

RECORDS SHOW LARGE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF WATER CONSUMERS

City Water Bureau Files Report With Commissioner Daily.

During the past four years from January 1, 1909, to November 30, 1913, the number of consumers of water supplied by the city has grown from 33,142 to a total of 58,275, or an increase of more than 75.8 per cent, according to a report of the city water bureau filed with Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, today.

In the same period 257.33 miles of pipe have been laid, while 6300 consumers were added when the city purchased private water works in the suburbs. For the 11 months ending November 30, there has been a total increase in the number of consumers of seven per cent. There were also laid during that period 47.28 miles of pipe, making a total of mains four inches or more in diameter of 504.08 miles.

In November there were 55,902 places actually paying for service, of which 23.9 per cent or 13,338 have meters. The report states that it will probably be necessary to install meters in all lawns sprinkling services before the beginning of summer with the object of removing the limitations as to hours when sprinkling services may be used, thereby distributing the strain caused by these services to the entire 12 or 14 hours of daylight.

The report states that in the installation of meters the water bureau is following the custom quite generally adopted by all progressive cities.

Although the capacity of the two large conduits carrying water from the Bull Run reservoir is 67,500,000 gallons daily, the greatest amount of water taken from the two pipes is about 47,000,000 gallons in 24 hours.

TO CHANGE GRADE CROSSINGS

East Thirty-seventh Street and Sandy Boulevard Work Planned.

Commencing early next week plans are to be worked out for a change in the crossing at East Thirty-seventh street, Sandy Boulevard and the O. & N. tracks. Howard Holmes, chief of the bureau of highways, is taking the matter up with property owners who will be affected by the crossing change.

According to the present tentative plans either an overhead crossing will be constructed by the railroad company or a tunnel will be dug under the Sandy Boulevard. The change in crossing will necessitate a great amount of work on the railroad track and will be toward the river. It has been agreed that the company shall pay 60 per cent of the cost of the reconstruction of the crossing, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company 20 per cent, and the city the remainder.

It is expected to decide upon the kind of crossing to be constructed next week and then plans will be worked out for the reconstruction work, according to Holmes.

1664 MILK TESTS ARE MADE

Report Shows Work Done During the Past Eleven Months.

During the 11 months of the fiscal year ending November 30, there were 1664 tests made of milk samples collected by the milk inspectors as compared to the 470 samples tested in 1910, according to the annual report of City Milk Chemist Callaway, completed yesterday. Of the number tested this year only 2.1 per cent was found to be adulterated, as compared with 13.4 per cent found adulterated in 1910.

In 1911 there were 818 tests made during 1912, 1215 tests. Of 638 samples taken from milk wagons this year, 51.2 per cent was classed as excellent and 95.3 complied with the ordinances relative to pure milk.

OLD BUILDINGS ARE REMOVED

292 Structures Condemned Since January 1 Last.

Since January 1 of this year 292 buildings have been condemned, and of this number 152 have been removed, showing that on an average about 16 structures are being removed a month, according to the report of Chief Deputy Building Inspector Kremers. The buildings which have not yet been torn down will be removed within a short time or prosecution will follow. According to Kremers, it will be only a few months before all of the dilapidated buildings in Portland are removed and other structures will arise in their place.

SECRETARY READS REPORT

Only 29 Complaints Made to This Bureau in Utilities Department.

The secretary's bureau of the department of public utilities in charge of J. H. McCool has handed only 29 complaints which necessitated personal investigation and correspondence with public service corporations, according to McCool's first annual report covering, however, only the five months from July 1, submitted to Commissioner Daly this morning.

Hundreds of inter-departmental complaints not included in the list have been handled by the bureau and ad-

DARROW INDICTMENT FOR BRIBERY DROPPED

District Attorney Dismisses Proceedings Against Attorney in L. A.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—An indictment of 2 years' standing against Clarence S. Darrow, Chicago labor attorney, charging him with having bribed Robert Bain, a prospective juror in the McNamara trial, was dropped today at the instance of District Attorney Fredericks.

Fredericks appeared before Superior Judge Jackson and stated that, inasmuch as Darrow has been tried twice on bribery charges, the state was willing that the indictment be dismissed.

Darrow was tried and acquitted on a charge of bribing or attempting to bribe George Lockwood, a McNamara juror. Later he was tried on the Bain charge, but the jury disagreed.

Both indictments against Darrow grew out of Darrow's connection with the trial of the McNamara brothers, dynamiters in the Los Angeles Times building. Darrow was their chief counsel.

NO ACTION ON GAME BOARD REORGANIZATION

Commission Will Meet Again December 29 for Further Discussion.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 20.—Action to reorganize the work of the state fish and game departments along lines suggested by the governor, was not taken by the commission at its meeting yesterday. The commission decided to meet again December 29, at which time the matter will be taken up again. At that time also, the commission will consider a number of the state fish hatcheries.

The commission instructed the master fish warden to procure between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 steelhead trout eggs to be hatched and planted in the fishing streams of the state.

The game warden was instructed to purchase 500 Hungarian pheasants for the state. Max Muller will be sent to Hungary to get them, as members of the board stated it was considerably cheaper to send a man to the old country for them than to buy them in this country.

COLD WEATHER IN WAKE OF COLORADO'S STORM

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—Fair but cold weather prevailed today following yesterday's snowstorm. Since December 1, more than 55 inches of snow has fallen here. Yesterday's fall amounted to eight inches.

All streetcar traffic and railroad schedules were resumed today.

Justified informally. Of the 29 complaints formally handled and adjusted, 9 have concerned gas service, 5 electric light service, 7 telephone service, and 1 pole obstructions.

During the five months there have been 7920 visitors to the office and 3120 telephone calls, the figures based, according to the report, on an estimate made by actual count for the month of November.

The reason for the small number of formal complaints regarding public service corporations is perhaps better explained in the section of the report as follows:

"Considering the general opinion in which public corporations are held by the people, it is astonishing how comparatively few serious complaints have been received. Either this condition speaks strongly for the efficiency of public service companies of Portland, or else the general public has not learned that its protests will be investigated by the municipal department of public utilities."

This department has supervision over the water department, street cleaning, and the handling of all franchises and their regulation and enforcement, besides the adjusting of complaints existing between public service companies and private individuals.

BLUE PRINTING WORK SAVED

Commissioner Dieck Shows Where Expenses Have Been Cut.

According to the annual report, J. T. Brickley, in charge of the city blueprinting work, submitted to Commissioner Dieck this morning the average number of prints made during the past five months is much less than during the first six months of this year. These figures, says Commissioner Dieck, show that a great deal of unnecessary work was done by the blueprinting department prior to July 1 of this year.

The average number for the six months beginning January 1, 1913, was 2479, of which 2230 were made for the engineering department. In the past five months ending November 30, the average number of blueprints finished was 1124 or 1355 less than formerly.

REBELS ADVANCING ON TAMPEICO, WILL RENEW ATTEMPT TO GAIN CITY

Foreign Oil Companies Empty Tanks, Foreigners Leave City for Ships.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Mexico City, Dec. 20.—The rebels were advancing on Tampico again today. Some reports said fighting had begun but the war office here had not heard of it.

Indications were that the impending battle would be fiercer than the last, however. The rebels had been strongly reinforced. They had added to their supply of rifles and were bringing up eight more cannon from Victoria. They had also two carloads of powder and two of dynamite. The railroad had been repaired from Victoria to the vicinity of Tampico, and eight locomotives were being used to haul munitions to the front.

It was understood here that the rebels intended to dynamite every avenue by which the federal garrison might escape from the city. Thus, if they win, they will have the federalists at their mercy. They cannot evacuate their defenses and join some other federal force elsewhere.

The foreign oil companies had emptied their big tanks at Tampico and it was said the foreigners who had gone ashore again after the recent battle were again taking refuge on shipping in the harbor.

The government professed to have definite information that Admiral Fletcher had been instructed from Washington not to interfere.

It was said that the only thing which prevented President Huerta from confiscating all the property of his opponents was his difficulty of control between himself and Minister of Justice Goroztieta. Between the Madero estate and the properties of the members of congress arrested by the dictator some time ago there is wealth within the latter's reach to a value running well into the millions and Huerta was reported to be hungry for it.

A nicer sense of the proprieties, was understood to oppose confiscation, but the general opinion was that his objections would be overcome sooner or later.

The release, at the president's order, of three Americans, William Krause, John Parker and H. J. Kidder, who were under arrest here, was said to be a concession to Charles d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy personally.

There seems no question that Huerta has a strong liking for the American diplomatic representative and when the latter, after repeated ineffectual efforts in his countrymen's behalf, went over the authorities' heads and appealed directly to the president, Huerta responded promptly and graciously, explaining that he had not known the men were prisoners or that O'Shaughnessy was trying to free them.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC MEN HOLD LONG SESSION

Docket Considered Consists Mostly of Business of Routine Nature.

H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, will preside at the January meeting of the North Coast Weighing association, which closed a long session at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, presided at yesterday's meeting, which was held in his office. The next session will be held in Mr. Hinshaw's office.

While the docket considered yesterday was long, it consisted mostly of routine business which had to be cleared up before the close of the year. The following traffic men attended the meeting: W. C. Wilkes, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the North Pacific; E. E. Still of Tacoma, general western freight agent of the Northern Pacific; S. J. Henry of Tacoma, chief rate clerk of the Northern Pacific; C. H. Martin of Spokane, traffic manager of the Spokane & International; E. H. Cardie of Portland, general agent of the Canadian Pacific; Samuel Wilson of Seattle, assistant general freight agent of the Milwaukee; H. Hinshaw; J. H. Mulchay of Portland, assistant general freight agent of the Southern Pacific; H. A. Kimball of Seattle, assistant general freight agent of the Great Northern; H. E. Lounsbury of Portland, general freight agent of the O. & N. R. & N.; J. E. Davis, chief rate clerk of the O. & N. R. & N.; and J. C. Moore, chief rate clerk of the S. P. & S.

SHOT IN THE NECK, NEARLY BLEED TO DEATH

Vernonia, Or., Dec. 20.—Shot in the neck by his brother, Oscar, while hunting deer on Oak Ranch creek, eight miles north of this place, James Jones almost bled to death before a doctor could be summoned and arrive to give him relief.

C. Christensen, a member of the hunting party, tore his shirt off and partially stopped the flow of blood, thus probably saving Jones' life. Jones got in the line of aim just as his brother fired at a deer with a 38-40 rifle. A steel nose bullet struck him, the next charge in the gun being a soft nose missile, which doubtless would have been fatal. Jones was taken to the home of his sister at Mist.

Vice President to Lecture. Chicago, Dec. 20.—A lecture bureau announced signing Vice President Marshall for a lecture tour after congress adjourns at \$300 per lecture.

UNDERWORLD LEADER FOR SECOND TIME IS CONVICTED BY JURY

Findings of Lower Court 18 Months Ago Upheld; Sentence Is Deferred.

A year and a half after ex-Municipal Judge Tazwell found Harry Harris guilty of vagrancy a jury in Circuit Judge Gates' court upheld the findings of the lower court. A verdict of guilty was returned after short deliberation yesterday afternoon. Harris was sentenced to 90 days by Judge Tazwell and appealed from the sentence and findings. Judge Gates will not send Harris until an appeal on a similar case by John Parker is decided by the supreme court. Harris gave bonds of \$2000.

Testifying in his own behalf, Harris gave details of a gigantic graft scheme which he said was nipped in the bud by ex-Captain of Police Slover, who was acting chief of police at the time. Slover by the use of marked money brought Harris and Sam Kraemer, about 20 were caught in raids at the same time, including Parker, who was found guilty, sentenced to 90 days and whose case is not pending before the supreme court on appeal.

Harris told how Joe Singer had brought up the scheme of raising about \$150,000 a year by grafting from the streets of the underworld. He said that Singer represented that at that time he was in close touch with administration officers. Harris said that he was given a tip to meet a member of the administration at the Portland hotel, but that when he went there he found only Singer and Kraemer. Later he said they met the city official on the street. The official mentioned, he said, was at present a public official, although not connected with the city. No persuasion could force the name of this official from Harris.

According to his testimony, the Coast hotel at Second and Burnside streets, which he ran, was to be the headquarters of the alleged ring. Room 4 of that hotel was named by Harris as the graft collection office, and the place which was to be split up among "higher-ups" was to be distributed. Harris testified, from the offices of attorneys John Mann and Julius Silvestro. This statement roused the ire of Attorney Mann, who was in the courtroom, and trouble was prevented only by the intervention of the bailiff.

Supreme Court Causes Delay. Deputy City Attorney Myers, who prosecuted the case yesterday, said that the long delay was occasioned by a desire of the former administration of the city attorney's office to await the outcome of the Parker appeal, but that the delay became too long and it was decided to try the case anyway.

Kraemer was tried over a year ago on an indictment charging extortion, growing out of the same events, and was convicted. He was sentenced to nine months and later pardoned by Governor West. It was understood that Harris was to be treated leniently because of the assistance he gave the state in the Kraemer trial.

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Vote for Conviction So That Jury May Be Quickly Released.

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GILMAN WILL SUCCEED PRESIDENT YOUNG ON FIRST OF NEW YEAR

New President of Hill Lines in Northwest Expected to Administer Aggressively.

Confirmation of the unofficial announcement that L. C. Gilman had been named to succeed J. H. Young as president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and allied Hill lines in Oregon was made at Seattle last night when Mr. Gilman returned from St. Paul. Mr. Gilman is now assistant to President Carl R. Gray of the Great Northern.

As previously announced, the change becomes effective January 1. No intimation has been given, however, as to the successor of Mr. Gilman in the Seattle branch of the Great Northern's executive department.

Although Mr. Gilman rose through the legal department of the railroad to an executive position, he is said to have a broad knowledge of the theoretical phases of operation and of traffic. Trained to the Hill methods under several executives, he is expected to work out the Hill policies of economy of administration combined with aggressive business incursions.

Some of the problems that Mr. Gilman will find facing him are: Completion of the Tillamook line of the United Railways; work on which has long been halted because of the financial situation; completion of the passenger ships for operation between the Columbia river and San Francisco in 1915; development of the Mackenzie river water-power project; completion and operation of the double track and improvement of the Willamette valley line of the Oregon Electric; prosecuting development work in Central Oregon tributary to the Oregon Trunk railway, with possible extension of the line southward from Bend to connect with the Pacific & Eastern at Medford.

Of chief immediate concern to Portland, however, the completion of the east side terminal projects is to be one of the things the new president will have to work out. Sites have been secured for enormous freight yards and warehouses covering many acres south of Morrison street along Union avenue. Most of the site has been cleared of buildings, and is awaiting developments.

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COUNTY ASSESSORS FORM ASSOCIATION

Recommend That Legislature Provide More Deputies, Graduate Salaries.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 20.—A permanent organization, to be known as the Oregon County Assessors' association, was perfected by the assessors from the various counties of the state in annual meeting here yesterday afternoon. The assessors decided to meet in Portland next year, providing the state tax commission does not issue a call for them to meet in Salem.

T. J. Thrift, of Coos, was elected president of the association, and Max Crandall, of Washington, was elected secretary and treasurer. J. E. Jack, of Clackamas, was elected vice president. A constitution was adopted.

Resolutions were passed recommending to the legislature the enactment of a law providing for more deputies in the office of assessor, the salaries of deputies to be fixed according to a graduated scale, based upon the length and quality of service and character of work performed, beginning with a minimum salary per month reaching the maximum in 10 years. This included the suggestion that the county courts be required to furnish assessors with the extra deputies needed during the rush periods.

Other resolutions asked the legislature to repeal the law requiring assessment to take the census, which is scheduled to be taken in 1915, and making up the list of persons subject to military duty, and also to repeal section 3604 of the code which empowers the county court to suspend the work

Christmas Draws Near

RESERVE YOUR TABLE FOR THE BIG CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER NOW!

Dinner will be served in the Fountain Room and the Crystal Dining Room on Christmas Day from 5:30 to 8:30 P. M., at \$1.50 per plate, including wine.

The Chef has arranged an exceptionally fine menu, and we are sure you will enjoy it, as well as the special musical program arranged for the occasion. Service in the Rathskeller will be a la carte.

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