

OUTSIDE WATER SALE NEARS ON CITY ORDINANCE

Measure Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Supply to Suburbs, Passes First Reading in City Council

An ordinance authorizing the Medford water commission to enter into contracts for sale of water outside the city passed the first reading when presented to the council last night at the regular meeting at the city hall.

The ordinance followed presentation of a communication from the water commission asking that such action be taken. While citizens had previously approved the sale of water outside the city, no provision had been made for the commission to enter contracts for such sales.

A long communication from County Judge Earl H. Fehl, insisting that all rights be turned on again on Sixth street, where some were recently disconnected at a saving of \$111 a month to the city, was read and laid on the table indefinitely.

The question of audit of the city books was introduced and the council voted to ask for bids on a flat sum basis.

Councilman C. G. Darby read the report of the license committee regarding the request of A. S. Wells for a decrease in taxi license fees. The committee recommended maintenance of the present tax in preference to the reduction to \$25.

Reports on sewage plant. Report on the new sewage disposal system, now being tried out in San Francisco, was made by Dr. L. D. Inskip, city health officer.

Petition regarding the National Hospital association contract was presented by City Superintendent Fred Scheffel for 20 city employees, and was referred to the public safety and street and roads committee.

Temporary lease for space in the city hall was granted J. H. Dawson.

A motion asking congress to support certain legislation, permitting cities to make loans for improvement, not self-liquidating, was passed by the council.

The meeting adjourned early to enable members to attend the meeting of the Eagle Point Grange.

What's left in silk and wool dresses now \$3.95 and \$5.95

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Society and Clubs

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Reservations Being Made for B. P. W. Party.

Many society folk have made reservations for the benefit party to be sponsored Thursday evening by the Business and Professional Women's club in the city hall club rooms.

Bridge will be played, and there will be other attractions for those who do not care for cards. Men as well as women are promised an enjoyable evening.

Activities Observe Annual Ladies' Night. Local Activities entertained last evening for the pleasure of their wives and lady friends.

Following dinner the guests continued to the adjoining hall for dancing and an interesting program, arranged under the leadership of Ralph Bailey, was presented.

Miss Geraldine Thompson entertained with a group of violin solos. Margaret Childers with piano numbers, and LaMerle Beck with a toe dance, followed by a tap dance feature by Louise Elrod and Helen McAllister.

Frances Willard Tea To Be Thursday Event. The W. C. T. U. will give a Frances Willard memorial tea Thursday afternoon, February 9.

Artisans' Jolly Time Club Has Dance. The Artisans Jolly time club dance on January 26 was a huge success.

Clanys Welcomed Back To Medford. Society is welcoming back to this city this week Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Clancy, who have been living in Portland for the past several years.

Flanns Here to Make Home. Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Flann are being welcomed to Medford this week, having arrived a few days ago from Oakland, Cal., to make their home on Barneburg road.

Perls Invite Guests To Dinner Tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perl will be hosts at dinner tonight at their home on North Oak street, having invited eight guests in for the evening.

O. S. C. Club Meets February 20. The next meeting of the Oregon State college club will be held Monday, February 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Prentiss.

Younger Set Eagerly Awaits Valentine Party. Members of the younger set are looking to their dancing frills these days in anticipation of the party scheduled for Saturday evening in their honor at St. Mark's guild hall.

Daughters of Nile Installation Tonight. Affairs of Daughters of the Nile are holding first honors on the social calendar today, with all events to be capped tonight by installation of officers for the new year.

English Lutheran Ladies' Aid Meets. The English Lutheran Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. John Fluhrer Thursday afternoon.

Post-Delphians Plan Interesting Session. Tomorrow morning will be meeting time of the Post-Delphians and an interesting chapter session is planned with Mrs. J. F. Lawrence as guest speaker.

Building Bridge Club To Meet Thursday. The Building Bridge club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duff, 314 South Holly, with Mrs. A. Duff and Mrs. Rose Schieffelin as hostesses tomorrow afternoon.

John Barneburg Expected Home From California. Mr. and Mrs. John Barneburg are expected home this week from an extensive stay in southern California.

P.-T. A. Hears Interesting Program. JACKSONVILLE—P.-T. A. met in the high school auditorium, February 3. The program included two numbers by the Girls' Glee club with Mr. Nee, director and Ray Lewis, accompanist.

A business meeting was held and a report of the treasury was given. It was announced the legislative committee had informed the state legislature of the group's opinion in regard to the transportation bill.

Next meeting will be March 3. An instrumental program is planned, also a speaker will be present. It was decided to continue serving hot soup for the next two weeks to pupils bringing their luncheon.

Reports were given by committees for entertaining county P.-T. A. at the Presbyterian church February 11. Professor Coe explained bills now before the legislature which would effect education. He urged members to let senators and representatives know their personal views.

The fern was awarded to Mrs. Norvell's room.

"Dads" To Be Entertained By P.-T. A. Thursday. CENTRAL POINT—On Thursday night, February 8, the Parent-Teacher association of Central Point will entertain in honor of the "dads" there will be a program of much interest and variety, followed by a social hour.

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PNEUMONIA AFTER ATTACK BY BULL

PHOENIX, Feb. 8.—(Spl.)—Gus Zempke, who suffered three broken ribs, torn muscles in his arm and a badly mangled shoulder when attacked by a bull as his foothills ranch three miles southwest of Phoenix Thursday, is reported as suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy at the present time.

Zempke's son, Clarence, suffered numerous bruises when he went to the rescue of his father. The young man struck the animal over the head several times with a shovel, and made it possible for his father to escape from the pen. Before Clarence could climb the fence he was also knocked down, but managed to get out of the enclosure with few injuries.

Oregon Weather. Snow flurries today; fair and cooler tonight; sub-zero temperature east portion; Thursday fair; colder south portion; fresh north and northeast winds offshore.

BARNES SALES TAX HOPE DEPARTS AS NEW PLANS LOOM

SALEM, Feb. 8.—(Spl.) The Barnes shelter exemption bill is out of the running and two brand new sales tax bills will make their debut in the house this afternoon. This is the latest hope smuggled out of the legislation and rules committee room late today.

The three percent sales tax provision of the Barnes bill was what sounded its death knell, it is said. It had all those who balked at the general two percent tax on its neck, and also those who held two percent as the limit. The \$1500 shelter exemption was another bone of contention. Some thought it too high and others thought it too low.

One of the two new bills now undergoing final churning in the committee room around the corner, is similar to the general sales tax defeated in the special session. The other one provides for a whole sale tax of one half of one percent; a service tax of one percent and a retail sales tax of two percent. The highlight of this bill is that no tax will be collected on personal property the theory being that the proceeds for the direct tax or personal property tax is entirely disproportionate to the amount of personal property

and to the expense of assessing and collecting personal property tax. Under the "service tax" provision of the bill will fall the services of lawyers, doctors, realtors and others. Just where service ends and sale commences may be disputable, according to a lawyer working on the bill. But the bill provides that where the value of tangible property represents less than 20 percent of the sale price it is classed as service and taxed at one percent instead of two, under the act.

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