

## Perplexing Problem Puzzles City Dads

"The water-man will get you, if you don't watch out! Believe me kiddo!"

This is the refrain of a ditty that they're humming down town, up town, east of town, west of town, north of town, south of town and everywhere else in town. The song may be set to "canned" music and wafted on the evening breezes by Hunt's graphophone with our mutual friend "Homer" manipulating the crank. And just because the City dads made goo-goo eyes? No, but because they raised the water rates in an effort to make the city's water plant self-maintaining and if possible to show at the end of the fiscal year a substantial balance on the right side of the ledger. And then what? Methinks I see the denizens of our fair city rise up in their pride and in a grand, reverberating chorus march up to the city hall singing, "Blessed be our noble Mayor and gracious Aldermen."

But the city dads have been getting theirs all the week and threats of boycotting the municipal system and drilling wells have been made. Everybody who has been watching the city's

affairs knew something had to "pop" and it did. Some one asked the question at one of the soft drink dispensaries the other day "Doesn't the council know that that they're using more water than all the alleged violators of the irrigating ordinance put together and that because the water mains are leaking and leaking badly, too". "You know it," shouted a by-stander.

The city council is up against the real thing and up against it hard. Somebody has been using water without making adequate compensation to the town. The water-users have not correctly informed the water collector of the amount of water consumed. "Vengeance is ours," cried the city fathers and in one of the busiest sessions our representatives ever took part, they resolved to enforce the new water rates, rigidly and strenuously. Investigations and examinations and spying excursions personally conducted by the marshal are to be made of every water users' premises for the avowed purpose of ascertaining the number of avenues through which the city's precious water flows and to be recorded in

a book like that of Angel Gabriel. The whole session of the council Monday evening was taken up with a discussion of the water proposition and the councilmen resolved themselves into a committee of investigation. With pencils in hands and perspiration trickling down their classic features, they sat down to the herculean task. The monthly receipt books were gone over and every undercharge and rebate noted, furthermore the water collector was instructed to grant no rebate and to charge according to the notation made on the receipt books. This was a goob job, and brought in an additional one hundred simoleons in the treasury.

Mayor Farnsworth wants the water system to pay for itself and he is right. He pointed with pride to the village of Shaniko where with a population of about 200 people, the water system brings in a revenue of \$300 per month and then ridiculed the idea that Condon with more than 1,000 inhabitants was unable to keep up its water system on a paying basis. At the

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## Oregon's Delegate Leaves for Cincinnati

In the distinctive honor that has been conferred on Chas. H. Williams, of this city, by the Oregon Retail Jewelers Association choosing him unanimously for two successive years as Oregon's delegate to the national convention of the American National Retail Jewelers' Association, Condon his home town has also been placed advantageously before the public eye.

Mr. Williams will leave Monday to attend the national conclave of goldsmiths which convenes this year at Cincinnati, August 7 to 11, inclusive.

Important as Mr. Williams' journey may be to him personally it is not less important to Condon for everywhere along the route he will extend the



CHAS. H. WILLIAMS  
courtesy Evening Telegram Photo by Rollins

greetings of the Oregon Wheat City by distributing pamphlets specially prepared by the Globe, setting forth the advantages and resources of Condon and Gilliam county.

For his chosen line of work, Mr. Williams has been trained and occupies a prominent position. His standing among his fellow-craftsmen is shown by his election as second vice-president of the American National Jewelers association although representing a far-off western state. He is a state graduate optician and is a member of the following organizations: Oregon Retail Jewelers association, the Oregon Optical association, the American Association of Opticians.

## Condon Grays--Winners of Ball Series



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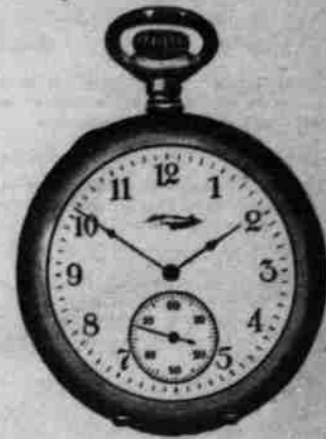
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