

DODGE AND CLARKE MAY LOSE PLACES

Retirement of Water Department Superintendent and Engineer Is Slated.

HEADS OBJECT OF INQUIRY

Complete Reorganization Said to Be Aim of Investigation of Employees' Acts—Meeting Tuesday May Reveal Upheaval Plan.

Frank T. Dodge, superintendent, and D. D. Clarke, chief engineer, are slated by the Water Board for retirement, according to the best informed obtainable in official circles. Both have held their respective positions for years and have grown up with the service from the time when it was comparatively a small plant until the present, when it is valued at approximately \$10,000,000.

Retirement of Superintendent Dodge and Engineer Clarke is said to be one of the chief objects of the investigation of the department, now under way by order of Mayor Rusknight, and which is in charge of a committee composed of F. W. Winn and W. B. Mackay. Head Meternan Murphy's suspension on charges of selling property belonging to the city is also an issue. It is said, and an incident in the proposed reorganization of the entire system.

Mayor's Charges Sensational.

While there have been intimations of investigations into alleged misconduct of other employes than Meternan Murphy, these rumors have not been confirmed, but Mayor Rusknight, himself, has said under oath that he has information that involves the entire department in questionable affairs. Selling lead pipe and water cocks is charged against Mr. Murphy, and it is said that other employes have profited in the transactions. Mr. Murphy maintains that he has the right to sell the property and says that it was such scraps as were taken up from private owners and did not belong to the city. Mayor Rusknight intimates, however, that the sale of a few small supplies is by no means the beginning and the end of the affair, and it is believed that he has information of a nature that will cause a sensation when it is made public.

Water Board Will Be Held Next Tuesday Afternoon

A meeting of the Water Board will be held next Tuesday afternoon at which the charges against Mr. Murphy will be considered further, and it is believed that at that time action will be taken indicating the probable course of the Mayor and members. It is believed that, in the near future, the Mayor and members of the Board will call for the resignations of Superintendent Dodge and Engineer Clarke, and that if they are not forthcoming, both will be discharged for the good of the service.

Winn for Reorganization.

Commissioner Winn, speaking of the situation yesterday morning, said that he has made up his mind that a complete reorganization of the department will suffice to put it on a modern basis. "Our Water Department is the most important asset we have," said Mr. Winn, "and it must not be permitted to run behind. It must be kept up to the highest standard of efficiency. Every taxpayer is a stockholder in the plant, for it belongs to the public, and should be run on a strictly fair and impartial basis. No favors should be shown to one set of individuals or firms that are not shown to others. We pay first-class salaries and we must have first-class service from our employes."

Nurses Visit 539 SICK

Activity in December Is Shown by Visiting Association Reports.

As shown by the report of the Visiting Nurse Association during the month of December, 539 visits were made by the nurses maintained by that organization. For the same period 414 quarts of milk and 66 quarts of cream were provided for tuberculosis patients. In the four weeks of December there were 41 tuberculosis patients in the care of the association, of which 17 cases were new. The association is maintaining four tuberculosis patients at two sanitariums. Arrangements are to be made to send a sufferer from tuberculosis to his home in Philadelphia.

SALE OF LAND DETERMINED

Logged-Off Property of Weyerhaeuser to Be on Market.

N. B. Coffman, president of the Southwestern Washington Logged-Off Lands Association, spoke at the Ad Club luncheon in the Portland Hotel yesterday on the problem of the logged-off lands of the Northwest. The Weyerhaeuser Company has announced, made arrangements with the Southwestern Washington Development League to sell its logged-off land to settlers at a price to be fixed by joint appraisers from the company

and the development league. J. E. Barnes, secretary of the development league, was in Portland yesterday. Mr. Coffman said, to confer with the Swiss Consul regarding the establishment of a Swiss colony on 5000 acres of logged-off land near Elma, which the lumber company had agreed to dispose of at \$10 an acre. This, he noted, was only one of the features in the movement to utilize the logged-off lands.

The development league was long unable to induce the timber interests to part with their land, and finally accomplished this purpose by taxing the property heavily so that the companies found it to their interest to dispose of it, instead of holding it to the exclusion of settlers.

Mr. Coffman said that he believed the reclamation of logged-off lands on the Pacific Coast was to be the main source of the country's agricultural prosperity in the future.

A. W. Hendricks, president of the American Safety Powder Company, spoke also on the reclamation of logged-off lands, supplementing the remarks of Mr. Coffman. R. W. Raymond, chairman of the day, gave a short talk on "Advertising by Demonstration." A committee of 10, with Charles Berg as chairman, was appointed to meet with a committee

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CRESCENT NEXT GOAL

OREGON EASTERN SAID TO HAVE LET BIG CONTRACT.

Report Has It That Line Will Rush Work From Dog Mountain West to Meet Natron Cutoff.

Since contracts have been awarded for the construction of a portion of the Oregon Eastern Railroad westward from Dog Mountain, the western terminus of the line now under construction out of Vale, the Harriman interests, it is understood, will rush this project through to Crescent, where it will connect with the Southern Pacific's Natron-Klamath cutoff immediately.

2-in-1 House Dress \$2.50 Val. \$1.79

All main aisles lead to this counter. A great one-day sale of women's two-in-one House Dresses, made of good quality percale or outing flannel, in the Dutch neck style, with sailor collars. Can be worn as kimono or house dress; will fit any waist, bust or hips without altering or removing the dress; all are neatly trimmed; regular values to \$2.50. \$1.79. These garments are placed on sale for this day only at each.

Odd Lines of Brass 1/2 Price

ON SALE—THIRD FLOOR

- \$4.00 Brass Jardiniere, spec'l, \$2.00
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- \$6.00 Brass Jardiniere, spec'l, \$3.00
- \$6.70 Brass Jardiniere, spec'l, \$3.35
- \$5.50 Brass Jardiniere, spec'l, \$2.75
- \$7.50 Brass Jardiniere, spec'l, \$3.75
- \$8.50 Brass Jardiniere, spec'l, \$4.25
- \$10.00 Brass Jardiniere, sp'l, \$5.00
- \$11.00 Brass Jardiniere, sp'l, \$5.50
- \$19.00 Brass Jardiniere, sp'l, \$9.50
- \$1.50 Brass Vases, Clearance, at 75c
- \$2.35 Brass Vases, Clearance, \$1.19
- \$2.50 Brass Vases, Clearance, \$1.25
- \$3.50 Brass Vases, Clearance, \$1.75
- \$4.50 Brass Vases, Clearance, \$2.25
- \$5.00 Tankards and Pitchers, \$2.50
- \$6.00 Tankards and Pitchers, \$3.00
- \$7.50 Tankards and Pitchers, \$3.75
- \$9.00 Tankards and Pitchers, \$4.50
- \$10.00 Tankards and Pitchers, \$5.00

4-Extra Specials in Basement-4

\$15 Coats at \$4.95

A lot comprising 75 women's Coats, full lengths, odd lines, all good, serviceable colors and popular styles, plain colors and mixtures; some Raincoats; all good, serviceable colors. Values to \$15. Clearance Sale price, choice at \$4.95

50c Embroid'ry Flouncings 27c Yard

In the Basement "Underprice Store." A Clearance Sale of Swiss embroidery flouncing, 27 inches wide, beautiful patterns; unusual 50-cent values; suitable for aprons, children's wear, underwear, etc. 27c. Special Clearance Sale price, yard, 27c

Children's 15c Stockings at 9c Pair

In the Basement "Underprice Store." A sale of children's black cotton Hose, full ribbed, good quality, reinforced heels and toes; a full line of sizes in the lot. Our regular 15c values. Special Clearance Sale price, your choice at, pair, 9c

Outing Flannel 5000 Yards 4c Yard

Clearance Sale of 5000 yards of outing Flannel and Gingham, mill-ends in lengths of 5 to 20 yards; all good patterns and colors, for gowns, kimonos, aprons, dresses, etc. These goods are priced special for our Clearance Sale at only, yard, 4c

Manicuring and Hairdressing Parlors, Second Floor—Lunch in Tea Room, 4th Floor Standard Sewing Machines Sold on the \$1.00 a Week Club Plan, Second Floor Dept.

Olds, Wortman & King

34th Annual Clearance Sale

Mrs. H. Sadowski of New York

Representing the Manufacturers of

LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS

Will be in our Store

TODAY

You are cordially invited to meet her

Pattern Dept. Main Floor

It is Mrs. Sadowski's earnest desire to meet all dress-makers, homesewers and those who have never used patterns. Her long experience enables her to explain the accuracy and simplicity of Ladies' Home Journal Patterns.

Draperies by the Yard, Portieres, Etc., Etc.

\$7.50 Portieres at \$4.35 Pair

Drapery Department, Third Floor.

Clearance sale of beautiful art crash Portieres, in all the most popular colors, with artistic stenciled borders. Our regular \$7.50 stock values at \$4.35 a pair. Clearance Sale price at \$4.35

RICH TAPESTRY PORTIERES.

All the newest and most popular patterns in plain or fancy colors, fringed, cord or braid finish, only one or two pair of a kind. Priced \$7.50 Tapestry Portieres, \$4.75 | \$17.50 Tap' Portieres, \$10.79 | \$12 Tapestry Portieres, \$6.75 | \$50 Tapestry Portieres, \$32.50

35c Art Scrim, the Yard, 21c

65c Curtain Swiss at 37c

Clearance sale of neat art scrim, very fine quality, 36 inches wide, cream and white ground with beautiful floral borders; 21c our regular 35c quality.

Clearance Sale of fine quality Curtain Swiss, in fancy cheek pattern, for sash curtains or small doors; eoru or white color. 37c 50 inches wide; 65c grade.

Crash Portieres at \$1 Each

Clearance Sale art crash Portieres, with neat, attractive stenciled borders in brown, green, blue, tan, crimson and rose; sample lengths, 1 1/2 yards long and 50 inches wide. These same Portieres in full length sell for \$7.50 a pair. For this Clearance Sale we \$1.00 specially price these sample lengths at only, your choice, \$1.00

Bargain Circle No. 1

Center of Main Floor

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Clearance All Men's Bath Robes

\$5.00 Robes at \$3

\$7.50 Robes \$3.98

\$10 Robes \$5.98

\$12 Robes \$8.48

\$15 Robes \$8.48

Hundreds of men's Bathrobes of good quality blanket cloth, German eiderdown, terry cloth, etc., priced at the above great reductions.

Mill Cleanup of Warm Blankets

\$9.00 Blankets, Pair, \$6.00

\$8.00 Blankets, Pair, \$5.50

ON SALE TODAY—FIRST FLOOR—NEAR ELEVATORS

A very advantageous purchase brings these Blankets to the big store at these prices. They are the good, dependable Oregon make, of Oregon wool, pure white, with pink or blue borders, and bound with taffeta silk binding; full-sized double bed blankets; \$8.00 values, \$5.50, and \$9.00 values, special, pair, \$6.00. Phone your orders. We guarantee them to please you.

All Furs at 1/2 Price

Garment Department, Second Floor.

Great Clearance Sale of our entire stock of high-grade Furs, comprising all women's and children's Coats, Fur Sets, Scarfs and Muffs, from the cheapest to the best; we guarantee the qualities as represented; every garment and every piece have been examined by an expert 1/2 Price before going into our stock. Our entire stock now at

\$15 Raincoats \$7.98

All Other Raincoats Reduced.

A great Clearance Sale of women's Raincoats, in the wool serge, with rubberized back, in tan, brown, gray, olive, black and navy colors; excellent models, styled with military collars and sleeves. A full range of sizes from 34 to 44; our best regular values to \$15, at \$7.98

Women's Suits 1/2 Price

\$15 Suits \$7.50—\$75 Suits \$37.50

Portland's Largest and Best Suit Store.

Customers who shop about tell us that we are showing the largest and best stock of fine tailored suits in all Portland. The assortment is so broad and varied that every taste may be satisfied, every color and every quality one could wish for is assembled in this special lot of \$15.00 to \$75 suits. They are placed on Clearance Sale at, your choice 1/2

Great Clearance Sale Lace Curtains

Draperies by the Yard, Portieres, Etc., Etc.

\$6 Lace Curtains \$3.10—\$5 Vals. \$2.60

Clearance Sale of Irish point lace Curtains with wide border in rich floral designs on the best French net; 45 inches wide; 3 yards long. Our regular \$6.00 val- \$3.10

\$2.00 Nottingham Curtains \$1.25

\$3.75 Nottingham Curtains \$2.50

Clearance Sale of fine Nottingham Curtains, in rich floral Brussels lace, Irish point and fillet patterns, in Arabian, Ivory and white; full width and length. Reduced as follows:

\$2.00 Curtains, the pair, \$1.25

\$3.00 Curtains, the pair, \$1.90

\$2.25 Curtains, the pair, \$1.40

\$3.75 Curtains, the pair, \$2.50

\$3.25 Lace Curtains at \$2.20

\$4.00 Lace Curtains at \$2.35

Clearance Sale of 2, 3 and 4-pair lots of Arabian lace and eluny lace Curtains; 2 1/2 and 3 yards long. Reduced as follows:

\$3.25 Lace Curtains, pair, \$2.20

\$3.75 Lace Curtains, pair, \$2.50

\$5.50 Lace Curtains, pair, \$3.65

\$6.00 Lace Curtains, pair, \$4.00

\$8.50 Lace Curtains, pair, \$5.65

\$14.00 Lace Curtains, pr., \$9.35

\$17.50 Lace Curtains, \$11.65

\$20 Lace Curtains, pr., \$13.35

\$35 Lace Curtains, pr., \$21.90

\$40 Lace Curtains, pr., \$22.35

Bargain Circle No. 2

Main Floor—Between the Elevators

\$1.00 Union Suits 59c

Women's 65c Underwear 39c

Clearance of women's Union Suits, with long or short sleeves, good, heavy Winter weight, odds and ends of this season's good-selling 59c values to \$1.00; special, only

Children's 40c-60c Hose 22c

Bargain Circle Clearance of children's ribbed cashmere Stockings, full fashioned, merino heels and toes, medium and heavy weight; sizes run from 6 to 9 1/2; our regular 40c to 60c values. Clearance price, 22c

Clearance Sale Women's Waists \$4.50 Grades \$3.38 \$10 Grades \$7.50

ORDER BY MAIL.

An extraordinary clearance of our entire stock of women's all-lined Waists, ranging in price from \$4.50 up. All are of beautiful quality Irish linen, styled with collars and cuffs, plain or embroidered, eyelet or Mexican drawn work, with soft cuffs, others have plaited fronts, also tailored styles, priced as follows:

- \$4.50 Waists only \$3.38
- \$5.00 Waists only \$3.75
- \$6.00 Waists only \$4.50
- \$6.50 Waists only \$4.87
- \$6.75 Waists only \$5.05
- \$7.50 Waists only \$5.63
- \$8.50 Waists only \$6.37
- \$10.00 Waists at \$7.50

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BOND JUGGLING ALLEGED

C. E. SUMNER INTERVENES IN TELEPHONE COMPANY CASE.

San Diego Litigant Blames P. L. Willis and Californian for Troubles of Long Distance Firm.

Presiding Judge Gatens yesterday allowed the request of Charles E. Sumner, of San Diego, to intervene as a defendant in the case of the Title Trust & Insurance Company against the Northwestern Long-Distance Telephone Company, an action to foreclose the property of the telephone company because of failure to pay interest on outstanding bonds. The Home Telephone & Telegraph Company, of Portland, which owns stock in the long-distance

company and does business over its lines, has also been allowed to intervene as a defendant.

Mr. Sumner alleges that he is a stockholder to the extent of nearly \$100,000 at par, of the Northwestern Long-Distance Telephone Company, and that he has a judgment for \$5000 against the company which was obtained in the California courts. He charges that P. L. Willis, of Portland, and C. A. Mead, of California, have manipulated the affairs of the Northwestern company through the medium of the Title Trust & Insurance Company and California securities company, both of which they own. He alleges that they have obtained control of the Northwestern company through this combination and have issued bonds recklessly and illegally for the purpose of bankrupting the company, their ultimate object being to allow the Bell telephone interests to take it over, and thus stifle competition.

Colonel Sumner also filed an application yesterday for the appointment of a receiver for the Northwestern company, declaring that this was the only way the affairs of the corporation

could be adjusted with justice to all concerned. Judge Gatens deferred hearing on the application until January 16, to allow the Title Trust & Insurance Company an opportunity to prepare its side of the case.

SETTLER THANKS BOOKLET

Homesteader Grateful to Commercial Club for Bringing Him West.

A letter was received at the Portland Commercial Club yesterday from a homesteader, who had come to Oregon as a result of the publicity literature sent out from the publicity bureau of the Commercial Club, and had written to the department extending his thanks for the part it played in bringing him to Oregon.

The writer is settled on a small ranch at Neacum, near Seaside, which he says he intends to transform into a dairy farm. His letter contained many queries about the livestock industry of the state and about methods of dairy farming in Oregon.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

Is the best of all medicines for the cure of diseases, disorders and weaknesses peculiar to women. It is the only preparation of its kind devised by a regularly graduated physician—an experienced and skilled specialist in the diseases of women.

It is a safe medicine in any condition of the system. THE ONE REMEDY which contains no alcohol and no injurious habit-forming drugs and which creates no craving for such stimulants.

THE ONE REMEDY so good that its makers are not afraid to print its every ingredient on each outside bottle-wrapper and attest to the truthfulness of the same under oath.

It is sold by medicine dealers everywhere, and any dealer who hasn't it can get it. Don't take a substitute of unknown composition for this medicine of known composition. No counterfeit is as good as the genuine and the druggist who says something else is "just as good as Dr. Pierce's" is either mistaken or is trying to deceive you for his own selfish benefit. Such a man is not to be trusted. He is trifling with your most priceless possession—your health—may be your life itself. See that you get what you ask for.

