

DEBATE ON METERS

Commissioner Daly Argues With E. G. Hopson Over Issue Before Voters.

BOTH SIDES PRESENTED

Portland Realty Board and Guests Hear Water Problem Discussed and Method of Remedying Conditions is Considered.

Before a large number of members and guests of the Portland Realty Board in the Commercial Club building E. C. Hopson, ex-supervising engineer of the United States Reclamation Service, yesterday debated with City Commissioner Daly the question of a city-wide meter system for Portland, which is to be put on the ballot at the city election Monday.

Following is a condensed recitation of the arguments advanced by both speakers on the various phases of the question of water supply, distributing system and meters: Mr. Daly—Last summer the Bull Run River got down to 72-second feet, or a flow of 46,000,000 gallons a day. The maximum use of water in Portland in a day was 46,000,000 gallons or within 500,000 gallons of the flow of the Bull Run River. Portland consumes the great amount of water when the Bull Run flow is lowest.

Small Reservoir Suggested. Mr. Hopson—United States Government records show that Portland has an unlimited water supply. By little development at the headworks we can develop our supply until it will be 1500 before we would exhaust our capacity. Our pipelines now are twice as large as are needed. Government records show that except for three days in the Bull Run had no large enough to fill the two pipelines. A small reservoir at the headworks would have made up the two pipelines. But there is no need to fill the two pipelines because the city could not use the water. The city has a capacity as great as capacity as the consumption in Portland.

Waste Elimination Expected. Mr. Daly (in rebuttal)—We do not say that we have a shortage of water. But we do assert that with our present revenue we can pay our debts if you will let us do it. We are not stating meters will thereby eliminate the need of making expensive reinforcements of mains at this time. Meters increase the capacity of the city 25 to 40 per cent by cutting out waste. Mr. Hopson (in rebuttal)—Mr. Daly agrees that it is not a question of supply. Now the question is for reinforcing mains and headworks development Portland can get all the water it needs for 50 years. The mains that are too small have to be replaced. Nobody contends that small mains will do. Larger mains are necessary for fire protection. The city has estimated that all the undersized mains in the city can be replaced with mains from 6 to 12 inches in size for a total of \$947,557. These reinforcements have to be made for fire protection.

Water Repair Cost Discussed. Mr. Daly—Portland has 14,000 meters. The annual cost of repairs is 12.5 cents a year for each meter. Some of these meters are 20 years old. Mr. Hopson—I have the figures from the best of engineering records showing that the repair and maintenance cost of meters is 12 cents a year to the meter. This, of course, includes repair, depreciation, interest, reading, recording and all the other things applicable to maintenance. Of course, any one of these figures might be used without the others. It is not possible to tell the true story of the cost of meter maintenance. Mr. Daly—We want to reduce our bonded debt and to ask for 5000 meters to show what we can do. It is not to be at the expense of the taxpayers of the water user, but from the water fund at present rate.

Source of Revenue Reminded. Mr. Hopson—How can the city decrease its debt by spending more money? It cannot. The cost of the meters do not involve a large annual expenditure. Assuming that there are 50,000 services to be metered, this means an outlay of \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Apparently that much is being raised in excess of revenues. On top of the 12 cents a year comes the disposable item of \$2.50 per maintenance on each meter. This money must all come from the people of Portland. There is no other source. The water fund is provided by revenue from the people.

Mr. Daly—The issue at Monday's election is 5000 meters and no more and no less. When more meters than 5000 are to be purchased it must be done by ordinance passed by the Council and subject to the referendum. So you see we can be checked at any time we are found to be extravagant.

Loss Estimated at 35 Per Cent. Mr. Hopson—The issue on Monday is not between meters and no meters, but between metering the small individual users and not metering them. All the economies that will be possible must come out of the small man and not the big one, for large users, such as manufacturers, railroads, hotels, laundries and the like, are already metered or will be in the near future. And they should be. This leaves only the small man unmetered.

Mr. Daly—Records show that from 25 to 40 per cent of our water supply is wasted. By preventing this waste the capacity of our mains will be increased just that much. Inspection to prevent waste is a burden. We now expend \$20,000 a year for this service and we do not prevent waste. Meters with eight readers could do all this work at a cost of \$8000 a year for meter readers.

Per Capita Use Compared. Mr. Hopson—Records do not show that Portland is wasteful as compared with other cities. Portland in 1912 used a daily per capita of 112 gallons of water. In 1906 the daily use was 270 gallons. So it appears that it has been possible without extended use of meters or even without an effective system of inspection to reduce consumption to its present moderate dimensions. As compared with Portland's 112 gallons per capita consumption look at the consumption of 250 gallons per capita in Washington, D. C.; 330 gallons in Buffalo, 290 gallons in Bridgeport, 260 gallons in Pittsburg, 262 gallons in Albany and 149 gallons in Jersey City. Boston reduced its consumption from 91 to 58 gallons by inspection and it should be comparatively easy for Portland to get the same results. San Francisco, without meters, has a per capita consumption of 87 gallons. It is held down by effective inspection. Why cannot Portland accomplish the same results. Even at that the records show that some cities used four times as much water per capita as does Portland.

Mr. Daly—We buy everything but

water by measure. The flat rate is dishonest because a man pays for something he may not get while others get something they do not pay for. Mr. Hopson—This is a matter of public policy. Water is something we must have. It is the same as air. It is a public utility as are some other things. It is as reasonable to argue that we should meter our streets, our parks and our bridges so that one person would not get more use of them than another. Mr. Daly—We now are obliged to pay out about \$500,000 a year for mains. One-half of this is for duplicating mains. Forty per cent of this construction could be held off for a period of years if the water were conserved with meters. By installing meters we can make unnecessary construction of these duplicating mains for a many years. Duplicating mains are a waste and we should not have to put in a foot of them. Mr. Hopson—The average cost of a meter system is \$125,000 a year. This

PASTOR WILL TAKE UP NEW DUTIES SUNDAY.

Rev. A. L. Hutchison. Rev. A. L. Hutchison, who has been called to the pastorate of the Piedmont Presbyterian Church, begins his work there Sunday. He succeeds Rev. J. E. Snyder, who resigned about three months ago to accept the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Pendleton. Rev. Mr. Hutchison has been associated with the Portland Presbytery for three years. He was pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church when he accepted the call to the Piedmont Church. Rev. Mr. Hutchison will be officially installed as pastor of the Piedmont Church Tuesday night by the Portland Presbytery.

ELECTION RULES GIVEN

INSTRUCTIONS ARE SENT TO OFFICIALS OF POLLS. Three Ballots Must Be Given Each Voter, and Voting for Second and Third Choice Not Compulsory. City Auditor Barbur yesterday issued a complete set of instructions to election officials to be used in setting up the polls which might arise at the polls Monday.

The rules include references to the book of detailed election instructions, which will be sent to all polling places. In addition, the following orders are given:

Three ballots must be given each voter, the first being the regular ballot, and the second and third being the alternate ballots. The alternate ballots are to be used in case the regular ballot is spoiled or the voter is unable to vote. The voter must mark the ballot in the presence of the poll clerk. The voter must not discuss the merits of the candidates. The voter must not discuss the merits of the candidates. The voter must not discuss the merits of the candidates.

WASCO FARMERS AT PICNIC

Annual Field Day Held, Speakers Heard and Games Played. DUFUR, Or., June 4.—(Special)—The annual field day of the Wasco County Farmers Union was held yesterday at Friend.

METER ISSUE BEING MISREPRESENTED.

The manner in which the meter issue is being misrepresented, apparently intentionally, by one of the afternoon meter newspapers, may be seen in the oft-quoted statement that if meters are not installed the city will have to build a dam at the Bull Run headworks to cost \$2,000,000 and will have to build reinforcing mains to cost another \$2,000,000. If this newspaper would take time to look at Water Engineer Clarke's latest reports it could not help seeing the following facts: Every small main in the city of Portland could be torn out and replaced with a larger main at a total cost of \$247,000. The greater part of these small mains are plenty large enough for all services for many years to come. Only a few now need enlargement. A dam at the Bull Run headworks is to be built whether the city is metered or not. It is to cost \$100,000. This includes the cost of a number of buildings. No. 110, YES. Can the statement of \$4,000,000 expenditures if meters are not installed be anything short of malicious?

College, and several other persons addressed the assembly. A dinner was served by the women of the union, and Tyeh Ridge and Dufur teams played a baseball game. There was a large attendance from The Dalles and all over Southern Wasco County.

Is the Humane Society Sentimental? Yes, and the society is proud of it. We love the cat, the horse and all dumb creatures, and when our critics cast aside the poor broken beast, we care for it as humanity dictates. Who is fitted better than we to handle the dog pound? Vote for the Humane Society amendment to the charter. HUMANITY FIRST. (Paid Adv. by Oregon Humane Society.)

TAXPAYERS ASKED TO AID TO BUDGET

Mr. Daly's Garbage Plan Would Cost \$194,256 Yearly in Addition to Bonds.

FAIRNESS IS QUESTIONED

Attention Called to Fact That Necessary Improvements Were Out by Council to Keep Levy Low When Budget Was Made.

Table with 2 columns: Description of Garbage Collection System, Amount Involved. Includes items like 'Cost of establishing garbage collection system', 'Cost of erecting new incinerator', etc.

When the city budget committee met last fall to arrange for the 1915 municipal expenditures it was besieged with requests to cut down expenses. "Relieve the taxpayer of his excessive burden," was the cry.

The budget committee and the Council slashed and hacked at the budget until it got it to bedrock. Many things actually needed were cut out, including fire stations, additional policemen and improvements of various kinds.

In spite of this struggle for economy a move is now under way for the establishment of a municipal garbage collection system. It places about the necks of the taxpayers the additional burden of about \$194,256 a year for collecting garbage, an annual item of \$214 as interest on \$175,000 in 20-year 4 per cent bonds to be issued to pay for the purchase of the garbage collection equipment and the construction of an additional incinerator, an item of \$900 a year for 20 years for the redemption of these bonds, and an item of about \$24,000 a year for the operation of the new incinerator.

PORTLAND MAN CHOSEN

J. E. Mahaney to Become Storekeeper for Norfolk & Western. J. E. Mahaney, formerly general storekeeper for the O.-W. R. & N. Co. and purchasing agent for the North Bank, left a few days ago for Norfolk, Va., where he will accept storekeeper for the Norfolk & Western, of which road J. H. Young, ex-president of the North Bank, now is president.

CHAMBER PROPOSES TRIP

Congressional Committee to See Projects, if Plans Carry. The Portland Chamber of Commerce wants to go down into Central Oregon to entertain the congressional appropriations from the Congressional House of Representatives, which is due in Portland on the night of June 25, and will only remain in this city for an hour.

\$1,802,220 IS ON HAND

Status of Various City Funds Given in Treasurer's Report. A balance of \$1,802,220.55 is shown to be on hand in the various standing funds of the city, according to the semi-annual statement of City Treasurer Adams, issued yesterday.

Headquarters Rose Festival Post Cards, Portland View Books, Flags, Bunting Home Journal Patterns and "Good Dressing" for July Ready for Distribution TEA ROOM 4th Floor Olds, Wortman & King Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods Pacific Phone Marshall 4800 Home Phone A 6231

Annual June White Sale! Every White Article Reduced Except a Few Restricted Lines THE JUNE WHITE SALE is now in full swing throughout the store, offering splendid opportunities for thrifty buyers to supply personal and home needs for Rose Festival Week at worth-while savings. Shop early.

Double Stamps Today With All Cash Purchases Made in Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishing Dept. and in Shoe Depts.—Main Floor

Jewelry--The Ideal Gift for Graduates and Brides SOLID GOLD AND DIAMOND JEWELRY 14-carat Diamond Rings at \$15 1/2-carat Diamond Rings at \$10 1/2-carat Diamond Rings at \$35 Solid Gold Rings—Tiffany Set. WEDDING RINGS, 10-carat solid gold, in newest Tiffany shape. Prices range \$3.50-\$5 1/4-k. Gold Wedding Rings \$5 LINGERIE CLASPS of solid gold, in plain and assorted designs, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 each.

All Men's Clothing REDUCED! All Suits Under \$20 at \$12.50 All Men's \$35 Suits at \$26.25 Main Floor—Our entire stock of Men's and Young Men's Suits in this sale at special low prices. Several well-known makes here for your choosing. Smart models, in fancy weaves and fashionable colorings, also blacks and blues. All sizes for stouts, slims and regulars. All Suits under \$20.00, special, \$12.50 All Men's \$20.00 Suits on sale now at \$14.85 All Men's \$25.00 Suits on sale now at \$18.75 All Men's \$30.00 Suits on sale now at \$22.50 All Men's \$35.00 Suits on sale now at \$26.25 Men's \$1.25 Shirts at 73c Main Floor—Men's White Shirts of excellent grade materials. Plain and plaid-bosom styles, with stiff cuffs and soft-bosom styles, with turn-back cuffs. Also Neglige Shirts with soft collars and cuffs. 73c Regular \$1.25 Shirts. Special today 73c Men's \$1.50 Fifth-Avenue Shirts for \$1.15

Great Sale of Boys' Suits! Regular \$5 Norfolks \$3.98 Regular \$15 Norfolks \$9.98 Main Floor—Bring your boy in today and let us outfit him at a saving. These splendid Norfolks are from our regular stock. All are hand-tailored throughout. Coats in smart new stitched-belt models; pants full cut, with double-taped seams and full lined. Fancy cassimeres, chevots, mixtures in gray and brown effects. Good range of sizes. Boys' \$5.00 Norfolk Suits \$3.98 Boys' \$ 8.50 Norfolk Suits \$6.25 Boys' \$6.50 Norfolk Suits \$5.62 Boys' \$10.00 Norfolk Suits \$7.48 Boys' \$7.50 Norfolk Suits \$7.48 Boys' \$12.50 to \$15 Suits \$9.98 Boys' \$10 Middy Suits, Special \$4.95 Main Floor—Closing out a special line of boys' high-grade Oliver Twist and Middy Suits of white serge and Palm Beach cloth. Regular \$6.50 to \$10.00 Suits. Priced special at \$4.95 Boys' \$1.50 Straw Hats on Sale Today for 98c

Nemo Corsets "VACATION SPECIAL" \$2 Fine for Summer Wear Designed for all average figures, slender to medium; and for full figures—but it is NOT a Self-Reducing model. Strong, cool "Steeltex" batiste—the usual \$3 quality. Newest shape, giving the "Military" silhouette. Medium bust, with wide bust-gores to insure ease and free breathing. Elastic gores in the back make the modish skirt flexible—fine for out-door life. Sizes from 21 to 30 to begin with. Better buy more than one pair.

Women's \$25 Coats At \$13.79 2d Floor—These cool evenings and mornings make it necessary to wear a wrap in order to be comfortable—hence this timely sale we have arranged for today. Very latest models in Women's and Misses' Coats. 3/4 and half-length styles in belted and loose box-back effects; with raglan sleeves. Also many novelty cuts, with fancy collars and cuffs, patch pockets, etc. Smart, stylish Coats for street, dress or outing wear. Some have the new large, rolling collars. Beautifully tailored from serges, golfines, covets, velours, chevots and tweeds. Shown in checks, plaids, stripes and in nearly all the favored plain shades. Coats selling heretofore up to \$25. Today \$13.79 \$25 Suits at \$13.79 Department, Second Floor—These splendid Suits are all from our regular stock. The assortment is made up from various lines of the season's best models, which have sold down to two or three of a kind. Good store-keeping demands that we close these out NOW instead of waiting till the season is over. Fashionable belted styles in excellent assortment—also box-coat models and novelty cuts, with trimmings of fancy collars and cuffs, buttons, pockets, etc. Materials include gabardines, serges, silk poplins and many other weaves in black and wanted \$13.79 colors. Suits selling heretofore up to \$25.00. Special \$13.79

Drugs and Toilet Needs Standard Lines Well-Known Preparations Underpriced for TODAY 50c Lavaris Mouth Wash — this is the large-size bottle—for 40c 50c Pinard's Eau de Quinine 33c 50c Botic White Hazel, regular 16-ounce size, special now at 21c 50c Bay Rum, 16-oz. size, at 35c 25c Lino Salve on sale at 19c 50c Sempere Glycerine, special, 28c Headden's 50c Cold Cream at 28c Headden's \$1.40 Toilet Water \$1 Whetzel's Hair Tonic, large size, on special sale today at \$1.00 15c Tooth Brushes, special, 10c \$1.00 Hair Brushes, special, 85c 50c Hair Brushes, special, 39c \$1 Rubber-Cushion Hair Brushes, with double bristle, special, 50c French Bevel Glass Mirrors in assorted woods, grades worth \$1.50 up, on sale today at \$1.00 25c Hand Scrubs on sale at 4c Scissors in 4, 5 and 6-inch, best quality, 75c grades, now at 50c 25c Nail Files on sale at 10c 25c Pro-phy-lactic Tooth Brushes — all textures—special at 19c Extra Special Palmolive Offer for TODAY Main Floor—Special combination offer of Palm Olive Soap and Shampoo at less than half usual prices. Combination consists of 3 10c cakes Palmolive Soap and one 50c Palmolive Shampoo—total value 80c—buy all four articles on Saturday 39c "Maurine" Beauty Heips Not all the beautiful Portland women owe their complexion to the Oregon climate! Hundreds have found "Maurine" the greatest help in preserving their youthful appearance and keeping their skin soft and velvety. Test the merits of these well-known toilet preparations. Visit the rest-rooms on the second floor and receive a full treatment free of charge. Also special demonstration near main stairway, first floor. Maurine Beauty Lotion 50c, \$1.00 Maurine Satin Cream 50c, \$1.00 Maurine Rosebud Rouge at 50c Maurine Skin Food 50c and \$1.00 Maurine Astringent, priced 50c Maurine Hair Tonic, priced \$1.00 Maurine Shampoo, priced at 50c Maurine Hand Lotion, priced 25c

New Bathing Caps 25c to 75c Main Floor—All new 1915 styles for women, misses and children. Our showing is the largest we have ever made, and by comparison you will find our prices the lowest in the city. Buy here. 50c Toilet Goods at 5c Odds and ends of various makes in Cold Cream, Face Powder, Rose Rouge, Nail Bleach, Razor Guards, Safety Razors, Tooth Powder, Liquid Soap, Hair Tonic, Balsam Fir, Sponges, Whisk Brooms, Traveling Cases, etc. Articles in this lot worth 50c up to 50c. Your choice at 5c

Women's \$5 Shoes \$2.95 High or Low Styles—All Sizes Department, Main Floor—Women's High or Low Shoes in all the wanted materials, styles and combinations. Button and lace effects, with black and colored cloth topplings and vamps of patent or dull calf leathers. Pointed or round toes—heels of every height and shape—in fact, all the new seasonable styles are represented in this great lot. All sizes. Standard \$4 to \$5 grades. MEN'S SHOES in newest lasts. Patent, velour or tan Russia leathers. Regular \$4.85 \$5.50 and \$6.00 grades. The pair \$4.85 DOUBLE STAMPS IN SHOE DEPT. TODAY