

## NEW WATER RATES "RANK INJUSTICE" SAY WEST ENDERS

To the Editor:  
Our city council having seen fit to pass a resolution raising the minimum water rent, and installing meters on the water users living outside the corporate limits, demanding \$2.50 per month instead of the former rate of \$1.50. Also demanding that we pay the city \$10.00 for the meters, and doing all this with out allowing us any voice in the matter, nor any knowledge of their intent, until the meters were installed, and then claiming as their reason, that the citizens living inside the limits demanded it as a matter of protection to themselves, leads the residents and water users of the "Benson and Nickell" addition to the city of Medford, to resort to this method of informing the public of what we consider a rank injustice.

**Council Is Blamed**  
Individually, and collectively, we believe it is the work of our council, rather than that of the city residents. And as we can get no satisfaction from the council as individuals, we desire to put the matter squarely before the public, with the hope that in some manner this injustice may be righted.

We are told that the city taxpayer objects to our having the water at the old rate for the reason that we are getting the same benefits and privileges that they are getting and not paying any city taxes. Now here is a phase of the question that possibly they did not stop to consider. In the case of ourselves. We purchased our own water pipe, did our own excavating, laid the pipe gave the city of Medford \$10.00 for connecting up with the city mains, besides other incidental expenses. So that we do not feel we are doing the city resident any harm so long as we pay a reasonable price for the water used.

**Built Own Pipe Lines**  
Now as to the benefits we are getting. Did the council pause to consider the fact that when a city water user has water put in on a city lot, and it costs him say for example \$40 that he gets \$40 worth of water before he is asked to make any cash monthly payments? Do we outsiders get this benefit? No indeed, we do not. The water department intimated that they were doing us an ever lasting favor by giving us three days service that we were on the line before the first of the month.

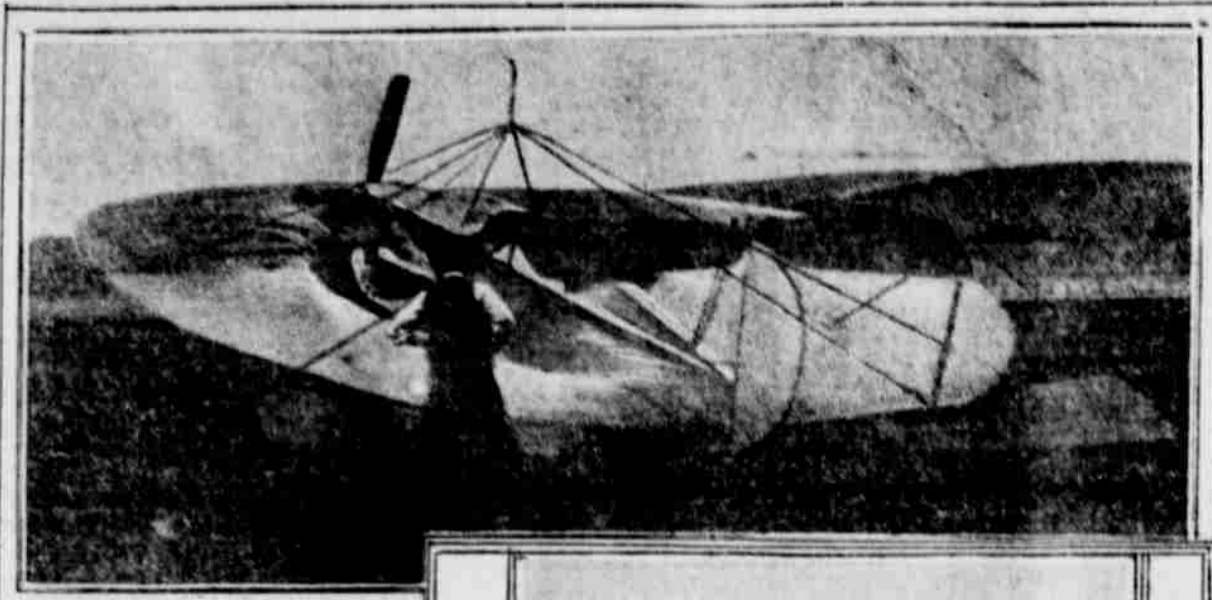
Why should the city council attempt to saddle upon the outside residents an absurd and unreasonable rate. At least not to the extent of \$2.50 per month and \$10 for a meter that we neither need nor want. As regards the meter it is reasonable to suppose that because we are just outside the corporate limits we should be more dishonest or more wasteful of the city's water supply than those living a couple of hundred feet away?

**Upkeep Costs Nothing**  
They tell us that many of the city residents demand to have meters installed, and gladly pay for some. This is probably true, especially in the case of hotel, restaurant and apartment house owners, where the fixed rates are considered by the owners to be exorbitant. Even this fact would cause the average person to think that someone had been rather careless in fixing the rate. If the construction and upkeep of these suburban lines costs the city nothing, which it does not, why doesn't the old rate which is surely enough, help to pay the interest on that bonded indebtedness? If it does not go there, where does it go?

There must be reason and good sense in all things, you cannot remedy matters by attempting to grab every cent there is in sight all at one sitting. The council surely doesn't desire to bankrupt and drive away every poor man within sight of Medford. True enough, many of us located just outside the limits because we realized our financial condition and wanted to curtail as many expenses as possible. But, can we not be considered as prospective citizens if we bought outside cheaper and can get a footing easier, won't we be better able to help carry the extra burden when we are eventually taken into the city? Quoting the council's own words, isn't it purely a matter of business? Don't we all as a rule buy where we consider is the cheapest, all things considered?

**No Justice in Rates**  
Then if the city has water to sell, the only way to get real money for it is to sell it, and because we live outside is no earthly reason why we should pay twice what it is worth merely because the council thinks we cannot help ourselves. We have been informed that there is a marked shortage in the water supply. Now when some person from another city comes in and says that in his opinion Medford's water supply is not

## RING SHAPED MONOPLANE OF LANGLEY TYPE FLIES WITH SUCCESS

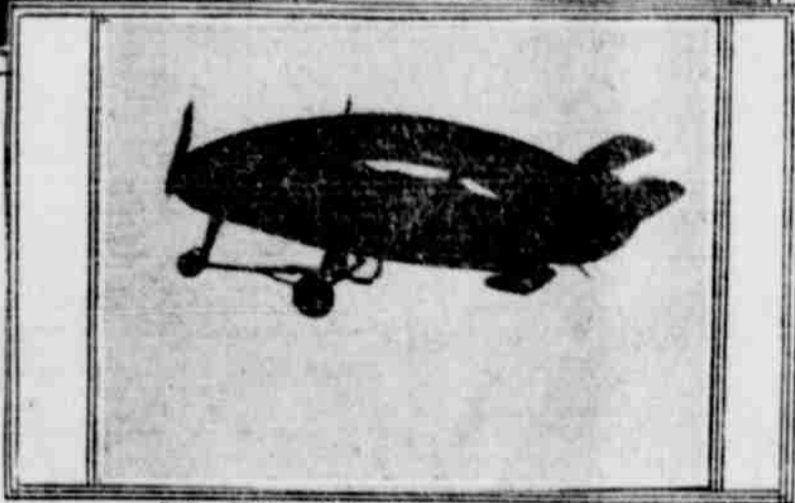


THE CEDRIC LEE AEROPLANE

The tandem aeroplane type, first produced by Samuel P. Langley, is reflected with some additions to give further stability in a new machine flown several times successfully at the Shoreham Aerodrome, in England. Pictures of this craft shown herewith give the impression that an old hat brim detached from the crown is sailing through the air.

Builders of the Cedric-Lee monoplane, as it is known, have connected the front and rear planes of the tandem type with other surfaces running fore and aft. Experiments made two years ago in New York city by a member of the Aero Club of America with a small model of similar shape showed remarkable natural stability.

Entry has been made of the Cedric-Lee monoplane with the Royal Aero Club of Great Britain as a candidate for the next race for the Coupe Internationale d'Aviation. The span of the machine is about twenty feet, its length, including tail, slightly more.



THE CEDRIC LEE MACHINE IN FLIGHT.

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## WE DON'T KICK

I have read with a good deal of interest the complaints of Geo. W. Cherry and other property owners published in the Mail Tribune of the 4th and 5th inst. with reference to the recent action of the city council of the city of Medford in raising the water rate on Siskiyou Heights, which is outside the city limits. I note that it is claimed that the present rate is prohibitive, and that without city water their lawns and gardens on which have been expended much time and money will become a "barren desert." That the situation as stated by themselves is a serious one to them cannot be questioned and I was more deeply impressed than ever, with the importance of investigating and making the home where the conditions complained of can never exist.

Oakdale Park addition to M. Lee has all the water that anyone could wish for, at a depth of 25 feet, and better water than the city has to offer. It can be had at an expense of two days work for two men. The owner is absolutely independent of the city for water, at all times and never need be saving in the use of it. The land is level and the soil of the best there is in the Rogue river valley. The elevation is 50 feet above the railroad track at the Nash Hotel corner, and is the same as that of the roof of the hospital building, yet the grade is so even and gradual that it is not noticeable in going from Main street to Oakdale. It is one mile south of the Hotel Medford, is outside of the city limits; the street is paved half way to it, and graded the balance of the way, the sidewalk, telephone and electric lights are extended to and over it.

It can never be made a "barren desert" for lack of city water. It does not depend on the city for any-

thing necessary to make life as agreeable as it can be made elsewhere in the Rogue river valley, either within the city limits or without.

Now, what is the answer? Clearly, that the wise buyer will put his money into a lot or block in Oakdale Park addition, build and improve his home, and be free from the burden these people complain of, and his own judge as to what street improvements he shall make.

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**Card of Thanks.**  
The members of Chester A. Arthur Relief Corps wish to extend their sincere thanks to all those that so willingly and ably helped them in their Memorial Day exercises, and they especially thank Mr. Gordon for his kindness in giving them the use of the opera house for their afternoon exercises.  
R. H. KINYON,  
Press Correspondent.

## ROSE SHOW OPEN TONIGHT; MUSICAL PROGRAM OFFERED

The rose show will be open tonight until 10 o'clock, as so many persons have requested that it be continued for the benefit of those unable to attend in the daytime.

A very excellent program has been prepared by the management which will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. There will be punch and ice cream and cake served during the evening. The program is as follows:

- Piano solo, "Caprice" Miss Helen Reddy.
- Violin solo Schuman
- (a) "Kleine Romanz." Miss Ruth Canfield.
- (b) "Northern Song." Miss Ruth Canfield.
- Accompanist, Miss Mary Alice Foster
- Piano solo—
- (a) "Beautiful Spring" Goerdler
- (b) "Pensee Fugitive" Houseldt
- (c) "O That We Two Were Maying" Nevin
- Miss Ethel Guthrie.
- Accompanist, Mrs. H. C. Kentor.
- Duet, "Il Trovatore"
- (a) "Soldiers' Chorus."
- (b) "Home to Our Mountains."
- (c) "Anvil Chorus."
- Miss Mable Scudder, Miss Helen Reddy.
- "March of the Flowers."
- Miss Mable Scudder.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council at its meeting to be held June 16th, 1914, for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in quantities less than a gallon at its place of business on lot 19, block 44, city of Medford for a period of six months.  
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## TAMPICO IS STILL AN OPEN PORT

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Secretary Daniels said today that no orders had gone forth to Rear Admiral Badger or Mayo as to the landing of the war cargo of the steamer Antilla for the constitutionalists at Tampico.

Secretary Bryan declared the situation at Tampico was unchanged today.

"You notice," the secretary cautioned his questioners, "that I am careful to speak of the present."

Mr. Bryan declined to be questioned further.

So far as can be learned Tampico still is an open port.

**At The Isis.**  
The Perils of Pauline, is a film full of action, intense interest, wonderful situations, daring thrills, wonderful scenic effects.

Pauline has an awful struggle between love and ambition. Owen a very remarkable villain prevents the ingenious plans to secure Pauline's fortune. Harry Marvin certainly has his work cut out for him foiling these plans.

## Blue Monday

With ever recurring regularity that day of days, when everything goes wrong, when the groceries and meat, the ice and the wood and everything to be ordered, when the family wash is in the tubs and all the household affairs upset, what a relief to have at your elbow a servant who will run all the errands and take away the worry and care of Blue Monday. We furnish this service to 2000 housewives in Medford, and have a servant ready to serve you in the same way. The service we will perform is almost unlimited but the charge is so small you will wonder how it can be done—only 5 cents a day (no other charge.) If you want us to drive away all Blue Mondays in your house let us list you in the Blue Book of Medford which goes to press June 10. You will be proud to have your name along with the others.

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