikkleson's polar exploration ship Duchess of Bedford have deserted him, and the revenue cutter Thetis has filled their places. News to this effect was brought down by W. T. Lopp, superintendent of the reindeer herds and native schools, here to testify against the notorious whaler, Captain Newth, accused of despoiling Eskimo villages.

Lopp left Captain Mikkleson at Point Barrow. It was the explorer's intention to winter somewhere near in the vicinity of Bank's Island, making sledge journeys overland to Herland Island. Mikkleson is of the opinion, from the action of the currents, that there is an undiscovered island between these two points.

Forged Check at Fifteen.

SEATTLE, Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Harold Fisher, a 15-year-old Ballard boy, passed a forged check for \$15 at the Oriental Tea Company yesterday. When the check went to the bank today it was shown to be bad and the lad was promptly arrested. Later he was sent to the reform school at the suggestion of his father.

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