

METER ARGUMENTS FINANCIAL PUZZLE

Paying of Several Hundred Thousand Dollars Out of \$47,810 Is Proposed.

RATE CUT ALSO PROMISED

Opponents of Mr. Daly's Scheme Point Out Increase in Charges Is More Likely and Talk of Saving Is Ridiculous.

METER PROponents TELL HOW IT'S GOING TO BE DONE

Here is what the meter proponents say they will do with the \$47,810, which will be the aggregate amount available at present water rates and with the reduction in cost of operation which they say is possible with a city-wide meter system.

The present city water rates will bring in during this year just exactly \$7,810 more than is required to operate the water bureau.

It will be a magnificent exhibition of high finance. It will require some mathematical skill to make this \$47,810 meet several hundred thousand dollars' worth of bills.

Still the meter proponents continue to harp on the possibility of reduced water rates.

Those who have studied the meter situation declare that rates would have to be increased and certainly they could never be reduced.

It is contended by the anti-meter people that the cost of meter reading on the same basis as the cost to the Portland Gas & Coke Company and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will increase the water bureau operation costs not less than \$10,000 above what they are, rather than reducing them that much.

16 Readers Would Be Needed.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company would need a month to read each of its meters. The Portland water bureau at present pays a like sum, having four meter readers to read 14,000 meters. At this rate 16 readers would be necessary to read 57,000 meters.

A ridiculous argument is that of reduced water rates with meters. With the present flat rate system it was

WHENCE WILL METER MONEY COME?

Here is the indisputable mathematical problem involved in the city-wide water meter system, and conclusively refuting the argument that Portland may get cheaper water if all services are metered.

Fixed unalterable yearly cost of paying interest on and redemption of outstanding water bonds \$456,640

Cost of water bureau operation yearly (salaries and supplies included, including new mains) 255,500

Total cost for year \$712,190

Greatest amount Mr. Daly's claims can be saved in operation with meter system 10,000

Cost of operation on basis of Mr. Daly's estimated reduced water rates with meters \$702,190

Entire revenue of water bureau for a year at present rates 758,000

Total available surplus for a year \$47,810

Average annual cost of city-wide meter system \$100,000

cents. Among their purchases were a span of fine blacks. When the farmer went to deliver them he met with an explanation.

ANNEXATION IS FAVORED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD AGREES WITH ST. JOHNS.

Members Urged to Support Proposition on Ballot to Grant Request of Suburb to Come Into City.

Taking the recent vote of the people of St. Johns as a request for annexation to the City of Portland, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday concluded a careful investigation of the finances of the peninsula city, its population and the possible advantages to accrue to both city organizations, and by unanimous vote recommended that the influence of the near 5000 members of the Chamber be asked in support of the annexation proposition, which will be decided at the June election.

St. Johns has already voted on annexation, a majority of 332 votes out of a total of 439 being given in favor of the proposition.

"Under these conditions, the people of Portland cannot be accused of forcing annexation on the people of St. Johns," said President C. C. Coit at the conclusion of the meeting.

"Four miles will be added to the city of Portland, and Portland is gaining a territory that is absolutely self-supporting."

"There can be no question as to the future value of the St. Johns section of the peninsula in the development of manufacturing."

RAILROAD MAN IS VISITOR

Delaware & Western Official Optimistic Over Trade Outlook.

P. J. Flynn, vice-president of the Delaware & Western Railroad, visited Portland yesterday and was entertained by local railroad officials. He was accompanied by members of his family. They are returning home from San Francisco, where they saw the World's Fair.

JAMES LUGG PASSES AWAY

Veteran Oddfellow's Funeral Will Be Held This Afternoon.

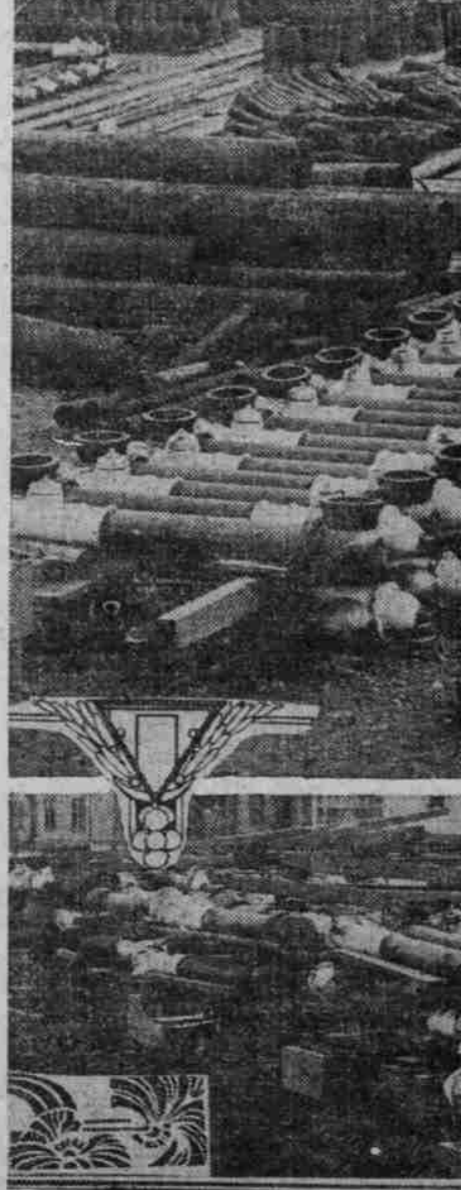
James Lugg, resident of Portland since 1880, died at his home, 515 Bacon street, Wednesday, Mr. Lugg is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sophie Lugg, and a daughter, Mrs. Max M. Smith. Mr. Lugg was born in Cornwall, England, in 1841.

Mr. Lugg recently received the veteran jewel for 25 years continuous membership in the Oddfellows.

Funeral services will be held at the chapel of Dunning & Co., 414 East Alder street, at 2 o'clock today and will be in charge of the Oddfellows.

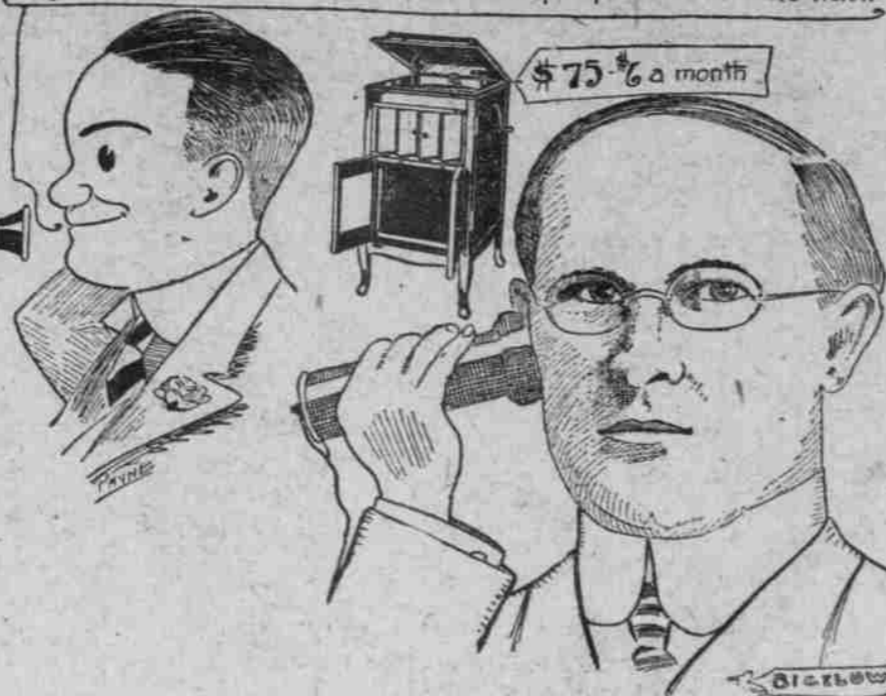
Rev. H. Schuknecht, pastor of the First German Evangelical Church, will preach the sermon. Services at the Mount Scott Crematorium will be private.

SOME OF CITY'S SUPPLY OF FIRE HYDRANTS WHICH STAND UNUSED WHILE MANY DISTRICTS LACK PROTECTION.



HYDRANTS PILED ON ST. ORANGE YARD AT EAST SEVENTH AND EAST ALDER STREETS.

Do not let the campaign cause you to forget the "Leader A" gramophone at the Columbia Graphophone Co. 429 Wash.



"Leader A" is Bill Spivens' new discovery, and he is interested in letting his friends know that it is only \$75, with the monthly payments of \$6. Call up the Columbia Graphophone Co., 429-431 Washington street, and order one on three days' free trial.

HYDRANTS PILED UP

Hundreds in Storeyard, but None Are Installed.

FIRE PROTECTION DENIED

Laying of Mains Continues, but Mr. Daly Is Making "Saving" While Citizens Protest Against Endangering Property.

Hundreds of fire hydrants, worth thousands of dollars, have been stacked up in piles in the water bureau store yard at East Seventh and East Alder streets for more than six months, while the water bureau, under the new policy of Commissioner Daly, has proceeded with the construction of new mains without installing hydrants for fire protection.

As a result of the anti-fire protection policy many districts, some well settled, are without fire protection, although the city has gone to the expense of purchasing hydrants and constructing new mains costing many thousands of dollars.

Not since last November has one of the hydrants been hauled out of the store yard and connected up to a main for fire protection. Miles of mains have been constructed at the usual cost, hydrants have been purchased at the usual cost, yet the mains are only giving half of their intended service, for they furnish no fire protection.

At the end of the present year there will appear in the report of Commissioner Daly an item of possibly \$40,000 which will be under the heading "saving in the water bureau." This will be the fire hydrants. The "saving" will be at the sacrifice of fire protection in many districts of the city.

Prior to last November the water bureau, when constructing mains, always put in the fire hydrants at points designated by the fire bureau. The hydrants were installed at the rate of more than 500 a year.

Sacrifice of fire protection so that a showing of economy might be made in the water bureau is a policy which already has caused a storm of protest. Delegations from various districts have appeared and plan to appear before the Council to insist on the installation of the hydrants. The cost will be much greater now than it would if the hydrants had been installed when the mains were constructed.

Rain Shortens Berry Crop.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 27.—(Special).—This week begins the daily carload shipments of strawberries.

24 PAWN BROKERS HELD

Charge Is Failure to Report Articles Received Daily.

On a charge of violating a city ordinance in failing to report to police headquarters each day the various articles received, 24 pawnbrokers were arrested yesterday and will be tried in Municipal Court today.

Those arrested were A. Rosenberg, 8 North Fourth street; Sol Matus, 26 North Third street; Joe Tenen, 30 North Third street; H. Goldstein, 49 1/2 North Third street; L. Gross, 68 North Third street; S. Wolf, 81 North Third street; A. Weinberg, 52 Third street; L. Savaransky, 29 North Second street; S. Kasahira, 267 1/2 Everett street; H. Benjamin, 89 North Third street; L. Fox, 8 1/2 North Third street; M. Fox, 32 1/2 Third street; Joe Fisher, 8 1/2 North Second street; Louis Seltzer, 1 Goldberg, 235 First street; J. Levy, 3 Broad, 223 Front street; I. N. Barde, 240 Front street; J. H. Bader, 243 Front street; J. Perkel, 259 First street; M. Rein, 206 Jefferson street; Dave Semerowsky, 265 Front street; M. Wilimitsky, 210 1/2 Madison street; J. Perkel, 303 First street.

CITY TO BUY AERIAL TRUCK

Bids for New Apparatus Opened by City Purchasing Agent.

The Portland Fire Bureau is to have another motor aerial truck similar to the long white one now in service at headquarters station. Bids were opened by Municipal Purchasing Agent Wood yesterday for the machine.

It will have an automatic 85-foot suspension ladder and will be virtually the same as the present truck. The bids as received were as follows: A. G. Long, for American La France machine, \$12,500 for one type and \$11,950 for another; F. C. Riggs, for Boyd & Brothers, \$11,700; Gorham Fire Apparatus Company, for the Seagrave Company, \$12,400. The last named company made bids on two tractor-driven aerial trucks. One bid was \$10,750 and the other \$10,400 for these types of machines.

TRAFFIC MANAGER LEAVES

W. D. Skinner, of North Bank, to Confer With Officials at St. Paul.

W. D. Skinner, traffic manager for the North Bank Railroad, has left for St. Paul, where he will confer with traffic officials of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern on prospective business for the next few months.

It is proposed, also, to co-operate with the Eastern lines in an effort to secure additional passenger business.

Advertisement for Hart Schaffner & Marx. The Name Stands for Economy. See Varsity Fifty Five at \$20 and \$25. The most economical clothes to wear; wear longer, hold the shape better, made better and fit better. They're different, more exclusive; made for the conservative or extreme dresser. They're the all wool or silk and wool quality. A choice range of beautiful patterns to select from. We have them from \$18 to \$35. Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co. The Men's Shop for Quality and Service. Northwest Corner Third and Morrison Sts.

MILK COMMISSION NAMED

Dr. K. A. J. MacKenzie, Marcellus and Mack Will Issue Dairy Certificates.

Dr. K. A. J. MacKenzie, president of the City and County Medical Association; Dr. M. B. Marcellus, City Health Officer, and Dr. D. W. Mack, chief of the city's bureau of milk inspection, are to be Portland's Medical Milk Commission, to have charge of the certificates of dairies on the basis of purity.

The members of the Commission were appointed yesterday by Mayor Albee. The new body was created by the City Council Wednesday. The purpose of the body is to examine the quality of milk and the sanitary conditions at dairies seeking certification.

SENATOR CUMMINS COMING

Possible Republican Candidate for President to Visit Here.

United States Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, is expected to visit Portland early next week and will be entertained while here by former Iowans now residing here and by some of the civic organizations.

Senator Cummins has just returned from San Francisco, on his way from Hawaii, which territory he visited recently in company with a large party of Senators and Representatives. In a recent communication to A. W. Lafferty, ex-Representative in Congress from Portland, he expressed his intention of coming here on his way East.

Senator Cummins is considered a possible choice of the Republican party for

3 Days' Outing for \$3 Tillamook Seashore Resorts Decoration Day, May 31st. ACCOUNT. Leave Portland on morning or afternoon train, spend Saturday afternoon, all day Sunday and up to late Monday, Decoration Day, on the beach or fishing in the Salmonberry or Nehalem. Season round-trip fares to Tillamook Seashore Resorts on sale daily on and after May 29.

New Week-End Trains Portland and Tillamook. Between. Beginning next Saturday, May 29, week-end trains will leave Portland Union Depot at 1:40 P. M.; East Morrison street 1:47 P. M. Arrive beach points in time for dinner. RETURNING. Train will leave Tillamook Monday (Decoration day) at 4:30 P. M., arrive Portland 10:40 P. M.

Special Week-End Fares. To Newport and to all Willamette Valley points on Saturday and Sunday. Good returning Monday. Season round-trip tickets to Newport on sale daily on and after May 29.

Special Loop Excursions SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY. Special Loop Trains will run to McMinnville and return on the above dates, going via "West Side" and Forest Grove, returning via "East Side" and "Newberg." \$1.60 Round Trip. Spend the Day at Lake Grove (Oswego Lake) 35c Round Trip. Call at City Ticket Office, 80 6th St., Corner Oak; 4th and Yamhill Sts.; East Morrison-Street Depot or Union Depot. SOUTHERN PACIFIC. John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

Perfect Fitting of GLASSES. is brought about by perfect eye examinations and accurate grinding of lenses properly adjusted. Such can only be had by experience. Come in and you will learn why we fit so many glasses and have so many satisfied customers. NO CHARGE FOR CONSULTATION. Here Are Some of My Prices: Lenses Sphero in Gold-filled frame \$3.50. Lenses Sphero (curved) in G. E. Glass Mtg. \$5.00. Kryptok Lenses \$8.00 to \$15.00. STAPLES, The Jeweler Optician 162 First Street Near Morrison, Portland, Or.

YOUR DUTY TO DRINKING MEN. IF CREATED "IMMUNE" from the poison of alcoholic liquors show your THANKFULNESS by advising and helping your susceptible brother to get the ANTIDOTE at the head Neal Institute. The Neal treatment acts as an antidote for this poison, eliminates it from the system, creates a loathing for liquor or drugs and restores normal conditions, at home or in a hospital, in a few days. Call or address Neal Institute, corner College street and Broadway, Marshfield 2100. 60 Neal Institutes in principal cities.

WOMEN WHO ARE ALWAYS TIRED. May Find Help in This Letter. Swan Creek, Mich.—"I cannot speak too highly of your medicine. When through neglect or overwork I get run down and my appetite is poor and I have that weak, languid, always tired feeling, I get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it builds me up, gives me strength, and restores me to perfect health again. It is truly a great blessing to women, and I cannot speak too highly of it. I take pleasure in recommending it to others."—Mrs. ANNIE CAMERON, R.F.D., No. 1, Swan Creek, Michigan. Another Sufferer Relieved. Hebron, Me.—"Before taking your remedies I was all run down, discouraged and had female weakness. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and used the Sensitive Wash, and find today that I am an entirely new woman, ready and willing to do my household work now, where before taking your medicine it was a dread. I try to impress upon the minds of all ailing women I meet the benefits they can derive from your medicines."—Mrs. CHARLES ROWE, Kennebago, Maine.

A REMEDY FOR BRONCHIAL COLDS. Philadelphia Man Tells How He Treated a Severe Case With Vinol and the Successful Result. Philadelphia, Pa.—"Last Fall I was troubled with a very severe bronchial cold with very bad effects from it, headaches, hiccups, and sick to my stomach. I was so bad I became alarmed and tried several medicines, also a doctor, but did not get any relief. One of the men where I am employed asked me to try Vinol, saying it cured his worst colds. I did so, and in a very short time received the relief which I craved. Now I am enjoying perfect health, and recommend Vinol to be all that is claimed for it."—Jack C. Singleton, Philadelphia, Pa. When we tell you that Vinol is the best remedy in all our large stock for chronic colds, coughs and bronchitis there is no excuse for letting a cough or cold hang on for months and even years. It is the curative, medicinal elements of the cod's liver, combined with blood making and strengthening properties of tonic iron contained in Vinol which makes it so successful in removing chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis, after other medicines fail. Try a bottle of Vinol with the understanding your money will be returned if it fails to help you. The Owl Drug Co., Portland, Oregon, and at leading drug stores everywhere.

Germans Reason Differently Regarding Sales to French.

One Linn Farmer Refuses to Ratify Horse Trade, but Another Thinks His Countrymen Will Benefit, and Both Are "Neutral."

NEUTRALITY can be maintained in various ways and it is hard sometimes to tell just who is neutral, as "Jack" O'Neill, traveling salesman, agent for the O.-W. R. & N. Company, observed last week.

Mr. O'Neill attended the horse auction at Albany and saw some valuable stock disposed of by the Linn County farmers. Among the most active and most successful bidders were the foreigner with pronounced French accent.