

METER ISSUE IS BROUGHT UP AGAIN

Mr. Daly Asks Right to Make Installations Requested, but Mr. Baker is Opposed.

OTHERS RESERVE DECISION

Real Estate Agent Before Council Demands Removal of Meters and Also Complains of Methods Pursued by Water Bureau.

We have with us once more the water meter issue. Under the guiding hand of Commissioner Daly the case came back smiling yesterday before the Council in the form of a request by Mr. Daly for authority to purchase 1700 or 2000 meters to install on services where requests for meters have been made.

Mr. Daly wanted an expression of the Council as to the attitude of the members on the subject, but he received only an expression from Commissioner Baker who came out flatfooted against the purchase of meters in face of the recent thoroughly decisive vote of the people. Other members of the Council reserved their opinions until later even though Mr. Daly urged them to intimate their ideas at once.

Mr. Daly Thinks Matter Obligatory. Mr. Daly announced that he has several hundred applications for water meters and he said he believes the city is morally if not legally obliged to supply these meters inasmuch as a meter rate is maintained. He declared that the Water Bureau is a public service corporation and could be forced to furnish meters.

"I think the people expressed their opinion sufficiently clearly on the meter proposition," said Commissioner Baker. "I believe the people do not want them as was evidenced by the recent election. Of this there can be no doubt. Therefore I see no reason for going to the expense of buying and installing meters where they are to give no general service to the water system. It is an unnecessary investment and means that flat rate users will have to pay for the meters. It doesn't seem like good business to add to the Water Bureau investment without need."

Mr. Baker is Opposed. "There are hundreds of people asking for meters and I think the city is morally obliged to furnish them," said Mr. Daly. "My child might demand something I don't think it should have," retorted Mr. Baker. "The fact that a demand is made does not mean that I am obliged to grant the request."

Charles Korell, who was one of the Council spectators at the session, gained the floor and demanded that the Council adopt also the policy of removing meters from premises where they are not wanted. "If it is right for the city to put in meters because they are requested," said he, "it is just as right that they should be removed where requested."

Land Agent Has Grievance. "Another thing in connection with these meters is that the Water Bureau refuses absolutely to furnish a bill at any time except on the regular monthly date. Recently a tenant was coming to move from a house and I requested the Water Bureau to furnish me a water bill. The regular bill was not paid. I endeavored to collect from this tenant. The bureau refused to give me a bill until the regular bill was paid. I paid the bill as the tenant had left the city."

Commissioner Daly insisted that members of the Council express their views on the matter and that they do so in satisfaction except in the case of Mr. Baker. The others reserved their opinions until later. Mr. Daly probably will bring the matter up again tomorrow.

PAVING BIDS ARE OPENED

Prices Made on Upper Drive, Rodney Avenue and San Rafael Street.

Bids were opened by the City Council yesterday for two paving projects proposed for the immediate future. The bids were as follows:

Portions of Rodney Avenue and San Rafael Street as shown on the plan of the city, class A, macadam, \$1.50 square yard, \$1.45 square yard, \$1.40 square yard, \$1.35 square yard, \$1.30 square yard, \$1.25 square yard, \$1.20 square yard, \$1.15 square yard, \$1.10 square yard, \$1.05 square yard, \$1.00 square yard, \$0.95 square yard, \$0.90 square yard, \$0.85 square yard, \$0.80 square yard, \$0.75 square yard, \$0.70 square yard, \$0.65 square yard, \$0.60 square yard, \$0.55 square yard, \$0.50 square yard, \$0.45 square yard, \$0.40 square yard, \$0.35 square yard, \$0.30 square yard, \$0.25 square yard, \$0.20 square yard, \$0.15 square yard, \$0.10 square yard, \$0.05 square yard, \$0.00 square yard.

VISIT IS PUT INTO VERSE

One of Minneapolis Real Estate Party Writes of Impressions.

ation was in Portland last week. Chang Cheng Hsun, chairman, Chi Cheh Nish, vice-chairman, and David Z. T. Yul, honorary secretary, signed the petition which follows:

The Honorary Commercial Commissioners from the Republic of China, having under the auspices of the United States Department of Commerce of the Associated Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Coast, on the eve of the commission's departing preparatory to their return to China, desire to express to your organization their sincere appreciation of the many courtesies and opportunities afforded for inspection of your industrial and commercial life.

The commission has enjoyed its sojourn in your city beyond its fondest anticipations, and has derived therefrom both instruction and incentive for the advancement of the Republic. To this inspiration the city of Portland has contributed its share.

Foremost among the pleasant memories of our tour will be the opportunity given us to inspect your lumber mills and other manufacturing plants.

Please extend our thanks to the various individuals and corporations who shared in our entertainment in Portland, and whose courtesies we hope to have the pleasure of reciprocating in our future friendship and trade relations with the United States.

TOWNS JOIN OFFICIALLY TO MAKE INSPECTION TODAY.

PARTY OF PORTLAND OFFICIALS TO MAKE INSPECTION TODAY.

Merging of St. Johns and Linnton to Be Completed—Licenses Are Granted to Saloons.

The City Council and the heads of the principal bureaus of Portland's government will go to Linnton and St. Johns this morning to take over those two towns officially, which became a part of the city last night.

The party will be accompanied by five city police officials, water bureau officials and officials of the health bureau, highways and bridges bureau, the Auditor's office, the dock commission, the Treasurer's office, the engineering bureau, the building bureau, the park bureau and the legal bureau. Each member of the party will look into the conditions concerning his line of municipal activity.

The purpose is to determine exactly what is necessary to keep the two towns in full operation without their separate governments. The questions to be decided include the enforcement of Portland's laws in the two towns, the transfer of all the municipal business transactions of the two towns to the City Hall in Portland, the taking over of the fire and police departments and merging them with Portland's fire and police bureaus and the taking over of all the docks and public property and records.

It is probable that the arrival of the party will be the occasion for a celebration in each of the towns—or districts as they now are. The Council yesterday passed an emergency ordinance providing for the making of an inventory of all the property and the auditing of all the books and records of the towns to see that they are correct and that all money is accounted for and that all present street and sewer proceedings are regular and in proper shape for the transfer of jurisdiction to Portland.

The Council also passed granting licenses to the three saloons in St. Johns and the five in Linnton.

ORPHEUM HAS CIRCUS FILM

Star Theater Portrays "The Woman Always Pays" Pictures.

The Orpheum, now at Broadway and Yamhill streets, presents today, Friday and Saturday "The Flying Twins," a four-act vaudeville comedy of a "thrill picture." Madeline and Marion Fairbanks play the adventurous twins who run away with a circus and become nomads for their daring deeds. The picture abounds in thrilling incidents.

A novel feature of the film is the genuine circus atmosphere and the number of real circus celebrities who appear, among whom is the well-known clown, Harry La Pearl. The story is absorbing and the action well balanced. This photo-play is said to have the simple and attractive motive of entertaining the audience with a number of spectacular incidents and no harrowing or sad circumstances to detract from the pleasure.

UNDERWORLD INCIDENT SHOWN

"The Woman Always Pays" Title of Emotional Drama at Star.

Today, tomorrow and Saturday the Star Theater will present a four-act emotional drama, "The Woman Always Pays." It is the story of two ambitious young people who marry and start out with high ideals and ambitions. As the husband becomes engrossed in business the wife turns to society. At one time he accuses her falsely of sending her away from home with their baby daughter.

When the daughter grows up she is stolen by the vice interests with which her mother is connected. The discovery of the identity of the girl by the mother is a vital part of the story. Sensational incidents in the underworld, police raids and a dramatic climax are features which caused this picture to have a four-month run at the Republic Theater, New York, at dollar prices.

PORTLAND FUGITIVE HELD

Man Driving Stolen Team Is Arrested in Eugene.

THE RAIL RATE ON STEEL PROTESTED

Discrimination Is Charged by Transportation Bureau of Chamber of Commerce.

SPOKANE WOULD BENEFIT

Other Goods Also Included in Tariff Revision Regarded as Wedge to Cut Off Portland's Advantage Gained by Canal.

Protests were filed yesterday by the transportation bureau of the Chamber of Commerce against the proposed new distributive rates on structural iron and steel, which are to go into effect, under tariffs recently filed by the carriers, on July 15.

The new rates show sharp advances over existing rates, and, according to the Chamber's plea, would seriously cripple the business of the big iron and steel fabricators in Portland.

The present rates on this commodity from Portland to Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho vary from 25 cents to 40 cents for 100 pounds. The proposed rates are from 30 to 40 cents, an average advance of 16-23 per cent.

Complaints were filed with both the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Oregon Public Utilities Commission, and an order is asked for postponing the application of the rates pending a hearing on the merits of the complaint.

The Chamber of Commerce not only holds the rates unreasonable per se, but declares that they will work a serious disadvantage to the city of Portland, operating in Portland, and be generally prejudicial to the best interests of the entire city.

Discrimination is Alleged. The alleged disadvantage to Portland is made all the more pronounced, it is asserted, when the proposed rates are considered in connection with the new rates on the same commodities from the East to the principal points in the Northwest, which rates also are to become effective on July 15.

The carriers have attempted a complete readjustment of their transcontinental and distributive rates to meet the effects of the Panama Canal completion.

The commercial interests of Portland contend that these rates are made for the purpose of eliminating Portland and the other Pacific Coast terminals as distributing centers entirely. In other words, they assert, the railroads are seeking to make the city of Spokane a low and distributive rates center of Portland so high that Spokane will supersede Portland and Seattle as a distributing center.

While the proposed new rates apply to a limited number of commodities only, it is pointed out that with this leverage the carriers sooner or later will be able to apply the same rate principle to all other commodities.

Other Rates Changed. In addition to structural iron and steel, some of the other important commodities covered by the new schedule are canned goods, green coffee, dry goods, linens, and hardware of various kinds.

The Chamber's protest is aimed at the structural iron and steel rates, because the alleged discrimination is the most glaring in this particular. It demands the distributive rates on the more sharply advanced, although the transcontinental rates are reduced. However, the reduction to Spokane is not announced than the reduction to Portland.

For instance, the proposed rates on structural iron and steel from the Pittsburgh district to Spokane on a minimum of 40,000 pounds is \$1.05; on a minimum of 50,000 and 60,000 it is \$1.10. The rates from Chicago territory to Spokane are 25 cents on a minimum of 40,000 pounds, 30 cents on a minimum of 50,000 pounds, and 35 cents on a minimum of 60,000 pounds.

The present rate to Spokane from Pittsburgh is \$1.05 on all carload shipments, and from Chicago it is 37 cents through rail shipments small.

Portland, under the proposed schedule is to have a rate of 30 cents on a 40,000-pound minimum, and 75 cents on the higher minimums; to be 30 cents, 35 cents and 40 cents, respectively, for each of the three minimums.

was among yesterday's arrivals at the Post. Rufus S. Moore, of Klamath Falls, is registered at the Multnomah.

H. J. Slusher, of Astoria, was an arrival at the Oregon yesterday. M. A. Rickard, of Corvallis, was registered at the Oregon yesterday.

Robert W. Adams, of Boston, registered at the Portland yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Oxley, of Lignite, N. D., are guests at the Nortonia.

Mrs. R. A. Strain and Miss Brooks, of Kelso, Wash., are at the Cornelia. M. S. Woodcock, a Corvallis attorney, registered at the Imperial yesterday.

W. J. Harris, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, Spokane, is at the Seward. D. A. McPherson, of West Stayton, registered at the Multnomah yesterday.

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HOOD RIVER HEARS OPERA Horticultural Chautauqua Ends With Giving of "Bohemian Girl." HOOD RIVER, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—"The Bohemian Girl" given successfully here Monday night in the open air theater brought to a close the fourth annual Horticultural Chautauqua. While on former occasions the local amateur singers have rendered selections from grand opera, never have they attempted the full score. Professor J. Adrian Epping, formerly a director of the choir of the Catholic Cathedral, trained the principals and chorus.

MUTS MAKE MERRY Peace and War Skit Staged at Ad Club Luncheon. ALL NATIONS REPRESENTED Roy Edwards as "Uncle Sam" Hears Explanations From Each Country of Its Participation. J. E. Werlein is Mars. The Order of Muts, under William Strandberg, chief mut, who looked like Old King Cole in tin crown rimmed with tiny electric lights, celebrated its first anniversary at the Ad Club luncheon at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday, by putting on a skit that was in nowise directly connected with the birthday of the Muts nor any of their activities in the past year.

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