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### WATER RATES.

The city council is considering the matter of readjustment of water rates. The water committee held an informal session a few days ago looking over the rates of other cities and one and all are of the opinion that our present rates are too high, based upon gravity system, which we now possess. This city is rapidly becoming metered, which experience has proven to be the only just way whereby the consumer pays exactly for the service obtained. One member of the committee stated that he believed that the basic rate to those using meter would be reduced materially and that the rate for irrigation would be more than cut in the middle. The present rate of 25 cents per thousand gallons of water for irrigation purposes have been outrageous for years even under a pumping system. It is probable that the new rate will be around the 10 cents per thousand gallons. This will permit of many beautiful yards that do not now exist. This will mean the extension of the water system. People will want water, will want to beautify their homes when they can afford to do so.

A few more years like the past two and we will be warranted in saying that the climatic conditions in Oregon are changing. Think of the snow last week falling to a depth of 16 inches in Salem, 9 inches in Portland, 10 in Tacoma, 12 at Corvallis, 8 in Eugene and about 4 in the Grande Ronde valley. Last year, if you remember, about the same proportions were reported.

If you have not partaken of the Christmas spirit just visit some of various stores in the city and it will certainly awaken the latent spark. The assortment to be found on every hand would be a credit to a city of many times our population.

A number of our young men would be glad to enlist, if given an opportunity, to defend the American honor in Nicaragua. If worst comes to worst,

however there is little probability of a call being made for volunteers. The general impression is that the standing army is sufficient to cope with the matter in hand.

Now that it is a fact after so many obstacles were overcome, we can hardly believe that we are the possessors of one of the finest water systems in the Northwest. Portland with her famous Bull Run and Seattle with her Cedar river supply cannot boast of any purer water than La Grande from her Beaver Creek.

## FAST TRAIN IN SMASHUP

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Less than Dozen Killed in What Could Have Been a Bad Disaster.

Erie, Pa. Dec. 14.—Three Italian laborers are dead and seven persons injured in a very serious manner as the result of a rear end collision between the Twentieth Century Limited and the Chicago and Boston Limited trains on the Lake Shore railroad, six miles east of this city.

The Twentieth Century Limited was flying over the rails at the rate of 65 miles per hour shortly after last midnight, when she ran down the slower Chicago-Boston train in a blinding snow flurry which was filling the air and making it almost impossible for the men to see the length of a car ahead, when the crash came. There are none of the injured that will die, it is thought.

## TRAFFIC NOW NORMAL AGAIN

Spokane, Dec. 14.—Although no local strikers have returned to their work the officials of the railroads involved in the switchman's strike declare that the conditions are now normal and the strike is broken so far as they are concerned.

An adjustment of the troubles by employing non-union men in the yards has averted a fuel famine for Spokane. Many train loads of coal are being rushed here from the north and east. The strikers declare they do not intend to go back unless the railroads acceded to their demands.

Strikers Stay Loyal.

Butte, Dec. 14.—Not a man has returned to work here today although a joint meeting of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen held here last night, authority was given to the striking switchmen to return to their work as individual without jeopardizing their rights as members of the union. Furthermore they decided that the strike wave would be continued.

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