

WATER METERS HAVE EXPERIENCE OF CITIES... PRAISE FOR CITY... COMPARATIVE ARTICLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE POINTS TO SAVING OF WATER WHERE CONSUMPTION IS MEASURED AS IT IS USED.

First Steps Taken by Council Toward Construction of New Highway Across River—Improvement Matters Before Council.

With an election of officers this afternoon the Oregon State Dental association, which has been meeting the last three days, closes its sixteenth annual meeting.

Annual Convention Closes Its Work With Good Words for All.

At the banquet held last night at the convention responded to toasts. These doctors have been visiting conventions of a similar nature in many states, and unanimously expressed the opinion that Oregon has never seen such a beautiful country nor been so courteously received, nor found a higher standard among dentists.

Striking Illustration of the Necessity of the Use of Water Meters is Afforded by Figures Published in a Recent Issue of Public Service, a Publication which is devoted to the discussion of problems of municipal government.

The figures are taken from the annual report of the superintendent of water works of the city of Schenectady, N. Y., where the supply is not metered, and where the daily per capita consumption is 148 gallons. The facts presented are of especial interest to Portland people at this time.

Comparative Article in Public Service Points to Saving of Water Where Consumption is Measured as It Is Used.

The second table shows the consumption in cities which do not have the meter system, and is as follows: Rochester, N. Y., 157; St. Paul, Minn., 157; Salem, Mass., 157; Springfield, Ohio, 157; Canton, Mass., 157; Terre Haute, Ind., 157; Topeka, Kan., 157; Worcester, Mass., 157; York, Pa., 157.

Fifteen-Year-Old Ruth Annette Seales of Lorane Swallows Strychnine After Kissing Mother Good Night.

Eugene, Or., July 14.—Fifteen-year-old Ruth Annette Seales returned from a picnic Sunday evening, dressed her mother goodnight and retiring to the room which has been here since she had outgrown the little cot by her mother's bedside wallows the contents of a bottle of strychnine. Three hours later she was a corpse.

Ambassador O'Brien Enumerates Grounds of Lasting Peace.

(United Press Special Wire.) San Francisco, July 14.—That the relations between the United States and Japan were more friendly today than at any time since the San Francisco school disarmament is the opinion of Thomas O'Brien, United States ambassador to Japan, who is in this city.

Harry B. Rogers, Accused of Taking Large Sum Belonging to Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, Deserts His Wife and Child.

Attachment for a woman not his may be responsible for the capture of Harry B. Rogers, who until June 1 was cashier for Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, when he disappeared with cash belonging to the company, amounting to more than \$1800.

City Ties Knot in County Work

Multnomah county will have to stop blasting on the Canyon road. The city council this morning revoked the permit given by the city engineer, this permit having been secured by the county after Thomas Streiff, the road superintendent in charge, had been arrested on the charge of blasting without a license.

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Mayor Who Cuts Him Short Quickly.

Councilman Baker this morning indirectly rebuked Mayor Simon for addressing a "police" of the Lane administration, when he rose to a question of privilege and gently lectured a majority of his colleagues for failing to stand by their own resolutions in recommending a permit for peddling without a license.

Second Section of Deschutes Final Approval About August 25 Probable—No Appeal Expected.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, July 14.—When the department of the interior approved the maps for the first 40 miles of right of way for the Deschutes dam, the Deschutes canyon, after denying the application for rehearing by adverse interests, it was announced that the dam and right of way had been approved. This has proved to be incorrect, as there are pending maps for the second division of 20 miles, comprising the line to the Redmond terminus. All these maps have been held for approval, Senator Dunning's department action yesterday upon those of the last division.

Ten Thousand Travelers Enroute From Whole Nation Bound for City.

Ten thousand tourists will visit Portland within the next three weeks, including ten special trains of Elks returning from the Los Angeles meeting no less than 20 special trains are due to arrive in Portland in the time mentioned. In addition there will be a great number of private cars filled with smaller tourist parties.

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Searching Parties Find Oakland Children Asleep Behind Big Log.

Oakland, Or., July 14.—The two daughters of J. Baedermann of this city, who were reported missing from home yesterday noon to go into the woods south of town to pick berries. As the children did not return by dark last night, searching parties were organized.

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Water Main's Moral Status

Chicago, July 14.—Testimony tending to bring in question the moral character of Ella Gingles was given today at her trial on a charge of stealing lace. David B. Thornton of Belleville, Ont., was the first witness called by the state. He testified that he knew the girl as "Belle Gingles" when she was employed in his home in Belleville. He said he frequently seen her in the company of men, and that he had seen men kiss her and caress her. When she was employed there, he testified, it became necessary to place her under the care of a physician. Dr. J. Gibson of Belleville was called and testified that he was the physician called to attend the girl.

Hanged for Killing Prison Warden

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Advertisement for Panama hats, featuring an illustration of a hat and text: "Panama hats For \$5. If you have not yet purchased your Panama Hat, now is your chance. All our \$7.50 and \$10.00 Panamas, while they last, at \$5."

By Miles Overholt. "Them fellows is a little bigger an' husier than our home team," volunteered an old gentleman in the grandstand at the ball game yesterday, "but I bet they can't beat 'em. When they first got 'em they played the Tigers. It was a 'Play ball,' yelled the umpire, and the crowd's attention was directed elsewhere. 'Strike one,' said the umpire. 'The feller that pitches in our home team, he's a real pitcher. 'Strike two,' yelled the umpire. 'The old gentleman spat at a knot hole and commented: 'One time the short stopper on our home team, 'Strike three—yours out.' Spectators sitting near the old man moved farther away, but he broke out again: 'The first baseman on our home team 'Say, who are you talking to?' inquired a man who was smoking a cigar and who sat near the old baseball enthusiast. But the inquiry was lost on the inquisitive, but need, fan. He had been interrupted, but he began bravely to pick up the thread of his talk: 'I mind one time when our first baseman made a three cornered play that was the finest exhibition of baseball I

London, July 14.—Fourteen suffragettes jailed for participation in the recent riots at the house of commons went on a rampage today and smashed every pane of glass in their prison. They were finally quieted when the magistrates threatened them with long terms in jail unless they behaved themselves in a more orderly manner. So far the wardens have not succeeded in compelling the women to don the regulation prison garb.

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At a meeting held last night the members of the Retail Grocers' association decided to boost as far as possible the Thursday afternoon work of the adopted by that organization. It was tried by the Sunnyside and Mount Tabor grocers last week and found to be a big success. They all closed and the customers seemed much pleased at the liberty to do as they pleased with the goods that afternoon. It will probably be tried all over the city next week.

Advertisement for Midsummer Carnival, featuring text: "Midsummer Carnival Opens Thursday July 15. Everything new—30 shows—thrilling free attractions—big society circus—Don Fulvaco, the educated horse—Moggi and Okla, the Grand Outangs—many others. Admission 10c."