

METERS, DAILY SALES REINFORCING MAINS WOULD BE NEEDED TWO YEARS HENCE, IN SPITE OF OUTLAY NOW.

"ECONOMY" PLAN PUZZLES COMMISSIONER AND ENGINEERS CONFESS MEASURES COULD HOLD OFF BUILDING OF LARGER TRUNK LINES BUT FOR SHORT PERIOD.

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MR. DALY ADMITS BIGGER MAINS ESSENTIAL NECESSITY.

Commissioner Daly says that districts are both by low water pressure on summer evenings. Reinforcing mains, he says, are needed for these districts. He places his opinion upon advice of Water Engineer Clark. Mr. Clark says water meters curtail and restrict and if meters are installed they will hold off the construction of these reinforcements for possibly a few years.

SCHOOL EXERCISES HELD PARADE FEATURE OF COMMENCEMENT AT PRINEVILLE.

Business Houses Closed, Afternoon Devoted to Field Sports, Night to Oratorical Contest. PRINEVILLE, Or., May 28.—(Special.) Commencement exercises of the Crook County schools were held at Prineville Wednesday.

REINFORCEMENTS ADMITTED NEED. USING THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT'S OWN FUND.

Using the water treatment plant's own funds the water meter system involves an average annual outlay of \$100,000 for each year during the first 15 years, and a larger amount after that.

PLAN AT BEST ONLY TEMPORARY. ADMITS THAT METERS AT BEST ARE A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT.

He admits that meters at best are a temporary expedient. He says that the chief water engineer, by Edwin A. Taylor, another engineer in the Water Bureau, and by others familiar with the subject.

SHIP AFIRE FOR 70 HOURS PENNSYLVANIAN SAVED AFTER 40 MEN ARE OVERCOME AT BALBOA.

Information from San Francisco bearing on a fire that broke out aboard the American-Hawaiian liner Pennsylvania when two hours away from Balboa, that it started from a broken union in a fuel oil pipe leading to the boilers and it burned for 70 hours.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

- Births. WERTZ—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wertz, 1212 1/2 N. 10th street, May 27. ANDERSON—To Mr. and Mrs. David C. Anderson, 584 East Madison street, May 27. GRAY—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Gray, 417 1/2 N. 10th street, May 27. BIRGAN—To Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Morgan, 1078 Harrison street, May 18, a son. WERTZ—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wertz, 1212 1/2 N. 10th street, May 27. ROBERTS—To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roberts, 1078 Harrison street, May 27. MATZ—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Matz, 324 1/2 N. 10th street, May 27. REINHARDT—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Reinhardt, 703 Clatsop street, May 20, a son. HALL—To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall, 600 East Morrison street, May 22, a daughter. Marriage Licenses. WITTMER-DRESSLER—Frances Josephine Wittmer, 301 1/2 N. 10th street, and Margaret Dressler, legal, 437 Fort-fifth street. BROWN-WINTER—Earl Brown, legal, Pittsburg, Pa., and Bessie E. Winter, legal, Leoda, Oregon. DIER-JONES—W. R. Dier, 24, 5125 seventh street, and W. R. Jones, 20, 724 1/2 Duff-fourth street. STANLEY-GRIFFIN—John Willis Stanley, legal, 223 Nineteenth street, and Emma K. Griffin, legal, same address.

PORTLAND-MILWAUKEE WATER COMPARISON OF METER ADVOCATES GROSSLY DECEPTIVE.

Household consumers of water in Milwaukee pay 6 cents per 1000 gallons. Those of Portland pay 12 cents per 1000 gallons. In Milwaukee all are metered; in Portland few are metered.

This comparison with Milwaukee is grossly false and deceptive. It does not belong to this controversy in Portland; has no bearing on it whatever. It would be just as reasonable to assert that water in Portland would cost less than in Milwaukee because the annual rainfall here is 50 per cent more copious than there.

The real reason for low water rates in Milwaukee is that that city has a water debt of only \$290,000. (This figure from the New Financial Chronicle, one of the leading financial magazines in the United States), while Portland has a water debt of \$7,044,000.

Interest on this big water debt of Portland costs water consumers \$215,100 a year; sinking fund, \$140,880; total, \$355,980. This total fixed charge in 1915 will amount to 57 per cent of the estimated revenue of the water department—\$780,000. Last year the total revenue was \$850,000.

If this fixed charge—\$456,840—could be eliminated—as Milwaukee practically has done—Portland's water rate could be reduced to 6 cents per 1000 gallons, or less.

But the only way to eliminate this big debt is to pay it, and payment will take a long time. By no political sleight-of-hand will Mr. Daly accomplish this. But that is the only way for him to put Portland on an equal level with Milwaukee for cheap water rates.

Operation of the Portland water department, additional to interest and sinking fund costs \$255,000 a year for salaries and supplies (not for new construction).

It will be evident to any reasonable person that comparison with Milwaukee is absurd and that no scheme further to cheapen rates in Portland or reduce the total water rate.

The only way to cheapen water rates is to wipe out the water debt. If meters can do that, they can reduce water bills. This is absurd. Every thinking business man knows better.

Let us get away from Mr. Daly's water supply down to hard common sense. We now have meters for big consumers—which is right. We should keep the flat rate for average household consumers. A few such households may use a little more water than their share, but the time will prevail, the city will be no loser and water will be abundant for all.

The policy should be: Flat rate for the small dwelling; meter for the big house and for every big consumer. This will accomplish mutual satisfaction and be sound public policy.

But why is there so much abundant for the community of average householders and is running to waste, why meter it?

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The Northwest Pacific is said to control the company, although it does not own all of the stock. In California the company is controlled by the Portland and Port Costa. The Commission has ruled that oil cannot be transported from those places to Portland and other Northwest ports, but the company is free to continue the Alaskan and Hawaiian Island deliveries.

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STEAMER COALS RAPIDLY

Fuel Available Here and Vessels Can Save Northern Trip.

Between 8 o'clock Wednesday night and 3:45 o'clock Thursday morning 500 tons of coal went aboard the Japanese steamer Maru Maru. The coal was trimmed, says A. L. Stephens, manager of the Pacific Coast Coal Company, and the ship was ready to sail by street, who asserts that the vessel will be bunkered at Portland as rapidly and satisfactorily as at other ports.

Regarding the price of coal at Portland, Stephens says that this company is prepared to furnish fuel to vessels in amounts up to several hundred tons, but he would not make it an object to bunker here rather than go to northern ports for coal when bound from Portland to Pacific ports or via the Panama Canal, as the vessel Maru Maru Stephens says that faster dispatch could have been given but for the fact the vessel had a 5 degree list, and in this peculiar case the vessel could not be bunkered before she sailed, so she would be on an even keel.

WATER BARRELS ARE STOLEN

Harbor Police Recover Fire Equipment of North Pacific Mill.

Strenuous labor on the part of the fire department of the North Pacific Company in painting 12 large barrels and carefully preparing them for the storage of water to be used for fire control in the mill at Astoria, today was interrupted by the theft of a barrel, for a few nights ago unknown persons invaded the mill premises and loaded them into a wagon.

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NEHALEM LEAVES IDLE LIST

Stetson Loads Next Week and Temple E. Dorr May Follow Soon.

Members of a crew selected for the steamer Nebalem, of the Hicks-Hauptman fleet, which has been laid up at St. Helens since early in December, are to arrive aboard the steamer Multnomah, which is to be immediately begun getting the vessel shipshape again and she is to resume service June 4 between Portland and California ports.

F. N. PLAMONDON VISITOR

Man Who Attended Funeral Makes Trip to Dr. McLoughlin's Grave.

F. N. Plamondon, of Woodland, Wash., said to be the only man now living who attended the funeral of Dr. John McLoughlin, passed through Portland yesterday on his way to Oregon City to visit the grave of Dr. McLoughlin.

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