

METER COST SHOWN

Increased Operating Expense Estimated at \$9000.

BOND ISSUE IS FORECAST

Meter Reading Based on Figures by Gas Company, and Additional Bookkeeping Required Likely to Eat Up Surplus Revenue.

An additional operating expense of at least \$9000 a year for meter reading and probably more than a like sum for additional bookkeeping will be added to the present cost of conducting the water bureau in Portland if the city-wide meter plan is adopted by the voters at the June election. The figures regarding the cost of meter reading are based upon the cost actually experienced by the Portland Gas & Coke Company in reading meters in that company's service.

According to accurate records kept by the Gas Company, it costs 1.2 cents to read each meter. This is on the basis of an eight-hour day with men paid from \$55 to \$60 a month. The city's scale of pay is at least 33-1-2 per cent higher than that of the Gas Company for meter readers. On the same basis as the Gas Company pays and works its men the cost to the city for reading its 57,000 meters, if all services were metered as proposed, would be \$8992 a year. With the city's increased wage scale, the minimum for meter reading would be \$12,000 a year, with an increase each year according to the increase in water services. A total of 43,000 water services now are unmetered and require no reading of meters.

Bookkeeping costs would run into a large figure, owing to the change in the system of handling the bills. At present 43,000 services out of a total of 57,000 in the city have a fixed rate. The bills are on a stereotyped form, which require no change in figures. The purpose of meters is to bill the users on the basis of water actually used, therefore the amount of the bill would vary each time and entail a great amount of bookkeeping.

While under the present system bills are sent out quarterly, it is the intention to have the meters read monthly. The increased cost of operating the water bureau would eat up the present annual surplus of water revenue, it is said, thus leaving virtually nothing with which to install the meters, as proposed, from current revenue. Sale of water bonds paying 4 per cent interest each year would be the only means at the command of the water bureau to finance the installation.

AUDITORIUM PLANS GO ON

Whitehouse & Foulhoux to Confer With City Council.

Notice was received yesterday by Commissioner Brewster that the architectural firm of Whitehouse & Foulhoux has been selected to represent the firm of Freedlander & Seymour in New York in the preparation of plans for and the superintending of the construction of Portland's proposed public auditorium. The firm will hold a conference with the City Council within a day or two to talk over tentative plans for the building.

The Portland firm will confer with the Council and get all data as to what is wanted in the proposed structure. This information will be given to the New York firm, which concern will prepare the working plans. It is expected that the plans for the building can be hurried along so that actual construction can be started within the year.

2 GRANDSTANDS ORDERED

East Side Business Men's Committee Lays Festival Plans.

At a special meeting of the East Side Business Men's Club yesterday the Rose Festival grandstand committee, H. L. Camp, C. C. Hall and Wilson Benefield, was instructed to contract for the erection of two or three grandstands for use during the children's and automobile parade. Mr. Camp suggested that one be built on Grand avenue and East Ankeny street, one at Grand avenue and East Alder street, and if a third is built that it be placed near Grand and Hawthorne avenues.

Assistant Secretary Miller reported the names of 15 business men for membership, all of whom were voted in as part of the new members secured under the membership campaign.

APPOINTMENTS ARE LIKELY

Anti-Merger Nominees May Be Opposed by St. Johns Council.

A. A. Muck, Mayor of St. Johns, is expected to announce his appointments to the city engineering and police departments at the meeting of the Council tonight and probably will reappoint J. O. Burton, city engineer, John Poff, chief of police and Henry Muck, G. W. Norene and J. S. Jones policemen. Some of these men are known to be against the merger and it is expected that they will be confirmed, but will remain in office until annexation, anyway.

It is expected that the City Attorney will submit the amended dog ordinance and that the construction of a comfort station, costing \$1200, will be authorized at the meeting tonight.

BIGGER BUILDING PLANNED

East Side Club and Oddfellows May Put Up Four-Story Structure.

Instead of a two-story building at the northeast corner of Grand avenue and East Alder street, as proposed for the East Side Business Men's Club and the Citizens Bank, a four-story modern building may be erected, according to present plans. Hassalo Lodge of Oddfellows has been negotiating to take stock in the holding company, and add two stories for its occupancy.

If the lodge goes into the holding company it will necessitate the increase of the capital stock from \$25,000 to \$75,000 or \$100,000, as the cost of the four-story structure will be about that sum with its equipment.

Change in Steamer Service.

Effective Saturday, May 15, O. W. R. & N. steamer Harvest Queen will leave Ash-street dock daily, except Sunday, 2 P. M., for Astoria and way points returning, while the steamer City of Portland will leave Astoria as at present, daily except Sunday, 7 A. M. Apply City Ticket Office, Washington at Third, or at the dock, for tickets, etc.—Adv.

PARTICIPANTS IN MUTS' ENTERTAINMENT AT HEILIG THEATER THURSDAY NIGHT.



Mrs. Beatrice Dierke, Pianist



Mrs. Delphine Marx, Contralto



Pietro Marino, Violinist

Paul Wessinger, Baritone

Chas. Dierke, Pianist

BOON CASON TO RUN

Eighth Candidate for City Commissioner Files.

NEW ASPIRANT IS ATTORNEY

Platform Declares for Economy and Efficiency—One Week Remains in Which Others May File Campaign Thus Far Quiet.

Boon Cason, an attorney of Portland, yesterday announced his candidacy for City Commissioner. His entry in the race brings the total number of candidates for Commissionerships at the election June 7 to eight. This is an even four aspirants for each place.

Mr. Cason is 40 years old, and has lived in Portland since 1904. He was born in California, and passed his boyhood on a farm. Later he attended the State Normal School of Missouri, and taught school in that state for five years.

For some years after coming to Portland he worked as a street car conductor, being promoted for efficient service to inspector. In the meantime he had been studying law at night at the University of Oregon Law School, and in 1910 he was admitted to the bar. He has been practicing law since. Mr. Cason is married and has three sons. His home is at 655 Umattilla avenue.

His platform reads: "Believe in the greatest degree of economy consistent with efficiency and the public welfare; management of public business on the same principles and by the same methods as private business." He has established campaign headquarters at 719 Chamber of Commerce building.

The city campaign has so far been usually quiet. There has been none of the feverish activity and wild attempts to attract notice characterizing the free-for-all of two years ago, when some 60-odd aspirants for Commissionerships, Mayoralty or whatever they could get, including publicity, were in the lists. So far the present campaign has been confined chiefly to preparation of campaign literature, distribution of cards, a few informal talks here and there and a cautious feeling-out of the strength of the other candidates. In this respect, the situation is much like the reconnoitering operations of an army before a battle—largely an affair of outpost to determine the force of the enemy.

There is no great likelihood of much

speeding-up for the next couple of weeks. The last two weeks will see a general warming to the occasion.

Just a week remains in which any additional aspirants for the two Commissionerships or Auditor may file nominating petitions. The city charter provides that candidates' petitions must be in by 20 days before the election. Thus May 11 will be the last day for filing. At least three more candidates will appear, as the Socialists will have two candidates for Commissioner and one for Auditor. As all city elections under the commission charter are non-partisan, they will have to file regular petitions containing at least 100 names, like the other candidates.

Monroe Goldstein, candidate for City Auditor, is making an active personal campaign. He is a former newspaperman, having served for many years as a police reporter in Portland and San Francisco. He has also been in the automobile business.

With the close of the theatrical season, which came to an end at the Baker Sunday night, George L. Baker found himself in position to give more time than formerly to his candidacy for City Commissioner. "I expect to keep busy from now on," said Mr. Baker. "I am making my campaign by meeting people personally and without the aid of a manager or a



Boon Cason, who has announced his candidacy for City Commissioner.

campaign committee. It puts more on me to do this than the old way did, but I enjoy the work."

MUTS' FROLIC NEAR

Interesting Musical Offering Is Set for "Lucky 13th."

CLEVER SINGERS OBTAINED

Entertainment at Heilig Thursday to Be Invitational and Several Society Box Parties Arranged. Mayor Albee to Attend.

With a high-class concert programme contributed by a group of the best-known artists in local musical circles, the Muts will have a social "house-warming" party at the Heilig Theater Thursday night. The night for the "good fellowship" party was selected because the day fell on the 13th of the month—the favorite and lucky calendar day for the Muts. The event will be the first annual Spring entertainment of the organization, and among those who will take part in the "starry" programme will be Mrs. Beatrice Dierke, pianist; Mrs. Delphine Marx, soprano; Paul Wessinger, baritone; Pietro Marino, violinist, and Charles Dierke, accompanist. The programme is being given under the direction of Charles Dierke.

The entertainment is for the members of the Muts and their families with a number of invited guests, who will include prominent society folk, city officials and officers of the various business organizations of the city with their immediate families. A special list of invitations will go to those who contributed of their time and services to the relief work carried on by the Muts last winter. There will be no admission charge in spite of the high quality of the programme that will be given; only those, however, who have an invitation to the affair will be admitted.

Unusual interest attaches to this event for the reason that this is Mrs. Dierke's first appearance even in a semi-public concert programme for more than a year and it will also be Mr. Wessinger's first appearance in a public entertainment for many months. A splendid series of classical numbers has been arranged for them as well as for Mrs. Marx and Signor Marino. Director Dierke says that it will be one of the finest musical programmes given in the city this season.

Several box parties have already been arranged. Mayor Albee will be present with a party, as will the four City Commissioners.

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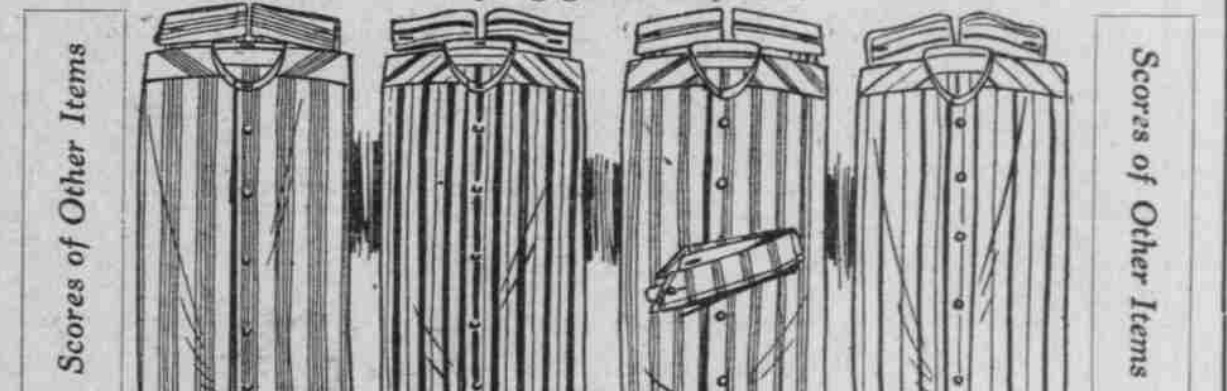
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There's some very pretty new short-sleeved models in Wirthmor Waists that will go on sale today at just one dollar. As always, they're splendid values and look as though they ought to sell for much more; in fact, we think them quite the prettiest that have come our way for many a day.

—Fifth Floor, Sixth-St. Bldg.

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