

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 for the city...

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 year.

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 60,000,000 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 water. 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 unneeded waste of water by users. There is an ordinance prohibiting the maintenance of leaky fixtures. A survey of all services in the 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.

Most Large Homes Have Meters. Unless some one fails to sprinkle, the strain on water mains will be the same as it is without meters. If some one fails to sprinkle, Portland loses another 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. Every figure indicates that there is an over-abundance of supply. On top of this the water bureau can construct at less cost than the cost of meters reservoirs at the headworks with a storage capacity of 200,000,000 gallons.

This, with the existing storage capacity 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 came from Bull Run River.

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 great 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 of the water than now 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 discriminating in application, and was aimed at the small dealers. He said that further the law originated in an attack on one groceryman, Ben A. Belamy, but that the smaller groceries had been made the "goat" in the case. More than 12,000 residents at P. M. signed the petition for the referendum.

D. C. Lewis spoke for the annexation of St. Johns to Portland.

LOOP EXCURSIONS NEAR 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.

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Charge Purchases Made Today and Remainder of Month Go on Your June Acct., Payable July 1. Manicuring and Hair Dressing Parlors on Second Floor—Sporting Goods on the Fourth Floor

SAVE 25% Stamps. The Premiums you get are the same goods you would like to buy and they cost you absolutely NOTHING! Olds, Wortman & King. Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods. Pacific Phone Marshall 4800 Home Phone A 6231

Department "Competitive SALE" Managers' And Annual June White Sale. All White Goods Reduced With the Exception of a Few Restricted Lines—Watch Our Ads Daily for Unusual Savings on Seasonable and Wanted Merchandise of All Kinds

\$1.50 Silk & Wool Poppins \$1.19. Black, White and Wanted Colors. Department, Main Floor—Beautiful silk-and-wool Poppins—one of the season's most desirable fabrics for dresses and Summer suits at an extraordinary low price for today's selling.

35c Veilings at 19c. Fitted Aprons 21c. Main Floor—Novelty Veilings at an extraordinary low price. Season's newest meshes, including filet, hexagon and fancy effects.

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!

\$5.00 Parasols Boys' \$15 Suits \$3.00 \$4.48. Main Floor—A hundred and fifty Parasols taken from our regular stock will be sold today at above price.

\$1.50 ENVELOPE 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.

\$22 Trunks 40c OWK Coffee \$14.95 26c. Department, Fourth Floor—Full-size Trunks, canvas-covered, 3-ply veneer, extra strong and built to withstand hard usage.

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.

50c Cushion Tops Now at 26c. Art Dept., Second Floor—Another great bargain offering for Thursday. Cushion Tops with plain backs. Attractive patterns stamped on good quality linen.

Rich Cut Glass. \$1.25 Cut Glass Vases now at 98c. \$2.75 Cut Glass Vases today \$2.19. \$4.00 Cut Glass Vases today \$3.15.

Dinnerware. Semi-Porcelain, Austrian and French China reduced for today: 42-Piece White Semi- \$2.15. Porcelain Dinner Set \$2.15.

Nickel-Plated Ware at Sale Prices. \$1.50 Round Casseroles at \$1.20. \$2.25 Oval Casseroles, for \$1.80.

O'Cedar Polish Mops, \$1 & \$1.25. Two Styles—Round or Triangular. Third Floor—O'Cedar Mops and Polish are a boon to every woman who does the housework.

Booze-Soaked Husbands. The Chicago Tribune editorially says: "A man cannot expect to soak his constitution in alcohol, to ruin his physique by liquor and have healthy children."

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WELSER WOMAN BURIED. WEISER, Idaho, May 25.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Anderson, who died Monday after a long illness, was held today from the Christian Church, with interment in Weiser cemetery.

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