

COUNCIL REFUSES TO GIVE OVER \$100,000 FOR ST. JOHNS PLANT

Compromise Offer of Water Company of \$109,550 Is Rejected by Commission.

WHOLE MATTER REFERRED

City Attorney Asked for Opinion as to Rights of Portland to Build Own System.

Rejecting the compromise price of \$109,550 of the St. Johns Waterworks & Lighting company for its water plant and system in St. Johns, the city council by a two to one vote this morning referred the entire St. Johns water question to City Attorney La Roche for investigation of the city's legal rights, should it undertake to build a water system of its own within the district.

The action today means that either the officials of the company will have to still further lower the price of their plant or the city will attempt to build a plant of its own.

Commissioners Daly, Bigelow and Baker voted to reject the offer after Commissioner Baker had explained that the council, with the exception of Commissioner Dieck, had agreed on a final offer of \$100,000 for the system. Mayor Albee and Commissioner Dieck opposed rejecting the offer, stating that they believed it was a fair price for the system.

Litigation Is Feared. "I still feel," said Daly, "that the city's original offer is all that the plant is worth to the city of Portland, looking at it from an operating viewpoint. We are operating the waterworks and do not feel that the new amount proposed by the company is what we should pay for the plant."

"Well, the people of St. Johns want a lower water rate," explained Commissioner Dieck, "and if we reject this offer, which I think is fair, we'll probably throw the whole thing into litigation and the people of St. Johns will not get a lower rate for several years. I think that they should be considered. The \$109,550 is the value fixed by Engineer Clarke of the water bureau and I believe that if the company is willing to accept this amount we should pay it."

"It was definitely understood," said Baker, "that \$100,000 should be our final offer. Of course, if there are the value of fixtures which were not taken into consideration, anything up to \$109,000 might be reasonable, but I do not feel like breaking my agreement."

Mayor Albee explained that it was not his understanding that the \$100,000 offer had been definitely decided upon but had been reached on figures presented by the water bureau and which were later changed.

Commissioner Dieck moved that the \$109,550 offer be accepted, but as no one was willing to second the motion, Mayor Albee, presiding, had Commissioner Daly take his chair and seconded it himself. It failed, however, owing to the vote of Commissioners Bigelow, Baker and Daly.

At Commissioner Daly's suggestion the entire matter was referred to the legal bureau. City Attorney La Roche has already held that company does not hold an exclusive franchise to supply water in the district while attorneys for the company contend that their franchise is exclusive and the city has no right to invade the territory.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD Authorities to Discuss Action Toward Fire Insurance Agents. Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, will hold a conference Tuesday with Fire Marshal Stevens and District Attorney Evans to determine what action should be taken against the insurance agents who issued fire insurance policies on vacant houses and on buildings not in existence.

Commissioner Wells was in Portland late yesterday afternoon, and after a short conference with Stevens decided to have the meeting Tuesday.

Charges have been made to Fire Marshal Stevens that agents issuing policies have interfered with the United States mails. Stevens says that one agent, following the expose, fearing that his policies would fall into the hands of those handling the investigation, stopped a mail-carrier, and misrepresenting his identity, got the policy from him before it was delivered.

Assistant Postmaster Durand, however, says that he has heard of no charges, and that the postal department will take no action until definite charges are made concerning interference with the mails.

Gasoline Station Discussed. The question of prohibiting gasoline filling stations from sidewalks from the automobile parking district, from the congested district, from the fire limits and from the entire city was discussed by the city council today, but action was postponed until next Wednesday.

A delegation of garage owners, headed by W. F. McKenney, president of the Garage Owners' association, urged that all filling stations be prohibited from the sidewalks and placed within the building lines. T. T. Geer thought they should be removed from the entire city. Action was postponed to allow the council to make a personal investigation.

Two Contracts Are Let. The contract for the construction of the Union avenue viaduct over the O. W. R. & N. trackage near the Columbia slough road was awarded to Gleibisch & Joplin by the city council today. The bid was for \$32,890. The contract for the fill adjacent to the viaduct went to the Pacific Bridge company, the cost being \$13,752.

Excavating Bids Opened. Bids for excavating the market block for the proposed public auditorium are to be considered by the council in special session tomorrow. The bids opened this morning are: F. Ward and A. Boyd, \$48,482; C. J. Joplin company, \$39,612.00; and Gleibisch & Joplin, \$59,000.

Jimneys Being Notified. The first step toward the enforcement of the Jimney ordinance is being taken today with Jimney drivers and owners being notified to secure their licenses. Jimney Inspector Gill is sending notices to Jimney drivers to get their licenses without delay.

FREE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE—Saturday, at 3 p. m., Miss Dunlop of the School Beautifying Committee will lecture on "Masterpieces of Painting, Old and New." Of interest to all lovers of art, especially to teachers and students.—6th Flr., 5th St.



Free Pathoscope Movie for Children Saturday at 2 and 3:30—In the Music Hall.—Comic—1, (a) My Servant is a Somnambulist; (b) Dolly Stays at Home; II, The Enthusiastic Boxer; III, Colonel Heeza Liar—Naturalist. Educational—1, (a) The Marmot; (b) The Flying Fox; II, The Heart and Circulation of the Blood.—Sixth Floor, Fifth Street.

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—Good street shades, such makes as Perrin's, Dent's, etc. Pique or P. X. M. seams. Cadet and regular sizes. Our entire stock, in 7 and 7 1/4 only. Biggest bargain of the season—come in and see these gloves tomorrow!

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—Famous "Gotham" make. Fine pleated shirts of linen and also pure silk, and stiff-bosomed shirts in plain and small-figured pique.



25c Hose 17c 3 Pairs 50c (Seconds)

—Cashmere hose that will give the ultimate of service. Double heels and toes, and all sizes. Seconds of our regular splendid 25c hose. Right weight for this weather.

Winter Weight Union Suits \$3.50 Grades, \$1.75 \$4.50 Grades, \$2.25 \$5.00 Grades, \$2.50

—Vassar and Munsing makes. Good Winter weight, fancy silk lisle suits—blue, flesh and white. Sizes 34 and 36. Only 1 1/8 suits, so come early!

Men's \$1.50 and \$2.00 Shirts 89c

—Continuing the great sale, on since Thursday, 3000 splendid shirts—the kinds that good dressers wear! —All sizes and all kinds and a great bargain—shirts at 89c. —Main Floor, Morrison Street.

Boys' Warm Overcoats

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—Good, comfortable overcoats for boys 3 to 8 years. Medium and heavy-weight garments with convertible notch collar. Balmacaan and Butterfly models—some with set-in sleeves.

—Extra big values tomorrow at \$4.25.—Third Floor, Fifth St.



75 Women's and Misses' Warm, Roomy, Winter Coats, \$5

Broken lines of \$8.50 to \$15 Stylish Models

—To you who need a coat and are not prepared to invest a large sum

Here's the Bargain of the Season!

\$5 for Coats

—of tweeds, pebble cloth, zibeline, serge—black, navy, brown and a large assortment of fashionable fancy mixtures.

—Some are full length, others three-quarter, loose and belted styles. Plush, velvet and self-collar trimmings.

—Only 75—samples and broken lines—of regular \$8.50 to \$15 models. As long as any remain Saturday, \$5.00. —Fourth Floor, Fifth Street



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A Phenomenal Disposal of All Kinds of Jewelry At Prices So Low They Challenge Comparison!

IT IS QUITE impossible to describe all these charming bits of jewelry and novelties—but you'll be sure to find almost anything you're looking for—pins, brooches, earrings, vanity bags, purses, card cases, sewing cases, buckles, chains, La Vallieres, etc.—in gold, silver, gold-filled and plate—all at irresistibly low prices!

—This is the greatest clearance of jewelry we've ever held—all broken lines, odds and ends and short lots now at absurdly low prices!

- 25c and 35c Hat Pins, Cuff Links, Brooches, Pins, etc. 10c
50c Hat Pins, Ear-Rings, Pins and Brooches on sale at 27c
75c Cuff Links, Bar Pins, Key Chains, Beauty Pins 37c
\$1.00 to \$1.25 Bracelets, Slipper Pins, Vanity Cases, etc. 57c
\$1.50 to \$1.75 Silver Chains, Ear-Rings, Vanities, etc. 79c
\$2.00 to \$2.25 Slipper Buckles, Chains, Purses, Ear-Rings, etc. 98c
\$2.50 to \$3.00 Vanity Boxes, Beads, Slipper Buckles, Neck Chains, etc. \$1.19
\$3.50 Mesh Bags, Vanities, La Vallieres, Beads, Buckles, etc. \$1.39
\$4.00 to \$4.50 Cigar Cutters, Beads, Buckles, Vanities, Ear-Rings, etc. \$1.59
\$5.00 to \$5.50 Vanities, Slipper Buckles, Hair Bands, Ear-Rings, etc. \$1.98

MEN'S STORE

Just Received!--Big Special Purchase of 350 Men's ADLER-ROCHESTER Fancy

Suits \$17

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ADLER-ROCHESTER CLOTHES

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GIRLS' STORE

Now---Girls' Party Frocks at Big Savings!

—Dainty frocks, prettily made of crepe de chine, chiffons, nets and laces. A dozen dainty styles or more. Sizes 6 to 16—all reduced! One style sketched.

Were \$9.75, \$12.50, \$16.50 to \$29.75 Now \$4.90, \$ 6.25, \$ 8.25 to \$14.90

Children's \$3.50 to \$7.00 White Coats, \$2.98

—White serge, Bedford cord and diagonal weave coats. Jaunty little box models, some with astrachan collars, others braid-trimmed. Sizes 1 to 8.

\$18 to \$19.50 White Coats (6 to 16) \$10.95

\$6.50 to 7.00 Dresses, \$4.95

—Girls' simple little all-wool serge and corduroy dresses in Winter models. Russian, middie and water effects, with dainty collars and cuffs. Practical for school wear. Sizes 6 to 14.

Girls' Hats at Two Low Prices

—Fetching little hats and bonnets of every description for the little tots and girls up to 6 or 8 years.

\$1.25 to \$2.50 Hats 75c

—Hats and Bonnets of corduroy, velvet, chinchilla and felt, in smart shapes and styles.

\$3.00 to \$4.50 Hats at \$1.95

—Tailored or dressy models. Velvets, velours, plush and corduroy, flower and ribbon-trimmed. —Sixth Street—Second Floor.

Hosiery and Underwear

Underwear Women's Fleece Union Suits, \$1

—Medium weight fleeced cotton garments, low neck, sleeveless and ankle length. Sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Fleece Vests, Pants, Each 50c

—Women's fleece-lined vests and pants—vests high neck and long sleeves; pants band top, ankle length.

Women's 75c-\$1 Union Suits, 58c

—Outsized only—8 and 9. Medium weight cotton, high neck, long sleeves and ankle length.

\$1.50-\$2 "Swan Brand" Underwear at \$1.15

—Samples of imported garments, cottons, lisle, silk and lisle, wool and cotton vests. High neck, long sleeves, low neck, no sleeves, regular sizes.

Women's 50c Black Lisle Hose, 39c

—Wayne Knit black silk lisle, fine medium weight. Double soles, high heel splittings, wide garter welts. Two pairs 75c.

Women's 50c Ribbed Wool Hose, 39c

—"Burson" make. Medium weight wool, with seamless feet, gray heels and toes. In sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2.

Women's \$1 Black Wool Hose, Pr. 69c

—Imported "Castle Gate" wool hose, medium and heavy weights. Double soles and tashioned legs. Sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2.

Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose, 35c

—3 pairs \$1.00. 1 1/2 ribbed, seamless feet, gray heels and toes. Black and tan. Sizes 6 to 10.

—Main Floor, Sixth Street

Women's Gloves, 95c

Serviceable \$1.25 and \$1.50 Kinds Cape Gloves, 1 and 2-Clasp Styles Black, White and Good Tan Shades

—for street and general wear. All sizes, 5 to 7 1/2.

New Scarf and Cap Sets In!

—The warm, soft, snugly kind! Lovely combinations of green and white, purple and black, gray, orange and other happy effects, as well as plain white and colors.

—Caps in sport and Tam styles—priced as follows: Scarf and Sport Cap, Set, \$1.50 and \$1.75 Scarf and Tam o'Shanter Cap, Set, \$1.98 —Main Floor, Fifth Street

Narrow Laces Reduced

French and German Vals. Yard, 5c

8c and 10c Values

—Val edgings and insertions, 3/4 to 1 1/2-in. widths in the lot.

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15-20c Qualities

—Fine Val. edgings and insertions, 3/4 to 1 1/2-in. widths to choose from.

Remnants, Embroidery Each, 15c

—Splendid assortment to select from—embroideries, nets, laces, 3/4 to 1 1/2-yard lengths.

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Drugs! 16 Good Specials Drugs!

50c Jergen's Violet and Rose Talcum Powder, 29c

25c Willow Shampoo Powder ..... 17c

\$1 Burnham's Kalos Face Powder ..... 59c

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50c Ingram's Velveola Face Powder ..... 29c

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Large "Sunkist" Oranges, 126-to-the-case size, special tomorrow, the dozen ..... 29c

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