

METERS RAISE WATER BILLS

Water Board Now Gets More Money for Less Water.

METER FIGURES PROVE THIS

Members of the Board Themselves Pay More Than When Settling Under Flat Rate System—Many Protests Made.

Bills of the Water board for the last few months have shown that receipts under metered service have increased steadily over the receipts from the same customers under the flat rate system.

"I have used less water than I did under the flat rate, but my bill will be \$10 a year more," said one consumer, who spoke for many others who protest against the high rate charged by the water commissioner.

It has been figured out on the basis of the bills paid within the last month that when all services are metered the income of the plant will have been increased, although the amount of water consumed will have decreased to such an extent that substantial reduction of rates would not lessen the earnings.

Here are a few examples of the increased cost of water to the consumer under the metered service, for months during which the smallest quantity of water is used.

C. H. Sherman, member of the Water board, 132 North Thirty-eighth avenue, paid a flat rate of \$21.75 a year until a meter was installed August 19; bill for August 19 to December 31, \$11.25.

Dan B. Butler, city commissioner, paid flat rate of \$15.50 a year, now pays under metered service for one winter month, \$2.26.

P. C. Heafey, member of the Water board, paid more in 1912 under metered service than in 1911 for the same period.

In some cases the difference is as high as \$15 and \$20 a year in favor of the Water board. There are few cases where the cost to the consumer has been decreased by the installation of meters and the differences in such cases are but a few cents.

Numerous claims are made for "inter-read meters" and rebates are given by the water commissioner when these meters are read again. These rebates often are more than 50 per cent of the bill.

Steve Miller Found in Serious Shape in His Hotel Room

Stephen Miller, night clerk at the Her Grand hotel, who was found in his room at that hotel Thursday suffering from an attack of liver disease and who was rushed to the Wise Memorial hospital, is in a dying condition at that institution Thursday when Mr. Miller did not report for duty, his fellow clerks remembered that he had not been seen all day and visited his room. Receiving no answer to their knock they entered and found Miller lying on the bed in a serious condition. He had been stricken almost twenty-four hours before and was unable to call for help. At the hospital he collapsed and was attended by Dr. Bernard McDermott, who holds out little hope for his recovery.

Miller came to Omaha over thirty years ago from Harrisburg, Pa., and entered the employ of the Burlington Railway company as a telegrapher. He gradually advanced until he was appointed train dispatcher, which position he held until twelve years ago, when he was forced to quit work because of telegrapher's paralysis.

Following his exit from the Burlington Miller secured a position as clerk of the Merchants hotel, where he worked until three years ago. He then went to the Her Grand hotel as night clerk and has been there ever since.

Mr. Miller is known by every stockman in this section of the country, having made numerous friends while working at the Merchants hotel. He is a much loved character and made friends by his charitable disposition.

BURGARS SECURE ONLY SMALL CHANGE AT BOEKE'S

The home of Carl E. Boeke, information clerk at the Union station, was robbed Thursday night, but the burglars were satisfied with a few dollars they found in Mr. Boeke's pockets.

Some time between midnight and morning burglars, by prying up a window, forced an entrance to the Boeke home, 7712 Douglas street, ransacked the rooms on the lower floor, but apparently did not find anything to their liking. Entering the bed room of Mr. Boeke, they opened the drawers of the dresser and scattered their contents upon the floor, but did not take anything away. However, they took his pants, which were found outside the house, near the window through which entrance had been effected, but minus some \$3, which had been in one of the pockets. Mr. Boeke's watch was taken, but was found on the sidewalk, near the front steps.

None of the inmates of the house were disturbed and the first known of the burglary was when at 5 o'clock Mr. Boeke got up to shake down the fire.

SUES HUSBAND'S PARENTS ON ALIENATION CHARGE

Damages of \$10,000 are asked of Nicholas Kriehs, a tinner in the Union Pacific shops, and his wife, by their daughter-in-law, Ethel M. Kriehs, in a petition filed in district court. It is alleged they alienated the affections of their son, George Kriehs.

"The young man was married at Audubon, Ia., in June, 1911. It is alleged that shortly after the marriage the defendants began to poison the young man's mind against his wife, making all manner of false charges against her. Finally, it is alleged, they made the situation so unpleasant that the young woman had to leave. Mrs. Kriehs now is living with relatives at LeMars, Ia.

MANY PURSES ARE FOUND EMPTY IN MAIL BOXES

Mail boxes on the street corners have proven very popular receptacles for empty pocket books, the contents of which have enriched the coffers of holdup men. Four purses were taken from the mail boxes at Tenth and Douglas and Eleventh and Dodge streets.

"We get lots of them in the mail boxes that way," said Mr. Woodard. "They most always come from the mail boxes down at Tenth and Douglas and Eleventh and Dodge streets."

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Pure Candies: CHOCOLATE CREAMS, FRUIT GLACES, MALASCHINO CHERRIES

ORKIN BROTHERS THE BEST STORE FOR YOU ALL THE TIME

Cigar Special: CIGARS, Valentines' after dinner, 10c size; Saturday, each 5c; box of 25 for \$1.25

CUT FLOWERS: Carnations, assorted, 19c; Roses, fresh, assorted, 39c

Your Choice of Any Man's SUIT or OVERCOAT \$13.50

THAT'S the way we offer you your choice Saturday from our entire stock of high grade clothing for men. There's nothing reserved excepting fur and fur trimmed overcoats. The assortments are large and wide in range of selection and involve values of \$25.00, \$30.00 and even \$45.00, at choice for \$13.50

The Suits are the very latest models, two or three button sack suits, double breasted and Norfolk styles, in fancy materials; also Blue Serges, all made by the best journeymen tailors, and guaranteed to give the best of satisfaction; values \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$45.00, choice \$13.50.

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Men's Suits and Overcoats at \$7.50

Involving Values at \$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00

SUITS—made of all-wool worsteds, cassimeres, fine blue serges, two and three-button styles, in grays, brown or blue. Every garment represents the season's snappiest models—carefully and stylishly tailored and guaranteed to give the utmost service. These suits are worth from \$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.50 and up to \$18.00, and to clear our stocks for other shipments we offer them to you Saturday, your choice at \$7.50.

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OVERCOATS—Three-quarter and full lengths; self material and velvet collars; gray, brown and fine black all-wool kersey. These coats will prove a revelation when you see them—they're all well made, strictly this season's styles and are big values at their regular selling price—\$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00—your choice, Saturday, at \$7.50.

Boys' OVERCOATS

Values to \$7.50 for \$3.98



BOYS' Overcoats in all the favored materials, made military, convertible, shawl collar or belted back styles, the season's most desirable patterns, values to \$7.50, sale price Saturday, \$3.98

Bargain Section In the Basement

HERE'S a few of the big money savers in our big bargain section in the basement. Come tomorrow and share in the profit and economies of the bargain section.

Men's \$1.00 Wool Texture UNDERWEAR Saturday at 49c

SPECIAL Men's Underwear, wool texture, shirts or drawers, regular price \$1.00; sale price Saturday, garment, 49c

Men's \$3.50 to \$4 SHOES, \$2.29

Men's shoes in gun metal calf, vic kid skin, patent calf skin, tan calf skin, or velour calf skin; lace and button styles, all 1913 stylish models, all sizes, Saturday, the pair, \$2.29



Saturday in the Big GROCERY

FLOUR, Excelsior patent, 48-lb. sack \$1.40; SHREDDED WHEAT, Biscuits, 10c; MATCHES, 8 a 1c; RICE, Whole Japan, 5 Lbs. 25c; PRUNES, California, 3 lbs. 25c; TOMATOES, select, large can, 10c; PUMPKINS, large can, 3 cans 25c; OLIVES, stuffed, qt. jar, 45c

Employees in Public Improvement Service Get Salary Increase

Upon the recommendation of Councilman McGovern the employees of the city in the department of public improvements, of which he is the head, have been given substantial increases in salaries. The advances as approved by the city commission are as follows, per month:

M. F. Black, engineer, \$110 to \$120; P. H. Connell, instrument man, \$70 to \$75; W. S. Cook, rod man, \$50 to \$65; M. W. Foley, instrument man, \$75 to \$80; J. P. Ford, clerk, \$80 to \$100; P. A. Goudall,

Salvation Army Has Helped Many Lately

Captain H. H. Kline of the Salvation Army says that despite the continued warm weather large numbers of men and women apply daily for help and within a week the stores of the army have been emptied of all overcoats and shoes. He is now making an effort to secure donations of these articles.

Manhattan Hotel Raided by Police

A full grown resort, with evidence of women and liquor in plenty, was found at 2:30 yesterday morning, when police officers raided the "Manhattan hotel" at Fifteenth and Capitol avenue. This place formerly called the Royal, was raided only last week by the authorities.

Self-Fitting Emergency Overhoe for Horses

Prevents slipping or falling when streets or roads are icy or slippery. SAVES keeping your horse rough shod, as the shoe can be put on or taken off in ten minutes. HAYES line and make. Recommended by Humane Societies everywhere. For Sale by Alfred Cornish & Co., 1210 Farnam St.

