Improvement Programme for Year Is Outlined.

PLANS BEING PREPARED

Start on Work of Obtaining New Conduit From Bull Run Is Also Proposed.

Plans for improvements to the Port-land water system, estimated to cost in excess of \$500,000, are being prepared under the direction of Fred Randlett, chief engineer of the water bureau. In addition to these improvements, which it is planned to com-plete during the present year, Mr. Randlett contemplates obtaining au-thority to survey a right of way for a new conduit from Bull Run to Portland.

The principal proposed improvement will be the removal of the present steel standpipe in the Vernon district to St. Johns and the erection of a concrete or steel combination standpipe to replace the old Vernon storage

The new standpipe will cost approximately \$150,000, according to tentative plans. No definite decision has yet been reached on the type of standpipe to be constructed, but within two weeks it is expected that this point will be settled and the this point will be settled and the council will be asked to authorize the awarding of contracts.

Pipe Already Purchased.

The water bureau has purchased 675 tons of cast-iron pipe to be installed in streets throughout the city which are to be hard-surfaced during the summer. It may be necessary to purchase additional pipe for this work atthough this can not be this work, although this can not be ascertained until the complete pav-ing programme has been decided upon Although Engineer Randlett does not expect to obtain authorization for the construction of the additional con-duit this year, he is eager to have the

duit this year, he is eager to have the preliminary work done so that his force may be ready to go forward with the work in 1921.

Under present conditions the two conduits which carry the water supply to Portland have a capacity which during the summer months leaves only a small reserve above the maximum water demand. For this reason neither pipe line can be closed during the summer months for repairs. Anticipating further growth of the city, Mr. Randlett is certain that Portland must have the third conduit not land must have the third conduit no later than five years hence.

Start of Work Is Urged. Inasmuch as it is estimated that it will take two years to prepare plans and acquire the right of way, and another two years to construct the line, Engineer Randlett recommends the inauguration of the work this year. Plans are also being made for a new headworks near the location of the present headworks, some 30 miles distant from Portland. The present headworks is said to be inadequate and it is probable that some move will be made next year to obtain au-thority to construct a new one. Under the direction of C. E. Oliver.

assistant engineer, the work of mak-ing a permanent storage lake of Bull Run lake probably will be completed this summer. This work includes the construction of a huge dam and the filling in of places in the lake where, heretofore, the surplus water has seeped out.
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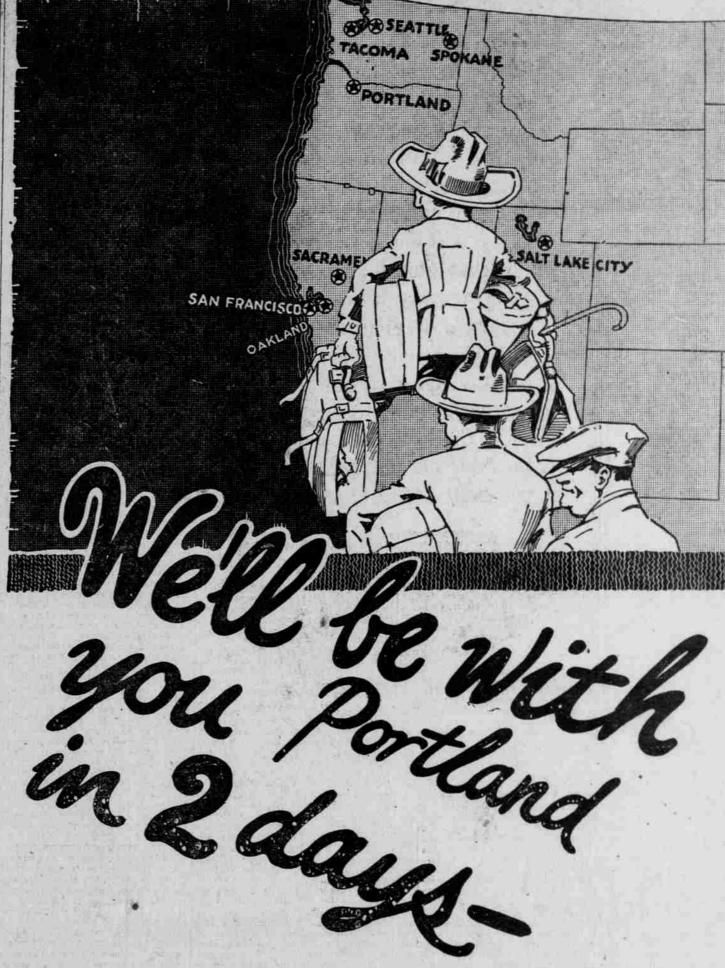
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