

POLICE PENSIONS SUDDENLY HALTED

Report of Insurance Experts on Requirements of System Causes More Investigation.

COST IS FIGURED OUT

Inquiry as to Stability of System in Use by Firemen is Asked For by City to Make Sure Men Will Get Benefits.

Figures submitted to the City Council yesterday by local insurance people showing exactly what is required in the way of finances to make a police pension system a success caused the Council to stop in the move for immediate establishment of such a system. Also it caused a request to be made to the companies to go into the firemen's relief and pension system and determine whether or not it is on a sound basis.

The report on the police pension was prepared by E. N. Strong, assistant manager of the Oregon Life Insurance Company, and E. W. Smith, agency manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

The figures were compiled by actuaries from the facts regarding the ages of men now in the service. The report required several weeks of work and occasioned a trip to New York by Mr. Smith to have the figures gone over by experts in the actuary business.

Pensions Would Cost \$25,011. It was shown that to establish a system whereby policemen reaching the age of 50 years, or policemen having served continuously for 20 years, could be pensioned at half pay would require an investment of \$25,011 a year.

Correction Wanted Now. It was the opinion of the Council members that if the firemen's relief and pension system is operating on such a basis that in years to come it will not meet the requirements—as has been the case in the New York teachers' pension system—the firemen and the city should know it and take steps to correct the shortcomings of the system.

A copy of the firemen's bill was submitted to the insurance representatives, who agreed to send it to New York for checking. They will make a report to the Council.

Further Investigation Determined. The insurance people say the report they have prepared on the police pension proposition is worked out on a scientific basis and cannot be deviated from without placing the system on an unsafe financial ground.

The benefits enumerated in the report are only a small part of what the police have asked for in their requests for a relief and pension system. They propose to pay in a total of 1 1/2 per cent of their salaries and to let the city make up the balance. The 1 1/2 per cent would amount to about \$5000 a year.

Under the conditions the Council stopped suddenly in proceedings for the establishment of a system in a hurry and will take time for further investigation before acting.

Y. M. C. A. PLANS GAY SPORT

Second Big "Get Acquainted" Party Will Be Held Tonight.

The second big "get acquainted" party of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this evening in its auditorium and in and around the swimming tank. The programme will consist of log-rolling exhibitions by Norman Pritchard,

champion balancer on floating logs, diving, water polo, tub race, pillow fight, tilting contest and demonstration of life-saving methods at the swimming pool and sleight of hand performance and trick piano playing in the auditorium.

CITY ALL NEW TO BYRNE

After 30 Years' Absence Railroad Man Finds Portland Changed.

John J. Byrne, in charge of passenger traffic of the Santa Fe west of Albuquerque, with headquarters at Los Angeles, is in the city for a visit. Mr. Byrne was in charge of passen-

FOOD EXPERT TO CARRY CONSERVATION MESSAGE TO OREGON HOUSEWIVES



Miss Ava B. Milam, of the home economics department of Oregon Agricultural College, has received from Herbert Hoover, Federal Food Administrator, her appointment to the post of home economics director for Oregon. The appointment was tendered through W. B. Ayer, Federal Food Administrator for Oregon. Mr. Ayer advised Miss Milam that she would be expected to arrange an official programme for the state relating to home economics.

In addition Miss Milam will work with Mr. Ayer in the adjustment of the National food conservation programme to meet local conditions, and will be active in the introduction of food conservation to individual housekeepers.

WOOD FOUND IN PLENTY

City Can Buy Fuel Already Cut at Reasonable Price.

It may not be necessary for the city to open a wood-cutting camp. An ample municipal woodpile may be assembled by buying wood already cut near Portland, Mayor Baker learns from Special Investigator Humason. This wood, Mr. Humason says, the owners are willing to sell reasonably and at a price less than cost of cutting.

Commissioner Kellner submitted figures yesterday to the Council showing it would be necessary for the city to invest about \$65,000 to get a supply of wood on hand in quantities and at places proposed by Mayor Baker. This money would be returned when the wood was sold. The Council took the proposition under consideration.

WAR PLANS TO BE LAID

Y. M. C. A. Secretaries to Hold Conference at Reed Sunday.

Plans for meeting the exceptional demands imposed by war conditions will be made at the "Wartime Conference" of the Portland Y. M. C. A., call for which was issued yesterday by Harry W. Stone, general secretary. The conference will be held at Reed College, Sunday, from 3 to 7 o'clock. George McDill, international secretary from Chicago, will participate. The programme will include outlining of the year's activities.

On the Center Aisle Bargain Square
 Children's Gingham Dresses
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Women's Medium Union Suits 79c
 For Fall and Winter wear. Medium weight fine cotton union suits in white. High neck, long sleeves and Dutch neck, elbow sleeves. Ankle length. Regular sizes 79c. Extra sizes 89c. —Main Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
"Kiddies' Friend" Knit Waists 17c
 3 for 50c. Kiddies' Friend knitted waists with taped buttons. We have an excess of sizes from 2 to 6 years that we will sell for this Friday Surprise sale at, each 17c, or 3 for 50c. —Main Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
Women's Fiber Silk Hosiery 35c
 3 pairs \$1. Every pair FIRST QUALITY. Fine fiber silk hose with lisle tops, double welts, seamless style. Black, white, gray, champagne, navy and sand colors. Regular sizes. —Main Floor.

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\$1.25 Hemstitched Table Cloths \$1
 Mercerized table cloths, hemstitched, ready for use. They are in size 58x64 inches. A very good grade for everyday use. These cloths will launder beautifully. Today \$1. —Second Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
\$1 Drawn-Work Pillow Cases 50c
 Exactly half price for these good drawn-work pillow cases to make a big Friday Surprise special. Size 45x36 inches. Made with hemstitched ends. No telephone or C. O. D. orders. —Second Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
A Sale of Ribbons 1/2
 A sale of remnants made up of bolt ends accumulated during a recent short period of busy selling. Plain and fancy ribbons in varying wide and narrow widths. A cleanup of remnants from our regular fine stock at about half the usual prices. —Ribbon Shop, Main Floor.

ANNOUNCING
The Official Hoover Conservation Dress
 This is the official uniform especially designed for the women of the Food Administration of the United States. The East has gone wild over these dresses—women wear them on the street in Washington, D. C.
 This dress was originated by the Conservation League, Red Cross and War Department and the pattern is owned and controlled by them.
 We have these dresses in pink and blue chambray with white hemstitched pique collar, detachable cuffs and washable cap. Convertible double front. All sizes. Official Red, White and Blue insignia embroidered on left sleeve and cap. Dress as illustrated.
Demonstration and Sale Main Floor \$3
 Also on Sale 3d Floor, Sixth Street

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
35c to 50c Neckwear 25c
 Exactly 200 pieces of crisp neat embroidered organdy collars in medium size round and square-back styles.
 Neat embroidered organdy collars in medium size round and square-back styles.
 Georgette crepe neck pieces in regulation size with embroidered dots, scalloped edges and filet lace-trimmed models. —Neckwear Shop, Main Floor.

MEN! Surprise Sale "Mill Run" CASHMERE SOCKS 25c
 A tremendous offering of men's cashmere hose for Fall and Winter wear. We launch this sale right at the beginning of the season so that by purchasing now a man will have no worries about hosiery until the Spring comes—if then. If we were to appraise these hose on the present market rating we would consider them a good 35c or 40c value. This is a hosiery "buy" that no sensible man will overlook.
 These are "mill runs"—that is, in some a careful scrutiny may bring to light a trivial imperfection. But, where the imperfection does exist, it is of no detriment to the appearance or wearing quality of the hose. We offer these fine cashmere hose in the popular black and Oxford color.
 All sizes from 9 1/2 to 11 1/2 inclusive. Supply your needs liberally today at 25c pair. —Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES
SURPRISE SALE EXTRAORDINARY
New Serge Dresses \$12.85
Just Received in Time for This Surprise Sale
 A wonderful lot of navy serge dresses in the very smartest of the new season's styles. The price does not begin to represent their worth. Every woman who sees these new arrivals will want at least one at this surprisingly low price.
 Pleated overskirt and other desirable styles. Braid and button trimmed dresses. Some have wide patent leather girdle stitched in soutache braid. Finished with white satin roll collars, etc.
ONE PRETTY MODEL AS ILLUSTRATED
 There are all sizes 16 to 46 in this phenomenal Surprise Sale today—new serge dresses only \$12.85. —Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
60c-75c Yard Laces 49c
 A Friday Surprise Sale of laces for blouses, gowns, neckwear, camisoles, petticoats, etc.
 Filet, shadow, net top and radium laces in white and cream. The net tops have dainty Venise edges and are 4 to 6 inches wide. The shadow and filet laces 8 to 18 inches wide.
Sale Black Laces
 Always in demand for Fall wear. These may be utilized for blouses and are very effective combined with Georgette crepe and nets.
 Included are Cluny, net top, shadow and chantilly laces. Bands and edgings and flouncings.
 65c to 85c values in 2 to 12-inch widths, yard 49c.
 \$1.00 to \$2.00 values in 3 to 24-in. widths, yard 69c. —Lace Shop, Main Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES
9-Piece Cooking Sets \$1.15
 Brown and white fireproof cooking sets, as illustrated, at this special price for Friday Surprise. Sets consist of the following pieces:
 1 Covered Casserole
 1 Bowl
 1 Nappy
 6 Custards
 —Housewares Section, Basement.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
Splendid Values in This Surprise Sale of Women's Fine Waists \$1.75
 Attractive waists in dainty white voiles.
 Tucked, hemstitched and lace-trimmed models, some with pretty soft frills.
 Styled with large and small collars. All have the wanted long sleeves. A limited number today at \$1.75. —Waist Shop, Fourth Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
Girls' \$3.95-\$7.95 Coats \$2.79
 Several attractive styles in this sale of tailored and fancy coats for girls from 2 to 14 years.
 Made of good heavy tweeds and lighter weight materials. Not all sizes in each style.
 Regularly \$3.95 to \$7.95—most of the coats in the better grades from \$4.95 to \$7.95. Many ideal for school wear. —Girls' Shop, Second Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
\$5-\$6 Trimmed Hats \$4
 A good assortment of trimmed hats in all the new and popular shapes and colors. For Friday Surprise only \$4. —Fourth Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
"Mill Run" of Scrim 11c
 Wonderful values! Materials in every way desirable except for here and there a frayed edge that can be easily hemmed. —Seventh Floor.

1441ST FRIDAY SURPRISE
Boys' Two-Pants Suits \$4.85
 Just 165 of these two-pants suits for Friday Surprise and every one worth much more today.
 Each suit has two pairs of full cut, full lined knickers. Colors are serviceable grays and browns.
 Mostly large sizes in this sale. Friday only \$4.85. Select your boy's new suit from this assortment today at a good saving. —Boys' Clothing Shop, Third Floor.

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