# LOWER WATER RATE

Saving of \$3 a Year for Each Family.

#### REDUCTION FOR 1901 ANNOUNCED

Ordinary Households Will Pay \$1 50 a Month, Instead of \$1 75-income of the Water Committee Stendily Increasing.

The Water Committee, at their meetyesterday, reduced the rate on one water-closet in each dwelling or place in the city, except dwellings occupied by more than one family, and in churches, \$5 cents per month, which will amount to about \$25,600 during the year. This will make the monthly water rate for one family, in a dwelling where there is one bath and one water-closet, \$1.50 per month, instead of \$1.75, as at present. Old residents will remember that the rate charged for such a dwelling in 1887 (with Willamette River water), when the city purchased the works, was \$1.50 per month.

As the meeting was to establish the water rates for next year, there was a very full attendance of members. Those present were Messrs. Bates, Carson. present were Messrs. Bates, Carson, Dolph, Hill, Haseltine, Josephi, Knapp, Kohn, Ladd, Lewis, Raffety, Teal and Therkelsen. Other business preventing Chairman Corbett from being present, Mr. Dolph was chosen temporary chairman.

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The payments on the retaining wall to protect the pipe bridge at the Sandy River during the past three months amounted to \$517.56. On completion of the work Clackamas County had paid, as agreed, 25 per cent of the cost, \$1544.39. The warrant given to the committee for this amount had been sold to the highest bidder for 2½ per cent premium, £8.61. On nowhere the committee for the samount had been sold to the highest bidder for 2½ per cent premium, £8.61. On nowhere the committee for the samount had been sold to the highest bidder for 2½ per cent premium, £8.61. which, added to the above payment by the county, leaves \$4594 56 as the cost of protecting the pipe line bridge from any freshet which may occur hereafter.

Reduction in Rates Recommended. The operating committe presented the following communication:
"The cash receipts for the year 1900,

actual for 11 months and estimated for the month of December, will amount to about \$25,891 %, or \$21,621 40 more than for the year 1899.

This increase, which is due to the increase in the number of water consumers, cannot be expected to continue at so rapid a rate, but the receipts for the year 150, at the present water rates, may safely be estimated at \$200,000.

The operating committee recommends that the Water Committee, when establishing the water rates for the ensuing year, shall consider the advisability of making another reduction in the rates. "If the rate for one water-closet in "If the rate for one water-closet in each dwelling or place in the city, except in dwellings occupied by more than one family, and in churches, is reduced \$2 cents per month, the reduction will amount to about \$33,000 during the year, which sum deducted from \$250,000, the above estimate, will feave \$362,000. This will be \$205 less than the receipts for the year 1899. "If the reduction is made, the monthly

"If the reduction is made, the monthly water rate for one family in a dwelling where there is one bath and one water-closet will be \$1.50 per month, instead of \$1.75 per month, the present rate.

"The rate charged for such a dwelling in 1887, when the city purchased the water works, was \$1.50 per month."

The report was ordered filed.

### Chairman's Annual Report.

Portland, Or., Dec. 18 -To the Water Committee: Gentlemen-To enable the committee to comply with the requirements of the city charter, and to make the estimate of the expenses and costs during the ensuing year, and establish water rates for said year, such as will insure a sufficient income from the sale of water to pay such expenses and costs, together with one year's interest on the bonds issued and outstanding, the follow-

Water Committee on December 18, adopted the following estimate for the year 1900:

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Estimated surplus from operat-ing department in 1999...... \$ 15,000 00 Estimated balance in hands of Treasurer January 1, 1999...... \$ 83,000 00 Funds available for general construction in 1900..... Because of probable expenses in connec-tion with the Park reservoirs, and other contingencies, the committee voted that the existing water rates be established

as the water rates for the year 1900. The receipts and disbursements for the year 1900, now, on December 18, 1900 (ac-tual for 11 months and estimated for December), appear approximately as fol-

OPERATING EXPENSES Receipts-Cash for water sold Pipe bridge protection, Sandy River 11 463 18 Motors purchased Interest on \$2,000,000 bonds at 5 per cent er cent erest on \$250,000 bonds at 6 per ont

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT. .... 86,453 29

Total ..... ...\$169,710 46 DISBURSEMENTS DURING 1900. Distribution system, extending water mains \$8,501 91
Rights of way, etc. 699 70
Ridgogs, actioment of Bullen's claim for \$692 55. 2,250 00 2,250 00 Leservoirs, principally for King ieral expense, salary of engi-

Estimated amount in hands of treasurer January 1, 1901...... \$ 85,206 03 The receipts of the operating department during the year 1900 will be about \$21.500 more than during the year 1800. Que to the steady increase in the number of consumers, and the disbursements will De about \$50 less than the estimate.

The surplus, which has been turned over to the treasurer fluring the year 1900 in monthly installments, will amount to about \$51,50 approximately \$3,50 more

It cannot be expected that the receipts will continue to increase at so rapid a rate as they did during the present year, but if no change is made in the water rates, the following estimate may safely be made for the ensuing year:

Cash for water sold, etc...... Operating expenses and repairs, including \$500 for additional ...\$290,000 60 Interest on bonds ...

Funds available for general construction purposes in 1981....\$175,200 @ If, however, the rate on one water-closet in each dwelling or place in the dty, except dwellings occupied by more

duced E cents per month, the reduction will amount to about \$25,000 during the year, and then the estimate for the year 1901 will be as follows: 

meters .... Interest on bonds ... Total
Estimated surplus from operating department during 1991. \$2,000 00
Estimated surplus in hands of treasurer January 1, 1961. . . . . \$5,266 00

Funds available for general construction purposes, 1901...... \$147,206 03 There is herewith submitted the enapproximate estimate of the exaccount for drainage tunnels and oirs during the year 190, amounting 5,000. These figures are appromimate only, as it is impossible to make an exact estimate at the present time. This sum, deducted from \$147.305 03, the estimate of the funds which will be available during the ensuing year, if the water rates are reduced, will leave \$22.305 00 as the estimated amount available for the extension of water mains and other construction purposes.

I recommend that the proposed reduc

tion in the water rates be made, and that the estimate last named be adopted. I also recommend that the existing I also recommend that the existing water rates be amended by making the reductions above stated, and that, when so amended, said rates shall be established as the water rates for the year 1991. H. W CORBETT, 1901.

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Water Rates for 1901 Fixed. On motion the matter of fixing rates fo the ensuing year was taken up. It was explained that the reason for omitting dwellings where more than one family lives and churches from the proposed and churches were given the benefit of a reduction at the time the present rates were fixed.
Mr. Teal moved that recommendation

of the chairman that present rates be continued, with the exception of a reduc-tion of 25 cents on single closets, be adopted, which motion carried, and the water rates for next year were estab-

Other Matters.

On motion, a warrant for \$72,500 was ordered drawn, to pay the semi-annual interest due on bonds December 21. The Engineer submitted a report of his investigations in the matter of laying a main to supply water to the Doernb furniture factory. He found that \$20 feet of pipe would be required, and that the extension would cost about \$228. About two-thirds of the pipe will have to be laid in an unimproved street, and into a gulch and across the right of way of the O. R. & N. Co. The report was referred to the operating committee. A communication from the Common

Council requesting the water committee to take charge of the D. P. Thompson fountain and keep it in a condition credit-able to the city was read, and on motion of Dr. Josephi the request was granted. A petition for a water main on Haw

thorne avenue from East Twenty-sixth street to East Thirtieth street was re-ferred to the Engineer for report. H. H. Northup asked for a rate watch would allow city water to be used for operating the elevator of the Hobart-Curtis. Referred to the operating com-

The committee desiring to obtain possession of a 40-acre tract on the Sandy River on which wing dams have been con-structed for the protection of the pipe-line bridge, Mr. Ladd stated that he had secured the property at a cost of \$186.50, and offered it to the committee at the same price. On motion Mr. Laid was directed to perfect the title to the land in the city.

#### DENTISTS IN SESSION.

State Association Will Hold Two Days' Meeting.

The eighth annual meeting of the Oregon State Dental Association began yes-terday in the Mulkey building, with an attendance of about & members. There will be a three days' session.

President Dr. J. R. Cardwell made the

opening address and welcomed the mem-bers to Portland, assuring them of a pleasant as well as a profitable time. The report of the legislative committee reviewed briefly the changes that have recently been made in dental law, and recommended specific changes. The report of the committee will be acted upon this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Varioug executive reports dealing with events that have transpired since the last annual meeting were read and approved. The programme for today is as foi-

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9:30 A. M.

"Oral Cavities and Decay of Teeth"

Dr. F. A. Reisacher

"Sensitive Dentine"

Dr. W. A. Cumming

Root Fillings

Dr. J. Hickey

"Specialties in Anaesthetics"

Dr. Ney Churchman The association will hold its annual banquet at the Portland Hotel tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

## RUBBER SHOE WAR.

Negotiations in Progress for a Settlement of It.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.-The Tribune prints the following: The report current in Wall street 69,275 41 that negotiations were in progress for a settlement of the threat-ended rubber shoe war has been confirmed. A new company has been formed 4 85,204 43 with \$10,000,000 capital for the purpose of controlling the crude rubber market in the interest, primarily, of the United States Rubber Company. Of this capital the Standard Oil Company has subscribed \$3,900,900; August Belmont & Company and other bankers, \$1,000,000; Charles R. Flint, \$1,500,000; the United States Rubber Company, \$1,500,000; the Rubber Goods Manufacturing Company, \$1,000,000; other financial interests, including crude rub-ber importers who will enter the new company, \$2,660,000.

Negotiations have been prened with outside manufacturers for the incorporation of their plants into the new company. pendent rubber shoe manufacturers into a company formed after the manner of the National Sugar Refning Company. The directors of the United States Rubber Company have decided to cut prices 5 per cent on January 1, if present ne-40,000 00 gotiations with the outsiders fall of con-160,000 00 summation. A prospective cut of 55 per Total Summation. A prospective cut of 25 per cent, and a probable "corner" in grude rubber, however, are expected to carry great weight with the outside interests.

It was further learned that the outside rubber shoe manufacturers, in order to get business in competition, will make construction purposes in 1981. 375.286 00

low regular prices. Skin troubles, burns, eruptions and pains are city, except dwellings occupied by more irritating. Greva's Olniment curse them. Than one family, and in churches, is re-

## COUNTY BONDS OPPOSED

MERCHANTS GENERALLY DO NOT FAVOR THEM.

Opinion Prevails that Multnoms County's Indebtedness Should Be Gradually Wiped Out.

Numerous business men interviewed by a reporter of The Oregonian on the ques-tion of bonding the county indebtedness expressed different opinions on the sub-ject, although the majority of them op-posed any such plan. Not a few mer-chants were found who confessed that chants were found who confessed that they had given the matter so little atten-tion that they did not feel willing to make any statement, and asked to be excused. Informally, they generally expressed an opinion that whatever scheme is the most economical for the taxpayera should be favored. Sevenal went so far as to remark: "I did not know the county owed anything. How much does it

Quite a number said the county officials

A. B. Steinbach opposed bonding the county. He said, "I am not in favor of it."

Donald Mackay—My opinion is it would be bad business to bond the indebtedness. I think, with the delinquent taxes we are getting in, we will catch up. The county is gaining all the time; whereas, if you bond it, it will stay that way for years. Schemes to bond the indebtedness of the different counties of the state were proposed at the last session of the Legislature. They were not promoted by parties living in those places, but by outsiders interested in the bond business. It kept one man busy watching them.

Dan McAllen-I am willing to leave the matter to the judgment of the county authorities.

Ben Seiling-I am very much opposed to it. I believe that if the county offi-cials will use the same economy in the conduct of the county's business as they do in their own affairs, Multnomah County will be practically out of debt in five years, thereby saving the taxpayers this interest burden.

Walter F. Burrell-From my limited knowledge of the matter, I am not in favor of issuing any long-time bonds, but if call bonds bearing 5 per cent interest could be sold, I think it would be advisable to place say \$250,000 of such bonds.

Senator Joseph Simon-My impression is the best way to do is to pay off the indebtedness as fast as we can, issuing bonds implies that the indebtedness will run for a period of years, and this means a large interest account. Altogether, I don't know that I favor bonds.

Phile C. Holbrook-I am not in favor of economy the county can gradually work out of debt. A small tax levy could be made and applied on the indebtodness. It would be a very easy matter to reduce the county indebtedness from year to year, and nobody would feel it. I don't think it would be a good business propo-sition to bond the indebtedness. There isn't any of us that would feel another mill added to the taxes, after another year, anyhow.

C. H. Meussdorffer-I am in favor of it. Let the next generation pay some of these things. I certainly believe it is all non-sense to stave it off and pay 6 per cent interest. The county can sell bonds for 3 or 4 per cent,

R. K. Warren-I haven't thought much about it, but perhaps it might be well to let the next generation take care of some of the indebtedness. It is a good deal like discounting the future or a man putting off a debt and paying interest, After a while he considers that he might as well have paid it in the first place

Charles Kohn-I am opposed to bonding the county. I think we have too many bonds out in the city now. The more bonds you put out the worse it is. Pay as you go along; It is the easiest way.

I. Lang-We have too many bonds out already. I have not given the subject much attention. The indebtedness should be wiped out in some form. I am in favor of what will result in the most economy.

A. H. Devers-I am against bonding unless the entire indebtedness that the county can incur is fixed by law. County officials are a good deal like some country big as before.

> Henry Everding-I think something ought to be done to pay the indebtedness, and we will have to lesue bonds if we cannot pay it any other way. raise the taxes any more, as they are as high now as they ought to be.

D. D. Oliphant-There is a strong prejudice against bonded indebtedness. It is purely a question of economy. If the county can make a saving by so doing, I think it would be advisable. The con-sideration is to satisfy the creditors of the county, and do it in the most reasonable way. If these two ends can be ac-complished by the issuance of bonds, there would be no objection to it, in my opinion.

Ralph W. Hoyt-I think Auditor Pope's idea for a gradual reduction of the in-debtedness is about right. It strikes me about as favorable as any.

J. Frank Watson-If you wipe out the debt-the officials would probably begin all over again to get behind. It's like a man giving a note to pay a debt. Per ple seem to think nothing of spending public funds, and it appears difficult to have the same care exercised over public neys as a man does of his own affairs.

Frank Rothschild-I am not in favor of uing any more bonds. We have enough

H. C. Breeden-I would be in favor of bonds if they can be taken up at any time, and if interest can be saved. I wouldn't want them to run too long. We have too much indebtedness in the shape of

#### DIED FROM HEART DISEASE Committee on booths-Mrs. Mann. Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Lee, Miss Deveny, W. H. Render, R. Cullins, Ed Freeborn, J. J. Woman Who Wrote for Help, Which Came a Few Hours Too Late.

Waiting for a letter from home, which arrived too late, formed an incident in the sudden death of Mrs. Ida Mason, or Murphy, 38 years old, investigated yes-terday by the Coroner's jury. The dead woman lived at 38 North Fourth street, and the evidence of Leopold Block was that Mrs. Murphy had do-mestic differences with her hus-band about two weeks ago, and that she had written a letter to her mother and sisters, who live in San Francisco, asking for money to come home for good. Early yesterday morning, however, Mrs. Murphy complained of a pain at her heart, and died almost instantry. She had spoken of the letter from home, and won-dered why it did not arrive. Eight hours after she died the letter-carrier called at her late home with a letter addressed to was dead the letter was taken back. The verdict of the jury was that Mrs. Murphy died from heart disease. An inquest was also held in the case

of William Straehle, 72 years old, who was found dead yesterday in his room at 302 Front street. Straehle must have been dead for 20 hours before the fact was discovered. He was a Civil War veteran, and addicted to alcoholism. Last Sunday he was arrested for drunkenness, but after being kept at the City Jail for several Bours he was allowed to go. The jury decided that Straehle died from heart disease. heart disease.

## IN THE SEVERAL COURTS.

Purchaser of the Marquam Block Makes an Affidavit.

Thorburn Ross filed an affidavit in the Circuit Court yesterday, in answer to the motion against the confirmation of the Sheriff's sale of the Marquam properties, on the grounds of irregularity. He states that he was the purchaser properties, on ity. He states that he was the purcha-of the property at the sale, and that he of the property at the Courthouse December was present at the Courthouse December when the sale was made. was present at the Courthouse December 10, at 10 A. M., when the sale was made. Among those present were P. A. Marquam and U. S. G. Marquam, the former's attorney. Mr. Ross affirms that neither objected to the sale of the properties in parcels rather than separately. When the Sheriff's sale was set, Mr. Ross states that he urged the Sheriff to delay the sale one week for the benefit of Mr. the sale one week for the benefit of Mr. Marquam, who had made that request, on the ground that he would then be able to pay the amount of the entire judgment. When the Sheriff asked for a cost guarantee as an evidence of his in cost guarantee as an evidence of his in-tention, Mr. Marquam refused this, and the sale went on. As to the allegation that the notice of the sale was given in an illegal manner, through publication in a Sunday newspaper, Mr. Ross asserts that the paper, while carrying the word "Sunday" in its thie, is printed and gen-erally circulated on Saturday.

Could Not Agree.

Counsel in the case of the United States vs. Riddle, having finished their states vs. Riode, naving inished their arguments Monday evening, Judge Glibert delivered his charge to the jury in the case yesterday morning, and they retired to deliberate upon their verdict. They remained out till 5 P. M., when they came into court and stated that they could not agree, and were discharged.

Court Notes.

Hannah Mason, administratrix of the estate of W. S. Mason, has filed her final accountings with a petetion for her

The divorce case of Minnie Wetle vs. James Wetle was dismissed yesterday by Judge Cleland on motion of the plain-tiff's attorneys.

In the estate of Noah Lambert, a petition has been filed by Bert Dunbar that a bequest of \$800, contingent on his reach-ing the age of 21, be paid. A petition for letters of administration in the estate of James Forrestel has been filed in the Probate Court by Joseph E.

Forrestel, a sone The estate is valued at A decree of judgment by default ordered by Judge Cleiand yesterday in the mortgage suit of the German Savings & Loan Society vs. L. L. Riley et al., which was brought for the recovery of \$6690.

with interest. Judgment by default was given by Judge Sears yesterday in the suit of the First National Bank of Union vs. the Eagle Gold Mining Company. was brought for the recovery of \$1.791, with interest, on claims held by the bank. H. M. Nickels, of Portland, laborer, yes-

terday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States Court. He states that he was working for wages which aver-age 40 per month the year round; that C. H. Biackman has a judgment on record in a Justice Court of Multnomah County, and has for some time been garnisheeing petitioner's wages, which he claims as exempt, and said creditor has thus obtained a preference over creditors of petitioner, if such wages are not held exempt. He therefore asks to be declared a bankrupt, his wages held exempt. Petitioner's Rabilities and assets are triffing in amount.

## A. O. U. W. LIBRARY CARNIVAL

Committees Appointed for the Big Function Next February.

The A. O. U. W. Library Carnival has The A. O. U. W. Library Carnival has been postponed to the first week in February. This action was taken last evening at a meeting of 40 representatives of the A. O. U. W. lodges and the Degree of Honor. All those present were enthusiastic over the project of giving the carnival for the library fund, but the February date was voted more appropriate since Honor. All these present were enthusiastic over the project of giving the carnival for the library fund, but the February date was voted more appropriate, since it would mark the fifth anniversary of the founding of the library. In February. 1896, it was begun, with 10 books and a special tax even to his control to his home at Salem, and asked that he present at the school tomorrow afternament. 1895, it was begun, with 10 books and a few periodicals, and has steadily grown until now it has over 2000 volumes, a well-selected reference library, and a long list of periodicals, with the patronage of over 10% families. At the meeting, ways and means of promoting the carnival were discussed, and committees appointed as folices:

folicus:
Executive committee—S. C. Beach, Cap-tain E. S. Edwards, J. E. Thielsen, Ed Werlein, Captain George F. Fuller, Pro-fessor R. F. Robinson, J. R. Mann, A. W.

Hall committee-Captain E. S. Edwards, J. E. Thicisen, Captain George F. Fuller, El Werlein, Reception committee-J. H. Misener, J.

P. Burkhardt, H. D. Wagner, W. W. Green, C. H. Precemeder, J. Garfinkle, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. De Lury, Mrs. Hayes Committee on invitations-Ralph Feer

committee on invitations—Raiph seen-ey, H. D. Ramadell, Newton Clark, R. L. Durham, George H. Durham. Committee on decoration—J. R. Mann, A. King Wilson, William Kapus, John Gelden, S. H. Abrahams, W. R. Griffith, A. A. Kadderly, William Baidwin, W. H. Henderson, Mr. Evans, Mrs. D. Minnis, Mrs. Sican, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Redman, Cermittee on restaurant-D. M. Dunne, C. J. Wheeler, Charles Ford, E. W. Rowe, H. Hutchinson.

W. H. Hutchinson.
Committee on dolls-Mrs. Drew.
Committee on the most popular member of the Degree of Honor-Mrs. Mendenhall,
Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Kadderly, J. W. Paddock, Ed Madden, Z. M. La Rue, J. J.
Staub and C. Smith.
Committee on Sables. Committee on fishing booth-Miss Deveny, Miss Vorbeck, Mrs. Quinton, W. J. White, J. A. Harrison.

White, J. A. Harrison.
Committee on Rebecca at the WellMrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Farrell, A. C.
Edmunds, R. Lesman,
Committee on fancy work-Mrs. Kelly,
Mrs. Skillen, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Kadderly, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Gulle, Mrs. Quinton, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Wynn, Miss Deveny.

Committee on soliciting donations—H. D. Ramsdell, William Kapus, T. H. Feary, D. Allison, Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Quin Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Hill.

Prindle. J. H. Zane, H. C. Frisby, J. W. Paddock, Professor R. H. Robinson,

Forest Grove Defents Dental College. The North Pacific Dental College football team was defeated yesterday afternoon by the Pacific University eleven, by a score of 6-0. The game was played on the Multnomah field, and was witnessed by a small crowd of spectators. The game was close, and honors were even until three minutes before the close, when Captain Day, of Forest Grove, scored the winning touchdown. For the Dental Col-lege, Meyer's B-yard run was the most exciting feature. The local team was handicapped by the disability of three of their best players, but nevertheless played a good, hard game. After the con-test the Dental College players elected Camrane as captain and Stevens as man-ager. Cantain Pratt of the Multnomah Murphy, postmarked San Fran-When he learned that the woman Club, refereed the game.

Dr. Sanford's Liver Invigorator.

The best Liver Medicine. A Vegetable Cure for Liver Ilia, Billoumeas, Indiguetion, Constipation.

## FOOTPADS WERE POLITE

MASKED HIGHWAYMEN DECLINE TO ROB TWO WOMEN.

Evidently They Were Looking for Bigger Game-Irate Householder Takes a Shot at Hoodlums.

Miss Merrill, a teacher in the Powell's Valley School, on the Powell's Valley road, utheast of Gresham, was returning home In a buggy with a friend Saturday even-ing, when they were stopped by two masked men at the Hawkins Hill. They were delayed in leaving Portland, where they had been making Christmas pur-chases, and when they reached this place it was dark. Two men with their faces masked stepped from the side of the road in front of the horse. One seized the bridle and the other went to the buggy. The lat-ter discovered the buggy contained two women, and gallantly raised his hat. Then, speaking to his companion, both disap-peared. The two women were very much alarmed, and equally glad to get off as Evidently the highwaymen expected some one else to come along at that time, and when they discovered that they had stopped two women, they desisted at once, and the occupants drove on. No others were molested; but the in-cident has caused much excitement in Shot at Stonethrowers.

J. F. McCartney, who lives at 21 East Seventh street, took a shot Sunday night at three boys, who had thrown a stone against the front of his house with the evident intention of breaking another window. The dim light no doubt prevented a tragedy, as he shot for a purpose. It was only about 7:30 o'clock, and Mr. McCartney was sitting in his front room reading, when suddenly he heard a stone strike the front of the house within a few inches of the window. He was pre-pared for such cases, and, seizing his pistol, ran outside. He saw three boys racing down the street bent over. He immediately fired at them, but missed. The stone used was not wrapped up in a cloth. It had been thrown with a great force, and made a deep dent in the woodwork, and then dropped down. Mr. Mc-Cartney thinks it must have been thrown from a sling to have come with such force. Last week a large stone was thrown through the front window. What object there is in attacking Mr. McCartney's housels impossible to understand. He lives quietly and never has antagonized any of the boys of that neighborhood. He used a pistol that night, but yesterday secured a shotgun, and hopes to do better next time. Mr. McCartney says this seems to be the only way to protect him-self. A number of others in Central East Portland have armed themselves for the benefit of the "S. S. S.," and a deplorable tragedy may happen if the young hoodlums persist in their outrages.

Charles W. Smith, son of Thomas C. Smith, chief engineer of the Albina ferry, living at 350 East Glisan street, died yesterday morning at St. Vincent's Hospital om apoplexy. He was employed in the undry of the O. R. & N. Co., at Albina. Saturday moraing he went to work as well as usual, and worked through the day till evening, when he started for his boarding place in Lower Albina. He had gone only several blocks, and aimost reached his home, when he was taken with faintness, and, to save himself from falling, tried to get hold of the fence, but failed and went down. He was found and removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he remained unconscious till death. He was a very strong, robust young man, but was always very fat. For the past 10 years he had been employed in the ndry, and was assistant foreman. He was 25 years old, and was born and brought up on the East fide. He was commander of Aibina Tent, No. 77, of

Takes Charge January 2.

Professor J. P. Hall, who was elected noon, so he may be able to look the grounds over. Next Friday the school will close till the first Tuesday in Janu-ary, when the new superintendent will take charge. Since C. W. Durrette, who resigned, has been away, Miss C. M. Bryan has had charge of the main building on West avenue, and Professor Recd. she building at Giencoe, and everydirectors are very giad to get the job of electing a superintendent off their hands. Professor Hall, the incoming superintendent, is highly recommended as a teacher of wide experience, and was long nected with the public schools at S Applications were pouring in at a great rate for the past week, and the directors

Hawthorne Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Hawthorne Lodge, No. III, A. F. & A. M., held an interesting meeting Monday night, the hall being filled with members nd visitors from other portions of the First came election of officers the city. following being chosen: Worshipful mas-ter, W. J. Fullam; senior warden, H. L. Moreland; junior warden, J. Sampson; secretary, F. Glafke, Jr.; treasurer, II. H. Newhall. Then came some impromptu addresses. Rev. H. W. Kellogg, who has addresses. Rev. II. W. Kenogs, who has been giving some very fine addresses in the Masonic lodges, responded in an in-teresting talk. Other remarks were made by Judge J. C. Moreland, C. V. Cooper, orge H. Hill and several others.

Property-Owners Meet This Evening Property-owners on East Burnside street will meet this evening at 64 Grand avenue corner of East Oak street, for the pur-pose of considering the proposed improvement of East Burnside street. City Engineer Chase will be present to make ex-planations and suggestions. Figures show-ing the cost of the various kinds of material will be presented. As large an attendance of the property-owners as possible is desired, so action may be taken to set the preliminaries in motion. It takes so much time to get the necessary they are out of the way the better. Old Landmark to Be Removed.

An old landmark at Olympis, the Gold Bar restaurant building, on Lower Main street, is about to be removed from where t was built in 1863. Mrs. Macleay, who has owned the building for a number of ears, has sold it to the Land Mortgage Bank of North America. The bank owns the Huggins Hotel property, immediately north of and adjoining the Gold Bar building, and the purchase was made in order that the building might be removed to give light to the hotel property. This purchase is of interest for the reason that the building to be removed contains the halls in which the first Legislative As-sembly of the Territory of Washington met. The building was built for Edmund Sylvester in 1853 by Cortlandt (Chips) Ethsyrvester in less by cortinat (Chips) Edu-eridge and James Taylor, Monday, Feb-ruary 27, 1854, in conformity with the proclamation of Governor Isaac I. Stev-ens, the first Legislature met in the build-ing, located then, as now, on Main street, between Second and Third. Mr. Welr is

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## ADDS TO THE TAX BURDEN

INTEREST CITY PAYS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Gives Property-Owners Ten Years Without Interest to Settle-Law Likely to Be Repealed.

The issue of street improvement bonds ander the Bancroft act now amounts to \$217,833, on which the City of Portland is paying 5 per cent interest, or \$12,000 per year. There will be about \$35,000 more of these bonds sold by the first of the year, as there has of late been a rush of street improvement work by people who realize that it is a good thing to obtain 10 years' time to pay for the improve-ment and have the city liquidate the in-terest. These \$35,000 new bonds will bring terest. These so, we new total of about the interest account up to a total of about \$15,000 a year. The present rush of street work is due to the fact that the Legisla-ture is soon to meet, when an effort will be made to repeal the law. Wise property-owners are therefore making sure of a soft snep while the opportunity lasts. For two years past the city has paid interest on about \$190.000 of these bonds. or altogether about \$20,000 interest. As an offset, there is \$72,000 in the sinking fund realized from the 19 per cent installments on these bonds collected from propertyowners. This is lent out at 4 per cent, and deducting the interest received on this, the total loss of the city on this bond scheme has been about \$15,000. However. with the large increase in the amount of bonds, the loss will be more formidable in future. The 10 per cent yearly install-ments will gradually decrease the loss. Even if the law is repealed it cannot do away with the existing bonds, and ac-cordingly the city bids fair to lose alto-gether not less than \$50.00. The first of these bonds become due in 1905. Some persons have not paid their installments, which is another trouble the officials have to face. Interest can be exacted on de-linquent installments.

The Bancroft bonding act was passed in 1853, and provides that in case of the im-provement of any street or laying of any sewer in any incorporated city having a population of 2500 or more. It shall be lawful for a property-owner whose as-sessment shall exceed \$55 to file with the proper officer his written application to pay the cost of such improvement in installments, waiving all or any irregular-lities in such proceedings; and thereafter he shall be permitted so to pay the same. It is made the duty of the proper officer of the city to enter and record in a book to be kent for that purpose under sepa-rate heads for each street or sewer, by name or number the description of the property against which such assessment is made, together with the name of the was 28 years old, and was born and brought up on the Eist Eide. He was commander of Albina Tent, No. 77, of the Maccabees. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from Dunning's undertaking pariors, East Sixth and East Alder streets. Lone Fir cemetery will be the place of interment. assessments against the property, and which the owners shall have elected to pay by 10 yearly installments. There shall be levied on each lot or parcel of land. provement, for and during 10 years. The law also provides that the owner may pay the balance due at any time and dis-

charge the lien. The understanding of the city when the law went into effect was that the prop-erty-owners should pay to the city the amount of the bonds in 10 equal payments. But several years ago, W. H. Mail sued the City of Portland, resisting the payment of the interest, and the Su-preme Court, on April 2, 1829, decided that the law does not contemplate that the property-owner pay interest on the bonds; that it contemplates that each install-ment shall not only be equal to 10 per cent of the amount docketed against the property, but that each shall be equal in amount, and all paid in 10 years, without interest on any installments until after they become due. In discussing the case,

Justice Bean said:
"Under no construction which it seems to us can fairly be given to the language of the bonding act, or any prothe city charter, is the defendant author-ized to levy and collect interest on the installments for sewer or sireet improve-ments before such installments are levied and become due and payable. That no such provision is made by law is, perhaps, unfortunate, and will impose on the general taxpayers of the municipality an inequitable burden; but it is an error for which the legislative department is alone responsible, and which the courts are powerless to correct."

After this decision was rendered Charles.

E. Ledd filed a suit against A. N. Gam-bell, City Auditor, to rest the constitu-tionality of the bonding act. The Su-preme Court decided that the act was not preme Court decided that the act was not unconstitutional, and that the bonding act does not render an assessment for street improvements so unequal and unjust as to authorize a court to declare it invalid on that account. Nothing, therefore, remains to be done but to repeal the law, and as it applies to all cities and towns in the state of over 2500 inhabitants, it is not expected that there will be any it is not expected that there will trouble in getting a repeal measure passed by the Legislature.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. A. H. Jessup, of Salem, is at the Dr. C. W. Barr, of Astoria, is regis-tered at the Perkins. Robert C. Smith, of Skagway, is registered at the Imperial. George H. Bingham, an attorney of Sa em, is at the Imperial. Judge J. H. D. Gray, of Astoria, is reg-

A. H. Huntington, Sheriff of Baker County, is at the Imperial. Lee London, an insurance agent of Roseburg, is at the Parkins. George W. Gray, a merchant of Al-bany, is registered at the Perkins. F. W. Settlemeier, a banker of Wood-burn, and wife, are at the Imperial. Robert Burns, a railroad man from Wal

ia Walla, is registered at the Imperial.

Judge J. C. Moreland left for San
Francisco last night, to be back Monday. Councilman W. T. Branch has returned from an eight days business trip to East-

Fulton returned yesterday from a visit of two weeks in California.

Mayor Rowe was not at his office yesterday, being confined to his ho severe cold.

Councilman R. L. Gilson, who has been

on a month's visit to California, arrived home yesterday morning. He was in Los Angeles at the time of the great rainstorm there. He says he has seen it rain in Oregon, but never anything like that. The water flooded the streets and covered the sidewalks, and the citizens paddled around smiling and happy. They should come to Oregon, where they might be made happy more than once in four or five years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels to-day as follows:
From Portland—F. M. Warren, at the Manhattan. From Seattle-C. H. Watson and wife,

at the Imperial.

From Tacoms-T. V. Tyler, at the Al-From Homestead-F. E. Pearce, at the Victoria.

### DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Real Estate Transfers. George C. Sears, Sheriff, to J. K. Marlay, lot 29, block 16, Southern Portland, N. ½ of NE. ½, section 31, T. 2 N., R. 1 W., January 2,

Marlay, lot 39, block 16, Southern Portland; N. ½ of NE. ½, section 31, T. 2 N., R. 1 W., January 2, 1886

Chief of Police to P. H. Marlay, north 12% feet lot 3, block 13, Highland, June 18

Sheriff Multnomah County to P. H. Marlay, lot II, block 4, Market Addition, city, November 3

Daisy Foss to A. B. Stump, lot 7, block 6, Kenilworth Addition, East Portland, November 19

Chief of Police to P. H. Marlay, lot 10, block 12, Highland, January 19

Helen F. and George S. Wilson to Gambrinus Brewing Co., 8 acres, sections 11 and 14, T. 1 S., R. 2 E., November 30

Henry Fleckenstein et al. to First National Bank, of Portland, lot 2, block 72, Albina, fractional block 13, Sullivan's Addition, East Portland; lot 15, block 13, and lot 12, block 6, Paradise Springs Tract, 100x80 feet, corner Goldsmith and Starr streets, Albina, December 12

A. L. Flegel and wife to M. Martin, NW, ¼ of SW, ¼, section 15, T. 2 N., R. 2 W., December 15.

George W. Cone and wife to E. C. Dailas, lot 7, block 3, Sunnyside, December 17

R. J. Eckerson and wife to E. W. Baughman, lot 4 block 4, Sunnyside Addition, December 18.

Marriage Licenses.

C. J. Enghers, T. and Mattida Shubo.

Marriage Licenses.

J. Engberg, T. and Matilda Shuholm, Dick Vandevert, 35, and Lottie M. Hobbs, 26. Death Returns.

William J. Ogg, December 16, 27 North Third street, age 6 years, malignant diph-Bilzabeth J. Flora, December 16, 470 East Edizabeth J. Flora, December 18, 470 Dast Burnside street, 52 years, apoplexy. Mary J. Walling, December 15, 581 Front street, 58 years, valvular disease of heart. Arne Hermanson, December 15, Wash-ington Hotel, 25 years, phthisis pulmon-

John L. Hayseth, December 15, 63 North Ninth street, 54 years, enlargement of

liver.

Lee Wang. December 15, 185 Second street, 41 years, hemorrhage of lungs.

Alfred Pease, December 14, Good Samaritan Hospital, 52 years, meningitis.

Olive T. Isom, December 14, Arbor Lodge, 8 years, laryngitis.

Peter Anderson, December 14, County Hospital, 21 years, typhold faver. Hospital, 21 years, typhoid fever.

James Christenson, December 17, St. Vincent's Hospital, 55 years, disease of Contagious Diseases.

Amelia Thompson, 2004 Morrison, neasics. Manelia Cornele, 802 East Yambill, diphtherta. Cornella Jones, Sixteenth and Mill, diphtheria. Frederick Bergenheimer, 470 Goldsmith street, measies.

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