

# WOULD DEplete GENERAL FUND BY Laying MAINS

### This Would Be Effect Under Bonding Act—City Has Two Distinct Laws, Due to Commission's Neglect.

If any considerable number of water mains should be laid under the present bonding act for the payment of assessments on such mains it is possible that the general fund may be depleted in order to pay the interest on the bonds. Because the charter commission of seven neglected to amend the Bancroft bonding act as it applies to the laying of water mains, and at the same time it permitted the people at the last election an amendment of the act covering street improvement and sewer bonds, the city now has two distinct bonding laws.

By section 282a of the charter, as it was adopted at the last election, the city may enforce the payment of yearly installments on bonds for street and sewer improvements. But section 227 of the charter, which was also amended, does not provide a similar clause for water mains.

**Applies in Both Amendments.**

Both amendments to the Bancroft bonding act applied, but in section 282a it is stipulated that in case a property owner fails to pay any one of the 10 yearly installments on the bond for which he has signed that the city may sell the property and indemnify itself for the entire amount of the bond.

Under section 277, however, property owners are not required to pay any portion of the assessment levied against them for the laying of a water main until the entire life of the bond, 10 years, has run its course. In framing the amendment the committee failed to state that in case section 282a should pass, the bonding provisions of that section should also apply to section 227.

As a consequence, the Bancroft act was amended in one instance and remained unchanged in the other.

The Bancroft act makes the provision that a property owner who bonds his property for the payment of the cost of laying a water main may agree to make 10 annual payments with minimum interest on one-tenth of the face of the bond at each payment. But it does not provide any adequate method for enforcing these payments, says Deputy Auditor W. D. Smith and E. W. Jones, who have charge of the department which has to do with the bonding of property.

They say the city attorney has ruled that the property on which a bond is placed cannot be sold for just one installment due on it, under the present provisions of the law. This, in effect, permits the property owner to wait 10 years, if he so desires, before paying a cent on the bond.

**City Must Pay Interest.**

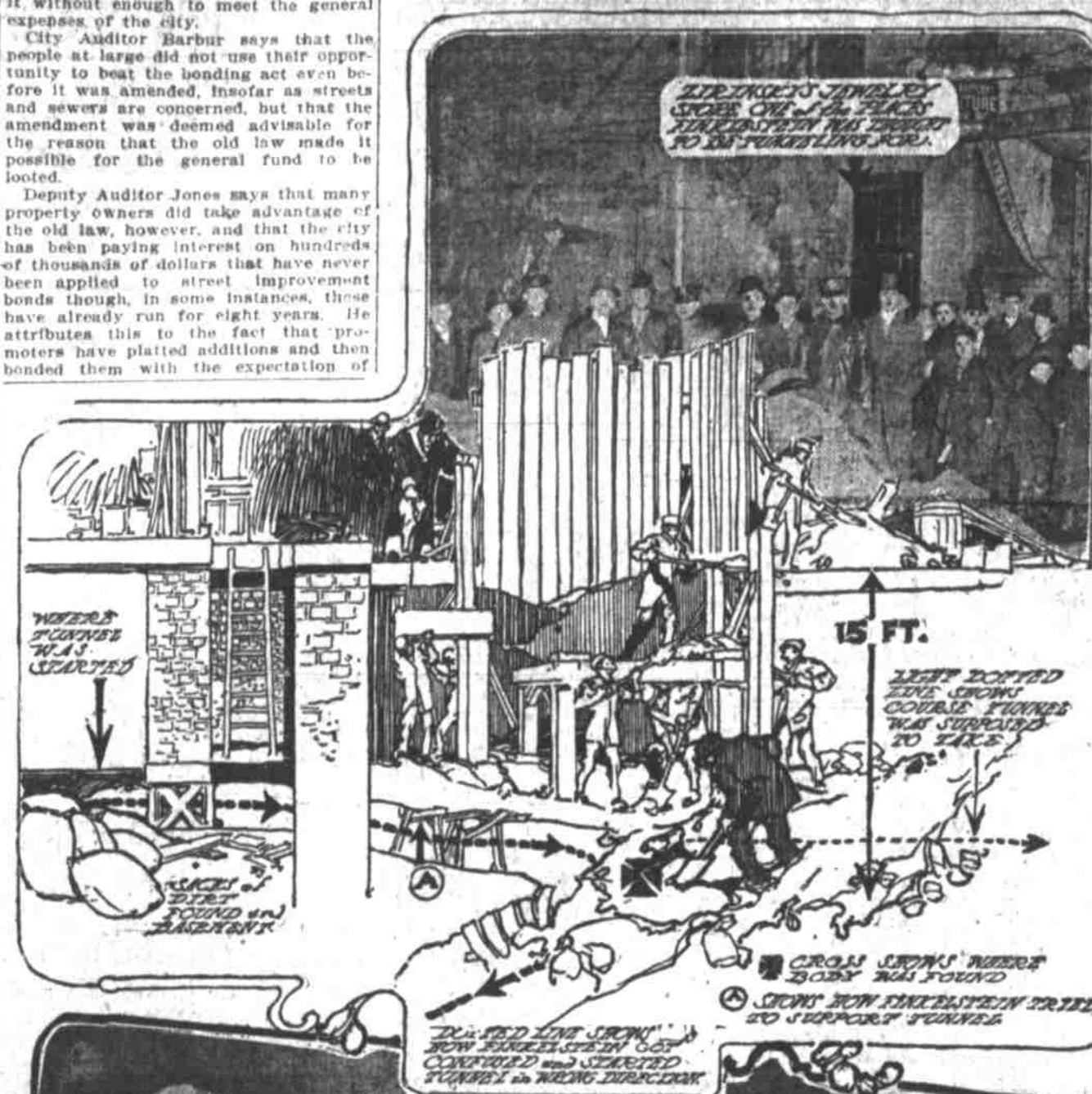
But whether the property owner pays his money in annual installments or not, the city, which has guaranteed the bond, must pay interest on it semi-annually. The money for this interest must be taken from the general fund if property owners do not choose to pay until the expiration of the 10 year term of the bond. It is therefore clearly seen that if any considerable amount

of interest should have to be paid and every property owner took advantage of the bonding act, the general fund might be so heavily drawn upon as to leave it without enough to meet the general expenses of the city.

City Auditor Barber says that the people at large did not see their opportunity to beat the bonding act even before it was amended, insofar as streets and sewers are concerned, but that the amendment was deemed advisable for the reason that the old law made it possible for the general fund to be looted.

Deputy Auditor Jones says that many property owners did take advantage of the old law, however, and that the city has been paying interest on hundreds of thousands of dollars that have never been applied to street improvement bonds though, in some instances, these have already run for eight years. He attributes this to the fact that promoters have played additions and then bonded them with the expectation of

## HOW THE HUMAN MOLE WORKED



The wife and children of Isaac Finkelstein, together with the diagramic scene of where he attempted to tunnel under Ludlow street, New York, in order that he might come up under the safe of a jeweler on the opposite side and commit burglary. Finkelstein had burrowed 20 feet under sidewalk and pavement, when there was a cave-in and he was suffocated. The case is remarkable in that the man kept his tunneling a secret from his family, who thought he was working nights. It is impossible to estimate how long he had been working it. He started the tunnel in the cellar of a vacant house a few doors from his home. It took him weeks to laboriously remove sacks of dirt from the hole. He had to back out, as the tunnel was not big enough for him to turn round. When his body was found it was noted that he had so miscalculated the direction he was digging that instead of heading for his much coveted diamonds across the street he had turned due south and was proceeding along the middle of

selling the property before the expiration of 10 years.

Under the Bancroft act as it applies in section 227 these promoters might bond unimproved property for the cost of installing water mains, says Mr. Jones, and without expending any money for water improvements, exploit their land and sell it. Buyers of such property would, of course, assume the lien held by the city, but they would not be obliged to take this lien up until the end of the period for which the property was bonded. And then they would only have to pay the principal and simple interest at 6 per cent.

## DRIVEN TO STREET BY MIDNIGHT FIRE

### Scores of Families Have Narrow Escape in San Francisco—Loss by Lapsed Policy.

(United Press Special Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—Two thirds of a block of buildings in the vicinity of Market street and Church street are smoking ruins today while scores of families driven from their homes are being cared for by neighbors, following a midnight fire that destroyed \$100,000 worth of property. Thrilling escapes from death were frequent and that no one was injured is regarded as miraculous.

The fire started at 1 o'clock this morning in the furniture store of Wicker & McManus at 2084 Market street. Numbers of sleeping families in apartments overhead or adjacent were aroused by the noise of fire apparatus as it responded to four alarms.

Police and firemen rushed into the buildings and dragged forth bewildered men and hysterical women. Quick work created the flames of their prey and all occupants were rescued before the structures were consumed.

Wicker & McManus will recover \$18,000 insurance but had let a policy for \$10,000 lapse two days ago.

## 'NEWSIES' HAVE BIG NIGHT IN GYMNASIUM

The sixth regular meeting of the Newsboys' association was held last evening at the People's Institute. About 75 boys, bubbling over with enthusiasm, were present. It required all of Professor Kronin's large supply of tact to get the boys lined up for their gymnastic exercises, but line them up he did.

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and once in the spirit of the work, the boys enjoyed the discipline.

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## Crops Not Big Enough.

From the New York Tribune.

The year's crop estimates show that corn is still king, in acreage and yield, with wheat in second place in area, but third, after oats, in yield. To what extent the acreage can be increased in future years is a dubious question, but there is no doubt that the average yield should be and could be increased. A little over 25 bushels of corn and 15 of wheat is not a satisfactory record for progressive American farmers.

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## NAILS FLAG TO MOUNTAIN TOP

### Magazine Writer Praises Mrs. Le Reine Helen Baker, Suffragist, for This Feat.

Since the publication in The Journal Monday of her startling interview on the subject of babies being too numerous, Mrs. Le Reine Helen Baker, the noted Spokane (Wash.) social equality worker and lecturer, who is recuperating at the Hotel Portland, has been the recipient of hundreds of complimentary letters, and personal and telephone calls.

Mrs. Baker stayed at the hotel nearly all day yesterday receiving callers and telephone calls and reading a great mass of letters.

**People Like Broadmindedness.**

"People generally speak of the broadmindedness of the Journal in publishing truths, as I tried to point them out in my interview, without rearranging and distorting them because of false modesty," said Mrs. Baker.

"Yes, it is true," continued Mrs. Baker, "that myself and other Spokane people expect to come to Portland for the opening of the Hotel Portland under new management. But I am not fully cognizant of W. S. Norman's plans, as was stated. Such a statement makes it look as if I tried to other people's affairs. I simply know of some of Mr. Norman's plans, as do 100 other Spokane people to whom he told them."

In "Human Life" for January, 1910, Alfred Henry Lewis, the writer, has made Mrs. Baker the subject of an article headed "Nearest the Stars," under "Celebrities of the Day." He writes: "Woman suffrage has been proclaimed to many quarters of the globe but it remains for Mrs. Le Reine Helen Baker of Spokane, Wash., to plant the flag of the suffragists upon that snow-capped mountain top of Pike's Peak."

"The woman who has just accomplished this feat is one of the most ardent and interesting workers in the great suffrage movement in this country, and her enthusiasm in proclaiming suffrage from the pinnacle of the Rockies, has added a feature to the various methods of announcing equal rights."

"The flag which Mrs. Baker unfurled to the Colorado winds which play about this lofty mountain's top was presented to her by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, the New York society leader, who is an active leader in the suffrage movement

in this country. The banner, which is black, bears in letters of yellow the significant motto, 'Votes for Women.' It came originally from England, where the suffragettes have—even if they accomplish less—made more noise than in any part of the country.

An added significance to Mrs. Baker's planting this banner upon the top of Pike's Peak is the fact that she is the largest taxpayer in the state of Washington. She came all the way from her home state on purpose to nail the motto next the stars. A special train was necessitated, and the cog road, now closed for the winter, was opened for the ascension. The woman whose convictions have led her to ascend Pike's Peak so that the cry of equal suffrage may be flung in the face of high heaven itself, is one of the foremost suffragists of the country, although she greatly objects to being classed with the militant suffragettes.

Although a young woman, Mrs. Baker has been active in public affairs for the last six years. Refined and gentle in her manner, she is the last person one would imagine as burning with the fire of enthusiasm which would lead her to the cold summit of Pike's Peak to plant an equal suffrage flag.

"My belief that it is every woman's duty to do some good in the world has not been interpreted merely through equal suffrage, for her work among children stands side by side with her energetic work in the suffrage cause. Many times a millionaire in her own right, Mrs. Baker spends large sums yearly in bettering the condition of children the world over. On her way to Manitou she entertained 200 new-born boys in Denver, Colo., and a large number in Colorado Springs."

In Washington, she is interested in numerous homes for children, and is known to every 'newspaper' in Spokane. She is a great friend of Judge Ben B. Lindsay, Denver's famous juvenile judge, and has worked along the lines set down by this children's friend in her own accomplishments.

"Mrs. Baker says she does the work she is following because she believes in the brotherhood of man in its fullest sense. For that reason she works for equal suffrage and for the children with the same spirit, saying that 'Children of today are the men of tomorrow.'"

## Portland to Seattle and Tacoma Sleeping Cars.

The Pullman sleeping cars for Seattle and Tacoma on the Oregon & Washington owl train, leaving Portland at 11:45 p. m., is at the disposal of passengers after 9:30 p. m. This car may be occupied until 8 o'clock the following morning, thus enabling travelers to obtain a full night's sleep without the loss of an hour.

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## PULLS HAIR TO CELEBRATE JULY 4

### Wife Also Accuses Husband of Kicking Her in Stomach When Angry.

Hair pulling was a favorite pastime with James J. Meares, according to a complaint for divorce filed by Blanche H. Meares in the circuit court. She enumerates many occasions when she lost handfuls of her flowing tresses. In 1908, she says her husband celebrated the Fourth of July with a hair pulling exploit.

The family stove was also a factor of trouble. Mrs. Meares explains that she failed to get the stove the way Meares wanted it, whereupon he struck her with the stove lifter and kicked her in the stomach.

Mrs. Meares also tells of times when she was hit with a curtain pole, beaten with a mirror, and when her husband tore her clothing from her to stamp on it. After she began the divorce suit Meares filed a complaint in the juvenile court, alleging that she is not fit to care for the children. They were taken to the detention home, but restored to the mother yesterday afternoon, by order of Judge Bromagh, pending the outcome of the divorce case.

Having settled property rights out of court, the path of divorce became smooth for Mrs. Luella C. Parrish yesterday afternoon. Circuit Judge Gates granted her a decree from Edward E. Parrish of Albany on grounds of desertion and cruelty, he failing to appear.

Under the settlement finally reached Mrs. Parrish will receive \$3750 in 10 days in lieu of all claims for alimony, will dismiss a separate suit for maintenance and will also dismiss her suit for \$10,000 damages for slander against J. J. Whitney and Percy R. Kelly.

Mrs. Parrish, in her testimony yesterday, said her husband has failed to provide for her, and for 14 years he forced her to care for his insane sister, wearing down her health. She told of having been sued by her husband for divorce in Albany in 1908, this case going to the supreme court. She said her husband sent her furniture to her after he had cut the woodwork and the plumb with a knife.

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The heavy substantial dishes of this climate accord badly with the thermometer at the table, having no flexibility in regulating the kind and quantity of food is a cause of a large proportion of the ill health and stomach troubles among the English and Americans.

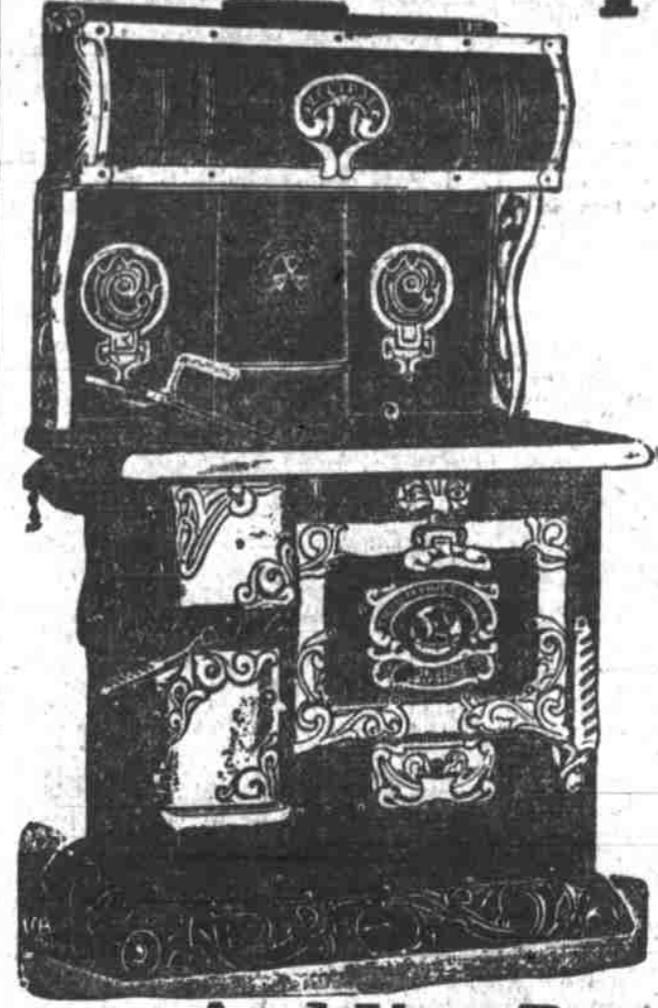
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