EXPENSE AND WASTE **FOLLIES OF METERS**

Millions of Gallons of Water City Cannot Use Are Turned Aside From Pipes Daily.

COST BLOTS OUT SAVING

City-Wide System Expected to Net \$10,000 Yearly, While \$100,000 Would Be Spent for Installation-Survey Covers Needs.

SOME WATER FACTS.

Fixed charges for the Water Bureau are \$456,640 a year. This is a charge that cannot be avoided. It is for interest and sinking fund for outstanding bonds. On top of this is \$255,000 a year for operation, this item being salaries and supplies (except supplies for new construction). supplies for new construction) Taking the wildest prediction of Commissioner Daly, the most the operation can be cut with city-wide meters is \$10,000 a year. Meters will cost not less than \$100,000 in addition to other fixed charges. There is no dispute on this point.

Where, then, are the grounds for the misleading statement that there is a possibility of cheaper water in Portland with city-wide meter system?

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Portland uses less than 40,000,000 gallons of water each day. If the Bull Run pipeline headgates were opened up the two lines would carry 67,000,000 gallons to the city every day in the

But they are never opened, for the city could not possibly use or even dispose of the water. It would be 17,-000,000 gallons a day more than the most the city has ever used in a single day of 24 hours.

The most water ever used by Portland on the hottest Summer day was 50,000,000 gallons, according to the figures of the water bureau. This means that the headgates had to be closed so as to keep out 17,000,000 gallons of the water that came to the headworks Portland could not use this excess

Waste Already Is Prohibited.

In spite of these facts and figures, which appear on the records of the water bureau, the city-wide water meter scheme is being urged by Commissioner Daly to prevent the waste of water—a scheme involving an outlay of \$100,000 a year.

The water bureau now has a system of preventing wanton waste of water by users. There is an ordinance pro-hibiting the maintenance of leaky fix-tures. A survey of all services in the city was started January 1. All leaky

use. The total monthly charge is based upon the number of faucets or outlets

Most Large Homes Have Meters.

Unless some one falls to sprinkle, the strain on water mains will be the same as it is without meters. If some one falls to sprinkle, Portland loses an-other lawn or some foliage because

of the reservoirs in Portland

would give Portland a storage capacity of 600,000,000 gallons, or enough to run the city 15 days at the maximum daily use if not a drop of the sparkling water

METERING IS OPPOSED

NORTH PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB HEARS ADDRESS.

C. L. McKenna Holds Meters Are Not Needed-J. Kiter Scores Ordinance to Shut Grocery Stores on Sunday.

In an address Tuesday night at the meeting of the North Portland Commercial Club, in the library on Killingsworth avenue and Commercial street, on the metering of the city, C. L. McKenna declared that at present the general use of water meters is not needed and would be a great waste of money. He pointed out that a large amount of water is now going to waste through the sewers, and that to curtail the further use of water would be folly, and could only result in the destruction of lawns. Mr. McKenna said that the time might come when it would be necessary to use more meters, but not no when there is a great surplus of water.

J. Kiter spoke against the proposed law to close the groceries on Sunday and declared it was unfair and dis criminating in application, and was aimed at the small dealers. He said that further the law originated in an attack on one groceryman, Ben A, Bellamy, but that the smaller groceries had been made the "goat" in the case. More than 12,000 residents, he said, had signed the petition for the referendum.
D. C. Lewis spoke for the annexation
of St. Johns to Portland.

EXCURSIONS NEAR LOOP

Southern Pacific to Run Special Trains Saturday and Sunday.

Beginning next Saturday the Southern Pacific will inaugurate its loop service over the electric lines between Portland and McMinnville.

The schedule provides for a special train to leave Portland at 1 P. M. traveling through Hillsboro and For-

MR. PEARSON VISITS

The object of the service is to pro-vide for tourists and other visitors an opportunity of viewing the productive agricultural country and the thriving communities aurrounding Portland, John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, declares that many Oregon people also can take the trip to advantage and learn something of the country about them. f the country about them. Those trips will be offered every Saturday and every Sunday afternoon in the Summer season.

LAND SHOW SPACE ASKED

Manufacturers' Bureau Wants Big

A . basement 16 feet in height and 200x200 feet in size will be a feature of Fortland's Auditorium, if the views of the Industries and Manufacturers' Ru-reau meet with the approval of the City Council. A committee comprising David M. Dunne, O. E. Heintz and W. workers for the conservation of bird

Audubon Societies' Secretary Here to See Oregon Birds.

CONSERVATION IS PLEA

Protection of Wild Life, Both of Singers and Game, Taught Best by Education of Children in Schools, He Thinks.

H. McMonies has written a letter to the and animal life, is in Portland. He ex

WATER METERS A FARCE AND COSTLY, SAYS USER OF ONE -ANOTHER DECLARES BIG SUM MIGHT AS WELL BE SPENT FOR FLYING MACHINES.

PORTLAND, May 25,—(To the Editor.)—Commissioner Daly asks authority to buy 5000 water meters with which to reduce, further, expenses and lower water rates. It is very evident that if these meters will lower the rate that they will also reduce the revenue to the city. Who then is to foot the bill for the purchase of these meters?

My experience has been that water meters are a farce. I am one of the water consumers now on a meter and having only a small My experience has been that water meters are a farce. I am one of the water consumers now on a meter and, having only a small family, should be regarded as an economical consumer of water for household purposes. In spite of Mr. Daly's efficient management of the water department wherein he is supposed to have reduced household rates for last January 18 per cent, my bills have averaged 97 cents per month during recent months when I consumed no water for aprinkling. As a reply to my complaints at the water office, the chief clerk informed me that I had no reason to complain since the average monthly bill of the water consumer on meters is a fraction over a doilar. If this is the case, where is the saving for consumers on meters when those on a flat rate pay only 75 cents?

The law allowing only alternate nights for sprinkling insures the necessary economy of water there. For housekold purposes a family will use about the same amount of water whether the water is on a flat rate or on a meter. Where then is the saving in water to be derived from the use of the meter?

Why doesn't Mr. Daly advocate a measure which those who have had practical experience with meters can conscientiously vote for? Why doesn't he draft a bill specifying the relegation of those meters already in use to the ash heap?

W. F. KRUMBEIN.

PORTLAND, May 23.—(To the Editor.)—Comparison of Portland with Eastern cities on the matter of meters is out of the question. If there is a city in the whole country where meters are almost worse than useless it is Portland. From the time the first rains come in the Fall until they are over in early Summer, the city has no more use for universal meters than it has for that many flying machines. There are only the three dry months of June, July and August—and June could be left out of this, for it is usually cool and showery—when, by any stretch of the imagination, meters could be of any possible use, and that can be easily obviated by a little care and inspection by the bureau. Then why burden the people for nine months with meters and readers and repairs for the very questionable benefit to be derived during the three? Better by far use the money to lay the pipe that must soon be laid anyway, instead of laying off men to save money to buy meters with.

TAXPAYER.

Council asking for an opportunity to pects to leave here Friday or Saturday appear before that body and present for Klamath county, to visit some of the bureau's views. The request has the wild bird rookeries there, which een granted and the committee will Mr. Finley's researches several It is said the Auditorium should have a large place for the holding of land shows and other exhibitions requiring a large flat space.

In fact, it was Mr. Finley's pictures of bird life in this region and his other research work there, according

President H. W. Cottrell will open the annual camp meeting of the West-ern Oregon Conference of Seventh Day all song birds protected all the time Adventists tonight in the pavillion tent it is not working counter to the sports-Hours during which sprinkling may be done are fixed. A hose will permit the escape of only a certain amount of water during the sprinkling hours. As an address introductory to the proramme for the next to days. He will try give a partial review of the work, and tion of game birds by placing reason there will be a musical programme, able restrictions on hunting, The service will be the only one for there are restrictions on the hunting of deer."

today. Friday morning the religious deer."

Mr. Pearson considers the educationa

June 12 will be a gala day in Irving-ton, for at that time the children's floral parade, which has been planned by a committee of the prominent ma-trons of that district, will be held. The trons of that district, will be held. The committee met Tuesday and perfected plans for the affair.

It is said that 200 children have registered to take part in the parade so that its success is assured. No prizes will be given.

Police Lieutenant Says Fugitive Was

Little Elizabeth Cecil, only 31/2 years Little Elizabeth Cecil, only 315 years old, will be the queen.

The committee on arrangements is composed of: Mrs. O. C. Lefter, Mrs. William Umbdenstock, Mrs. J. W. Creath, Mrs. H. N. Randall, Mrs. Charles Cochran, Mrs. H. P. Dutton, Mrs. E. H. Keller, Mrs. M. C. Woodward, Mrs. A. H. Cousins and Mrs. Frank Robinson.

EARLY MOUNT SCOTT SET-TLER DIES AT 74.



Jumes Lugg. James Lugg, a well known tember of the Oddfellows' lodge,

died yesterday at his home, 51512 Franklin street. He was born in Cornwall, England, January 7, 1841, and came to Oregon 25 years ago, settling on the summit of Mount Scott. He is survived by a widow, Sophia Lugg, and a daughter, Mrs. Max Smith.

research work there, according to Mr. Pearson, who declares that Mr. Finley is one of the recognized national authorities on birds and game, that caused President Roosevelt to established city was started January 1. All leaky fixtures are ordered repaired or the water is shut off. Leaky fixture waste troubles will be corrected before the end of this year.

The water bureau bases its present The water bureau bases its present Campmeeting With Address.

Mr. Pearson considers the educational conference will organize and elect officers. Next Wednesday the first business session of the legal body of the
Western Oregon Conference will meet
to elect officers and transact important business.

Mr. Cottrell is president of both the
religious and business conferences. Frihow useful these birds are to the human race. Educational work of this cother lawn or some foliage because they get no water.

All the large users of water are metered now. Portland has meters on all commercial services, such as laundries, restaurants, hotels, rooming houses, factories and other businesses where large amounts of water are used. Also there are meters on the majority of large homes.

If Portland faces any water shortage the records do not show it. Every figure indicates that there is an overabundance of supply. On top of this water bureau can construct at less water figures.

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In business.

Mr. Cottrell is president of both the follow useful these birds are to the human race. Educational work of this again and again to be vastly more effective, Mr. Pearson says, than the old arresting violators of the game laws.

Of course, this is often still necessary, but the work among the children is showing marked results in lessening the need for such methods by engendering a general desire to protect birds.

OFFICER'S VISIT HALTED

Willing to Delay Return, but Departure Is Made at Once.

The contemplated visit of Police Lieutenant George Trojan in Portland was cut short rudely by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday afternoon when the magistrate ordered Louis Brongofsky, alleged wife-deserter and fugitive from New York, released on his own recognizance, pending the determination of Lieutenant Trojan to return to New York City with his pris-

"I can see no reason for keeping this man in jail, when he is willing to go back without an objection, merely to suit the convenience of a visiting of-floer," declared Judge Stevenson, in ordering the man released on proba-tion to Fublic Defender Robinson. "Judge, yeronner, I don't think it is right to release this man on his own recognizance," objected Lieutenant Trojan. "He'll skip out of the country. I'll take him now."

"Very well," said the judge. Lieutenant Trojan left for New rork with his prisones last night.

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Public Defender Robinson discovered

Tuesday that Brongofsky had been held in jail 17 days, without a complaint having been filed against him, and that the New York officer had been in Portland since Sunday. On the copy of the indictment by the New York grand jury that was received in Portland on May 17, Deputy District Attorney Deich swore to the complaint Tuesday. "I'll give the officer until 2 o'clock

tomorrow to claim his prisoner or I will release Brongofsky," ordered Judge Stevenson Tuesday. Brongofsky declared he did not mind waiting. didn't like to stay in fail. It was then the order for release was given. Since coming to Portland Sunday. Lieutenant Trojan has been entertained

in 1010, 2101 counties to all the states of the Union showed 788 in which the rural June population was less than 10 years previous. "D

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\$1.50 wood Poplins \$1.19 New Dress Skirts at \$3.98

Black, White and Wanted Colors

Department, Main Floor-Beautiful silk-and-wool Poplins-one of the season's most desirable fabrics for dresses and Summer suits at an extraordinary low price for today's selling. Every woman knows how thoroughly desirable these fabrics are, how well they make up. Our entire stock is included in this offering, so there are all the wanted colors and black or white. Standard 40-inch width which sells regularly at \$1.50 the yard. Don't miss this \$1.19 splendid bargain. Silk Poplins, the yard, now at only \$1.19

35c Veilings at Fitted Aprons

Main Floor-Novelty Veilings at an extraordinary low price. Season's newest meshes, including filet, hexagon and fancy effects. Some plain, others with fancy border designs. In black, 19c white, magpie, etc., yard

Second Floor-Women's Aprons in the popular fitted style with bib and pockets. Made of good quality dark blue figured materials in assorted patterns. Nicely trimmed with rick-21c

50c Wash Fabrics at 25c

Aisle of Cottons, Main Floor

Half price for exquisite new Wash Materials direct from the maker-2000 yards in this phenomenal sale-the most important offering of the season! Dainty silk-and-cotton crepe de chine in a wonderful assortment of patterns and colors. Striped patterns and brocaded effects, also pretty figured designs. One of the most popular of the new fabrics for Summer Waists and dresses. Grade selling usually at 50c the yard. These exquisite new Wash Materials, direct 25c from the maker, are placed on sale here today at, the yard

Main Floor-A hundred and fifty Parasols taken from our regular stock will be sold today at above price. New 1915 styles in plain and fancy effects in various colorings. Don't fail to see these. Reg. \$5 Parasols \$3.00

\$5.00 Parasols Boys' \$15 Suits

Main Floor-Odd lines boys' highgrade Suits in double - breasted styles-wool cassimeres, Cheviots, Tweeds, homespuns and Norfolk corduroys. Sizes for boys 9 to 16 years of age. \$6.50 to \$15 Suits priced special for \$4.48

\$1.50 ENVE-Chemise at 98c

Muslinwear Dept., Second Floor

The June White Sale has brought out many extraordinary bargains in Muslinwear and, of course, those who come first will have the advantage of larger assortments. For today we offer several special lines of women's envelope Chemise at a decided reduction from former prices. These are made of finest quality French Lingerie Cloth and are effectively trimmed with dainty laces, embroideries, etc., both front and back. Better come today and supply your 98c needs for the Summer. \$1.39 and \$1.50 grades, at only 98c

\$22 Trunks \$14.95

Department, Fourth Floor-Fullsize Trunks, canvas-covered, 3ply veneer, extra strong and built to withstand hard usuage. Fiber-bound, full riveted and full linen lined with two inside travs. These splendid Trunks sell in the usual way at \$14.95 \$22. Today only

40c OWK Coffee

Grocery Department, 4th Floor-3500 lbs. of our famous 40c OWK Imperial Roast Coffee at a sensationally low price for this one day's selling. It will pay you to lay in a month's supply at the above figure. No deliveries except with other purchases made in Grocery Department. 26c Regular 40c Coffee, lb. 26c

Child's \$2.75 Dresses 98c

Basement Underprice Store

900 children's dainty Wash Dresses will be placed on sale today at a phenomenally low price to close out the entire lot in one day. Mothers should supply the children's needs for the season. Full range of sizes in the assortment. All new, attractive styles for girls 6 to 14 years of age. Dependable tub-proof and sun-proof fabrics shown in a multitude of pretty patterns. Every dress beautifully made and nicely trimmed. Great variety of models to choose from. 98c Dresses worth up to \$2.75—On sale Thursday at low price of

50c Cushion Tops Now at 26c Art Dept., Second Floor-Another great bargain offering for Thurs-

day. Cushion Tops with plain backs. Attractive patterns stamped on good quality linene. Just the thing for porch seats and 26c canoes. Regular 50c grade. Priced very special for this day 26c

Garment Salons, Second Floor

A matchless bargain in Women's Dress Skirts for Thursday-the fourth day of the "Competitive Sale." Great variety of attractive styles. The materials include serviceable wool serges and gaberdine cloth, also homespuns and tweeds in smart mixed effects. Styles include newest models, such as yoke effects with kilted bottoms, circular styles, belted styles and many novelty cuts, trimmed with buttons, braids, etc., Skirts for street, dress or outing wear. Shown in various colors-Belgian blue, tan, sand, gray, etc., also black-and-white checks, stripes \$3.98 and mixtures. All sizes in the lot. Priced very special

25cPoundPaper | Pyralin Ivory

tionery Section offers a splendid bargain you should not overlook. Our "Northwood" Linen Pound Paper-regular 25c grade-is placed on sale for one day at 96 19c sheets for the low price of

Pyralin Ivory articles make very dainty gifts for any occasion. Hun dreds of useful articles to select from-toilet sets, brushes, combs, calendars, blotters 1/4 Off

\$5 and \$6 Shoes at \$2.95

Shoe Department, Main Floor

A "Competitive Sale" offering that will create a "stir" in the Shoe Section today. 1500 pairs women's high-grade Shoes of satin, suede, cravenette, patent colt, gunmetal calf and vici kid included in this sale. Cloth, mat kid or brocade tops. Cuban, Louis Cuban, military or common-sense heels. Plain, tipped or imitation tipped toes. Long or short vamps, button and lace styles. Great variety of styles to choose from, made by the best manufacturers in the land. Shoes of \$2.95 standard \$5.00 and \$6.00 grades, all sizes—Thursday only

Hair Switches | Sale \$7.75 Hats

bargain for Thursday only. Strictly first quality mixed gray hair Switches. Two of these will make an exceptionally fine coiffure. Hair dressed free in latest mode with purchase of two of \$2.25

trimmed Hats grouped for today's selling at a very special price. Season's latest effects in sailors, turbans, pokes, etc., trimmed with flowers, ribbons, wings, etc. Hats Selling up to \$7.75. \$3.95

Annual June White Sale

Silverware, Cut Glass, Dinnerware 75c Three-bottle silver Salt and Pepper Castors, special today for 60¢ \$1.50 T Strainer, with stand \$1.20 | 35c Pair Corn Cob Holders at 28c \$3.60 Silver Sandwich Tray \$2.75 | 75c Bud Vases, special only 60c 15c Initial Napkin Holders at 12c | \$1.50 Sugar and Creamers \$1.20

\$9.00 Silver Sets for \$6.95 This 4-Piece Silver Tea Set, regularly \$9.00, on sale today at \$6.95

Rich Cut Glass

\$1.25 Cut Glass Vases now at 98¢ \$2.75 Cut Glass Vases today \$2.19 \$4.00 Cut Glass Vases today \$3.15 \$1,50 6-inch Handled Olive \$1.18 \$3.00 Fruit Bowl, special at \$2.25 \$3.75 Set of Six Tumblers \$2.98 \$6.50 Water Pitcher today \$5.15

Dinnerware

Semi-Porcelain, Austrian and French China reduced for today: 42-Pi'ce White Semi- \$2.15 42-Piece White Austrian China Sets, for \$4.45 42-piece white Hav-\$10.95

Nickel-Plated Ware at Sale Prices

\$1.50 Round Casseroles at \$1.20 \$2.25 Oval Casseroles, for \$1.80 \$2.00 Pie Dish in frame for \$1.60 \$4.50 Bean Jar in frame at \$3.60 \$5.75 Copper Baking and Serving Tray, special today at only \$3.30 \$2.65 Marmalade Jar, today \$2.18 \$2.75 Nickel or Copper Tea Caddy on special sale today at only \$2.20 \$8.00 Nickel or Copper Kettle and Stand, special today at only \$6.40 \$12.00 Chafing Dish on sale \$9.60 \$14.50 Copper Chaf'g Dish \$11.20 \$2.00 Serving Trays, special \$1.60 \$2.50 Serving Trays, special \$2.00 \$3.25 Serving Trays, special \$2.60 All Art China for decorating at \$8.00 Breakfast Set for only \$6.40 special reduced price for today. \$7.50 Relish Trays, special \$4.75

O'Cedar Polish Mops, \$1 & \$1.25

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Third Floor-O'Cedar Mops and Polish are a boon to every woman who does the housework. They make easy the dusting and cleaning of hardwood floors, woodwork, linoleum, oilcloths, doors, closets and mouldings O'Cedar Mops are made in round or triangular shapes. \$1.00 and \$1.25

D. C. LEWIS HEADS ST. JOHNS DELE- cities possible.

in favor of the annexation there is a It is estimated that the taxes ac-strong probability that the plan will fail," said Mr. Lewis, who as member property with an assessed valuation of

of the recent legislature, fathered the bill that makes merger of the two cities possible.

The danger lies in the apparent even after the fire and police service

D. C. LEWIS HEADS ST. JOHNS DELEGATION WORKING IN PORTLAND.

Apathy Is Being Fought by Adherents,
In as Failure to Go to Polls Is
Equivalent to Adverse Vote.

D. C. Lewis and other residents of St. Johns are planning an active campaign among the voters of Portland to the impress upon them the importance and impress upon them the importance and to fixe in a bigger and a greater city should vote yes on this question. Failure 7.

"Despite the fact that everyone seems in the apparent apathy of the Portland voters and this situation is doubly dangerous by readen of the fact that a majority of all the persons voting at the election must vote in favor of the annexation.

"It is one of those cases wherein everyone is in favor of the proposal and therefore thinks it unnecessary to the proposal and therefore thinks it unnecessary of the infavor of it because everyone beliaves that it will carry anyway.

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