

METER SYSTEM IS DEBATED IN PUBLIC

With Three-Fold Supply Why Pay to Determine Waste? Ask Opponents.

EQUITY IS MR. DALY'S PLEA

Commissioner Admits That New and Larger Mains Are Necessary. Whitney L. Boise Sounds Keynote for Economy.

"We are opposed to waste of any kind, whether of water or public money. "We favor a better distribution system and larger mains as a solution of the water problem. "There is absolutely no connection between the meter referendum movement and the recall movement. "These were keynote sentences in the address delivered by Whitney L. Boise, member of the water meter referendum committee, at the noon luncheon of the Oregon Civic League yesterday at the Multnomah Hotel. "Will H. Daly, Commissioner of Public Utilities, presented the case of those who favor meters, illustrating his talk with charts showing the consumption of water from the reservoirs at various hours of the day. "Mr. Daly declared that the only suitable method of distributing water is by the meter system, which, he contended, affords the only way of making an honest charge for service rendered to consumers. "The main object in installing meters is to render adequate service," said Mr. Daly. "Mr. Boise maintained that the installation of meters would not add to the efficiency of the service, which, he said, could only be accomplished by an adequate distribution system. "Los Angeles Case Cited. "Mr. Daly cited the City of Los Angeles as being 75 per cent metered, with present plans to meter all water-users. "Los Angeles is not a parallel case to Portland," said Mr. Boise. "We have the word of the late Frank T. Dodge that our present water supply is sufficient for a city of three times the present size. Therefore, at present two-thirds of the water must run to waste. At Los Angeles the situation is totally different. The city is surrounded by an arid country, and all waste may be made a source of profit to the city by selling it to the people of the surrounding country, who are glad to get it for their gardens and ranches. "Thus, while meters are a matter of business economy for Los Angeles," said Mr. Boise, "they are a waste of public money as applied to Portland. "Mr. Daly admitted that new and larger mains are a necessity in many parts of the city, and said that the water department is putting them in as fast as possible. "We put in 87 miles of new mains last year," he said, "but insisted that the only way an engineer may know the size of mains that should be put in is on a meter basis. "Estimated Cost \$400,000. "In answer to a question as to how much it will cost to meter the entire city, Mr. Daly said that with 40,000 services out of a total of 57,000, unmetered at the present time, it would cost approximately \$400,000, or \$10 a meter. "Asked as to the life of a meter by Thomas Hishop, of 615 Belmont street, Mr. Daly said that it had been variously estimated at from 12 to 15 years, but that he believed a meter would last for 30 years carrying the pure, sediment-free Bull Run water. "Then why," asked Mr. Hishop, "did you take the meter out at my house at Fifteenth and Grant Salmon streets the other day, when it had only been in use about six years?" "Mr. Daly answered that in cases where the department has found that water is going through the meters that properly should, the old meters are taken out and repaired while new meters were in use. "Mr. Boise made the point that if a family had a water system three times as large as was needed, it would not go to the expense of putting in a meter merely to see how much water it was using. "Meter Declared Advantage. "Portland is simply a big family, owning its water system, and knowing that it has three times as much water as it needs," he said, "you put in meters to measure waste." "Mr. Boise said that the anti-meter committee believes that the flat rate has been kept too high. "I am on a meter myself," he said, "and I feel that I have the advantage of my neighbors. This is something I don't desire. I would like to see everyone, except the big users, on a flat rate. This would make the charge equitable." "Mr. Boise held that the expense of inspectors, of bookkeeping, and of the entire administration of the Water Department would be greater with meters. He referred to the high taxes, and said that a good place for the taxpayers to begin to keep them from going any higher would be on the water meter matter. "Walter H. Graves, president of the Oregon Society of Engineers, was chairman of the day. "A meeting of the Central Library under the auspices of the Civic League was announced for next Saturday night, at which gubernatorial candidates will answer questions on current political issues, prepared and submitted by the executive committee of the League. "It was announced that a smoke committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Andrew J. Browning, will investigate the smoke question in Portland, and report at a future league luncheon.

OUT-OF-TOWN PATRONS BOOM OPERA SEASON

Seat Sales Already Amount to Several Thousands of Dollars for Visit of Chicago Grand Opera Company, April 2-4.



Carolina White Feeding The Doves at Venice

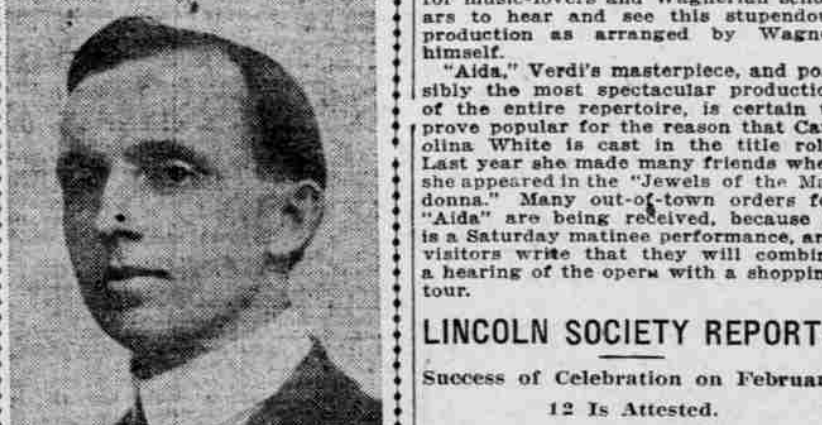


Cleofonte Campanini Amadeo Bassi Photos Matzene.

THE Chicago Grand Opera Company opens its two weeks' engagement tomorrow in San Francisco, which will be followed by four performances in Seattle, after which the company will be rushed to Portland in its three special trains for its engagement at the Orpheum Thursday, April 2; Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, when a matinee and evening performances will be held. "With the company's engagement only removed three weeks, Portland people are displaying unusual interest, and it is stated that the mail orders received by the Portland Grand Opera Association already have mounted far up into the thousands of dollars. "The opera season promises to be the most brilliant ever seen in Portland. Cleofonte Campanini, the general director, has since the last appearance of the company in this city brought the organization to a state of much greater perfection, and the transcendent tour, from Philadelphia to Los Angeles, this season has been a series of triumphs. "At Dallas, Tex., last year the critics declared the season to be a wonderful one. At the conclusion of the company's season at Dallas Saturday night, March 7, the Dallas Times declared that the work of the artists and the company as a whole was far superior to that of last year. So enthusiastic have the Dallas people become that arrangements have already been completed for an entire week of opera, instead of four nights, as previously obtained. "The Los Angeles engagement, which closed Saturday night, concluded a history of unusual success. "Titta Ruffo, who will sing the role of "Tonio" in "Pagliacci" in the opening performance, is characterized by the Los Angeles dailies as the "greatest singer of a century," "a sensation," and it was declared that he "literally swept everything before him when he was on the stage." Thursday night "Parafal" was played to a capacity house. The receipts were more than \$12,000. "Parafal" will be sung only 10 times in the United States this year, and Portland is lucky in having drawn one of these performances. The opera, heretofore Beyreuth's own, was released to the world only this year by the expiration of the copyright, and as a result this season offers the first real opportunity for music-lovers and Wagnerian scholars to hear the most stupendous production as arranged by Wagner himself. "Aida," Verdi's masterpiece, and possibly the most spectacular production of the entire repertoire, is certain to prove popular for the reason that Carolina White is cast in the title role. Last year she made many friends when she appeared in the "Jewels of the Madonna." Many out-of-town orders for "Aida" are being received, because it is a Saturday matinee performance, and visitors write that they will combine a hearing of the opera with a shopping tour.

LINCOLN SOCIETY REPORTS Success of Celebration on February 12 Is Attested. Pronounced success in the handling of the celebration of Lincoln's birthday anniversary was shown by reports of committees of the Lincoln Memorial Society made public at a meeting of the society yesterday. It was shown that at the celebration February 12, 1913, the Lincoln day exercises were held in 97 of the schools of the city, nine-tenths of the churches observed the day and an excellent programme was given under the auspices of the society. Arrangements were made for a meeting of the society at the City Hall March 25, when the annual election of officers will occur. Quarry Protests to Be Heard. Protests against the reconstruction of the Marquam rock quarry, which was destroyed recently by dynamite, will be heard by the City Commission at its regular meeting Wednesday when the question of a permit for the plant will be up for decision. A large number of residents of the Marquam gulch district in South Portland have sent a written protest against the plant being rebuilt. They declare it a nuisance and should not be permitted to continue.

DISTRICT JUDGE WOULD SUCCEED HIMSELF.



Judge Arthur C. Dayton.

Judge Arthur C. Dayton, of department No. 3 of the District Court, who is a candidate to succeed himself, was appointed to the office last May by unanimous vote of the judges of the Circuit Court, with whom the choice had been left by the Legislature. There were 24 attorneys seeking the appointment. Judge Dayton is 32 years old, and has lived in Portland since 1903. Since going on the bench he has taken a stand for the establishment of a poor debtors' or small claims court, in which the claims of creditors and small debtors may be arbitrated without expensive trials. He has chosen as his slogan on the ballot: "Incumbent will continue to administer justice without fear or favor."

"HEALING LIFE"

Will be Luther R. Dyott's theme in the First Congregational Church, Park and Madison streets, Sunday, March 15, at 11 A. M. Dr. Dyott's theme at 7:45 will be "The Strangest Prayer in the Bible." Public invited.

LECTURE WILL DRAW Mutes Will Come to "Hear" Miss Helen Keller.

DEMAND FOR SEATS LARGE

Talk of Famous Deaf and Blind Girl Will Be Interpreted for Those Who Are Unable to Hear It for Themselves.

J. Frederick Meagher, of Vancouver, Wash., printing instructor in the Washington School for the Deaf, yesterday called on V. R. Manning, secretary of the Associated Charities, to arrange for the reservation of seats for 30 or 40 deaf persons who are coming to Portland March 27-28 to attend the lecture of Helen Keller.

Mr. Meagher said also that efforts are to be made to arrange for a reception by the people from the school for the deaf to be given in honor of Miss Keller on one of the days of her engagement in Portland. "But how will the members of the school for the deaf 'hear' Miss Keller's lecture?" was the query. "Will they read her lips?" "A little common-sense reflection will show that the lips are too small to be read at a distance," wrote Mr. Meagher, who is also, in prompt answer, "It would be like reading a newspaper at a distance of 15 feet for one to try to read Miss Keller's lips when he is in the audience and she on the platform. Besides, not more than one person in 40 among the deaf can read lips well."

"Then how will they get the lecture?" "Mrs. F. W. Metcalf, head teacher at the Bucknam Oral School here in Portland, or Professor Thomas P. Clarke, of the Washington School for the Deaf, will go with the party and will interpret in signs. "You see, one sign often gives the sense of a whole paragraph, and you cannot possibly talk faster than a good signmaker can translate your speech. The deaf mutes in the audience at Miss Keller's lecture will, it is safe to say, get every point she makes as quickly as anyone else in the audience."

PERSONAL MENTION. John Adair, of Astoria, is at the Imperial. H. J. Hibschman, of Spokane, is at the Benson. J. Belfrey, of Concrete, Wash., is at the Benson. P. V. Quick, of Rochester, N. Y., is at the Benson. W. I. Vawter, a Medford banker, is at the Multnomah. Mrs. J. F. Greer, of The Dalles, is at the Washington. Mrs. Electa Simson, of The Dalles, is at the Cornelius. A. W. Burney, of Multnomah Falls, is at the Washington. J. J. Brenner is registered at the Imperial from Olympia. W. E. Carpenter is registered at the Multnomah from Seattle. Walter Rowson is registered at the Oregon from Fairbanks. C. W. J. Beckers, of White Salmon, Wash., is at the Cornelius. A. C. Smith, of Battleground, Wash., is registered at the Benson. I. R. Hughey and family, of Albion, Wash., are at the Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Newell, of Gaston, Or., are at the Imperial. L. G. Morgan is registered at the Cornelius from Edenbowen. Mr. and Mrs. Gus W. Gustafson, of Butte, are at the Washington. J. H. Wenandy registered at the Imperial yesterday from Bend, Or. Mr. and Mrs. James Richards, of Victoria, B. C., are at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham have taken an apartment at the Nortonia. Fred F. Moutet, of San Francisco, is registered at the Nortonia Hotel. E. A. Schiffer, of Pendleton, is registered at the Oregon with Mrs. Schiffer. R. A. Hulbert and family and L. E. Hulbert, of Edmonton, are at the Carlton. Mrs. M. Brennan, of Beaverton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Phil Blumauer, at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Middelton, A. Mac-Corquodale, C. F. Hines and John Thomson are a Lewiston party, registered at the Multnomah. Charles L. Baker, manager of the Hotel Julien at Corvallis, is registered at the Oregon.

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