

STATEMENT BY WATER BOARD UPON PROBLEM

Sale of Excess Supply to Outside Districts Held Good Business, Means to Meet Bond Indebtedness, and Increase Revenue — Heavy Wastage Shown By Commission Records.

The board of water commissioners of the city of Medford are herewith presenting to the citizens a report which will give an insight into the problem arising from the operation of the new Big Butte Springs water system, which now supplies the city.

When the main pipe line from these springs was completed and attached to the city distributing mains near the reservoirs on Capitol Hill, two large water meters were installed at that point so that accurate water measurements of the city's daily use of water could be made.

Measurements show that the total daily flow of water from Big Butte Springs to reservoirs is about 12,000,000 gallons, or 18 second feet every 24 hours. A large volume of this water is not required for the city's daily use so it is released from the supply line and reservoirs and is wasted down the creek near the Red Top school house.

The daily supply for the city distributing system passes through the meters which record the amount of water used within the city at all times. These meters show the average daily use for 1928 as follows:

Month	Gallons
Jan., Feb., March	2,112,000
April, May and June	4,424,543
July, August, Sept.	5,931,500
Oct., Nov., Dec.	2,446,000

March shows the lowest average daily use of 2,071,426 gallons. August shows the highest daily average use of 7,091,800 gallons. With 12,000,000 gallons of water daily coming down the supply line it will be readily seen that during March nearly 10,000,000 gallons per day were turned into the creek and wasted. During August when the largest amount was used nearly 5,000,000 gallons daily were turned into the creek and wasted.

The daily average use of water in the city for the entire year 1928 was slightly less than four million gallons, therefore this represents about one-third of the total volume of water supplied by the main line from Big Butte Springs.

With such a large volume of excess water flowing through the supply line, it is evident that the commission is confronted with the problem of finding an additional market for it if it is to serve the city in accordance with good business methods.

What is more natural than that we would listen to the plea of the various delegations of people living outside of the city limits that they be permitted to build their own pipe lines and attach on to the city mains so as to become users of some of the surplus water now going to waste? Isn't this the business-like and sensible thing to do?

We think it is just what would be expected of us, and particularly from the fact that it means a substantial increase in the water receipts which are needed to pay for this marvelous system of pure water.

Thus far the outside use of city water is quite limited, but current receipts from this source for May was \$420.35, which means \$204.25 per year, and with a like amount received each year during the next 28 years, representing the life of the new water bonds, will amount to the city sum of \$141,227.50 that can be applied in retiring these old bonds.

The amounts of city water bonds now outstanding are as follows: Bonds for old line \$3,900,000; Bonds for water pipe line (abandoned) \$27,000,000; Bonds for Big Butte Springs supply \$15,000,000. Total all water bonds outstanding \$45,900,000. Yearly payments are \$1,144,400 made on these various water bonds which will retire most of them at maturity. There are, however, \$150,000 of bonds against the old wood pipe line now abandoned, the all come due in 1938 and it is this block of bonds in which we are most concerned, as they will have been outstanding 20 years on a pipe line now obsolete; therefore the commission is exerting every effort to create a sinking fund to retire them.

The logical way to secure part of this needed money is to sell surplus water to additional outside users, thus building up additional revenue from water now running to waste.

There are three outside districts now desirous of obtaining a portion of this surplus water, Hertsdale, Oak Grove and Jacksonville. It is reasonable to expect that by supplying these districts, the monthly rentals from outside users will more than double by reaching approximately \$1000 per month total within a short time. Thus the city would receive approximately \$120,000 for surplus water

rental during the next 30 years that would, with interest earned, almost pay off the bonds due in 1938 on the abandoned wooden pipe line.

The estimated total requirements of water per day for the above outside districts is approximately 200,000 gallons, which is about one-sixth of the daily supply coming to Medford and about one-twentieth of the water that would go to waste in the creek during our peak month of August when our city use is greatest. It virtually means creating wealth out of the thin air and recouping a small part of the daily loss of water now going on continuously.

Your water commission is firmly convinced that, if given the opportunity to market for domestic use the surplus water that is now released in the creek each year, enough revenue could be realized during the 28 years' life of the new water bonds to pay nearly half of them off, and at the same time this plan would contribute largely to the healthfulness and prosperity of the outlying districts, as well as to our own city.

Many years will pass before city requirements will absorb the excess supply of water now available and it should not be said that this waste is tolerated to the detriment of adjacent districts and without regard to its present potential value.

MEDEFOED WATER COMM. H. C. Gaudin, Chairman. June 15, 1929.

HOWARD DISTRICT VOTE ONE-SIDED

As the result of an election held yesterday, the Howard, Hertsdale water district incorporated last fall, was disincorporated as the first step toward forming the new Midway Water district which will include double the area. The vote was 41 yes, and one against. Proposals have been filed with the Jackson County Court by residents of the proposed new district, and the election set for July 6, adopting the additional area will be a mere formality.

This step was prompted by the fact that certain ranches were omitted last fall when the articles of incorporation were drawn up, and because the recent building of the new Midway road through a portion of the old district. This changed the map of the section considerably and made apparent the necessity of including land on both sides of the road.

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JENSEN—Josephine L. M. Jensen passed away very quietly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Roberts, 24 Genoa street, Saturday morning, June 15, at 8 o'clock, at the age of 74 years, 2 months and 15 days. Mrs. Jensen was born in Norway, April 3, 1855, where she spent the early part of her life. In 1885 she, with her husband, came to the United States and settled at Salt Lake City, Utah, living there until 1927, at which time she came to Medford to live with her daughter. She was a good Christian character and very active in the Seventh Day Adventist church of Salt Lake City. She leaves seven children, two daughters and five sons, Mrs. Johanna G. Hingham of Medford and Mrs. Hilda Roberts of Medford; Big Jensen of Salt Lake City, Joseph Johnson of Hoxhorn, Idaho; William Jensen of Hamling, Calif.; Fred Jensen of Walla Walla, Wash.; and Arnold Jensen of Salt Lake City; also 16 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The remains will be sent to Salt Lake City Monday at 11:40 A. M. by the Port Funeral home, where the funeral service and interment will take place.

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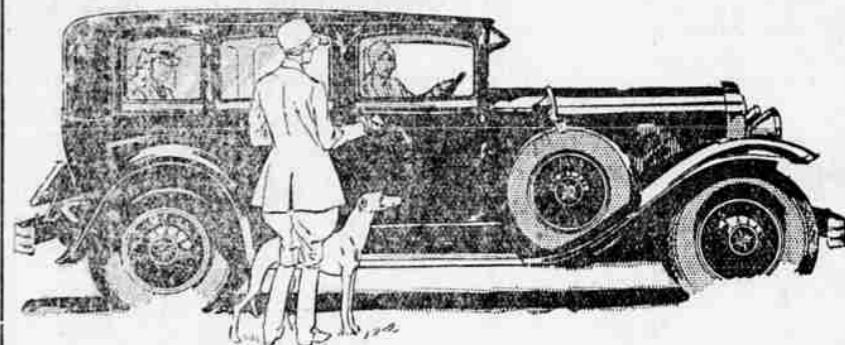
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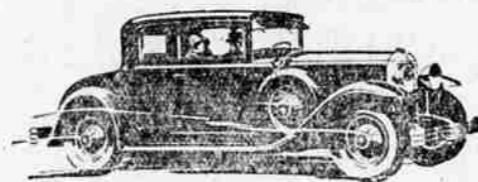
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