MUST HAVE MONEY

Police Commissioners Write the Council a Letter.

SAY SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

Threaten to Discharge All But a Dozen Men-Big Day's Grist of Eoutine Business.

the police department, the possibility of continuing the department was discussed, a street-car license ordinance was passed, and much routine business was transact

To have a police department, or not to have one, is the question confronting the city officials. According to Mayor Rowe and the members of the Police Commission, the answer depends on the decision to be rendered in the vehicle license case coming up today in Judge Cleland's court, and the action of the Supreme Court thereon. The Mayor says that the court will be asked to decide whether funds can be used in any of the departments of the city government beyond the amount the tax fixed in the charter. The vehicle license ordinance is intended raise a fund for street repair, in addition to the one-eighth of a mill provided

When the court passes on the power of the Council to do this, as well as the ower to impose the license, the case will e accepted as applying to the police department. If it is illegal to use more an one-eighth of a mill for street repair, it is illegal to use more than 1% mills for maintaining the police department. Mayor Rowe and the Commission-ers may they will cut the department down to a half dozen or dozen men immediately after learning that the Supreme Court holds no other fund is available for the police department. All the police fund for the year has been used, and yesterday the Council paid September expenses by loaning the required amount on the

urity of delinquent taxes due the fund, The charter provides for a 1% mill tax to replenish the police fund. With the eweeping reduction made by the Assessor in property valuations, receipts from this ros were cut down heavily, and slready the fund for the year is exhausted. The Commissioners feel that if an appropriation cannot be made from the general fund to establish a police fund they would be laying themselves responsible individually for all debts contracted by continuing business. In a communication to the Council they announced that they would not do this, but would discharge the members of the department when it appeared that no further funds were evallable. Their communication was as dollows:

"Portland, Oct. 2.—To the Honorable of Portland, Gentlemen: The Board of Police Commissioners beg leave to pre sent to your honorable body a matter of grave import to the city, and to request your immediate and earnest attention

"The financial condition of the police department is known to you, as well as is the economy which has marked its conduct, and the efficiency of a small force, covering a very large territory, being now less in number than was the force upon the west side of the river before consolidation and the extension of the city limits. When we say this force as a whole is superior in its general personnel, we justly compliment an excellent body

"The funds of the department are exhausted. Under the regulations of the charter there will be no more money due the department from the tax levy March or April of next year. The City Auditor, we understand, holds the view we consider well founded, that he cannot legally draw warrants upon the labor. cannot legally draw warrants upon the following recommendations from the commissioners may the commissioners may the commissioners may be are likewise of Petition for improvement of Second over three or four of the old systems before it reaches the end of the line. Supcontracts made by them under present conditions. Be this as it may, however, we cannot keep in employment a body of men with no certainty as to where their remuneration is to come from, nei-ther can we provide for the expenses of the Police Court, which, with the excep-tion of the salaries of the Judge and

Clerk, we have been doing heretofore, "Unless your honorable body can devise means for paying the force, we do not see clearly how we can continue its services to the city. If we are rightly informed, the city's legal adviser has already expressed his opinion favoring your right to take care of the department from the general fund, or to divert for its maintenance the funds collected through the Police Court, which are ample for the purpose. As to this, we have no course to auggest or urge upon you. We deem it proper, however, to thus notify you that we cannot be the medium of supplying to the city a service for which it does not provide means. We are convinged that you will do all that you consistently can. rather than force the only alternative of a general discharge. As our action in the matter must be immediate upon yours, we trust that you will decide as to your power at this session. Respectfully yours, THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMIS-SIONERS, by Louis Rau, Secretary."

Long From General Fund. An ordinance was passed transferring \$5195 98-the amount penses in the police department-to the police fund. This is not an absolute trans. fer, but a loan made from the general fund, on the security of delinquent taxes due the police fund. After passing the ordinance, Councilman Masters, chairman of the judiciary and elections committee introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by the Council by unanimous

lice fund of sufficient money to meet bills for the current month, said fund will have been loaned a sufficient amount to practically exceed the security formed by quent taxes due said fund, and there will be no security for the repayment of any further loans, and the right of the Common Council to levy a license tax is being contested in the courts; therefore, olved, That the Common Council will not loan or advance any further sum to the police fund after the payment of the September bills, until the determina-

tion by the courts of the validity of the ordinance recently passed by the There is a difference of opinion among the officials over the right to make such an appropriation outright from the gengive the fire fund all taxes in arrears be-youd a certain date, which have been the

eral fund. The fire department also has exhausted its fund. The Council voted to means of keeping the department abreast of expenses. Some say that if this di-version could be made to the fire department, which is provided for by a fixed mill tax in the charter, a similar or other appropriation could be made for the police fund. Since the new policy was adopted enough money is being collected in fines by the Municipal Court to maintain the police department. Why should not this be devoted to the department? is the question asked by some Councilmen. The case in court is intended to decide the question for all time, and will be pushed through as speedily as possible.

General Business. Several ordinances fixing the time and manner of street improvements and sewer construction, and determining the probable cost of improvements, were passed. The Surveyor's report on straightening

be in order to appoint viewers to assess the damage done property dedicated. Quarterly reports of the City Treasurer and Auditor were received. An ordinance is not estimated, and cannot be known was passed amending the bianket license ordinance by classifying mercantile agention also regulates the use of flat-cars for cles. The amendment provides that those charging their patrons \$66 per annum shall be known as first-class and pay a license of \$5 per quarter; and those charging patrons less than that shall constitute the ascond class, and pay a quarterly license of \$10. Section 7 of the blanket license ordinance was also amended by striking out paragraphs 34 and 35 and altering 53 so as to leave hawkers paying the same license paid before the enactment of the blanket license ordinance. Authority was given Auditor Deviln to issue about \$19,000 street im-At yesterday's meeting of the City

Council a loan was made from the general tracted for a short time ago, and reprefund to meet the September expenses of the police department, the possibility of The ordinance regulating and classifying street-cars, which is intended to increase the revenue derived from this source, was unanimously passed.

Books Audited. Rowe appointed Councilman W. T. Branch some time ago to expert the

books of the City Auditor's and Treasur-er's offices for the terms preceding the present administration. The Mayor's appointment of an auditor was under Sec. 37 of the charter. In transmitting the Auditor's report he said: "I respectfully recommend that the report be embodied in the minutes of the Council meeting, and placed on file with the Auditor." Mr. Branch's report is as follows: "Portland, Or., Sept. 28.—Hon. H. B.

Rowe, Mayor of the City of Portland-Dear Sir: In accordance with the au-thorization contained in your favor of July 11, 1900, I have examined the books and accounts of the Auditor and Treas-urer of the City of Portland for the period of time within the dates of January 1, 1893, and June 30, 1900, inclusive. This period covers the administration of A. N. Gambell as Audtior, and that portion of the administration of Frank Hacheney as stated above. On January 1, 1893, there was

In the treasury the sum of .\$ 186,334 16% Receipts from January 1, 1893 to June 30, 1900 6,685,320 57

Total amount disbursements.\$6,579,939 6114

Balance on hand July 1, 1900.\$ 251,715 06 "On the morning of July 5, 1900, I veri-fied the account of the Treasurer as to the amount of money on hand, deposited in banks, or evidenced by coupons and warrants paid, and found the same to be correct. I have the honor to report that every dollar received and every dollar disbursed has been correctly and properly accounted for, and the vouchers for all disbursements are filed in the office of the Auditor of this city. The system of accounting adopted in the Auditor's office do not think can be improved upon. It is a complete check upon all the business of the city, and the frequent comparison of balances between the Auditor and Treasurer serves to have the accounts correct. The quarterly, semiannual and annual reports of both offices I find to be correct. I wish to compliment S. Grutze, Chief Deputy Auditor, who has kept the books of the Auditor's office over 10 years. ipon having the cleanest, neatest set of ooks I ever saw, free from any evidences of corrections or mistakes. "Thanking you for your kind consider-tion in appointing me to this service, I ation in appo

am, respectfully yours, "W. T. BRANCH." Streets and Sewers. The communication from the Taxpayers' League regarding the cleanliness of streets was referred, on motion of Councilman Bronaugh, to the committee on health and police for careful consideration. A petition for increase of the il-cense on candy peddlers to \$5 a quarter was referred to the license committee. City Engineer Chase communicated that as Winter was approaching, there was urgent need of repairs to large sewers and other parts of the drainage system, and asked for an appropriation of \$416 to hire help. He has dispensed with the services of one draughtsman for three months, which gives him \$25 more than

granted.

Improvement of East Eleventh between Belment and East Glisan; granted. Improvement of north half of East Oak between East Fifteenth and East Sixteenth streets; granted.
Improvement of Tillamook street; granted.

Petition of One Watson Sloane for damages on account of extension of Sixteenth street; placed on file. Improvement of East Twenty-sixth street; remonstrance granted. Improvement of East Thirty-first be-Belmont and East Salmon

Improvement of East Twelfth between

and Hawthorne; remonstrance granted. Improvement of East Tenth street between Division and Hawthorne avenue

remonstrance granted, Improvement of East Oak street be tween East Twelfth and East Fifteenth; granted.

Report of the viewers for the opening laying out and establishing of Twentieth Vaughn and Upshur streets, at and in the vicinity of the intersection; adopted. Improvement of East Thirty-fifth be tween Hawthorne avenue and East Stark streets; granted.
The following recommendations from

the committee on sewers and drainage From Health Commissioner Menefee, for construction of sewer on Bancroft

Application for construction of sewer on East Yamhill and other streets; remonstrance granted. Application for construction of sewer on

Kerby street, between Knott and Russell; granted. Construction of sewer on Schuyler street; petition placed on file. Construction of a sewer on East Alder street, between East Thirty-third and

East Thirty-fourth; granted. Ordinances were passed declaring the Ordinances were passed the time and manner of improving East time and manner of improving East Twenty-ninth street, between Belmont and East Salmon; East Eighth street, between Tillamook and Thompson; East Tenth street, between Tillamook and Thompson; East Ninth street, between Tiliamook and Thompson; East Seventh street, between Tiliamook and Thompson: south half of Thompson street, between East Seventh and East Eleventh; East Fourteenth street, between Belmont and East Davis; East Irving, between East Twenty-third and East Twenty-fourth. Ordinances were also passed declaring the probable cost of improving Failing

street, between Williams and Union avenues; Tillamook street, between Rodney and Union avenues; Eugene street, be-tween Union avenue and East Seventh street; Eugene street, between Williams and Union avenues; Sacramento street, between Williams and Union avenues; and for the construction of sewers on Water street, between Porter street and the sewer on Wood street, and from Abernethy to the Thomas-Crock sewer, be tween Grant and Pennoyer streets.
City Attorney Long's opinion on the Second-street franchise problem was read, after which Councilman Mulkey moved that the judiciary committee be instructed to prepare an ordinance com-pelling the railroad company to pay for

its proportionate share of the improve TO LICENSE STREET-CARS.

Substance of New Ordinance Passed by Conneil. The street-car license ordinance enacted

Ankeny, was adopted by ordinance, and at the next meeting of the Council it will be in order to appoint viewers to assess based on present standards, rather than those prevailing when horse-cas were in vogue. The increase of revenue to the city tion also regulates the use of flat-cars for hauling gravel, etc.
Section 1 of the ordinance provides that

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or joint stock company to op-erate street-cars by electricity or any other motive power, through or upon any street or streets of the City of Portland without first obtaining a license so to d Any company desiring to operate cars is required to file with the City Auditor a correct statement of the number of cars owned, leased or to be operated by such company, and the number in each of the classes hereinafter defined, and to pay to the City Treasurer the correct amount of license designated in the ordinance or ordinances granting the right and privilege of operating cars. If an error shall occur in arriving at the amount to be paid it shall not prevent collection of the correct amount when it shall have been ascer-

All cars used for conveying passengers or goods, wares or merchandise, common-ly known as street railway cars, as distinguished from cars operated by steam shall be classified as follows: Class A, 18 feet or under, in length of body; class B, over 18, and not over 30 feet; class C, over 30 feet in length. In previous ordi-nances where "one-horse" and "two-horse" cars are indicated, one-horse shall interpreted to mean cars 18 feet long or under, and two-horse over 18 and under 30 feet in length.

Licenses are payable quarterly. If any company desires to increase the number of cars used for the accommodation of the public on special occasions, it may be done by making application to the City Auditor, stating the number in the respective classes to be used, the time they are to be used, and by payment to the City Treasurer a proportionate sum of the license for the operation of the cars. Com-panies, when taking advantage of this privilege are required to note carefully the time cars are taken from the barn and when returned. Regarding the platform cars, the ordinance provides as follows:
"It shall be unlawful to operate any

platform cars upon the street or street of the City of Portland for the transportation of earth, sand, gravel, stone, rails or ties, or wood, without having suitable protection, both at the sides and the ends, so as effectually to prevent the spilling or depositing of such material upon the streets through which said cars may be operated."

Street-car companies have paid hereto-fore according to their own estimates, and no especial effort has been made to ascertain if more cars were being used than were licensed, or if cars used did not properly belong to the classes in which

they were placed. The sums paid for the last quarter were as follows: East Side Railway Company, \$75 for passenger cars and \$5 for freight cars; City & Suburban, \$346 for all; of time after an improvement is accept. Portland Railway Company, \$225; Merchants' Express, \$5. The payment of the Portland Railway includes the cars of be as long as the annual cost of repair the Portland Traction Company, as the license became due after consolidation of their interests. The only company for which entry is made of the amount per car, and the number of cars is the City & Suburban, In its statement, the total in the city, aided by a tax on vehicles of \$346 25 is apportioned as follows: Four cars on the West Side, at \$5 25 a car: 13 "Fourth-Requirements of the company of the cars of the company of the cars of cars on the West Side, at \$5.25 a car; 13 on the West Side, at \$12.50 a car; 12 on dathon to be laid under all brick, asphalt, the East Side, at \$7.50 a car, and eight in Abhna at \$8.25 a car. Albina, at \$6 25 a car.

The great difficulty that will result in fixing standards for the different companies will be appreciated when it is considered that the present systems are op-erating under franchises granted by three separate and distinct cities—Portland, East Portland and Albina. When the franchises were granted, the rates of license wer fixed. Sometimes the same cliy would give a different rate to a company than that which had been granted to one holding an earlier franchise. Then there were six or eight systems. Now systems have been consolidated until only two re-main, excluding the East Side Railway, which operates to Oregon City and Mount Scott. These two large systems operate he would otherwise have had to apply to under all the various franchises originally pose a franchise had been granted in Albina, allowing cars to operate on a \$6 5). license. Suppose the Third-street line of the City & Suburban in getting its franchise had been taxed \$12 a car. Suppose still another rate had been charged to the grantees of the Morrison-street franchise and another to Glisan-street line. One car raverses the entire distance. Which franchise is to regulate the license? If the company is to determine, naturally the lowest rate will be favored, if possible. Councilmen think this has been the rule in the past with the companies. No one seems to understand the exact effect of the ordinance passed, whether or not the difficulty will be lessened. By enacting it and inaugurating stricter measures, its authors expect good results.

"OUO VADIS?" TONIGHT.

Will Be the Attraction at the Marquam-"Wang" by Boston Lyrics.

One of the season's most important first appearances here will be that of the original "Quo Vadis?" at the Marquam original tonight, Friday night and Saturday matinee, October 4, 5 and 6. Money has been spent lavishly in getting the play ready for the stage, and much is ex-pected of it. Music, which is to be a feature of the production, has had great attention. Julian Edwards, composer of a number of successful operas, wrote the music, which includes hymns for the pagans, the vestal virgins and the Christians, the wild, maddening dances of the Corybantes, the lament of the Emperor Nero over his dead child, the bacchanalian chants, sung by the revelers at Nero's banquet, and thematic music throughout the play. To interpret this music, a chorus is employed. The costumes, made from designs of R. Seidel, were manufactured by the great costuming firm of Baruch, in Berlin, Germany works of art, ancient and modern. Mr. Stange has stuck close to Sienkle-wicz' story in making his play. The religious side of the book has been accent-

uated, the third act in particular show-ing the struggles of the early Christians and their supreme devotion.

The scenery, which was painted in New York by Frank E. Dodge, shows eight sets—the peristyle of Petronius' house, the gardens at the home of Aulus Plautius, the gardens and palace of Nero's alace. Petronius' villa at Antiu garden at Linus' house with a panoramic view of the burning of Rome, another view of Nero's palace, the interior of the Mamertine prison, and the exterior of the

circus, showing the arena and podium

Two Superb Effects. The big banjo scene in "Wang" will prove a sensation when the opera is prented at Cordray's next Sunday for nights and Saturday matinee by the Bos ton Lyric Opera Company. This is one of the greatest scenes in the opera, and it has always been received with unbounded enthusiasm. This scene has been done before only by De Wolf Hopper; other companies cutting it out entirely, on account of the expense to produce it, and also to have the people taught how to play the instrument. Another very attractive feature that is always out by traveling companies is the gavotte. There is an assurance, however, that none of these features will be cut when "Wang" is presented here, as the opera will be presented with every detail as originally done in New York City. The Boston able cost of improvements, were passed. yesterday by the Common Council, seeks
The Surveyor's report on straightening to procure a larger revenue from this, the only authorized version of the opera
Seventh street, at the intersection of source by stricter enforcement of the played under special contract.

TO KEEP STREETS CLEAN

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE URGES EN-FORCEMENT OF LAWS.

tmendments to Secure Economy in County Affairs Adopted, and Bills to Be Prepared.

The Taxpayers' League held its first meeting since the Summer vacation yes terday. There was a large attendance and much interest was manifested. The question of clean streets was the first order of business. The league had sent a letter to the Board of Police Commission ers, the Board of Public Works and th Mayor, calling attention to the fact that the ordinance providing penalties to pun-ish persons throwing garbage in the streets are being violated, and suggest-ing that they be rigidly enforced.

Reply of Commissioners. The Board of Police Commissioners has epiled to the effect that so far as the limited force at its disposal will permit they will comply with the league's request. The members of the league, in discussing the answer, held that the Com missioners had overlooked one important point, and that in this case it is not numlators of these ordinances live here; they are not "strays" or hobos; they cannot get away. The men that burn sidewalks and throw trash into the streets are citisens of Portland, and would report to the Police Station if requested to do so, as

they would know that if they did not, an officer would call for them. Who Gave Permission? In addition, it was stated that either the Fire Commissioners or Chief of the Fire Department had given these contractors permission to burn sidewalks and rubbish in the streets. The league will take this matter up, ascertain whether this is a fact, and if so, endeavor to have the practice stopped. At any rate, the league proposes to have the matter agi-tated until the city officials take a stand, as in other well-regulated cities, against the streets becoming the depository of all

Amendments as to Streets. The report of the committee on streets recently published in The Oregonian was submitted to the meeting. After a lengthy discussion, all of the recommendations of the committee, which are as follows, were adopted, and the legislative committee directed to prepare an amendment to

sorts of rubbish.

the charter in accordance therewith: "First-Allow the adjacent property to petition for a street improvement, as at present, but give to the Council or Board of Public Works the power to decide on the manner and kind of street to be laid. "Second - Provide that the city keep the street in repair for a certain length

"Fifth-The city to pay for the improvement and maintenance of street intersections."

General Legislation Desired. The following amendments reported by the committee on legislation were agreed

to: Schools. "Amend the law relating to the pay ment of school moneys by the County Treasurer so it shall be payable monthly instead of quarterly. This change will result in a large saving in interest every year; will avoid having the school fund temporarily embarrassed between payments, and do away with the necessity of

making temporary loans. "If legislation is necessary to effect it, a law snown be passed under all the various franchises originally a law snown be passed to meet the granted. Where a car once confined its of a special tax each year to meet the travel to Albina, or East Portland, it now bonded indebtedness of the district, starts at a remote suburb, pasing perhaps providing for the deposit of the moneys so raised in the bank paying the amount of interest therefor, such deposit to be properly secured.

County Affairs.

"Amend the law relating to the collection of taxes by repealing that part of it relating to advertising delinquents, make the tax a direct lien; provide for semiannual payments, and a heavy pen-alty for fallure to pay when due; provide for the issuance of certificates against the property if the owner will not p taxes, and parties other than the owner will, with the right to have a deed issued under proper conditions and restrictions, if not redeemed within a certain period. in general, the plan adopted in the of Washington was favored, with amen ments to suit our own conditions. The County Treasurer should collect the taxes, and there is no occasion for the creation of any new office for this purpose, or any additional expense; on the contrary, th result should be a lessening of the expense, even for clerk hire, for, if the County Treasurer were made collector of taxes and required to keep the books open constantly, a limited amount of clerk hire would be sufficient to carry on the office, and there is no occasion for creating another department for this pur-

pose.

"Repeal the law creating the office of County Commissioner, and re-enact the former law, with such amendments as experience has demonstrated to be beneficial, paying the County Commissio per diem for their services when actually engaged on county business.
"If possible, enact a law, with proper

penalties, making it imperative for all officers, such as Clerks of Courts, Sheriffs, Recorders, etc., to give their entire time to the business of their respective offices during legal offices bourse. offices during legal office hours.
"If constitutional, provide for funding

the present county debt in non-assessable bonds bearing 3 per cent interest and running for different periods of time, and provide a sinking fund for their payment. Abolish one justice court and confer civil jurisdiction on the Municipal Court. 'Prepare constitutional amendment to submit to the Legislature, granting to cities of over 5000 inhabitants the right to

adopt their own charters.
"A law to abolish the present County Board of Equalization and creating a new one, consisting of three taxpayers, none of whom shall be the Assessor.

Public Moneys.

"A law requiring all public moneys to be deposited in institutions designated by law, under proper bonds and safeguards and in some such manner as is provided by Congress creating depositories for the public funds of the United States. "Amend the law relating to receiving interest on public funds so as to make penal offense to pay, as well as to re-

ceive, interest on public moneys, except

where interest is provided by law County Clerk "Amend the law relative to the office of County Clerk, particularly in relation to the work of copying the assessment rolls and other documents of like nature, by which repeated copies are made, which

adds expense without any benefit what-"The law relating to fees to be paid by estates should also be changed, and while an arbitrary fee of \$5 and \$10 should be charged, in addition thereto, there should be charged or exacted a fee for each paper filed thereafter, and for all work in connection therewith.

County Auditor. "The law relating to this office should be amended so as to have the County Auditor elected by the people, and for a term of four years; require bonds from

him, and make it his duty to pass upon all accounts, with mandatory directions to reject all not in accordance with law; and with power to administer caths. In addition to the present reports and exhibits made by the Auditor, his reports should also show all contracts entered into by the county for the time covered by such report, the name of the contractor, the work contracted for, the amount of the same, and whether bonds were reof the same, and whether bonds were re-

quired, and the amount, if any, and whether let privately or by public bidding. County Surveyor and Coroner. The law relating to the payment of County Surveyor and Coroner should be so changed as to provide for the pay-ment of salaries to these officers, and all fees should go to the county. "Amend the law relating to the compen-

sation of the Sheriff, so there can be no question that all fees collected by him should be paid to the county. Assessor's Office.

"The law now in force in relation to the manner of making assessments should be amended so that the cost of the same shall be reduced.

Contracts. "A law should be enacted providing that no contracts of any kind or character shall be let except to the lowest bidder and after due advertising."

County Record's Office. Other suggestions made will be considered at the next meeting of the league. The last report of the County Recorder's office, showing receipts of that office to be \$3,708 80 and expenses \$4,531 50, with a deficit of \$822 70, was discussed. As in the opinion of the members this office should be not only self-sustaining, but income-bearing, it was decided to have the

league's committee investigate the matter with a view to ascertaining whether the copying could not be done on the follo basis, rather than by salaried clerks, The league will have bills prepared em-bodying the suggestions adopted, and a conference arranged with the Multnomah members of the Legislature, so that an agreement may be reached on as many points as possible before the session committee at work on the matter of assessments did not report, at the next meeting the league will begin

BAND OF WILD HORSES.

At Large in Aldrich Mountains, and Cannot Be Captured.

band of wild horses that has thus far defeated all attempts at capture ranges on the summit of Aldrich Moun-tain, in Grant County, according to the Rowe Bros., stockmen of Dayville, now at the Perkins. Many attempts have been made to surround the wily animals of late years, but they spring from bluff to bluff where no horseman would dare to venture, and so the pursuit has arways been abandoned.
In speaking of these wild horses, one

of the Rowe brothers said yesterday: "There are probably 25 head in the band, and when closely pressed they will scatter, each one for himself, rolling down steep precipices, like so many bears, and climbing the jagged sides of the next rimrock like goats. They never come down from the high fastnesses of the Blue Mountains, no matter how deep the snow gets, and they subsist on juniper and chevisse, while the rest of the stock are hunting the sheltered canyons that border the John Day Valley, low down, where haystacks are convenient. When a gentle horse gets into this wild herd he is very hard to recapture, and soon learns to throw himself around as recklessly as the others when the

horsemen try to round him up.
"Quite a bunch of wild cattle also made their headquarters about the summit of Aldrich Mountain for many years, and they defied all efforts of capture. The brutes in their wild condition grew to head and mane altogether, and the few shot yielded very little beef. The hard Winter of 1889-90 got away with them, lowever, and those which survived the deep snows were rendered so weak that they could be easily approached within rifle distance. They were thus exter-minated, as they were of no use to anybody and could never be tamed." The Rowe brothers will make one more be passed, it would be constitutional. The effort to capture the wild horse herd in bill anthorizes a tax of one-fifth of a mill the next round-up, which occurs about on the dollar for all taxable property in the middle of this month. The firm has a municipality containing 2000 inhabitants,

Ontario to a St. Louis horsedealer, and desperate efforts will be made to bring the mustangs along with a crowd of gentler animals. There is a good demand now for even the once worthless Indian cayuse, and as some of these wild horses are of goodly size, they are worth striv-The trip to St. Louis in boxcars will render anything gentle, and so, if 'the equines of the Aldrich rimrocks can be brought to Ontario they may yet be hauling vehicles through the asphaltpaved streets of the Missouri metropolis. their driver little realizing the former history of his team.

NOW SUES FOR DAMAGES. John Grant After Captain Hearn of

Another Tack.

The case against Captain Hearn, of the British ship Genista, for criminal libel, having failed, John Grant has filed a civil ction for damages in the sum of \$10,000. This is based upon the same report that the criminal information was based on, the authorized interview published in The Sunday Oregonian, September 16, wherein quoted Grant as having said to Hearn him: "If we can't get these Judges to do as we want, we will have Judges that

It is understood that service of complaint in this action has not yet been made; that the officers have been unable to find Captain Hearn for the purpose of serving the papers and arresting him, as the law permits when a man owes another about to leave the state. The Genista is still lying at the mouth of the

The Orealia is also still at Astoria, g ually getting a crew together without the payment of "blood money." It is not sup-posed that she will soon sail, as her captain and some of her sailors are needed here as witnesses in cases in the courts. In addition to the standing register at the British Consulate here for sailors who wish to ship without patronizing the coarding-masters, Balfour, Guthrie & Co. advertise for sailors for the United Kingdom to apply at the Portland office of the company or to P. L. Cherry, the British representative at Astoria. The desire is to give every opportunity to men who wish to ship without going through the boarding-house mill.

Funeral of Earl C. Ordway. The funeral of Earl C. Ordway, only sor of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Ordway, who deed in the St. Vincent's Hospital Sunday after a brief illness, took place yesterday after-noon from the home of his parents, Mc-Millan and Crosby streets. There was an outpouring of the friends of the family and the schoolmates of the young man, The rooms of the large house in which the services were held were filled to overflowing. From the room in the Holladay schoolhouse, which Earl had attended be-fore going to the High School, the pupils and teacher marched to the house, bearing beautiful floral pieces to decorate the casket containing the remains of their schoolmate. Dr. T. L. Eliot, who many years ago performed the marriage cere-mony of Mr. and Mrs. Ordway and officlated at the funeral of their son, Eliot W. Ordway, who died while coming home from Manila, conducted the services yes erday. Rev. William R. Lord was presnt and assisted. The pall-bearers were William Sheahy, F. W. Poorman, C. R. Spencer, C. B. Harding, J. Gates and Ronald Johnson At the close of the ser-vices at the house the remains were taken to Lone Fir cemetery.

The "Steck" plane-Wiley B. Allen Co.

ENTHUSIASM RUNS HIGH FOR THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Conference Between Clubwomen and

. Portland Business Men at Hotel Portland.

At the invitation of the State Federa-tion of Women's Clubs, a number of Portland business men and public-spirited citizens conferred with a group of free-library advocates last night in the parlors of the Hotel Portland, for the purpose of discussing the proposed library bill that Oregon women intend bringing before the Legislature this Winter. Although enthusiasm ran high, the talk was of a thoroughly practical nature, always logical and to the point, showing that the ground had been carefully pre-pared, and no necessary detail in the coming campaign was to be neglected. Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, chairman, opened the meeting, explaining that since Oregon women are not voters, but merely taxpayers, they desired the co-operation and advice of Oregon men on the important project they have in hand—the framing of the bill and its presentation to the Legislature. Mrs. C. B. Wade, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, who had dome to Portland fro Pendleton for the express purpose of calling this meeting, then explained that every club in the federation had a committee actively engaged in working for the cause of free libraries, and that to her personal knowledge there was intense interest in the subject in the little ham-

lets scattered throughout the state.

Mrs. Evans then further explained the study that had been given the subject by the clubwomen during the past two years, dwelling upon the different kinds of library laws existing in various parts of the United States: First, the mandatory law, such as had been made in New Hamphsire, compelling every town to tax itself for the creation of a free library: second, the permissive bill, that left the question to be settled by the voters; and, third, the permissive bill that relegated the subject to the City Council. The Portland Woman's Club, which originated this movement (afterward indorsed unanimously by the State Federation) favors a compulsory bill. At the same time it is willing to yield the point, if it can be proved that a permissive bill is better.
Mrs. Evans believed that of the two kinds of permissive bills, that one leaving the matter to the Council was to be preferred.

William L. Brewster, a trustee of the Free Library, dwelt upon the ad-visability of framing a bill that would be supported by public opinion, advocat-ing a permissive bill. No other could by any chance succeed here in Oregon. The option of the Legislative grants in the proposed bill should be left to the Council rather than to the people, since local conditions favored the procedure. He also re-ferred to the method according to which on petition of 25 or 50 taxpayers the Councll must consider the question, and in some states must make an appropriation for a free library. As to the amount, although the common way was to set a maximum limit on taxable property, this he believed to be unnecessary in this case, If any limit were placed, it should be a minimum. He touched upon the brief text of the Massachusetts library bill, six lines containing all that was of vital importance. As we move westward, he vital said, we find library laws growing more intricate. We must not expect this bill to stimulate public interest, but for this rely only upon the work of the Wom-

an's Club and existing libraries. Rev. A. W. Ackerman inquired why it would not be feasible to obtain a permis sive law first, and afterward fellow it up with a compulsory law. He expressed himself as greatly troubled by the lack of a public library in Portland, as he was totally unaccustomed to such a state of

affairs.
Charles J. Schnabel then read a bill which had been prepared by the Port-land club women, and Judge Thayer's opinion was quoted, that if this bill could contract to deliver a lot of horses at and the selection of a committee to expend the same, this committee serving

without salary. Mrs. Wade was in favor of changing this so as to include small towns under 2000, emphasizing the fact that there is a strong sentiment in the little hamlets the state, favoring free libraries. Mrs. A. S. Duniway, who has recently visited many out-of-the-way corners of Oregon, agreed with her, and suggested the alimination of "towns of 2009 population," and the substitution of "incorporated towns." She believed in bringing the matter to an issue at once, instead of waiting for a clamorous appeal from the people. Interest the solons and their constituents will do the rest.

Judge Alfred F. Sears spoke of the change he had observed in public sentiment on the free-Hbrary question in the last 10 years, his argument being that the pushers of the bill should keep on introducing it till at last they should succeed in passing it.

Rabbi Wise believed that a strong public sentiment for free books would surely be aroused in so enlightened a state as Oregon. He spoke depricatingly plan of leaving the option to the Council, since it has less understanding of the moral needs of the people than the Legislature has. Dr. T. L. Ellot advocated making the

tration of energy upon details. If sufficient study and care was given these. the bill could eventually be passed. Mrs. Cleveland Rockwell argued for a permissive bill, and Mrs. Evans followed with some stirring words of enlighten-ment regarding the intensity of public interest throughout Oregon, the feeling in favor of free libraries being decidedly stronger outside than in Portland.

bill an enabling act, and advised concen-

Dr. Edgar P. Hill also spoke encourag-ingly of the great change taking place locally in favor of public libraries, and expressed his confidence in the women of Oregon being able to carry the matter through successfully.

The meeting closed with some convinc-

ing arguments by W. L. Brewster, in favor of the movement, and in proof of the strong current of opinion he had observed among the people of Portland toward free libraries. Mrs. Pratt, superintendent of the public library, also brought forward valuable testimony to the same effect, the drift of all the discussions being that free libraries were as necessary to the people as free schools.

LEASED A QUARTER BLOCK, J. Landucci Embarks on a Business Venture.

J. Landucci, a Washington-street bootblack, yesterday leased the quarter block northeast corner of Sixth and Washington streets for a period of five years, at month, from Mrs. Louisa P. Vial. This looks like a pretty stiff figure for a two-story brick building, but Landucci is known as a shrewd speculator, and he has evidently figured himself out ahead on the deal.

On the Washington-street side there is a restaurant, a grocery, a cigar stand and a saloon, while on Sixth street there are two bicycle stores, and the second story of the building is used as a lodging-

Landucci pays \$400 a month to Mrs. Gearin for half a quarter block on Washington street near Fourth, and by subletting he makes a good clean-up every time the books are balanced. Although still in the bootblack business, he is worth between \$20,000 and \$30,000 in Portland state, and is considered the wealthlest of Portland's Italian citizens. wealthiest of Portland's Italian citizens. tracted by any one who wishes to repair the is quite a politician, too, and is sup-

FOR FREE LIBRARIES REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN

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The Republican State Central Committee of Oregon announces the following assignme of speakers for the Presidential campaign

JUDGE GEO. H. WILLIAMS. Astoria Thursday, October 4

HON. THOMAS H. TONGUE. McMinnfille Monday, Oct. 8
Independence Tuesday, Oct. 9
Dallas Wednesday, Oct. 10
Marion County Oct. 11 and 12
Oregon City Saturday, Oct. 13
Albany Thureday, Oct. 13
Albany Thureday, Oct. 19
Corvaillis Saturday, Oct. 20
Eugane 2 P. M. Monday, Oct. 29

HON. TILMON FORD.

Saturday, Oct.
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Newport Monday, Oct.

Toledo Tuesday, Oct.

Dusty Wednesday, Oct.

Junction City Evening Thursday, Oct.

Canyonvills 1:30 P. M. Friday, Oct.

Grant's Pass Saturday, Oct.

Jackson County Oct. 15 and

Drain Wednesday, Oct.

Thursday Oct.

Thursday Oct. Wednesday, Oct. 17 Thursday, Oct. 18 Friday, Oct. 19

Eugene Thursday,
North Yambill Friday,
Forest Grove Saturday,
Eastern Oregon After

SENATOR C. W. FULTON.

HON, BINGER HERMANN, SENATOR GEO. C. BROWNELL.

COLONEL J. B. EDDY.

Ashland Saturday, Oct. 5
Tillamook Tuesday, Oct. 9
Glencee Saturday, Oct. 13
Scholl's Ferry Saturday, Oct. 20
Garden Home Saturday, Oct. 27 HON. WALLACE M'CAMANT.

ROBERT F. BELL, ESQ. West PortlandSaturday, Oct. 5 A. E. GEBHARDT, ESQ.

made from day to day. GEO, A. STEEL, Chairman. WILLIS S. DUNIWAY, Secretary. posed to be able to swing a good propos tion of the Italian vote his way in times of close elections. In these periods he is outspoken while brushing away on his

Further assignments of speakers will be

"You can go; I'm worth more money than you are."

patrons' shoes, and if they object and threaten to go somewhere else to have their shoes shined, he quickly retorts,

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Oct. 3. - 8 P. M. - Maximum temperature, 59; minimum temperature, 42; river reading at 11 A. M., 2.2 feet; change in tion, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., trace; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 1,98 precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 2.05 inches; deficiency, 0.12 inch; total sunshine Oct. 2, 1:00; possible sunshine Oct. 2, 11:36,

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12 hours.... STATIONS. Baker City ... 50 0.10 12 SW 54 0.01 6 NE Roseburg Sacramento Salt Lake San Francisco ...

WEATHER CONDITIONS. The area of low pressure central yesterday evening over Southwestern Oregon has ad-vanced slowly northward during the last 24 hours, and now appears as a trough of low pressure, extending from Northwestern Washington southward to Northern Oregon. The pressure is rising over California and along the Washington and Oregon coasts. Light to noderately heavy rains have occurred in East ern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Southern Idaho, Montana and Northern California, and rain is still failing at all stations cast of the Cascades. Nearly normal temperatures pre-vail this evening in all districts. The indications are for continued unsettled and occasional rain in this district Thursday.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours unding at midnight Thursday, October 4: Oregon-Occasional rain; warmer in east purtion; fresh to brisk southerly winds. Washington-Occasional rain, warmer in the east portion; fresh to brisk southerty winds. Idaho-Occasional rain; warmer in the north portion; fresh south to west winds. Portland and vicinity—Occasional min; fresh to brisk southerly winds.

WRAPPED IN KERNELS Blessings Bound Up in the Little

Particles of Grape-Nuts. An employe in the Pension Office at Washington, J. R. Weathers, says, re-garding food: "For 30 years I have been a brain-worker. Originally I inherited a good physical organism, and this reserve of life force carried me through upwards of 30 years of ambitious work as a professional teacher.
"Ten years ago I turned from that vo-

cation to the present occupation; here again was mental work and sedentary habits, which, coupled with poorly select ed food, finally set up indigestion, con-stipation, liver trouble, brain fag and loss of mental power. Nervousness marked me for torture, and for years the afflic-tions increased. I spent hundreds of dollars in vain efforts to find a cure. "Finally I quit all drugs and took up Grape-Nuts, which I had heard of as a food for the brain and nerve centers. After giving the food a fair trial, I found it was not necessary to give up my occu-pation, but I have been able to keep right along and do more work, while the result has been marvelous. My anxiety