

FIXING WATER RATE ON FAUCET BASIS IS THOROUGHLY UNFAIR

Number of Bathtubs and
Area of Lots No Criterion
of Amount Consumed.

METERS ONLY FAIR WAY

Correspondent Tells of Experience of
Other Cities Where Metered
Service Found Necessary.

Portland, June 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—Why the meter? Because there is nothing more ridiculous and unfair in the whole realm of charges, either public or private, than the charge for water according to number of bathtubs, or bath tubs, or according to size of lot or house, or other fanciful methods commonly used in unmetered localities.

People as a rule do not take baths in proportion to their bath tubs, nor do they use water in proportion to the frontage of their lot nor to the number of their faucets.

Water meters certainly furnish the most equitable basis for charging the cost of service; as by any other system the careful user is forced to pay for the water wasted by his careless neighbor. Usually much opposition is raised to the use of meters, but I fail to find a case in the reports of over 300 metered cities, where the results were not such as to cause them to be greatly favored.

Take the case of Chicago, for example. With the lake in the city's front yard the principal newspaper men could not understand why a limitation should be placed on the waste and improper use of water. These same men have now discovered that it costs money to distribute the water and they are consequently more tolerant of the proposition that a man should pay for the service he receives. The Oregonian has brought forth all the old objections against metering as fresh discoveries.

Pays Neighbors' Bills.

There we hear that the installation of meters will deprive poor folks of sufficient water for their actual needs. Sometimes I wonder where that thought originated. There is not a small home owner in town that uses water enough, unless he takes a swim every day, to average 50 cents per month, the minimum charge. Take my case, for an example. I live in a five room house, four in the family, and pay a flat rate of 60 cents per month. I am positive that we do not use over 3000 gallons at the most per month, that's at the rate of 20 cents per 1000

gallons. We pay \$3 for sprinkling for a lawn that does not cover 300 square feet and 10,000 gallons would be a fair average, in fact a good deal better than a fair average for the season, a rate of 30 cents a 1000 gallons. Of course I pay for something I do not get, and my more fortunate neighbors could better afford to pay.

Some people have water cooled refrigerators in operation. Tests will show that this cooling process will use water to the value of from 10 to 60 cents per night. I know of premises in Portland where the weekly washing is done with a motorized wash tub and the machines use not less than 750 gallons per hour. Everybody is entitled to water for the weekly washing, but I object to paying for having somebody else's washing done.

I noticed a case where a couple of turtles were kept in a tank in the back yard and supplied with a steady stream of running water.

Sprinkled While It Rained.

I know cases where the sizzling noise of the hose stream watering the lawn disturbed the neighbors' sleep and at that it happened to rain all night.

Does any sensible man think that in a case of paying for what they use, cases like those mentioned would occur often?

Another one of the objections, raised especially in the Spectator, is the maintenance charges or costs and the expense of meter readings; also the probable life of a meter. I personally inspected in Minneapolis 125 meters and the cost there was 25 cents per meter for fixing, changing, cleaning and renewals, and at that the inspector was doing the quarterly reading. Meter handling in Milwaukee in 1913 cost 32 cents per meter. This includes the net cost of operating the meter department and is 8 cents more than the expense in 1912, due to a great number of meters taken off for sand trouble.

There were 59,503 water taps and only 370 not metered. Out of this amount there were 2358 newly set, 7096 repaired in shop, 6989 repaired on premises and 114 were tested for registration. A total of 18,608, or 27 per cent of the meters in service were looked after, and large as this number may appear, only 3016, or 5 per cent, required new repair parts.

Memphis now has 25,000 meters and until recently could not install such except at the request of consumers. But today the pumping plant has to furnish less water than 19 years ago, with a population of 30,000 more.

Increase Rate or Meter.

Columbus, Ohio, in 1901 pumped 21,000,000 gallons per day and could scarcely pump enough. They arbitrarily made a rule that increased the flat rate 100 per cent. The people could take their choice—accept the new rate or go on the meter rate of 6 cents per 1000 gallons.

In the metropolitan district of Boston, according to the report of Chief Engineer Dexter Brackett, the saving of water amounted to 13,000,000 gallons daily after metering, with a vastly increased population, and it seems probable that if no measure had been adopted to restrict the waste of water the consumption would be fully 30,000,000 gallons per day greater than it is now, and it would have meant an ex-

pense of millions of dollars in procuring more water.

Two Young Men Put in Tight Fix

Arrested in San Francisco as Counterfeitters, May Be Charged With Folson Street Saloon Murder.

San Francisco, June 1.—(U. P.)—Following the arrest of Arthur Valin, 31, and James McManigal, 17, charged with counterfeiting, the police department today attempted to connect the two men with the deaths of Henry Henning and Fred Dahmke, killed, a week ago when robbers held up a Folson street saloon.

Valin and McManigal were captured by federal operatives, who are on the trail of counterfeitters. In their room at the Oaklin hotel complete outfits

for the manufacture of spurious dimes and dollars were found as well as revolvers, cartridges, and bandana handkerchiefs crumpled at the ends to indicate they had been used for masks.

New York Governor Exposition Guest

San Francisco, June 1.—(U. P.)—Governor Charles S. Whitman of New York was today entertained by the directors of the Panama Exposition. This is the first of a series of elaborate functions, scheduled for the governor and Mrs. Whitman and the executive's official family.

"Governor's Day" ceremonies will take place at the New York building Friday, when Whitman will plant a tree to commemorate the part taken in the exposition by New York.

The visiting party has been housed at the New York building where it will remain until June 11.



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"Merchandise of Merit Only"
Mail and Telephone Orders Filled by Expert Shoppers

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Washable Skirts—Smartest Styles for Summer—A SALE

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White Pique Skirts
Special \$1.95

—Full flaring model of excellent quality white pique, made with two tailored pockets, yoke forming belt effect, buttoned tabs on pockets. Very special at \$1.95.

Palm Beach Skirts
Special \$4.95

—Two attractive models of popular Palm Beach cloth, circular and gored flare styles, with side opening and buttoned front. Finished with tailored pockets.

White Golfine Skirts
Special \$5.45

—Made of beautiful white wide-wale washable golfine, in flare style, with side pocket, belt, and belt under pointed tabs.

White Golfine Skirts
Special \$3.95

—Another attractive flaring style, of narrow stripe washable golfine, with two set-on pockets, side fastening, and trimmed with large pearl buttons.

WHITE
Tub Silk Blouses
Very Special \$2.95
\$4.00 if sold regularly.
—Distinctive, and individual in every detail, fashioned from a beautiful quality of tub silk, in a model for wear with tailored suits, or for outing and sports wear. Made with the popular two-in-one collar, which fastens in high neck style with small novelty white buttons.

French, American Lingerie—JUNE CLEARANCE PRICES

Exquisite Hand-Made, Hand-Embroidered French Garments

REMARKABLE FOR WEDNESDAY.

Muslin Gowns, Envelope Chemise, Crepe Combinations, Crepe Gowns
Selling, \$1.35, \$1.50 to \$1.65.

—Envelope Chemise of fine nainsook, in three different styles, organdie medallion, lace insertion, beading and ribbon trimmed.

—Crepe Gowns, with yokes of dainty flowered crepe, some empire style, with wide ribbon and lace.

—Lingerie Gowns, slip-on style, Empire or deep yoke models, trimmed with daintiest broderies, ribbons and lace.

—Crepe Combinations of fine plisse crepe, waisted style, ribbon and beading finish at waist. Trimmed with lace insertion.

—That every woman loves and can really afford to buy in this Sale. This lingerie was ordered more than a year ago. Some was embroidered just as the war was starting. Some was done at odd minutes through the long winter. And the last shipment to come to us arrived just last Wednesday. Notwithstanding the difficulty in getting it, the prices are lower than in former sales.

FRENCH CHEMISE.

Spe'l \$1.19, \$1.29, \$1.98, \$2.79 to \$11.98

FRENCH SKIRTS.

Spe'l \$1.98, \$2.49, \$3.69, \$3.98 to \$35.95

FRENCH DRAWERS.

Spe'l \$1.19, \$1.29, \$1.39, \$1.98 to \$11.59

FRENCH CORSET COVERS.

Special 98c, \$1.19, \$1.29, \$1.49 to \$9.19



The Second Day of "RAMONY WEEK" Wash Goods Sale

Beautiful New Summer Dress Fabrics
THOUSANDS OF YARDS ENTER THIS SALE

—A sale planned especially for women who want their dresses a little different from the ordinary wash materials to be found. All the pretty colors, combinations and shades that will be worn this Summer, are here—in designs and novelties, that you will not find anywhere else. These fabrics cannot be described, but as one woman exclaimed, "They are a wonderful inspiration." Some of the specials—

85c Mixed Lace Cloth 69c
—Lace effect, black figures only, 38 inches wide.

\$1 Silk Mixed Charmeuse 79c
—Silk mixed material, in sand shades, 44 inches wide.

\$1.00 Crepe de Chine 75c
—Embroidered in novelty patterns, for waists and dresses.

60c Silk Mixed Crepe 49c
—A new material, 36 inches wide.

35c Figured Voile 25c
—Black and white stripes, and all-over figures.

40c Wash Goods 29c
—Lace voiles, mercerized charmeuse, figured chiffons.

60c A. B. C. Silk 49c
25c Printed Crepe 15c
50c Bordered Voile 39c
20c Lace Voile 11c
30c Rice Cloth 23c
50c Crepes and Voiles 25c

And Dozens of Other Dainty, New, Summery Materials.

The HOUSEHOLD LINEN OPPORTUNITY of the Year

SCARCE LINENS at CLEARANCE PRICES

Just Received Saturday—Special Importation of

"HUMIDOR" TABLE DAMASK

Regular \$1.50 Quality, Sale \$1.24

—This famous linen comes just in time for the June Clearance Sale. Bought at a very special price, we are able to offer this damask at a great saving, notwithstanding the fact that the next importation, if it can be procured at all, will cost at least 25 per cent more than the price we offer in this sale.

—Full bleached, with a soft, mellow finish, and extra heavy. Full 70 inches wide, in new floral patterns. **Napkins to match, 22x22 inches. Special \$3.49 doz.**

Royal Sheets and Pillow Cases

—Made from fine quality cotton, full bleached, seamless, free from dressing, torn before hemming.
2x2 1/2 yds. 59c **2 1/4 x 2 1/2 yds. 65c** **2 1/4 x 2 3/4 yds. 72c**
CASES, 42x36 inches, 12c each—45x36 inches, 13c each

From the Housefurnishing Section

New Curtain Materials—June Prices

40c to 50c Bordered Scrims 24c

—Fancy bordered scrims, with hemstitched, drawn-work bordered, also dainty colored floral printed borders for bedrooms, in all the most desirable colors, in new patterns. White, cream or ecru grounds, from 36 to 40 inches wide.

50c to 60c Imported Madras 24c

—Beautiful curtain materials, for the Summer home, in artistic color combinations on white or cream grounds, in pretty floral patterns. One of the most satisfactory materials made.

JUNE CLEARANCE OF ENTIRE STOCK OF FINE

Imported and American Dinnerware

At Reductions of From 10 to 50 Per Cent

APRON SALE!—House Dress, Coverall and Fancy Aprons

\$1.00 HOUSEDRESS APRONS, IN FOUR DIFFERENT NEW STYLES

—With elastic at waist, with deep shirred waistline, fitted waist and gored skirt styles. Of plain and checked Amoskeag chambray. Trimmed with fancy bandings, or rick-rack braid. All made full 37 inches long.

75c COVERALL APRONS, REGULATION OR SLIP-ON STYLES

—Of light and dark color good quality percales, trimmed with white bias pipings, wide bandings. Regulation style with belted back, slip-on style, belted all around.

Extra sizes in coverall aprons of good quality percale, 59c

50c COVERALL APRONS OF LIGHT AND DARK COLOR PERCALE

—Made in regulation style, with kimono sleeves, belted back, pocket, round neck, white bias banding trimmed.

35c WHITE LAWN TEA AND MAID'S APRONS

—With bibs or straps of embroidery. Made pointed, square or round shape. Excellent aprons for this price.

75c PARLOR MAIDS', WAITRESS' AND BAND APRONS

—Made of fine lawn, Swisses, some with straps of embroidery, others with embroidery bibs, or embroidery edges and bretelles.

79c

50c

39c

29c

59c

"Marguerite Clark"

The latest

MIDDY BLOUSE

Regular price is \$1.50

June Sale \$1.25

—A very attractive new style, with laced fronts and sides, with laces to match the fancy shaped collars and pipings. In all white, or with navy, red or Copen collars and cuffs. Trimmed with white braid and buttons.

Sizes 12 to 22 years.

—Fourth Floor.



Bread You Are Sure Is Clean And Pure

To make bread cleaner than **HOLSUM** is made would be simply impossible. If **HOLSUM** were made right in your kitchen, under your own eyes, the surroundings couldn't be cleaner, the ingredients couldn't be better, the care taken in the baking couldn't be greater.

Absolute cleanliness is habit at the **HOLSUM Bakery**. There are clean walls, clean floors, clean machines, clean bakers and a corps of clean attired men whose only duty it is to keep the **HOLSUM Bakery** spotlessly clean.

"HOLSUM" Bread Comes to You in Dainty Waxed Wrappers

Fresh from the oven **HOLSUM** Bread is popped into dainty waxed wrappers, which keep the loaf with all its new-baked cleanliness and purity unchanged—for the enjoyment and protection of your household.

You must agree that for cleanliness and purity, **HOLSUM** leaves nothing to be desired. It is as good as it is clean.

HOLSUM Leaves no Excuse for Home Baking

Everything you have desired in bread is embodied in **HOLSUM**. It looks appetizing. It serves daintily. It is fine, even grained and very satisfying. You'll like its rich butter flavor. It is, in a word, everything that home baked bread can be, minus

the heat, the worry and the drudgery, which home baking always imposes upon the housewife.

Try **HOLSUM** a week and see how you like it—and how it seems to be relieved from the drudgery of bake day.

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Large Double Loaf 10c

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