

METERS TO ADD TO BUREAU'S EXPENSE

Reduction of Charges Imposable, Figures Indicate, Under Mr. Daly's Plan.

BENEFITS WOULD BE LOST

Chance to Get Cheaper Water as Debt Decreases Would Be Taken Away and Money Handled to Eastern Factories.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY SELLWOOD BOARD OF
Resolved, That it is the sentiment of the Sellwood Board of Trade, assembled in the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. building June 1, that the proposed general metering of the homes of Portland is premature and wholly unnecessary at this time, in view of the large surplus of water now going to waste through the sewers and in view of the heavy installation cost and maintenance contemplated for the following year. The estimate includes all costs, including salaries, bond interest charges and payments to bond sinking funds.

Each year the City Water Bureau makes a complete estimate of all the expenditures contemplated for the following year. The estimate includes all costs, including salaries, bond interest charges and payments to bond sinking funds.

Water rates then are made so that they will bring in just sufficient to cover from the water users to make it possible for the Water Bureau to meet its expenditures.

If the voters favor the city-wide water-meter plan at the election Monday, sooner or later there will be included in the budget estimates items totaling \$250,000 for the meter purchase and installation of a meter system, \$25,000 additional each year for meters on new services, \$17,000 a year for meter reading, an uncertain amount for additional bookkeeping and a big annual amount for the repair of meters.

Schedule to be increased.
These big amounts will be hooked onto the present schedule of expenditures upon which the water rates are based. The schedule now includes such items as \$450,000 for interest on sinking fund on bonds each year and \$255,000 for salaries and supplies (not including new mains).

How is there any possibility of water rate reduction? How can the Water Bureau add great amounts to its annual bill, while at the same time decrease its rates? Where would the meter money come from?
On the other hand, consider the flat-rate situation it stands today. The Water Bureau, with the flat-rate system, was able to reduce rates last December. That reduction came when the Water Bureau was making its maximum payments upon its bonded debt of over \$7,000,000.

Debt to get lighter.
The burden of the debt will get lighter from now on by the redemption of outstanding bonds as they fall due. A total of \$2,200,000 of them will be wiped out the end of next year. A total of \$2,200,000 of them will be wiped out in 1923.

In the natural course of events the water users should get the advantage of the reduction in the annual expenditures by reason of the redemption of these bonds. It will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars and would mean a big cut in water rates.

But Commissioner Daly proposes to use the money to buy meters from the Eastern factories. He proposes to put meters on every house in Portland, whether a meter is needed or not. He proposes to add to the investment in the water system where no investment is necessary. There are but few sections of the city where there is any

TROUBLES WITH METER PROVE ENDLESS.

The expenses of Mrs. F. H. West, of 59 North Twenty-third street, are given herewith for the benefit of those who contemplate voting on Monday. During the summer Daly's city-wide water meter scheme and its accoutrements of meter readers, bookkeepers and inspectors.

Although there has been absolutely no change in her service since 1912 except the removal of two water taps, Mrs. West's water bill has gone up by leaps and bounds. During the summer of 1912 her total bill for 12 months was \$55.90. During the 12 months of 1913 her bill was \$67.49, and during the 12 months of 1914 her bill was \$88.69. In May, 1915, she received a bill of \$10 for water. The next month she got a bill of \$2.40. There was absolutely no change in the service and there is no reason why there should have been more than a few cents difference in the bill in either direction. She says she has endless trouble with a meter.

HUMANITY FIRST.

If Ordinance 110 carries and the Council enters into a contract with the Humane Society, the unfortunate dog, horse or cat will be treated in a humane way. Why not give them a chance? Vote 110 yes.

Methodist Body to Meet.

Following the action of the official boards of seven of the Methodist Episcopal churches of the city in petitioning Bishop R. J. Cooke to reopen the old Taylor-street Church, a meeting of the Portland Methodist Episcopal Church official board has been called for tonight, at which a discussion of the matter will be taken up. The official boards of the petitioning churches have been invited to be present.

GIRLS WHO WILL ENTERTAIN SHATTUCK SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TODAY.



George L. Baker, Commissioner Bigelow and probably other candidates will be speakers at a meeting of the Shattuck School Parent-Teacher Association, held in the school, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Shattuck School is on Harrison street, between Fifth and Sixth.

FINANCE IS PUZZLE

Garbage Plan Not Clear on Important Point.

INTEREST IS ADDED COST

Installation of Municipal Collection Will Demand \$75,000 Besides Annual Expense—Next Year More Funds Will Be Needed.

SOME LIGHT ON THE GARBAGE COLLECTION PLAN.
Limit of taxation in Portland allowed by city charter 8 mills
Amount raised by 1 mill of taxation \$300,000
Tax levy for 1915 after 1 mill of taxation 7.5 mills
Estimated cost of operating garbage collection system \$150,000
The \$150,000 for garbage collection at general tax expense would require a levy of 1 mill. This, added to the present 7 1/2 mills levy, would bring the total levy to 8 1/2 mills.

Just how the City Council can provide funds for the operation of a municipal garbage collection system, as proposed in a measure to be voted upon Monday, without boosting the city's tax levy beyond the constitutional limit provided by the city charter, is a puzzle which those who are familiar with the city's financial condition have been unable to solve.

It has been estimated that the cost of a garbage system as proposed will be about \$150,000 a year. In addition there will be the interest on an issue of \$75,000 in bonds to be sold to raise the money to purchase equipment for the municipal collection system.

The city charter provides that the limit of taxation in Portland shall be 8 mills. The present levy is 7 1/2 mills. One mill of taxation raises a total of \$300,000. This means that to raise \$150,000 for the garbage collection levy of one-half of 1 mill would be necessary. This would increase Portland's tax levy to 8 mills, or the limit to which the city can go under the charter.

The tax levy for the present year was based upon a budget of proposed expenditures which were within the limit. The City Council trimmed the budget just as much as it could be trimmed, but the 1915 tax levy down to bedrock.

Next year the city will have to raise additional funds to make up for the loss of liquor license revenue due to prohibition and the knocking out of saloon license fees. This will make a big difference.

The plan originated with Deputy District Attorney Deich, one of the members of the Oregon League, composed of friends of Mr. Adams, who organized and distributed them without organization are: Dr. East Smith, chairman; Richard Deich, A. W. Orton, Dr. Walter J. Larson, Joseph G. Richardson, A. W. Hinch, C. W. Higgins, A. L. Dundas and G. A. Johnson.

Theatrical friends and associates of George L. Baker, organized as a branch of the Baker Booster Club, announces a show interspersed with two or three short speeches, to be given at the Baker Theater on Saturday night. Tickets for the show are being arranged for, with the assurance that several good acts will be given. The speakers will be announced later. The theatrical people have been anxious to compliment Mr. Baker in some way in the campaign, and hit upon the plan of combining a real show with a little political talk.

has been gone under the Commission form of government since he took office, at a meeting tonight in the Rose City skating rink, East First and Morrison streets. In the afternoon he will talk at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Shattuck School in the school building, with several other candidates. Mr. Bigelow spoke yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. Allen Harrison, East Thirty-ninth avenue, and Friday, fourth street, and at the home of Ira Routledge, 870 Belmont street.

Friends of Dr. George Parrish, candidate for City Commissioner, have organized for personal campaign work in the remaining three days before the election. They got out early in the morning and quit late at night, and before Sunday expect to cover the entire city. Count Semovsky, one of those betting on Dr. Parrish, has placed one bet that he will beat Commissioner Brewster.

One outstanding feature in an otherwise almost featureless campaign for the election of two City Commissioners has been the remarkable interest in strength shown by William Adams. This gain, which is so apparent, that it has been commented on widely is reflected in the betting. Where Mr. Adams a couple of weeks ago was quoted in the odds as a probable third or fourth, in the last few days he has come up to a strong second place, while Commissioner Bigelow has dropped to third. Several new bets were placed on Mr. Adams yesterday to run second, and it was practically impossible to find an applicant for an appointment for better than third. The bettors who for the most part are of the professional type men who figure on reducing the element of chance to a minimum before they place their money, seem to regard Baker and Adams as the winners.

In these trying times a city job doesn't go begging long. Already one enterprising applicant has made a formal application for appointment as City Treasurer, evidently on the theory that if William Adams is elected Commissioner he won't be City Treasurer any more and that if he isn't elected he won't be treasurer, either. Maynard Redmond, assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank, is the applicant. He gave his application to Commissioner Deich, who will refer it to the Council.

C. W. Cooper, candidate for City Commissioner is conducting a personal campaign through the city. He has many friends helping him in the work interviewing voters.

George L. Baker, in addition to much personal work in speaking at public meetings in the closing days of the campaign. Last night he spoke at Hill's Hall in Russell street, and at noon he addressed the Citizens' Club at Wall's Hall in Sellwood, another at the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, and still another at Belmont street. Modern Woodmen of America in the Manchester building, by special invitation.

Among the prominent women voters supporting the campaign of Commissioner Brewster for re-election are: Mrs. T. G. Greene, Mrs. George M. Welter, Mrs. E. Benedict, Mrs. June Nissen, Mrs. J. G. Gault, Mrs. C. E. Lent and Mrs. C. L. Gezell, the two latter being residents of the Lents district.

George W. Caldwell, candidate for School Director at the school election of June 13, which is 12 days after the city election, addressed a large meeting of fathers and mothers of school children and others interested in school work in one of the school houses in Capitol Hill last night.

For three years the people of Capitol Hill have had no permanent school house, said Mr. Lockwood. "They have had only portable schoolrooms, and it requires three of these to care for the children. The facilities are altogether inadequate. What is paid for a single room in one of our fine city schools would build them a whole school house with an assembly hall, which would be a great benefit to the community."

Only three more working days are left before the city election, and this counts Sunday as a working day. The city election is next Monday, June 7. The polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock at night.

Many voters of the South End have organized and appointed a committee, consisting of J. C. Smith, C. H. Feldman and Joseph Shank, to get speakers to address them on the issues to be decided at the municipal election. They have engaged Gevurtz Hall, Front street, near Gibbs, for tonight, and Commissioner Bigelow and George L. Baker will speak at the meeting.

Commissioner Brewster, addressing a meeting at the North Portland Branch Library Monday night, said that while the city is spending more money on parks, streets and fire and police protection, the tax levy for the year is two-tenths of a mill less than for either 1913 or 1914. The decrease in the levy would have been larger, he asserted, if the revenue from liquor licenses had not fallen off greatly. He

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Every White Article Reduced Except a Few Restricted Lines
Double Stamps Today With Cash Purchases On Entire 2nd Floor

FRIDAY ECONOMY OFFERINGS

Extra Special Offering
Women's \$38.50 Suits
Special \$23.95

Garment Salons, Second Floor—No woman need be without a new Suit when she can select one of these handsome models at a saving of nearly one-half. And every garment in the assortment is from our regular stock of the best makes to be had. Many styles shown in the desirable belted-back effects, with plaited or full-flare skirts—also the smart, new, loose-back models, semi-fitted and novelty cuts. Skirts are shown mostly in plain styles, some trimmed with patch pockets or braids. The assortment is made up of the very best of this season's models—lines which have sold down to one or two of a kind. Materials used are principally coverts, homespuns, serges, chudda, crepe voiles and poplins. Every garment perfect in tailoring and authentic in style. Shown in black, gray, tan, navy, etc. Also in novelty stripes, checks and fancy mixtures. All sizes. Suits selling up to \$38.50. Special today at \$23.95

Double Stamps With Cash Purchases on Second Floor Today.

Embroideries at 1/2 Price
Lengths 1 1/4 to 3 Yards

Department, Main Floor—A thousand yards of these dainty Embroidery Flouncings to be sold today at just half regular prices. Fine, sheer swisses, organdies and voiles, with very newest designs. Lengths range from 1 1/4 yards up to 3 yards, and widths from 27 inches to 45 inches. A splendid opportunity to buy pretty Embroideries at HALF PRICE.

65c Neckwear 45c Curtain Goods
At 48c At 21c

Main Floor—Women's Vestees in many attractive styles of lace net and organdies. These are shown in white and cream. Many are trimmed with plaitings. New Oriental Collars also included in this lot. Grades which you are asked 65c for at other stores, 48c Your choice today at 48c

Bargain Circle, First Floor—A phenomenal opportunity for thrifty housewives to buy the needed draperies for bungalow or Summer cottage at less than half regular price. Daintiest of patterns in tatemines, marquisettes and voiles, in cream, white and ecru. 21c 45c Curtain goods at, yard

ENTIRE STOCK Men's Clothing Reduced



Men's Store, 1st Floor

All Suits Under \$20.00, Now \$12.50
\$25 Suits \$14.85—\$35 Suits \$26.45

Men's Store, Main Floor—DRESS UP FOR THE ROSE FESTIVAL!—We are going to make it easy for every man to look his best at small cost. Beginning today our entire stock of Men's Suits and Raincoats enter the June Sale at noteworthy reductions. Several of the best-known makes of Men's Clothing are represented, and the styles are strictly up to date. Smart mixtures, fancy worsteds, chevots, etc. BLUES and BLACKS are also included in this sale. A complete range of sizes for regulars, stouts and slims. Note the following reductions: All Suits selling up to \$20 on sale now \$12.50 Men's \$25.00 Suits on sale at \$18.75 Men's \$30.00 Suits on sale at \$22.50 Men's \$20.00 Suits on sale at \$14.85 Men's \$35.00 Suits on sale at \$26.25

Sale of Men's \$1.50 Shirts at \$1.15
Men's \$1.25 White Shirts 73c

Main Floor—These are the famous "Fifth-Avenue" make. Every Shirt guaranteed fast color. Made from soisettes, crepes and madras. Cut plenty full and shown in a splendid assortment of patterns and full line of sizes. Regular \$1.50 Men's \$1.25 White Shirts 73c Special today at \$1.15

Men's Sweaters 1/2 Price
Regular \$4.00 Grades \$2.00
Regular \$8.50 Grades \$4.25

Men's Store, Main Floor—Save half on that new Sweater for fishing, hunting, beach or mountain wear. All in the popular ruffneck styles, cut in full, generous sizes, splendid qualities. Colors, cardinal, oxford.

Men's \$4.00 Coat Sweaters on sale at \$2.00
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Men's \$5.00 Coat Sweaters on sale at \$2.50
Men's \$7.00 Coat Sweaters on sale at \$3.50
Men's \$7.50 Coat Sweaters on sale at \$3.75
Men's \$8.50 Coat Sweaters on sale at \$4.25
Boys' Regular \$5.00 Norfolk Suits on Special Sale Today at \$3.98

Men's 25c Hose at 19c the Pair

Main Floor—Men's Union Suits, made by the famous "Corwith" Mills. Elastic fabric. Short sleeves and knee length—sleeveless and knee length, or short sleeves and 3/4 length. Shown in white, in sizes from 34 up to 50. Standard \$1.25 quality. 79c Special today at, the suit 79c

Men's \$2.00 Straw Hats \$1.69

Main Floor—Soft Straws and Sailors in all the new shapes. Complete assortment of all sizes. Don't miss this chance to \$1.69 buy your Straw Hat at a saving. Regular \$2 kinds at \$1.69

Women's Knit Underwear Muslinwear Specials

Underpriced for TODAY
Center Circle, Main Floor—Women's Summer Underwear in the June White Sale at substantial savings. Come today and buy for the season. Women's Cotton and Lisle Vests in regular and outsizes, \$22c
Women's plain or mercerized Lisle Vests, Extra long styles, 31c
All sizes. Special today 31c
Women's fine Lisle Union Suits in sizes 34, 36 and 38. On 49c
Special sale today at only 49c
Women's fine Lisle Union Suits in sizes 40, 42 and 44. On 59c
Special sale today at only 59c
All-Silk and Lisle Knickerbockers and Vests at Greatly Reduced Prices.

1500 lbs. Glenwood Butter, 58c Square

attributed the result to increased efficiency by the Commission.
The following recommendations on measures on the ballot have been made by the Non-Partisan League: Water meter ordinance, No; ordinance prohibiting of groceries on Sunday, No; amendment authorizing reappointments in classified civil service to be made in order of original appointments, Yes; amendment authorizing \$75,000 in bonds for free collection of garbage, No; amendment providing for elimination of two or more grade crossings under one proceeding, Yes; amendment authorizing Council to turn management of city pound over to Humane Society, Yes; ordinance regulating license fees, Yes; amendment providing payments on bonded assessments shall be made semi-annually instead of annually, Yes; amendment providing that W. H. Whitcomb and C. D. Shane, retired firemen, may be beneficiaries under firemen's pension act, Yes; amendment providing for construction of fire stops along the harbor and assessing cost to benefited property, Yes; for annexation of St. Johns, Yes; for annexation of Linnton, No.

Jewett, president; J. A. Buchanan, vice-president; Carl Ohman, secretary, and W. T. Wright, treasurer. Committees were named to prepare bylaws, and to arrange the time and place for regular meetings. There are quite a number of past grads in Douglas County who already have joined the association.

Piling for One Pier Completed.
VANCOUVER, Wash., June 3.—(Special.)—The piling in pier No. 11, the first one constructed in the Columbia River interstate bridge, has been completed and the dredge moved one pier south on Hayden Island, where a hole in the caisson has been excavated, driven as close together as possible. The timbers are more than 100 feet long and are driven in the bottom of the excavation full length. The caisson structure will be erected.

Removes Hairy Growth Without Pain or Bothers
(Modes of Today)
It is not necessary to use a painful process to remove hairy growths, for with a little delicate handy you can keep the skin entirely free from these beauty destroyers. To remove hair, make a stiff paste with a little powdered gelatine and water. Spread this on the hairy surface and in about 2 minutes rub off, wash the skin and the hairs are gone. To guard against disappointment, be careful to get real gelatine.—Adv.

An Editorial

"Commissioner William L. Brewster has been the 'balance wheel' of the present Commission; has the respect of all his associates; is consulted by them on important matters of policy; is well acquainted with the city's needs; knows the different elements of the city's population; has been fearless in the execution of duties; has not hesitated to offend personal friends and supporters if he conceived it to be his duty; has played no politics; . . . is a man of broad human sympathies, in touch with sane and progressive ideas of social and economic reform, without being a visionary or a faddist; desires re-election and makes a safe, sane and sound Commissioner."

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