

LATEST WATER RATES IN COURT

Ex-Councilman Masters Says Present System Permits Discrimination.

QUESTIONS ITS LEGALITY

Intends to Enjoin Board With a View of Showing Injustice of Meter and Flat-Rate Plan of Charging.

On the ground that water rates in Portland are discriminatory, W. Y. Masters, ex-councilman, will today ask the court to enjoin the water board...

Charges Are the Same.

"During the month of June only a small quantity of water was used at my residence, but I was charged \$3.75 for the same...

Not Forced to Use Meters.

The use of meters is not voluntary on the part of consumers but the gauge is placed where the board believes it is most likely to be used...

LOGUS BUILDING IS SOLD

East Side Quarter Block Transferred for \$75,000.

A local syndicate composed of J. D. Hart, J. H. Gibson, Carlos A. Mann, E. W. Ring and Lewis Montgomery...

D. McKinnon has sold a residence property on Hillmoor street, near East Fifteenth to Mr. Carpenter for \$4500.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

"ARE YOU A MASON?" MATINEE

Stockwell-MacGregor Company Will Repeat Their Success Today.

This afternoon will be afforded the public a splendid opportunity to see the famous Stockwell-MacGregor company in their splendid performance of the hilarious farce-comedy, "Are You a Mason?"...

"The Scout's Revenge."

At the Star Theater this week "The Scout's Revenge," a being offered in a four-act drama with scenes laid in the West...

"The Two Orphans" Matinee.

This afternoon and tonight the Allen Stock Company will repeat its former success in the greatest melodrama of the age, "The Two Orphans"...

"THE SECOND IN COMMAND"

Next Marquis Attraction Will Be English Military Drama.

The next offering which the Stockwell-MacGregor company will make will be that beautiful English comedy-drama, "The Second in Command"...

Allice Mortlock Coming.

One of the biggest successes ever made in the vaudeville business was had by Miss Allice Mortlock...

"The Girl From Albany."

Commencing Monday night, the Allen Stock Company will present for the first time on the Pacific Coast the latest East-side farce comedy, "The Girl From Albany"...

"The Tie That Binds."

Beginning Monday night, the stock company at the Star Theater will present the play "The Tie That Binds"...

PORTLAND INVESTMENT OF EUGENE CAPITALIST.



GORDON BUILDING, UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT PARK AND YAMHILL STREETS.

THEATER MAY BE CLOSED

FRED FRITZ IS ORDERED TO MAKE MANY CHANGES.

North End Playhouse Falls in Many Particulars to Comply With Fire Law.

In its crusade against unsafe public buildings, the Executive Board yesterday ordered that Fred Fritz must close his North End theater and cafe unless the requirements of the ordinance regulating playhouses are complied with within 14 days...

Sea Lion Caught in Net.

EDMONDS, Wash., Aug. 15.—A monster sea lion weighing about 1400 pounds was seen in a fish trap at North Edmonds...

Corner in the Public Library Of Interest to Boys and Girls

BY LILLIAN TINGLE. In the small west room at the end of the main circulation department of the Public Library there is a fascinating collection of books of special interest to young people...

STREET-CLEANER DROPPED

GUS HUBER DISCHARGED FOR INSUBORDINATION.

He Files Complaint That Member of Executive Board Interfered With Work.

A complaint that W. G. McPherson, a member of the Executive Board, had interfered with him while he was at work cleaning streets, was filed with the Executive Board yesterday by Gus Huber...

GIRL DRINKS FATAL POTION

Takes Her Life Because Mental Derangement Prevents Marriage.

Miss Petra Lourtiz, 20 years of age, drank a large quantity of strychnine sulphate from a coffee cup at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her friend, Mrs. C. Elle, 72 Grand avenue...

MUST REVISE SCHEDULE

Railway Commission Acts on Grocery Rates of Coos Bay Road.

In a decision rendered yesterday the Oregon Railroad Commission has instructed the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad to revise its schedule of tariffs as to groceries...

GAS REPORT IS A CHINESE PUZZLE

Quarterly Statement of Local Company Is Full of Confusion.

EVASIVE AND DECEPTIVE

Careful Study of It Leads to the Conclusion It Was Prepared for the Sole Purpose of Thwarting the Law's Demands

The quarterly report of the Portland Gas Company, published in The Oregonian yesterday, was a very good example of figures that tell nothing at all. From a perusal of this statement, which was submitted to the city under a provision of the charter, skilled accountants yesterday found it absolutely impossible to ascertain what the earnings of the company were...

In this table is an item of bills receivable for \$24,800, which doubtless came on hand not given. That the company is known to serve, that in some way a large portion of the receipts from the sale of gas is covered up in the mysterious "bills payable" item...

IN MEMORIAM.

At a special meeting of the directors and officers of the American Mining Syndicate, held at the offices of said corporation, it was resolved that suitable resolutions expressive of the high regard of the American Mining Syndicate for its late secretary and treasurer, R. V. Pratt, be drafted and spread on the minutes of this corporation and a copy thereof be presented to the daughter, Mrs. Mason, of Seattle, Wash. It was further resolved that Judge J. J. Hirschman, the attorney for the corporation, be requested to draft the resolution...

A Paean to the Farmers.

Weston (Umatilla) Leader. This year's crop but emphasizes the truth that the farmer is the best goods on the shelf. He may depend upon a rusty shingle nail and one frazzled spider to prevent disassociation from his barn door overalls...

Repairing Public Library.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The public library has been closed for several weeks for the repair and reclassification of the books. The board of trustees has purchased 900 volumes of special literature for the reference library, which will be a boon to the students in the High School and others who have found the library a source of pleasure and instruction...

FAIRVIEW FRUIT FARMS Sale on August 24 Opportunity Knocks at Your Door Today No development work is necessary. The rich soil of FAIRVIEW FRUIT FARMS awaits your crops. All improvements already made. Deep, rich soil and an abundance of water. YOUR FIRST CROPS WILL PAY FOR THE LAND. Located at the gateway to Portland, whose markets will take all your products at good prices. NO TRACTS SOLD UNTIL DAY OF SALE ON THE GROUND. Should more than one party desire the same tract, they may bid for choice. TRACTS NOS. 1, 2, 3, 14, 15 and 16.....\$250 per acre TRACTS NOS. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13.....\$300 per acre TRACTS NOS. 9 and 10.....\$350 per acre TRACTS NOS. 7 and 8.....\$400 per acre Five per cent (5 per cent) reduction for cash. THIS CHOICE ACREAGE TO BE SOLD IN TRACTS TO SUIT BUYERS—ONE, TWO, FIVE OR TEN ACRES—JUST AS YOU WANT IT—ON EASY TERMS. LET US KNOW TODAY if you will attend sale. Telephone Main 4526—OR CALL. SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN will leave First and Alder streets on SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, AT 1:45 P. M. for Fairview, Fare, 40c for round trip. Tickets for the excursion can be purchased of and information, prices, etc., concerning Fairview Fruit Farms obtained from W. P. Keady or W. E. Burke ROOM 15, MALLORY BLDG., 268 STARK ST. PHONE MAIN 4526.

DRESSER'S SPECIALS FOR TODAY At the cleanest, lightest and most sanitary store in Oregon—the food-store that operates its own meat market, bakery and candy factory. Among other specials today are choice LEGS OF LAMB 15c at per lb. DRESSER'S LAYER CAKES, regularly 25c, for 20c per lb. DRESSER'S ASSORTED POUND CAKES, regularly 40c per lb. 30c DRESSER'S THE PURE FOOD EMPORIUM Fifth and Stark Seaside, Gearhart, E. Fifteenth and Broadway.

He not only deserves it, but his farm is the fountain from which a stream of dollars pours through his pockets into the community's coffers. He is not a trust, nor an outcrop, nor a plutocrat. His money comes from the soil, and is tainted by no suspicion of dishonesty or oppression. Nobody suffers because he is prosperous. His position is an enviable one; yet it is not in envy but rather in admiration that we say he alone is independent. The workman must depend upon his good right arm for the salary man upon the favor of his boss, the merchant upon the favor of his patron. But the farmer looks upon his broad acres and knows that they will never fail him, and his heart swells with honest pride. Many a business man who is considered well-to-do is constantly battling against the waves of the financial sea; but the farmer's sky is serene, his good ship riding safely in the harbor.