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Reduction of Charges Impossible, 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 Handed to Eastern Factories.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY SELLWOOD BOARD OF TRADE.

Resolved, That it is the senti-ment of the Sellwood Board of Trade, assembled in the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. building June I, 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 of water now going to waste through the sewers and in view of the heavy installation cost and maintenance cost afterwards, believing that the burdens of the people are sufficiently heavy at this time without being added to through the introduction of universal metering,

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 revenue from the water users to make it possible for the Water Bureau to meet Its expenditures,

the voters favor the city-wide water-meter scheme at the election Monday, sooner or later there will be included in the budget estimates items totaling \$352,000 for the initial 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 bookkeeing 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 expendi-tures upon which the water rates are based. The schedule now includes such items as \$456,000 interest and such items as ensure interest and sinking fund on bonds each year and \$255,990 for salaries and supplies (not

How is there any possibility of water rate reduction? How can the Water Bureau add great amounts to its annual expenditures and at the same time decrease its rates? Where would the meter money come from? On the other hand consider the fight.

On the other hand, consider the flat-rate situation as it stands today. The Water Bureau, with the flat-rate sys-tem, was able to reduce rates last December. That reduction came when the Water Bureau was making its maximum payments upon its horded maximum payments upon its bonded debt of over \$7,000,000.

Debt to Get Lighter. The burden of the bond debt will get lighter from now on by the re-demption of outstanding bonds as they fall due. A total of \$700,000 ef them will be wiped out the end of next year. A total of \$2,200,000 of them will be wiped out in 1923. To the neutral courses of events the

The \$150,000 for garbage col-lection at general inx expense would require a levy of ½ of 1 mill. This, added to the present 7½ mills levy, would bring the total levy to the constitutional limit of 8 mills.

ners. In these trying times a city job doesn't go begging long. Already one enterprising applicant has made a for-mal application for appointment as City Treasurer, evidently on the theory that if William Adams is elected Com-

In the natural course of events the water users should get the advantage of the reduction in the annual expendi-tures 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 experiences of Mrs. F. H.

Weist, of 69 North Twenty-third street, are given herewith for the benefit of those who contemplate voting on Monday for Commis-sioner Daly's city-wide water me-ter scheme and its accouterments of meter readers, bookkeepers

and inspectors. Although there has been absolutely no change in her serv-ice since 1912 except the removal of two water taps, Mrs. Weist's water bill has gone up by leaps and bounds each year. During 1912 her total bill for 12 months was \$55.90. During the 12 months of 1913 her bill was \$57.40, and was \$50.30. During the 12 months of 1913 her bill was \$67.40, and during the 12 months of 1914 her bill was \$88.60. In May, 1910, she received a bill of \$10 for wa-ter. 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 dither didifference in the bill in either di-rection. She says she has endless trouble with a meter.

trouble with low pressure during the hottest Summers. These troubles are due to small

mains. Replacing of these mains by larger pipes can be held off for a short time by meter installation, but as all the water engineers and Commissioner Daiy, too, admit, the larger mains will have to be built, anyway. So why not now, before the vast amounts are squandered on useless meters?

HUMANITY FIRST.

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

Paid ad. by Oregon Humane Society.

Just how the Clty Council can pro-vide funds for the operation of a mu-nicipal garbage collection system, as proposed in a measure to be voted upon Monday, without boosting the city's tax levy above the constitutional limit provided by the city charter, is a pus-zie which those who are familiar with the city's financial condition have been unable to solve. missioner he won't be City Treasure

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b about \$150,000 a year. In addition to much the about \$150,000 a year. In addition 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 short addressed the Retail Merchants' bureau and a meeting of automobile dealers. Mr. Baker made three short addresses on Wednesday, one at Wall's Hall in Sellwood, another at the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, its speaking of automobile dealers. Mr. Baker made three short addresses on Wednesday, one at Wall's Hall in Sellwood, another at the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, its speaking of still another at a meeting of Modern Woodmen of America in the Manchester building, by special invitation. the limit to which the city can go un+ tation.

der the charter. The tax levy for the present year was based upon a budget of proposed expenditures which were held down to the bone. The City Council trimmed the budget just as much as it could budget just as much as it could the budget just as much as it could budget just as much as it could the budget just as much as it could prohibition and the knocking out of along ifference. Adding to the bedrock levy of the present year, the item of revenue here: tofore accruing from the liquer budget agarbage collection system, the tax-payer will be obliged to dig up the highest tax ever levied for the city and will have to pay the highest tax permitted under the limitations of the curiosity since the first "18" button appeared several days ago. Inquirer, and there have been lots of them, are toid that the button stands for William Adams number on the ballot, and gu this method of impressing it on theirs of this method of impressing it on their the pression of the set oc are for the curios the duck of the pression it on the ballot, and gu the method of impressing it on their the pression of the set oc are for the curios the schoolrooms, and it requires three of these to care for the curios the method of impressing it on their the pression of the set of the set oc are for the der the charter. Among the prominent women voters

told that the button stands for William Adams' number on the ballot, and go away chuckling at the cleverness of this method of impressing it on their minds. The funny part of it is that Mr. Adams himself didn't know what the button stood for until he had asked a button-wearer. The plan originated with Deputy Dis-trict Attorney Deich one of the man

The plan originated with Deputy Dis-trict Attorney Deich, one of the mem-bers of the Oregon League, composed of friends of Mr. Adams, who organ-ized to work for him. They got 1000 dog, talling Mr. Adams. Members of the or-mane and distributed them without in the morning to 8 o'clock at night. Many voters of the South End have son, A. W. Hinch, C. W. Sigglin, A. L. Dundas and G. A. Johnson.

attributed the result to Ancreased ef-ficiency by the Commission.

The following recommendations on The following recommendations on measures on the ballot have been made by the Non-Partisan League: Water meter ordinance, No; ordinance prohib-iting 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 elimina-tion of two or more grade grossings

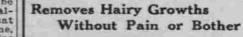
Men's \$4.50 Coat \$2.25 Sweaters on sale at \$2.25

Jewett, president; J. A. Buchanan, vicepresident; 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 grands in Douglas County who already have joined the association.

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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 com pleted and the dredge moved one plet



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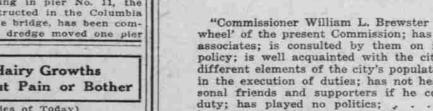
south on Hayden Island, where a hole son is practically filled with piling, for the caisson has been excavated. driven as close together as possible. The timbers are more than 100 feet When the river goes down the concrete long and are driven in the bottom of will be poured in and on this the steel the excavation full length. The cais- structure will be erected.



"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 same 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."

From an editorial in the "Oregon Voter," edited and published by C. C. Chapman.

(Paid Adv. Brewster Campaign Committee, 410 Falling Bidg.)





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