

METER SYSTEM IS URGED BY MAYOR AS BEST SOLUTION

Rushlight Advises That \$500,000 Bonds Be Sold Just as Soon as Bull Run Pipe Line Has Been Accepted.

As soon as the new pipe line from Bull Run has been accepted, the city board of water commissioners will have to recommend a bond issue of \$500,000 for the purpose of making the initial movement to meter the entire city. The metering of the city by the water department was recommended to the administration of Dr. Harry Lamb, but was discontinued when Joseph Brown became mayor two years ago last June. Only a few thousand of the water measuring instruments had been installed before the Brown regime checked the work, but consumers who got meters would not change back to the flat rate system now.

Mayor Rushlight believes that a great majority of the water consumers want meters and he intends to use them to save hundreds of thousands of dollars that will otherwise have to be expended for the construction of new water mains.

Others Favor Meters. Frank W. Winn, one of the members of the water board, is also a firm advocate of the meter system, and it is believed that Walter B. MacKay, another member of the board, will join forces with the mayor and Mr. Winn. Theodore B. Wilson and John C. Almsworth, the remaining members of the board, do not believe it would be wise to spend a large sum of money on water meters, but it is hoped that they will not seek to obstruct the mayor's project of submitting the question to a vote of the electorate at the special election to be held early next year.

"I would have urged the installation of more meters before this," said Mayor Rushlight last night, "but for the fact that I had so many other municipal problems starting me in the face when I took the office of mayor. However, I will bring the subject before the water board just as soon as the Bull Run pipe line has been accepted and that big job is out of the way. I can't do everything at once and it has been my policy to handle things as they came."

Guard Against Famine. Assistant Engineer F. S. Randlett, of the water department, has been for years an enthusiastic advocate of the metering system. He believes that the only ultimate solution of the annual problem of how to meet the midsummer water shortage lies in the installation of meters in every dwelling and other buildings using water.

"If we had had meters in past years we would never have experienced a shortage," said Mr. Randlett yesterday. "Opponents of the meter system point to the fact that we have recently laid a new pipe line and acquired additional reservoir facilities, but even these will not be adequate in a few years if the present rate of waste keeps up."

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"Take an ordinary street, for instance. At certain water rates it is simply able to take care of the traffic, but at the rush hours it becomes congested. The capacity of a water main, for practical purposes, must be measured in the same way, its ability to take care of the requirements upon it at times when the tax on it is greatest."

Data Compiled. Engineer Randlett has compiled a great deal of data on meters that will interest the public and he has come to the conclusion that to prevent water waste it is absolutely necessary that the domestic consumption of water be metered.

The term "water waste," implies all water not utilized for any useful purpose, which leaves the consumer's supply pipe either through leaks or through the faucet. Experience has shown, if the information obtained by Engineer Randlett is correct, that to operate a water works plant under the most favorable conditions, in a manner satisfactory to both city and consumer, it is necessary that waste and consumption receive careful attention.

Water waste diminishes the profit earned from the sale of water. It reduces the water pressure, subjecting lives and property to the peril of fire, and proves costly to both city and consumer. To arrest all water waste would therefore appear to be the paramount duty of a city water department.

Much Water Wasted. Competent water authorities have estimated that from 25 to 60 per cent of all water supplied on an unmetered plant is absolutely wasted. It is apparent, therefore, that under such conditions it is an impossibility for this or any other city to supply water at a minimum cost and the financial loss to the city is in direct proportion to the amount of water wasted.

In the past the city of Portland has been compelled to spend large sums of money in extending mains to meet the demand of consumers when the expenditure would have been unnecessary if the meter system had been in use.

It has been suggested by opponents of the metering system that the remedy for water shortage caused by water waste is the enlargement of the water works. Advocates of meters say that this plan is an absolute error and that enlarged capacity only encourages greater waste.

The ratio of domestic consumers to commercial consumers of water in Portland is about as four to one. It is readily apparent that the possibilities for abnormal waste are therefore much greater among the former than the latter.

Domestic Consumers. Advocates of the metering system believe that the domestic consumers, at least, if not all of the consumers, should be metered in order to prevent waste. They say that large manufacturing plants, for instance, do not waste water to any considerable extent. They use it.

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