

WATER RATE IS LOW

Commissioner Mann Hopes to Avert Advance.

DEFICIT LOOMS IN FUTURE

Question of Issuing Bonds to Finance All New Water Construction Considered, Conserving Receipts for Sinking Fund.

A desperate effort will be made by City Commissioner Mann to avert increasing city water rates. He said yesterday that he is looking into the question of ways and means of handling the funds of the bureau so as to remove the danger of a deficit of \$150,000 which is seen looming five years hence under present revenues being received from sale of water.

Commissioner Mann said yesterday that, while he believes the reduction of water rates a year ago was not warranted and resulted in the Water Bureau's financial status being seriously impaired, he is striving to adjust affairs in such manner as to avert an increase in rates under present war conditions.

Revenue is Insufficient. The situation at present, as reported by Superintendent Kaiser, of the Water Bureau, is that the revenue received is insufficient to provide for the sinking funds of the Water Bureau and at the same time provide for the upkeep of the water system. He says a big issue of bonds will fall due in 1921 and the water sinking fund will fall \$150,000 short of being ample to retire these bonds.

City Attorney LaRoche has been asked to decide whether refunding bonds could be issued to make up this deficit in 1921. Legal opinion heretofore has been to the effect that this could not be done.

If it cannot, Commissioner Mann says he is considering the question of issuing new bonds to finance all new water construction, thus conserving money received as current receipts now. Surpluses in receipts is being used now for construction. Commissioner Mann says bonds may be sold to raise money for this new construction, leaving the revenue for assignment to the bonded indebtedness sinking fund. In this way, he says, he hopes the coming deficit might be averted.

Other Cities Raise Rates.

Mr. Mann recently has received schedules of water rates charged in other cities and has found that Portland rates are considerably lower than the others. Several other cities are planning on increasing rates at once, owing to the increased cost of water. Prospects are that outlays of money for new construction may increase in Portland, owing to the growing shortage of houses and the probable increase in building activity. Construction now involves a much greater outlay of money than ever before because of the exceedingly high cost of iron pipe and all kinds of metal fittings, as well as the cost of labor.

POTATO PROFITS FIXED

SEATTLE RETAILERS ALLOWED 10 TO 25 CENTS A SACK.

Lower Prices Predicted Unless Some Means Can Be Found to Increase Public Demand for Spuds.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Retailers are allowed a profit of 10 to 25 cents per sack in handling potatoes, according to the price interpreted by the committee Friday. Yakima Gems, graded to Government standards, are to sell at \$1.65 to \$1.75 per sack, and Puget Sound white potatoes at \$1.25 to \$1.40 per sack.

The wholesale price of graded potatoes are \$1.30 to \$1.40 for Gems and \$1.25 to \$1.35 for locals, respectively. Last year at this date wholesale prices were \$1.15 and \$1.25 for the same grades, and as against \$1.27 and \$1.32, respectively, this year.

Wholesalers are pointing out that potatoes as a food essential constitute the cheapest commodity on the market today and that the supply is practically inexhaustible, due to the nearness of the influence of farmers to Fall prices and the car shortage, which prevented shipment to the East.

Unless some feature can be introduced that will start a brisk movement of potatoes prices will go still lower, and where wholesale prices in March last year for Yakima selected Gems touched \$1.90, they will be less than \$2.00 this year.

LA GRANDE CHAPTER ACTIVE

Red Cross Workers Send 81 Boxes of Supplies to Headquarters.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—La Grande has an active Red Cross chapter which has under its jurisdiction Union and Wallowa counties, of which there are 10, and two additional auxiliaries.

Figures best tell the results accomplished by this chapter. To date, there have been sent to Seattle headquarters 2467 knitted garments, 2918 hospital garments, 118,900 surgical dressings, 212 pieces of hospital linen, 4000 pieces of baby clothes for orphanages in France, six boxes containing 500 pieces of refugee garments—81 boxes in all.

Dr. M. K. Hall is chairman of the chapter; Mrs. E. J. Moorman and J. Goodwin King are vice-chairmen; T. J. Scroggin is treasurer and Thomas Goodhue is secretary.

STUDENTS DO WAR WORK

Harrisburg Boys and Girls Busy Canning and Gardening.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The school at Harrisburg is literally "canning the Kaiser," according to a letter received by Superintendent Churchill from P. E. Nash, of that place. The enrollment in the school shows 259 in all departments and 54 boys and girls are already enrolled in canning, gardening and pig raising projects. Domestic art work in the school is confined to Red Cross sewing and all grades are sewing one and one-half hours weekly for the Junior Red Cross. The students own \$1900 worth of liberty bonds and have bought \$120 worth of thrift stamps to date. They also are sending 20 magazines to cantonnments regularly and have given \$72 to the Y. M. C. A. war work.

Aberdeen Chamber Meets Feb. 13.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, at which officers for the coming year will be elected, is to be held February 13.

GROUP OF NURSES WHO WILL BE AMONG DETAIL OF 10 CALLED BY RED CROSS FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE.



NURSES ARE READY

Red Cross Call for 10 Brings Quick Response.

GOOD POSITIONS GIVEN UP

Within Two Hours After Receipt of Call Miss Grace Phelps, of Oregon Base Hospital Unit, Has Assistants Ready.

Ten Portland and Oregon registered Red Cross nurses will be called into immediate service by the American Red Cross and sent to a destination not made public.

Within two hours after Miss Grace Phelps, chief nurse of Oregon Base Hospital Unit No. 46, received yesterday an urgent call asking the earliest date at which ten nurses could be ready to go Miss Phelps had checked up her lists and had selected ten members of her base hospital contingent, all of whom are holding positions in Portland or elsewhere awaiting mobilization.

These nurses will be sent from Portland subject to immediate call when the base hospital is mobilized. It is believed that their services are needed at some of the Eastern cantonnments.

Work is Done Quickly. In getting these nurses ready for immediate transportation, it is believed Portland has made another record. This was the telegram Miss Phelps received from Washington February 9: "Submit names of ten nurses immediately available for temporary service. State exact date when available, together with correct addresses to which transportation may be wired. Need urgent."

(Signed) "CLARA D. NOYES, Director Bureau Nursing, American Red Cross."

To which Miss Phelps replied: "Ten nurses ready leave Monday morning 9 o'clock. Wire transportation my care."

Good Places Given Up. Every one of the ten is holding a position paying at least \$180 a month. They will relinquish these for the \$50 a month paid the Army Nurses Corps, to which they will belong as soon as they take the oath of allegiance. Virtually, the Red Cross acts as a recruiting agency.

Those called upon by Miss Phelps and who may have to leave within less than 24 hours' notice, with the schools they attended, are:

Miss Ida K. Palmer, The Dalles; The Dalles General Hospital; Miss Ivy Anna Stewart, Parkhurst Apartments; Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland; Miss Ruth Arnot, 714 Glisan street; St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland; Miss Claudina Holm, Beaverton, Or.; St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland; Mrs. Pearl V. Longwell, of Oakdale, Cal.; Portland address, 733 Washington street; John Stewart Ryburn Hospital, Ottawa, Can.; Miss Winifred Franklin, 374 Third street, Portland; St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Clifton, Ia.; Miss Jean McFadden, 538 Lovejoy street, Portland; Nansimo General Hospital, Nansimo, B. C.; Miss Martha Randall, 274 Third street, Portland; Cincinnati General Hospital, Lynn, Mass.

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SOUTHERN BRIDE IS WON

Hood River Soldier Notifies Mother of His Marriage.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 9.—"I have won a Southern bride," is the message that Mrs. Mary Gatchel, of this city, has received from her son, First Sergeant Frank W. Gatchel, of the 19th Company, Fifth Training Battery, at Camp Pike, Louisiana. The wedding of the young artilleryman to Miss Ida May Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mills, of Shreveport, La., occurred at the Highland Baptist Church of that city January 13.

QUESTION STUMPS GERMAN

Boy Shipwrecked on Oregon Coast Cannot Name Port of Entry.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Robert William Strubel, 23-years-old checker at a Cascade Locks lumber yard, who was here yesterday to register with Postmaster T. A. Rowley as a German enemy alien, was stumped

when he reached the question on the registry document demanding the name of the port at which he entered the United States. Strubel, who is a native of Cologne, took his registration blank to the Postmaster and explained that his entry on United States soil was most unconventional. In April, 1913, the young German was aboard the tramp steamer Mimi, which was wrecked off Nehalem. But for the quick work of the United States Life Guard Strubel would have found a watery grave. He was carried onto Oregon soil in the strong arms of a husky guard. Postmaster Rowley has received application for registration from three Germans.

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