

METER CONTROVERSY MISLEADS TAXPAYERS IS DALY'S ASSERTION

Water Department Would Pay Installation Cost From Own Revenues.

That the present controversy over the proposed establishment of a universal meter system for water services in Portland has misled many people who are taxpayers into believing that they will be required to pay a portion of the cost of installing meters, is the statement of Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities and head of the water department.

The water department is entirely self-supporting, not one cent coming from the tax levies to pay salaries, cost of construction or maintenance. While the current levy is authorized, in the annual budget, the expenditure of \$20,000, this does not mean, according to Commissioner Daly, that the money will come from tax levies. The action taken by the council was necessary in accordance with the charter.

The \$20,000 for the 20,000 meters proposed to be installed this year will come from the sale of water bonds. The principal and interest on these bonds will be paid from the fund derived from water revenues.

Taxpayers Not Affected. "As far as the taxpayers are concerned," said Commissioner Daly this morning, "they are not affected by the proposed universal meter system. The opponents of the meter system would have you believe that the taxpayers will have to share a portion of the cost of the meters. This is entirely false, as all of the money for all purposes in the water department comes from consumers and they should be the only ones interested."

In support of Commissioner Daly's plan for the meter system, strong arguments were made by Engineer Clark, Assistant Engineer Randlett and Chief Clerk Kaiser, of the water department, meeting with the members of the city council yesterday afternoon, to discuss the advisability of installing meters at this time.

It was clearly brought out by all of these men that unless meters were installed the city would be unable to build a large distributing system at a probable cost of \$1,000,000 to prevent shortages, on high elevations during extreme weather conditions. The forty thousand meters, estimated to be needed, will cost \$180,000, figuring that the maximum cost and installation of each meter is \$4.50.

Less Cost, Effect Same. This, according to arguments of department officials, means that it would cost more by approximately \$200,000 to install additional service mains within the city and would secure only the same results as the use of meters. The Hull Run pipe lines are plenty large enough to supply all of the water needed at this time. The water engineers, but the distributing system of mains and service pipes is inadequate by far, unless meters are installed.

According to Chief Clerk Kaiser, who has been in the employ of the department 20 years and made a careful study of the meter question, the only way to curb waste of water is by installation of meters, and until this waste is curbed there will be a shortage of water in certain sections of the city during both extreme cold weather and in the springing periods during the summer.

MAYOR CONSIDERS WITH ATTORNEY L. A. ROGGE. Right to Use Market Block for Auditorium Should Be Decided by Courts.

Without indicating any date for action on the auditorium question, so far as the city is concerned, Mayor Albee made a statement today coinciding with the city attorney's opinion that it is desirable to establish the city's legal ability to use the Market block for an auditorium site, leaving the matter just where it was before and bears out my contention that there were legal questions involved.

My expressed desire was for a definite decision of the matter and it now appears that, as recommended by the city attorney, the city will get a decision from the court. This will not take long and will definitely establish the status of the block for all time.

As between the two sites upper consideration at this time, the Market block, in view of the necessity for the construction of an auditorium, provided it is decided that no legal impediment exists. If the city attorney's opinion is correct, the city will be able to acquire quite certain that somewhere in this great city some one can be found who will object to the Market block and thus enable us to get the question properly before the court.

WOMAN FLOOD VICTIM HAS RELATIVE HERE

Miss Sue Beville, the wealthy woman orator grower of Coconino, who was drowned in her ranch during the great rain storm that swept over southern California this week, was a cousin of Mrs. J. A. Borie, who resides at the Elk apartments on the east side, and who was formerly a resident of Pendleton. It was learned today.

Miss Beville was the wife of a prominent social circles of Los Angeles and Hollywood, until a few years ago, when, tiring of the social whirl, decided to go into the orange growing business.

She first purchased a five acre orange ranch, and under skillful management, was enabled later to add another 200 acres, paid for by the profits of her first property.

Recently one of the Los Angeles dailies devoted an entire page to the history of her success as an orange grower. It was learned from the publication that her case proves that society women can do big things when they set their minds on doing it.

Her death Miss Beville was about 38 years of age. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. J. A. Beville of Hollywood, Cal., her married sister, Mrs. Blanche Noble, wife of a prominent business man, and a number of relatives who reside in California. Miss Beville was a native of Virginia.

HEARING OF SLOVER'S APPEAL SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE TONIGHT

Unless Discharged Captain Makes Presentation Case Be Dismissed.

The Municipal Civil Service board hearings of the charges against E. A. Slover, discharged captain of police, is scheduled for tonight and unless Slover appears and makes a presentation of his case the appeal will be dismissed. Such action would mean that he would have no further chances of reinstatement or exoneration of the charges against him so far as the city is concerned.

The members of the board decided that an order granting the appeal should be given tonight unless Slover appeared and presented his case. The decision was made this morning, following the receipt of a letter from Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson, that Slover will not appear at tonight's hearing.

While the board has made all preparations for hearing the case and subpoenaed its witnesses, Slover nor his attorney has done a thing that would show that they were to be on hand tonight.

Slover Rebukes Board. In his letter Slover rebukes the board sitting on the appeal. He declares that the actions in his case appear to be "political jobbery."

He also charges that George W. Caldwell, chairman of the board, is prejudiced against him, declaring that he does not consider that the public hearings have been conducted fairly.

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P. R., L. & P. COMPANY CHANGES PLANNED

Operating Official Will Not Be Imported; C. J. Franklin Resigns.

When President Franklin T. Griffith selects a new general superintendent of railways for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company it will be only after a rearrangement of departments. Clarence Franklin, whose resignation as superintendent becomes effective March 1, technically will have no successor, the president announced today.

"I certainly shall not import any operating officials," said Mr. Griffith. "I am opposed to that policy, believing men with greater loyalty and efficiency through promotion. There will be no changes, except the rearrangement and consolidation of work so the present staff of officials will not be increased."

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LOVE'S TRIUMPHANT OVER STERN PARENT

John P. Varnum Wins Miss Alma Marie Ross Despite Father's Objection.

The old story of how love beated stern parents was repeated this week. John P. Varnum, of 908 Lovejoy street, a clerk for the Marshall Hardware company, married Miss Alma Marie Ross of 72 Fern avenue, daughter of D. W. Ross, assistant cashier of the First National bank.

Young Varnum, who is 22, had wooed and won his young bride, but objections of the father's part, because of the youth of the parties concerned, prevented their marriage. "Finally Mr. Ross consented, so the story goes, and promised his young Varnum could have his daughter as soon as he was earning a certain monthly salary.

Spurred by this restriction he recently attained the stipulated stipend and gained Mr. Ross's consent to the marriage. On Friday, February 13, all three went to the marriage license bureau and secured the necessary license. Varnum placed it in his overcoat pocket and walked out of the courthouse with a happy and contented expression.

He had hardly reached home when he saw the door was missing. The discovery of the loss of the license came an unlooked for announcement from young Ross that they were too young to get married and that he refused his permission to the match.

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MADAME CLARA BUTT HAS VOICE OF UNUSUAL RANGE AND VOLUME.

The old army was amply equipped with seating capacity for the several hundred people who assembled last evening to hear the remarkable voice of Madame Clara Butt, operatic contralto. The audience was small but not so the voice.

The stone walls of the building seemed almost frail against the great volume of tone that issued forth more like the volume of a great chorus than the voice of a single woman. Her range is unusual, her action delightful, and the voice is beautifully poised, as is the woman. Her presence is so simple and graceful and her carriage so easy, one cannot reconcile oneself to the doubly six feet plus of her stature.

The double forte passages were at times of a brassy timbre that did not seem necessary, when at other times she modulated her voice to the powerful phrases of "Abide With Me." Probably the most enjoyable parts of Madame Butt's program were her piano softened to a melting, vibrant tone, carried the hearer in fancy to incense laden atmosphere of an old cathedral, and a more rapid and strayed or stolen. Following the discovery of the loss of the license came an unlooked for announcement from young Ross that they were too young to get married and that he refused his permission to the match.

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HIGH N. P. OFFICIALS ON INSPECTION TRIP

President Hannaford and Vice President Slade Arrive in Portland.

President J. M. Hannaford and Vice President George T. Slade of the Northern Pacific railway arrived today from Spokane, on an official inspection of the western end of the system. After sending their secretaries ahead to the Portland hotel, the officials set about visiting local representatives of the company.

A large part of the morning was spent in conference with President L. C. Gilman of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, of which the Northern Pacific is the owner. It is expected that they will take a trip over part of the line, particularly the Astoria division, some time during their stay.

Mr. Hannaford, discussing the reported resignation of Carl R. Gray as head of the Great Northern, declared, as far as the reorganization is concerned, he had absolutely no information.

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HINKLE BOOSTS FOR CENTRAL OREGON LAND

Culver, Ore., Feb. 21.—J. T. Hinkle, secretary of the Oregon Irrigation congress, who has just made a tour of Central Oregon for the first time, expressed surprise at the vast amount of irrigable territory in this section north of Crooked River. Mr. Hinkle, who has been in the irrigation game for many years, gave an interesting talk Tuesday afternoon to one of the largest gatherings of farmers ever seen here. Mr. Hinkle after going over a large part of the surrounding country and making a thorough examination, stated that the many thousands of acres was the best adapted from all points, for irrigation, of any country he had ever seen. He predicted a bright future for central Oregon.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Sunday Dinner and Concert in the Rathskeller. BRING the family and friends down town Sunday and enjoy a dinner in the congenial surroundings of the Rathskeller of the Hotel Oregon. Grill. It will be a treat they will enjoy. You may, if you so desire, have a table reserved by phone.

Augmented Orchestra Signor Pietro Marino Director. American Concert Soloists and Chorus in Repertoire. Hotel Oregon Wright-Dickinson Hotel Co., Props. Chas. Wright, Pres. M. C. Dickinson, Managing Director.

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3 PASSENGERS ON G. N. TRAIN KILLED FIGHTING ROBBER

(Continued From Page One) About the scene of the holdup are said to be men armed with rifles. Every bridge and crossing and railroad station for miles about are closely guarded.

The three robbers got on the train at Burlington. Shortly before the train reached Samish the holdups stepped into the vestibule between the smoker and the day coach and tied up the passengers with their hands.

One of them then entered the day coach and walked through it to the rear door. A second one stepped inside the day coach and while the third one remained on the vestibule platform.

A woman at the rear of the coach saw the man enter the front door and gave the alarm. The robber who walked the length of the coach started to lock the rear door when the three men who were riding with him, the extreme rear seats, grappled with him.

While they were struggling, the robber who had remained just inside the front door began shooting into the ceiling of the coach, putting out several lights. The robber who was grappling with the three men then pulled out an automatic pistol and began shooting into the assailants.

The first man to fall was R. L. Lee. The other two were killed with the next shots. Lee started to crawl beneath the coach, but was caught in the tank, when the robber turned on him and fired five or six shots into his back.

ACCUSED OF USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD

J. W. Pulliam who, under the alias of Burns, operated a school for brackens and promoters to get his students well paying jobs with the railroad, went on trial on a charge of using the mails in furtherance of a fraudulent scheme today before Judge Van Dine of the United States district court. The jury was selected, then court adjourned until Monday.

Pulliam is an ex-railroad brakeman and claims to have worked for the railroad in Portland because he was on the "blacklist" of the transportation companies and could not otherwise get work. He is charged with using only legislative and not judicial such as the law requires. He states, however, that if the board hears the charges and makes a ruling, he will have the right to a court review.

Should Slover not put in an appearance tonight the order of dismissal will be made and no more cases taken up. It is probable that the case of F. S. Morrison, discharged fireman, will be heard. Morrison was discharged after signing a letter to the board, which he had to attend the funeral, which later was found not to be the case.

SMOKING AGAIN BOBS UP Woking Wants Council to Stop Use of Weed at Informal Sessions. Are persons attending meetings of the city council other than regular sessions to be allowed to smoke? Such is the question being asked by members of the city council following the sending of a note yesterday to Mayor Albee by Mrs. Frederick Eggert, that he is desiring smoking be requested to stop.

The note was sent to the mayor during an adjourned meeting of the council, when a number of persons seated at the table used by the commissioners were smoking. The council adjourned a moment after the note had been received, so it was unnecessary for the mayor to make a request for the men to refrain from smoking.

The smoke question caused considerable discussion in the last sessions of the old city council. It had been thought that the discussion over the right of the council members to smoke would be ended as far as the new council was concerned, when Mayor Albee placed a ban on smoking during the regular sessions of the council. Since that order was given there has been no smoking at the regular sessions, although three members of the council have enjoyed the use of the weed at adjourned and informal meetings of the council.

WATER SUPPLY IN JEOPARDY

Linton's Mayor Draws on Wrong Fund When Paying Bill. Drawing a warrant on a fund in which there was no money, Mayor J. B. Schaefer, of Linton, almost caused the Bull Run water supply to the town shut off. The matter was straightened out when a new warrant was drawn on another fund, the amount being owed Portland for water rent was paid.

The city water department had sent a bill for \$300 to Linton for Bull Run water. Mayor J. B. Schaefer had signed a warrant to cover the amount. When the warrant was received by City Treasurer Adams and sent to the city treasurer of Linton for cash, it was returned marked "No Funds."

The telephone was brought into the office and Mayor Schaefer hurriedly came to Portland yesterday with a new warrant drawn on a fund in which there was some cash.

THIRST QUENCHER PLANNED Plain Water May Bubble at North End Fountain. Bubbling drinking fountains are to be placed on the corner in the North End near the large saloons should the recommendations of Commissioner Brewster meet with the approval of the city council. His suggestions made yesterday met with approval by all of the members of the council. By the installation of drinking fountains in this district Commissioner Brewster stated that they would prove a serious handicap to the liquor business now which there was no money, Mayor J. B. Schaefer, of Linton, almost caused the Bull Run water supply to the town shut off. The matter was straightened out when a new warrant was drawn on another fund, the amount being owed Portland for water rent was paid.

CITY HALL CLOSES MONDAY Washington's Birthday to Be Observed by Exclusion of Visitors. The city hall will be closed all day Monday in observance of George Washington's birthday. Contrary to the usual custom on holidays the public will be excluded from the building. This action is necessary to allow repair work to be done and new lighting fixtures installed.

Dies in Olympic Club. San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Alfred M. Hartter, wholesale grocer, died suddenly yesterday at the Olympic club of heart disease.

CONTRACTS TO BE LET FOR COYOTE CUTOFF

Contracts will be entered into within a few days for the construction of the proposed Coyote cutoff of the O-W. R. & N. This announcement was made today by J. B. O'Brien, vice president and general manager of the railroad.

Mr. O'Brien received a telegram late last night that the United States district court had granted the government the right of way to cause any complications whatever, which led to the statement that work would go ahead without delay.

The Twenty Bros. construction company is establishing camps along the proposed route, according to information from Portland. One will be stationed just below Ekoban, while another is to be on the Horace Walker ranch below Stanfield.

Mr. O'Brien would not say when actual work would begin, but said it would be as soon as the necessary contracts could be completed. The cutoff will run many miles in distance and eliminate some heavy grades and curves. Mr. O'Brien stated that a number of minor line changes are being made on the east end of the system.

Alabama Robbers Uncaptured. Birmingham, Feb. 21.—Local police and sheriff's and federal officials were searching Birmingham today for the gang which held up the Queen of Creole street, York-new Orleans limited Thursday night and robbed the mail car of registered packages which it was practically admitted represented a total of \$100,000. After thoroughly beating the country about the scene of the holdup the searchers were convinced that the outlaws intended to strike Birmingham and were hiding there. Even if the officers failed to find them, it was hoped the rewards of \$1000 offered for each of the men would lead to their capture.

CITIZEN HOLDS SUSPECT UNTIL POLICE ARRIVE. While a partner ransacked the home of Mrs. D. W. Froman, 645 Insley avenue, yesterday afternoon, Kerrien stood guard on the outside. His continual walking up and down in front of the home aroused the suspicion of the grocer, who set for strings of goods in the neighborhood. The grocer caught Kerrien and held him in a house until detectives Hyde and Vaughn arrived. When the grocer caught Kerrien, the thief inside made his way out the rear door and escaped with articles valued at \$100. Kerrien admitted to the police that he had been caused by false pretenses. The allegations are the same as formed the basis of the indictment in the federal court. They are alleged to have pretended to Mrs. Jennie Rieman on September 30, 1913, that Dan Conners, brother of Henry, was in jail in New York in connection with a time deal and was urgently in need of \$115 which she is alleged to have sent him. Connelly is out on bail from the federal court and Conners is in jail.

HUSBAND ARRAIGNED ON MURDER CHARGE

James McIntosh hobbled into the municipal court this morning on two charges. The first is the charge of murdering his wife two weeks ago at the Rheinfall hotel. After the information charging murder was read, the judge asked if he wished to enter a plea. Since his arrest he has had no legal advice, so the question of plea was continued until Wednesday. In the meantime he will be given counsel. He is accused of having killed his wife, who was a maid in the hotel, and then setting fire to her room.

Marshall Fined for Assault. A. Trember, marshal of Linton, was yesterday fined \$25 by District Judge Jones for assaulting a sailor. Emil Johnson, from the steamer Marlborough, had been in the city and had been fined \$25 by District Judge Jones said the testimony showed that Treber used a club on Ekoban without reason in that no testimony showed that Ekoban had committed a crime or was drunk.

ECHO OF "ORINDALE" CASE, KLAMATH FALLS

Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 21.—One of the final chapters in the history of "Orindale," the addition to Klamath Falls which caused the Oregon Land Development company to come under federal investigation and two of its officials to be given sentences, has been closed here by the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus to a judgment of \$20,000 scattered lots, to satisfy a judgment for \$600.

Professors will be offered for sale April 1. This will be the first time the lots have been offered to Klamath Falls people. The sale of the addition is expected to satisfy a judgment obtained by E. B. Henry, a civil engineer, who was employed to plot the tract.

B. F. GILTNER PASSES AWAY THIS MORNING Benjamin Franklin Giltner, a veteran of the Civil war and a resident of Portland since 1882, died this morning at Good Samaritan hospital. He was a cousin of the Dr. Jacob S. Giltner and made his home with him until the time of the death of the doctor.

Giltner served in 21 battles during the Civil war, among them the battle of Gettysburg, where he lost his hearing. He never engaged in any business, but his business general will be held Monday at 2 o'clock from the Holman Undertaking parlors.

Chamberlain to Speak in METROPOLIS TONIGHT (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Senator Chamberlain has gone to New York to fill a speaking engagement.

Rural Route for Vale. Washington, Feb. 21.—A rural route will be established May 1 at Vale, Malheur county.

RECEIPTS FOR BENEFIT SHOW BIG INCREASE

"Our receipts are 50 per cent better than they were a year ago," says Mr. Aristone N. Felts of the Oregon Congress of Mothers reported at noon on the campaign to raise funds for the relief of the children of the state, which ends today. Mrs. Felts stated that in the business section of Portland, which is covered from headquarters at the Imperial hotel, the average for each day has been more than \$200. Reports showed that this record has been maintained during the morning. The largest individual sale of the week was made by Mrs. Carl Stanley, wife of the manager of the hotel.

Officers at the headquarters expressed much satisfaction with the result at Pendleton. Last week, on request of the committee, the flags were sent and Thursday morning a report came that all the flags were sold. A check for \$102.11 accompanied the report.

Mrs. Felts and Mrs. R. F. Bondurant yesterday received notification from Governor West that they had been appointed trustees of the third international congress of child welfare to be held in Washington in April. They are to represent the Oregon Congress of Mothers.

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