

Your own welfare is at stake

TO THE CITIZENS OF SALEM:

On May 16, 1930, the voters of Salem will be asked to vote "YES" or "NO" on the question of whether the charter is to be amended to call for a \$1,200,000.00 bond issue to purchase the local water plant.

It involves adding to the bonded indebtedness of Salem upwards of \$1,200,000.00 which, if not met out of operating revenues, becomes a direct obligation on the taxpayer.

The Oregon-Washington Water Service Company is now expending approximately \$300,000.00 for improvements which should assure an adequate supply of good water, which has long been badly needed. These improvements are vitally essential to the health and general welfare of the people of Salem. The present owner of the water system we believe has undertaken this work in good faith and we feel it only fair that it should be permitted to finish unmolested the work it has undertaken. Moreover, we feel we should see the new system in operation and have an opportunity to fairly judge the type of water furnished and service rendered the people before being called upon to vote upon the problem now under consideration.

The question is always open, and we can go into the water business at any time, but it is our belief that sufficient study and investigation have not been made to undertake so important a step at this time.

In our opinion, we should vote "NO" on the bond issue as proposed in the charter amendment.

<u>A. W. Bush</u>	<u>Thos. B. Kay</u>
<u>L. W. Egan</u>	<u>W. B. Moore</u>
<u>E. F. Glader</u>	<u>H. H. Dinger</u>
<u>Geo. P. Bishop</u>	<u>Chas. S. Lacey</u>

"I believe the present owners should be given due time to prove their ability to furnish the city with a good water supply before other measures are considered."
WM. MCGILCHRIST, Jr.

"I am against the bond issue, especially at this time without further investigation. Let the company finish the betterments now proposed and in progress. They would have to be made anyhow."
LLOYD T. RIGDON

"My taxes are enough now."
L. D. SIMMONS

"The water committee appointed by the Council had the proposition of the water plant under consideration for two years and after going into the matter thoroughly decided not to purchase. The Oregon-Washington Water Service Company then bought the plant in good faith, and I believe that in all fairness they should be given time to complete their improvement program."
PAUL B. WALLACE

"We are already taxed to death. Let the water company build the filtering plant, the city is in no position to experiment on something it knows nothing about."
F. A. KURTZ

"Don't change horses in the middle of the stream. Now is no time to buy the water plant."
AUGUST KEHSBERGER

"Let us see the filtering plant in operation before we consider buying."
AUGUST HUCKESTEIN

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(Paid Adv.)