

A. L. BARBUR SEEKS RETURN TO OFFICE

City Commissioner Points Out Improvements Made.

\$95,000 REPORTED SAVED

Municipal Paving and Repair Plant Established Without Asking Additional Funds.

A. L. Barbur, commissioner of public works, yesterday announced his candidacy for re-election at the November election.



A. L. Barbur, city commissioner, who has announced candidacy for re-election.

for ten successive years. In 1917 he was elected a member of the city commission and assigned to the department of public works.

In announcing his candidacy for re-election Mr. Barbur reviewed his acts both as city auditor and city commissioner. He stated that upon assuming office as city auditor he formulated a method of refunding the bonded debt of the city, and after persistent efforts had its adoption by the city council; that he found that city property was being insured only on one-year policies; this he corrected, he says, by forcing the insurance companies to give the city the same consideration as private individuals, namely, a three-year policy with a two-year premium.

Discounts Are Secured.
He also states that he found that the city was not given cash discounts on purchases and that he corrected this condition. These corrections, he contends, have almost paid his salary during his ten years' service as city auditor.

Mr. Barbur said that upon assuming office as city commissioner he secured the appointment of O. Laurgard as city engineer and A. G. Johnson as assistant commissioner, after which he reorganized the entire department.

"I found," reads the statement, in part, "that the department was overloaded with personal service and reduced the force from 221 employees to 171. I also found that it was costing the city too much money to maintain and keep in good condition its 300 miles of improved streets. I made an investigation and found that the city could maintain its own streets more cheaply by doing the work itself than by contract.

Large Sums Saved.
"At the end of the fiscal year 1917, the department of public works had left unexpended in its appropriation for personal service, due to the reduction of force above mentioned, \$15,000, and I secured the consent of the council to expend this money in establishing an asphalt paving and repair plant.

"The savings resulting in cost of maintenance and repair of hard-surface pavement during 1918 and 1919, as well as the paving of Terwilliger boulevard at request of the mayor for the bureau of parks, costing only \$19,325.16, and resulting in savings of \$19,020 under what it would have cost if performed under contract, were so large that the council agreed late in 1919 to build a large paving plant.

\$95,000 Is Saved.
"When the entire amount of work undertaken by the municipal paving plant for the year 1920 shall have been completed, the saving to property owners on the basis of the figures shown above will amount to \$95,000.

"Except during a short period following the war when the federal government urged that all possible improvement work be expedited to furnish employment, I have insisted with consent of the council, first, that a representation of 40 per cent of property be required in all petitions for street improvement and since July 1, 1920, this ratio has been increased to 50 per cent.

"In closing, I wish to state I have never made a single promise to any individual or group of individuals as to my policy, but have always made my pledge direct to the people. I stand on my record. There are many opportunities yet present to improve the service which our government can render to our citizens, and I am seeking reelection in order that I may further aid in securing for the public a better return for the money which they will invest in making our city a safer and safer place in which to dwell."

His Hearing Restored.

The invisible antiseptic ear drum invented by Mr. A. O. Leonard, which is in reality a miniature megaphone, fitting inside the ear and entirely out of sight, is restoring the hearing of literally hundreds of people in New York City. Mr. Leonard invented this remarkable drum to relieve himself of deafness and head noises and does this so successfully that no one could tell that he is a deaf man. This ear drum is effective when deafness is caused by catarrh or by perforated, partially or wholly destroyed natural drums. A request for information addressed to A. O. Leonard, suite 113, 70 5th ave., New York City, will be given a prompt reply.—Adv.

The government of Ceylon is considering the establishment of a gem industry in crown-owned territory close to a rich gem district.

A Clothing Sale Without Profit



Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, we inaugurate the greatest clothing event in our history.

It isn't philanthropy
It is simply sensible merchandising

CLOTHING PRICES are and have been for the past year at too high a figure. We know it. You know it. The universal demand for commodities at lower prices is just and right.

At present wholesale prices of clothing are at their high-water mark. They will be slow in their decline—BUT THEY WILL DECLINE. This means that retailers must take losses. It is as inevitable as the profits that came to them on the market's upward swing.

Good merchandising demands that we take our loss ONCE AND FOR ALL. By making drastic cuts—but selling our merchandise NOW at prices which will not become the rule for possibly two years—we will be in position to buy at lower levels later.

And that is why we have decided upon this sale without profit. We want to release the large capital invested in our immense stock of fine suits and overcoats. Therefore we place at the disposal of Portland's men folks these garments—ALL standard Mathis qualities—nothing reserved, at prices which mean, to us, real sacrifice. Take advantage of it to the fullest degree.

The Following Price Reductions Prevail

\$40 Suits and O'Coats	\$32	\$70 Suits and O'Coats	\$56
\$50 Suits and O'Coats	\$40	\$80 Suits and O'Coats	\$64
\$60 Suits and O'Coats	\$48	\$90 Suits and O'Coats	\$72

Corbett Building
Fifth and Morrison

Mathis

MEN'S WEAR

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MARINER BELIEVED DEAD

SMALL SAILBOAT IS WASHED SHORE NEAR EUREKA.

Thortenson Attempts Cruise From Bremerton to San Francisco in Open Craft.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The sea is believed today to have given up the mystery which for weeks has veiled the fate of aged Helgar Thortenson, who last June sailed away from Bremerton in a tiny open sailboat, bound for San Francisco.

About answering the description of Thortenson has washed ashore at Centerville beach, 30 miles south of

Eureka, Cal., according to a message received here today. The fate of the hardy old mariner who had sailed the seven seas for years in the United States navy has been the chief topic of marine gossip up and down the coast all summer.

Thortenson retired several years ago, and with his wife established a little home at Bremerton, where he could be close to the bustle and activity of the navy life which he loved. He was chief petty officer, but his wife and approaching old age finally induced him to quit the service.

Last spring he announced he was going on a cruise to San Francisco. He set to work outfitting a 20-foot open sail boat. Announcement of his plan to sail between the two ports attracted wide attention. Vainly his wife tried to dissuade him.

On June 6 his little craft sailed away from Bremerton. The next heard of him was when the life-saving station at Grays Harbor rescued him from a heavy sea and tried to persuade him to abandon the trip. This was the last heard of him.

LARGER MARKET NEEDED

FARMER DECLARES PRESENT FACILITIES INADEQUATE.

Suggestion Made City Should Condemn and Purchase Two Blocks in Satisfactory Location.

That the present municipal market on Yamhill street is much too small to serve the needs of this community and that a larger market should be established, is the declaration of C. R. Organ, a farmer of Tigardville, Washington county, and a member of the board of directors of the Market Producers' association, Inc.

Present high prices are traceable to a large extent to the shortage of production, Mr. Organ contends, and not only should encouragement be

given to farm production to counteract the present movement from the country to the city, but the way should also be opened for the ready and profitable sale of what the farmer produces.

The present market, he declared, is considerably too small to take care of not only the farmers who wish to sell their produce on the market, but also for the large number of citizens of Portland who wish to patronize the market. At the present time, he pointed out, farmers bringing their goods into the city cannot be sure of finding a booth on the market at which to sell, while in other cases a group of farmers were forced to go in together to dispose of their products in a cramped space. If farmers were sure of finding a place on the market for displaying their goods they would come into Portland from 50 miles distant, he declared.

While Mr. Organ had no definite plan for market extension which he is advancing at this time, he declared that he believed some arrangement might be made whereby the city could condemn and purchase two blocks of

property in a satisfactory market location and install upon the property an adequate public market. Farmers would gladly pay two or three times as much as the 15 cents per day which they are now paying, he said, in such a market.

The Market Producers' association, Inc., which was formed from among farmers disposing of their goods on the public market, recently established a wholesale and retail store at 206 Stock Exchange building, and will endeavor, according to Mr. Organ, to handle largely goods which might otherwise go to waste and remain on the farms unsold.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends and relatives who rendered assistance and sympathy in our recent bereavement of our daughter, granddaughter and niece Dorothy, and the many beautiful floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. C. J. LITTLE, MR. AND MRS. G. L. BOWDER AND FAMILY.

INTEREST IN FAIR KEEN

UNUSUAL EXHIBIT PROMISED AT HOOD RIVER.

All Industries of County to Be Represented—Programme of Sports Is Being Arranged.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Members of the Hood River county fair board, who yesterday visited the high school athletic field to arrange allotments of space, say they expect a successful session this season. Keen interest is evidenced by apple growers who have entered the dairy business and the exhibits of registered Jersey cows is expected to equal those of communities devoted exclusively to dairying. Several growers have imported high-class stock

some of the animals being in world championship lists.

The county court has appropriated \$150 to cover the expense of taking a county exhibit to the state fair at Salem. The blue ribbon awards of the fair here, to be held next Friday and Saturday, will be shown at the state fair.

Orchardists will participate in an apple show in conjunction with the local fair and communities will vie with each other in display of products. A big tent has been allotted for displays of local merchants. Automobile, truck and tractor dealers also will exhibit.

A programme of sports is being arranged by Rev. W. O. Bentin, master of the Parkdale troop of Boy Scouts.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our friends who have been so kind to us during our recent bereavement, in the loss of a loving brother, also for the beautiful flowers.

MATT ANDERSON, Andrew, Or.