

PLAN TO CHANGE WATER RATES

Members of City Board Make Light of Protest From Merchants.

WILL GRANT NO FAVORS

Revenue Derived From Hydraulic Elevators Is Small and City Does Not Care to Encourage Their Use.

No change in existing water rates in Portland can be expected before January 1, 1908. This announcement was made yesterday by G. W. Allen, a member of the Water Board, who said that the charges for the municipal water service had been scheduled on a basis of the cost of operating, maintaining and extending the system for the year. The schedule of charges for the service, he explained, was fixed by the Board and ratified by the Council at the beginning of the year for the ensuing 12 months.

In regard to the complaint of the large consumers, especially those who use city water for operating elevators, alleging prohibitive charges, the members of the Water Board are inclined to be indifferent. These patrons, members of the Board say, are paying the same rate for water that is charged the homeowner, with the exception that they have the advantage of a substantial rebate on all water used in excess of the minimum amount. The Board has never been desirous of supplying city water for operating elevators.

Under the present administration of the Water Department, all charges for maintenance and operation, together with the cost of all extensions and improvements must be defrayed from the receipts for water service. The city will never have an adequate supply of water for all purposes, say the members of the Water Board, until the second pipe line from Bull Run has been laid, and for which the people last June voted \$1,000,000 of bonds. Neither can a reduction in water rates be effected until the ordinance assessing the cost of new pipe lines to the property owners benefited and adopted at the same election, goes into effect. The legality of both these measures has been questioned, and until the question has been decided, no relief is in sight.

The receipts from the Water Department approximating \$900,000 yearly, while the cost of operating is about \$1,000,000. The difference is expended in the laying of additional mains and making other needed improvements to the system.

"The present rates for water in Portland are high, it must be admitted," said G. W. Allen, a member of the Water Board, yesterday, "but the cost of maintaining, operating and extending the service, all of which must come out of the receipts for water, will not enable us to reduce the charges. These rates were fixed by the Board after having carefully studied the situation and they are considered as equitable to all consumers as it was possible to devise."

Board Needs More Money.

"In fact, the Board does not have half enough funds with which to operate. It must be remembered that Portland is growing rapidly and the demands for water service are greater than ever before in its history. But, handicapped as it is with a scarcity of funds, the members of the Board are doing their best to give the people of Portland the very best administration of this department that is possible."

The charge that the Water Department is wasteful of city water is unfounded. It is true that not more than 40 per cent of the water supply conveyed in the pipes to this city that year from the Bull Run plant was actually used and accounted for, but defective piping and the carelessness of consumers were responsible for that condition. Since then about 300 meters have been installed with the result that this waste no longer exists, consequently, there is more water for those who need it and the department this year has not received the complaints it did last year because of an insufficient supply in the outlying districts. This improvement has made it possible to supply many families that were last year deprived of city water.

"If these large consumers decide to discontinue the use of city water in operating their elevators, the receipts of the Water Department will be temporarily affected for the water so used will readily be taken at the established rates by residents who cannot now be supplied."

Revenue From Elevators Small.

The amount of revenue derived by the Water Department from the operation of elevators is not a large item. For the year 1906 only \$20,570 was received from that source while the receipts from sprinkling alone aggregated \$23,530. From water users a total of \$422,853 was received last year, January 1, last, the city was supplying 90 elevators with water power and of that number eight have since discontinued the service.

"Some complaint has also been made because the city exacts a charge for supplying business firms with a special water service for fire protection, and an employee in the Water Department yesterday, "Reference to the records in other cities shows that some charge for this protection while others do not. But the situation in Portland is simply this: The city requires a certain amount of money each year to operate, maintain and extend its water system, including the payment of \$2,000 in interest every six months, and the present schedule of charges is based on the actual requirements of the department. The charge for fire protection in private buildings is moderate and in a majority of instances the cost does not exceed the saving in insurance rates that is effected by reason of that equipment.

The average rate to families does not exceed \$1 a month, which is no greater than that charged in about 90 of the leading cities in the United States. The whole trouble is that the average family uses too much water. In London the average amount of water used per capita is 75 gallons, while in America we use on an average 200 gallons per capita. Where there is an inadequate supply it becomes necessary to employ stringent rules for regulating the use of water in

PICTURES OF PROGRESS IN THE MAKING OF A GREATER PORTLAND—No. 10



NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, CORNER YAMHILL AND WEST PARK STREETS.

In 1899, 18 years after the Grand Lodge of Oregon was instituted, the Masonic Building Association was formed, and it was under its direction that the Temple at Third and Alder was built. At that time the location was in reality on the outer edge of the Town of Portland, but as the city grew in dimension and importance, it was found by the year 1903 that the building was entirely inadequate for the purpose of its construction. The building association thereupon looked about for a more suitable site, and finally secured the quarter block at the southwest corner of Yamhill and West Park streets. The old lot and site are still held by the association as an investment.

Last Spring work began on the new Temple, and it is now under roof and is about ready for the plasterers inside. The contractors met with some delay in fulfilling the terms of their agreement on account of scarcity of building material and some trouble with workmen. If these obstacles had not come in the way, the building would now be almost ready for occupancy. As it is, the association expects to have the structure ready for tenants by November 1, and possibly sooner.

The building is of the steel-heavy-mill-construction style and is to be modern in all respects. The outer walls are of buff brick. On the first floor there are five store rooms and a room for the office of the grand secretary. While the new Temple is not the property of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, it is in a way under its care, as the building association is, in fact, an outgrowth of a Grand Lodge regular committee, and the Grand Lodge owns the majority of the stock. On the second floor will be the large hall in which the Grand Lodge is to hold its meetings, taking up one-half of the floor space with a 28-foot ceiling. The other half, on the north side of the building, will be two stories of 14-foot ceilings divided into committee-room, club-room and banquet-room. The Grand Lodge room will be also rented for entertainments—concerts, etc., given under the auspices of the different tenants of the building.

The third floor will be divided into lodgerooms (subordinate), parlor, banquet-rooms, etc., where it is now expected the following "blue" lodges will hold their meetings: Willamette, No. 2; Harmony, No. 3; Portland, No. 75; Albina, No. 101; Hawthorne, No. 117; Columbia, No. 114, and possibly Mt. Tabor, No. 42. Four chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star (women) will also be furnished with quarters. The fourth floor will be given over to the asylum of Oregon Commandery, Knights Templars, the Royal Arch Chapter, parlor, banquet-room, etc. On the top floor will be located the janitor's quarters and storerooms for paraphernalia. The basement is to be cemented and a portion used by the stores, the balance for the heating plant and ventilating apparatus.

The building will have at its opening a modern electric elevator and later on may have also a freight elevator, space being allowed for its installation when required. Grand Lodge officers for this Masonic year are: Lot M. Pearce, warden; Edward Kittle, Oregon City, deputy grand master; Dr. Norris R. Cox, Portland, senior grand treasurer; Judge Charles E. Wolverson, Portland, junior grand warden; William A. Cleland, Portland, grand treasurer; James P. Robinson, Eugene, grand secretary. The directors of the Masonic Building Association at present have held office, for the most part, for many years and are: J. M. Hodson, president; Henry Roe, vice-president; A. M. Knapp, secretary; M. S. Woodcock, Corvallis, treasurer, and A. Thurston.

The quarter block upon which the new Temple is built was bought in 1903 for \$25,000 and is easily worth over twice that at the present time. With the building the total amount expended will have reached between \$100,000 and \$175,000 when the work is finished.

The interest of extending the service to the greatest possible number of people. It is solely on this basis that the Water Department of Portland is being administered."

DOES LANE ASPIRE TO GOVERNORSHIP?

Mayor's Friends Regard Him as Logical Democratic Candidate in 1910.

"LITTLE DOCTOR" SILENT

Will Not Scheme for One Office While Holding Another, He Says—Strength Lies in "Jollying."

Mayor Lane may be a candidate for Governor in 1910. And again he may not. "How do I know?" he said yesterday when asked the question point blank. "The Pacific Coast cities have such a habit of putting their mayors in jail that I may be in the Schmitz class before then. Nobody can foretell what will happen in the political world in the two years to come. The campaign is a long way off. "Meanwhile it would not be right for me, while holding one office, to spend my time scheming to get another. I shall devote myself to being Mayor until my term is out," and the Mayor resumed signing checks to pay the city's hired men.

Mayor Lane's term will expire two years from July 1, 1907. The gubernatorial campaign will open the following Spring. If he aspires to be the Democratic candidate for Governor it will come in part for him as far as his tenure of his present office is concerned. It is thought that it will not run again for Mayor and the supposition is also that Governor Chamberlain will vacate the capital and enter the Senatorial lists.

"Then, say his friends, will come Lane's chance. He is said to be the most 'available' Democrat. He is the only one of that political faith ever re-elected Mayor of Portland. If this does not show strength, what does?"

Veto His Only Remedy. Why shouldn't the "little doctor," after prescribing for the political ills of Portland for four years, take on a larger practice and safeguard the health of the commonwealth? His plan of treatment is simple and seems to be effective. The veto in large doses is his one remedy and it seems to suit the patient. Probably he could use the same prescription in the Governor's chair and it is a job to shoot that he would get along with the Legislature fully as well as he does with the Council, for he could hardly be in worse standing with the city's lawmakers than he is.

Good medicine is always unpleasant and Dr. Harry Lane's favorite prescription is fully as bitter as the most patent mixture yet patented. But the taxpayer seems to enjoy the wry faces the Council makes while swallowing the stuff. From his two campaigns for Mayor it may be inferred that the "dear people" will be the principal asset of the Lane campaign, should he go after the Governorship. Coupled with this worn political "prop" will be a fine exhibition of the art of "jollying," in which Portland's Mayor is an expert and a willing performer. He does it so cleverly that the audience does not notice it. After he calls his hearers "my good people" once or twice, they forget to watch him closely for strings or wires.

Strong With the Jolly. His sleight of hand is excellent. He can display a political issue in full view of the audience and then make it disappear with such ease that the audience forgets it was ever there. Then he proceeds with his patter that has no relation to politics but is merely plain jolly.

People come to the City Hall with "picks." They see the Mayor, tell him their troubles and expect him to become as indignant as they are. But before they know it he has lighted a fresh cigar and is pounding them on the back while he tells them a funny story. They go away laughing. Next day they have forgotten what they "kicked" about and are telling their neighbors what a good fellow the Mayor is.

He is not a hypnotist or a wizard. He is plain jollier, and nothing more, but he gets away with it. Few do it better. He does not resort to the glad hand overmuch. It is mostly done with a smile and an overflow demonstration of lasting good nature. There is always the smile and always the jolly. It would be interesting to know whether he is that way before breakfast.

Chamberlain a Handshaker. Governor Chamberlain showed his way into the executive chair by giving a pump-handle motion to the good right hand of everybody within reach, the plain people preferred. He did this stunt with a "God bless you" effect that even if it was not genuine stood the acid test and showed that the plate was well put on and ought to be good for 20 years at least. Can Mayor Lane, with his smile and his fancy line of jolly, duplicate the performance of Governor Chamberlain? Can he equal the latter's remarkable popularity? This is what Democrats are wondering and perhaps Mayor Lane is as much engrossed in the problem as anyone. He realizes that the state is strongly Republican; but so is the city and look what he did to two Republican nominees for Mayor. Anyway what chance does party loyalty stand when a Jollier is speaking?

Clark County Board in Session. VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County is in session as the Board of Equalization and will remain in session during the entire month.

WHERE MUCH CEMENT GOES San Francisco Has Used 2,500,000 Barrels Since Earthquake. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—From all sources there have come into San Francisco since the fire, according to the figures given out by the California promotion committee, 2,500,000 barrels of cement. Of this amount, 1,300,000 barrels were imported from foreign countries, 200,000 barrels came from the United States outside of California, and 1,000,000 barrels came from California. Cement weighs 400 pounds to the barrel, consequently these 2,500,000 barrels weighed 1,000,000,000 pounds, or 500,000 tons.

PLAN AN EXCHANGE

Members of Portland Realty Board Discuss Project.

WOULD LIST PROPERTIES

Real Estate Agents Outside Association Do Not Favor Plan, as They Believe It Would Give Members an Undue Advantage.

At the last meeting of the Portland Realty Board, which has as members about 75 per cent of the regularly established real estate dealers and agents of the city, it was decided to take up again the proposition to establish a real estate exchange.

'COLUMBIA PARK TONIGHT

Band Will Play at Place Not Hitherto Visited.

The park band will play tonight at Columbia Park, a place not hitherto visited. The park is near the northern limits of the city on the East Side, and located on the St. Johns carline. The programme follows: March, "The Star of Destiny" Dewey Overture, "The Linnets" Mackie W. Walters, "Janice Meredith" Gustin Selection, "The Governor's Son" Coban Intermezzo, "Rhapsody" Johnson Intermission, "A Hunting Scene" Bucalossi Fantasia, "Dance Africaine" Gilder Selection, "Morse's Melodies" Morse March, "Flying Arrow" Holzmann A. de Caprio, director.

Barley Going Out of Dayton. DAYTON, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Corbett Brothers shipped the first carload of new barley from Columbia County last Saturday to the Northwestern Warehouse Company, of Portland.

Men's belts on sale. 233 Wash. st.

WOMAN KICKED BY HORSE

Mrs. Anna Hoerzog Knocked Senseless While Walking on Street.

Mrs. Anna Hoerzog, of the 321 Shaver street, was kicked in the groin by a horse at Third and Stark streets at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon as she was passing the place where the team was hitched. She was rendered unconscious, and was carried into an office, where she was given temporary treatment by Dr. Robert H. Ellis, after which she was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital in a private ambulance.

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Advertisement for Zu Zu biscuits. Features a cartoon character of a jolly figure holding a biscuit. Text: "Drive Straight for Zu Zu with a nickel and get a package of happiness. There's no other Ginger Snap so crisp and enticing. NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY. 5¢".

Advertisement for Ghirardelli's Cocoa. Features a portrait of a man in a suit. Text: "THE WAITER KNOWS that there's nothing so provocative of good humor as Ghirardelli's Cocoa. Its delicious fragrance and sustaining goodness fill the most exacting guest with generous impulses. The best thing too for his own breakfast is Ghirardelli's Cocoa".

Advertisement for Dr. John Wilson Gibbs' 'ELECTRICURA' shoes. Features images of the shoes. Text: "DON'T DOSE DR. JOHN WILSON GIBBS' 'ELECTRICURA' 'THE ONLY ELECTRIC SHOE'".

Advertisement for Sinceridad cigars. Features a large image of a cigar. Text: "Burns Evenly. LAZI LIVER. Sinceridad The Real Havana Cigar".