

### WATER RATES DEEMED INADEQUATE

Increase Declared Necessary  
by Superintendent Kaiser  
in Annual Report.

### HUGE DEFICIT THREATENED

Shortage of \$750,000 in Sight Not  
Far Hence When Big Bond Issue  
Falls Due—Reduction in 1918  
Is Held Not Warranted.

An increase in water rates in Portland to forestall a pending \$750,000 deficit in funds required to retire outstanding bonds was recommended by Superintendent Kaiser in his annual report filed yesterday with City Commissioner Mann.

The report shows that the Water Bureau has been forced to face a deficit by reason of a material reduction of rates in December, 1917, which reductions, Mr. Kaiser holds, were not warranted. They were made by the City Council on recommendation of Will H. Daly, who was then Commissioner of Public Utilities, and have resulted in the loss to the Water Bureau of revenue amounting to about \$185,000, needed for sinking funds.

Mr. Kaiser makes no definite recommendation as to the amount of increase necessary in rates, but says the rates "should be raised in the near future in order that bonds coming due may be retired."

**Bonds Due in 1923.**  
"In 1923," says the report, "an issue of \$2,000,000 in 20-year, 4 per cent water bonds, sold in 1903, will become due. If the rates are not raised, there will be a deficit of about \$750,000. As I understand the city charter, we cannot re-issue bonds for this purpose because our revenues are insufficient to pay all costs of operation and administration and an annual amount must be set aside sufficient to pay at or before maturity all bonds issued on account of the water system."

**Another Loss Is Cited.**  
The report says also that at the same time the meter rates were reduced the flat-rate charge for fire protection lines and the charge for steam or hot water heating plants in dwellings was cut with a resultant loss of \$6000 a year revenue. "I would recommend that the charge for fire protection lines be again established at the earliest possible time, as the present rate is not sufficient to cover the cost of the service."

**Y. M. C. A. MEN ABROAD**  
REV. D. P. THOMPSON AND FRED LOCKLEY REPORT SAFE ARRIVAL.

Every Man Wears Life Preserver and Sleeps in His Clothes When Going Through Submarine Zone.

### ARMENIA TO PRESENT STRONG APPEAL FOR ITS 2,500,000 STARVING WAR REFUGEES

America Asked for \$30,000,000 for Winter Fund for Homeless People—Oregon's Appropriation Is \$150,000. Portland Expects to Raise \$75,000.



Thousands of Armenian Orphans Must be Fed and Clothed.

Agonized and outraged Armenians—the word spells tragedy—will present to Portland within the next fortnight the strongest and most convincing appeal for aid for its 2,500,000 starving refugees yet made in these times of world war. America is being asked for \$30,000,000 for a winter fund for these homeless, poverty-stricken people. Oregon's appropriation is \$150,000, and of this sum Portland expects to raise \$75,000.

Public preparations for the campaign will begin this week with the arrival from San Francisco of Mrs. Emerick, secretary of the California division of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. She will arrive Monday and remain until Thursday, and during that time she will appear at private and public gatherings, giving the message from the much persecuted Armenians.

**Public Meeting Called.**  
Plans are being formulated for a public meeting to be held in the Auditorium, the date to be announced soonest. Mrs. Emerick's reputation as a magnetic and convincing speaker has preceded her. She recently went before a men's club in San Francisco to present the cause of the Armenians, and before she spoke she was informed that the constitution of the organization prohibited the taking of any collection or subscription. She said all she wished was to tell her story, which she did in such an enlightening manner that she was no sooner seated than by a unanimous vote the constitution was suspended and a collection of \$600 was taken.

The Portland campaign will open Monday evening with dinner at the Hotel Portland for the committee, officers and workers, when the final details and plans of work will be gone over, and by a unanimous vote the committee will be organized with Mrs. Emerick as president and Mrs. Jessie White, warden; Mrs. Allie Circle, marshal; and Miss Eda Jacobs, treasurer of the Rebekah Assembly.

**STATE MEETING IS CALLED**  
Oddfellows and Rebekahs to Assemble on January 29.

**EDUCATOR QUILTS SCHOOL**  
David N. Moessohn Retires Because of Personal Business.

**RED CROSS WORK PRAISED**  
Sweaters Sent to Fort Stevens Men Appreciated.

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### LUMBERMEN SWIFT TO STOP SEDITION

Loyal Legion Does Effective Work in Ferreting Out Disloyal Ones in Forests.

### SPRUCE PRODUCTION RISES

Through Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, Organized by Colonel Disque, Pro-Germans Kept From Doing Harm.

Patriotism has reached a point of high endeavor in the Pacific Northwest spruce districts. Employees of the camps and mills in their own way are quietly and effectively solving the problem of sedition and disloyalty, which, for a time, threatened serious impediments to the Government's war programme.

**Suggestions Are Received.**  
Colonel Disque inaugurated a "suggestion box" through which members of the Legion may consult with him personally about their grievances. As a result of this feature efficiency has been increased to a great degree and disloyalty is rapidly being eradicated.

**Disloyal Are Condemned.**  
"The majority of us, who are loyal to our beloved country, look down with contempt upon those who have refused their aid during this present crisis. If America in time of peace is a good enough country to earn a livelihood in men it should be good enough to fight for, when threatened by an enemy who would keep us in slavery and deprive us of the liberty of which we boast."

**YOUTH HELD INSANE**  
Defense of Clarence Guy Indicated by Father.

**MOTHER IS NOW IN ASYLUM**  
Woman Shot by Enraged Husband Is Still Living at Hospital, but Chance of Pulling Through Is Declared Slender.

**THOROUGHLY TESTED HOME MEDICATION**  
When you are really sick, call a physician.

**PERUNA IS UNEQUALED**  
Catarrah complications are at the base of most of the ills that make us uncomfortable without being bed-ridden.

**Remove the Catarrah Build Up the Strength**  
Peruna has met with great success in thousands of such cases.

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### WILL MANY OR FEW BE SAVED?

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By Dr. JAMES E. TALMAGE  
Of the Council of the Twelve; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Salt Lake City, Utah.

### CLEAN SEED IMPORTANT

CORVALLIS MAN GIVES VALUABLE HINTS TO FARMERS.

**Ranchers Are Urged to Put Grain Through Fanning Mills as Conservation Measure.**

The Oregon Agricultural College, cooperating with the United States Department of Agriculture in agriculture and home-economics, lays particular emphasis on the necessity for care in the selection of seed grain for spring planting this year. A report issued by Professor G. H. Hyslop, who has examined seed throughout Sherman County and reviewed the crop prospect there, gives valuable hints to farmers on the subject of seed.

### CONCERT FEB. 1 ANNOUNCED

University Glee Club Presented by High School Class.

The June graduating class of Lincoln High School will present the University Glee Club in a concert on the evening of Friday, February 1, at the Lincoln High School auditorium, Park and Market streets. The net proceeds will be turned over to the school scholarship fund, which sends one student each year to the University of Oregon.

### \$80,000 Estate Left.

Josef Meltnier, of Washington County, who recently moved with his family to Kansas, died at Olmitz, Kansas, December 30. He left an estate in Washington and Multnomah counties, Oregon, of about \$80,000. Charles J. Schnabel was appointed administrator by the County Court and qualified as such yesterday.

### District Attorney Evans to Talk.

District Attorney Evans has accepted an invitation from the Pacific Fire Underwriters to address their convention at San Francisco, February 6, on fire prevention and the prosecution of fire-burglars.

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In the course of our Lord's last journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, which proved to be His solemn march to Calvary and the cross, He threaded the towns and villages of the region, teaching and preaching by the way. Multitudes were impressed by His lofty precepts and His simple exposition of the plain, everyday, but many questions were submitted to Him, some based on curiosity or even less worthy motives, others inspired by genuine interest.

"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved?" (Luke 13:23). The inquiry was and is of great moment, quite as important to us today as to those whom the Master directly addressed. We observe as a striking and significant fact, that while the Lord in no wise treated the query as improper, yet He gave no specific or direct answer. Indeed, so far as the record enables us to judge He purposely left the question unasked, though He gave a most impressive sermon in connection therewith. Note again the question, and part of the response:

"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

Later, on the night of the betrayal, the Lord said to the sorrowful apostles: "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have said, that ye should go and seek a place in my Father's house."

Salvation is graded and every soul shall inherit the condition for which he is prepared. Paul comprehended this great truth, as appears from his declaration: "I desire the resurrection some souls shall be of the celestial order, comparable in glory to the sun, others shall be of the terrestrial state, of which the brightness of the moon is typical; while the graded status of others shall be as the varying light of the stars."

Modern man, who is in accord with holy writ of ancient record, and is explicit in affirming the graded condition that await the souls of men, as under the Gospel of Jesus Christ, prophet Joseph Smith (see Doctrine and Covenants, sec. 76), there are three main kingdoms or degrees of glory in the hereafter—(1) the Celestial, of which the sun is relatively typical, (2) the Terrestrial, as far below the first as the moon is inferior to the sun in brilliancy, and (3) the Telestial, which is the kingdom referred to by Paul but without name.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!  
Before you go to the closing-out sales or selling-out sales, just step into Factory Sample Shop, 286 Morrison street, between Fourth and Fifth, next to Corbett Building, for a genuine clearing sale, and you will save money and time and go no further for Dresses, Suits, Coats, Skirts and Waists.

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