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**PUBLIC FORUM**

Editor Tidings: I notice in your paper that a most wonderful thing is about to be pulled off in our old Ashland; that is, we are asked to put a mortgage on our homes, and are told that it will not cost us anything to get it off. Can it be true that some wonderful God-gift of Liberty has come to town and is going to hold this beautifully engraved mortgage that we are asked to plaster on our property, in her little lily white hands, for the next ten years without charge to the taxpayers, or is it possible that Haz Kik is going to commit this generous act of friendship for us—pray tell me. I personally think that it would be foolish to expect such generosity from the hands of anyone. Just think for one minute what it would mean, if a town could put a mortgage on the size of the one asked for, without cost to the property owners. Why, if the city dads could accomplish such a feat, their names would go down in history as the greatest financiers the world has yet known. If we could sell and deliver a recipe for such a feat, we could get a billion dollars for it in the morning and would not need to hold the bond election to boost our taxes. It would be the greatest monstrosity of ancient or modern times; the whole world would bring all of its gold and lay it at our feet for such a recipe, and it would be worth the money. Isn't it nice in the city dads to let us in on the ground floor? But be careful, honies, there may be some nigger in the cellar. As a taxpayer, it's nonsensical, it's a delusion and a snare, don't you see, low the bait. The mortgage must be paid if you sign it, and you are going to be the paymaster. If the city dads have taken money out of the water funds, then it is up to them to put it back—not to you. Why sell bonds below par, together with big expenses, drawing six per cent interest, to put money back into the water fund. It is nine years, or about, before the next payment will be due on our water plant, during which time we would get the beautiful sum of two per cent for the money that we put back and further, if Mr. Smith is correct or right in asking you to put this large and juicy bond issue across, just because the city dads don't want to put you to the expense of holding a city election every time they need more money—in other words, if the city is being run on the strength of future bond issues—is it not just about time to call a halt on the present management.

JOHN H. DILL.  
**PEOPLE'S FORUM**

It has not been my purpose in the articles written on the water question to make any misstatements. If I have, I am ready to stand corrected and I have no ill feeling toward anyone. The mayor in his article in the Square Deal accuses me of stating that there was \$8000 spent for meters. He is entirely wrong. What I did say was we didn't ask to have some \$7000 or \$8000 taken out of our water fund to buy meters. This

was figuring on metering the whole system. The price of the meters is \$15 each. I don't know how many taps there are on our water system, but I do know it takes from one to three meters for each residence. I think when this is figured out I have underestimated rather than overestimated the cost of installing the meters.

He admits there was an election held and \$100,000 voted to build a reservoir, but the city officials were unwilling to carry out the wishes of the majority of the people unless the shortage of water really exists.

If the shortage does not exist, why are the restriction put on every summer. There are very few that use more water than is necessary. You cannot compare our side hills with Medford's level ground, and the soil is entirely different.

As far as the cost of putting in this reservoir, the water system will take care of itself with a reasonable price for the use of the water. He says there is no reason why, save the expense, that water should be measured same as any other commodity sold. Why should people expect to buy unmeasured water any more than unmeasured wood, coal, or calico. I will tell you why. Just as soon as any one of these articles he mentions is put in shape to measure it becomes private property. The water doesn't, even after it enters the pipe lines it belongs to the people. He says the water is the free gift of God same as the Gospel. I am not very well posted on the Gospel, but I have never heard of any meters being attached to it. My mother taught me that the more you had of it the better man it made of you. I am going to play fair with the council if they will play fair with the people.

To get the wishes of the water

users of Ashland I am going to ask the council to have printed a ballot with the statement, "Do you want a meter on your city water tap. Vote yes or no on the opposite side of the ticket have the words printed, "Shall we build a reservoir to increase our water supply. Vote yes or no." Have a ballot box placed in the recorder's office from the first to the tenth of the month. As the water users have to go to the recorder's office to pay their water dues once a month, let the recorder hand the water user a ballot, stating the purpose thereof. When the ballot is voted, let the recorder place the ballot in the ballot box. On the eleventh of the month let three tellers count the ballot and I am satisfied the people will abide by the result and have this thing settled.

There is no way to stuff the ballot box and get by with it, as the recorder knows how many pay water rent, and thus would have a tally with the votes, as each water rent payer is only entitled to one vote. If preferable, could have two ballots. If there is any objection to cost, I will pay that myself.

S. PATTERSON.

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12:00 Noon	12:15 Noon
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