TAX LEVY NOT MADE

Council Asks Legislature for New Enabling Act.

EXTRA MILLAGE LAW DOUBTFUL

Taxable Valuation of Property Is \$29,552,209-Ways and Means Committee Ordinances Ask for \$347,232.

Doubt of the constitutionality of the act passed last week, authorizing Portland to levy an extra 2 mills to apply to current expenses for 1991 caused the City Council yesterday to postpone action on the budget. The bill, it will be remem-bered, originated in the Senate, whereas the constitution requires revenue bills to originate in the House. To protect the city against liability in the courts for any flaw there might be in the law, persons identified with the Taxpayers' League had Representative Story introduce a new bill in the House. Story's bill has passed the House and is pending in the Senate. The Council has memorialized the Legislature to pass Story's bill today, as the levy must be certified to Clerk Hoims, of the County Court, not later than tomorrow. What the Council will do in the event that the Senate does not pass the Story bill is problematical. If the bill does not go through, it might be that the city would lose the extra 2 mills and thus not be able to meet the deficiencies which

When the Council met, President Glisan In the chair in the place of Mayor Rowe, who is ill, Councilman Branch explained the situation and offered the following memorial, which was adopted:

The Common Council of the City of Portland The Common Council of the City of Portland respectfully requests that you take prompt action upon the House bill now before you for the additional lovy of 2 mills for the relief of this city, for the following reasons:

First—The County Court cannot have the tax rolls extended until the city makes its levy, and the delay already has resulted in several thousand dollars of accrued interest upon outstanding warrants.

od-The city cannot pay any of its obli-

gations to police or street men or any past due accounts or judgments until we can make our

Third-The levy must be made on or before the first day of February, to comply with the law of the state. See Session Laws, \$2. We therefore ask you to oblige us in this matter and act favorably upon the bill now in your bands on Thursday morning, the 31st inst. City Engineer Chase went to Salem last evening with the memorial and laid it before the Multnomah delegation. If the bill is passed before the time limit ex-pires, the levy will be made at a special meeting of the Council tomorrow.

The Council was prepared to go ahead with the levy if the uncertainty regard-ing last week's bill had not arisen. Clerk Holmes, of the County Court, had certified the taxable valuation of city property to be \$2552.26. Several ordinances relating to millinge and appropriations had been drawn by the ways and means commitand were on Auditor Devlin's desk. The 2-mill ordinance provided for a levy to meet deficiencies in special funds in 1900 and 1901. The ordinance providing for revenue for municipal expenses carried \$ milis, distributed as follows:

Total ... The appropriations carried by the neveral ordinances were:

The appropriations named in the ordinance providing for the payment of the general expenses of the city in 1901 are: general expenses of the city in 1901 are:
Salary of Mayor ... \$2,000 to Salary of Auditor, and deputies and clerks ... 10,000 to Salary of City Attorney, deputies.

Salary of City Attorney, deputies ... \$2,000 to this bridge should be borne by the Salary of City Attorney, deputies ... State of Virginia and the people of the ready been issued in the McDaniel case, and clerks
Salary of City Atterney, deputies and stenographer
Salary of City Treasurer and

deputy
Salary of City Engineer, deputies and draughtemen
Salaries of surveyors, chalpmen, rodmen, axmen and
draughtsmen in Surveying Department
Balaries of four general depu-ties office of City Engineer
Salaries two inspectors of street Pay of two sewer repairers and Fay of two sewer repairers and labor sewer repairers.

Expense of material tools, etc., for repairs to sewers.

Horse feed, horseshoeing, harness and general repairs.

Improvement of streets in front of public property.

Viewing streets

Salaries of Municipal Judge and cherk of Municipal Court.

Salary Fumbing Inspector and

Salary Flumbing Inspector and of Poundmaster, deputy

Prevention of contagious and in-fectious diseases Salary of Health Commissioner and deputy Salary of Harbormaster and Harher policeman Three laborers and general ex-pense of garbage crematory... General expense of City Hall, in-cluding jamitors, lighting and

eating vertising municipal notices ... allowery, blank books, blanks and printing of Mayor's mes-Miscellaneous expenses, not Insurance of city property .. For the expenses of the Street-Cleaning and Sprinkling Department-Salary of Superintendent, assistciablemen, repairs and veterinary surgeons abovers

Lighting horseshoeing, sawdust, rattan fiber, harness, lumber, tools, general repairs, drugs and medicines, and miscellaneous New equipment For relief of certain persons.

Consideration of all ordinances was de-

Saturday, there was general discussion of the condition of the county road from the district is now 706. The taxy that place to Troutdale, where most of the thes sawed out are dedvered by team From many there was an expression that the road had become almost impassable for even an empty wagon, and the unanimous opinion was officers were installed by Charles Cou

od of road work, as waste and wholly unprofitable, and the Supervisor was severely hauled over the coals. After thorough discussion, the sawmill men agreed that they would offer to furnish the county lumber for planking the road at E per thousand feet, which is about the cost of sawing it out, if the county will have it hauled and put down. It will take it hauled and put down. It will take plank eight feet long, and 3x8 inches to make a serviceable plank road, which is the kind of road that was built from Pleasant Home to Sandy postoffice. It was the consensus of opinion at the meeting that ordinary gravel will not stand the heavy grinding of the big tie wagons. It is estimated that nearly 1900 heavy loads pass over the Troutdale road every week, which gives some idea or the volume of travel. The wagons are generally provided with wide tires, but these do not save the road very much. An agreement was reached among the tichaulers and millmen that they would deliver ties at Fairview until something should be done to improve the Troutdale road.

OPPOSED TO A FANCY BRIDGE

Representative Tongue Writes Vigorously to Chamber of Commerce.

Evidently the Portland Chamber of Commerce has commended a measure that is not altogether popular at the National

is not altogether popular at the National capital, namely a memorial bridge across the Potomac Representative Tongue is dead set against it and has expressed his views in the following letter:

"Washington, D. C., Jan. Z.—I. N. Fielschner, Esq., Secretary Chamber of Commerce. My Dear Sir: I am just in receipt of yours of the 18th inst., in which you state 'that the Chamber of Commerce desires the delegation to support an appropriation for the construction of a memorial bridge over the Potomac.' I regret to say that I must respectfully but firmly decline to comply with your request. The City of Washington possesses numerous advantages over ton possesses numerous advantages over that of any other city in the Union. Yet it is emphatically and decidedly a tax consumer, not a taxpayer. A very large proportion of the taxes collected, not only in Oregon, but in every portion of the Union, are expended in the City of Washngton. Millions upon millions of dollars are paid out annually to the residents of this city, directly and indirectly, for serv-lves rendered, and supplies sold, to the Federal Government. Officers of the Government, members of the Senate and the House, brought here in the performance of public duties, necessarily are compelled to expend, and do expend, not only their salaries, but in many instances much more than their salaries, in the purchase and maintenance of homes and for their daily expenses, and this money finds its way into the pockets of the residents of Washington. People from every state visit the capital of their country, and the sums expended by them for hotel accom-modations and other expenses annually are very large. Residents of this city in large numbers are employed in official po-sitions, in violation of the civil service rules, absorbing the proportion due to other states and territories. The value of Washington real property, much of the wealth of its numerous wealthy citizens, has been created, and is being daily augmented by the money collected from all the people of all the country. There is certainly no other city in the United States that would not be willing, could it receive these advantages, to at least pay its own taxes, and manage its own municipal affairs. The general Govern-ment relieves this city from all of the re-sponsibility of legislation and from the payment of one half of the taxes. The necessary legislation for this city re-quires each house of Congress, together with large committees, composed of able and official members, to devote a great deal of time sitting as a Town Council to en act city ordinances and other regulation that the people of Washington ought to time attention and ability of members of Congress that should be given to the en-tire country, Instead of to the govern-men of a single city. In addition to this, the taxpayers of the United States pay one-half of the taxes, purely devoted to municipal purposes of this city. The citi municipal purposes of this city. The citizens of Oregon pay taxes to pave the streets in front of the residences of Wash-

streets in front of the residences of Washington millionaires.

"I do not understand that the memorial bridge is a particular necessity. It seems to be demanded as much by the State of Virginia as by the City of Washington. One-half of the bridge will be located in the State of Virginia. It would be, as I understand it, outside of the territory controlled by the Federal Government. 6,420 60 City of Washington, has been peremptorily rejected, if the bridge is to be con\$,900 60 structed at all, it is proposed that it shall
be done at a cost of from \$4,000,000 to
pany Warren to the Penitentiary, and, \$5,000,000, appropriated out of the Treasury of the United States, and paid for by the people of the entire country. I can con-ceive of ne benefit that would accrue to any portion of the United States except a small portion of those residing upon either bank of the Potomac River. Under these circumstances, I shall decidedly and em-2,882 00 phatically oppose taxation of the people of Oregon for an enterprise, one-half of which is for the benefit of the holders of real property within this city, and the other half for the benefit of real estate speculators in the State of Virginia. I have the honor to remain, very truly yours, THOS. H. TONGUE."

2,100 00 MOUNT TABOR SCHOOL MEETING Levy of Eight Mills Voted-Bonds

Will Be Refunded. At a meeting of the taxpayers of Mount Tabor school district, No. 5, held last night In the West avenue building, a levy of 8 mills was voted unanimously, and it was decided to refund \$5000 of the bonded in-1.200 00 debtedness, falling due July 1. H. B. Adams, chairman of the school board, presided. Clerk Frank Fields read the call for the meeting, minutes of former meeting and the report of directors. The latter set forth the financial condition of the district. The balance on hand last year at this date was \$3007. Total receipts to date from all sources were \$865, and the disbursements, including teachers' salar-les and interest on bonds, completing and furnishing Glencoe building and all ex-penses, were \$872.25, leaving a balance on hand of \$1400 M. The estimated receipts, 0.200 00 outside of the special levy, for the coming year were \$5400, and the estimated
0.500 00 disbursements 9131 25. The amount to be mised by special tax was placed at \$250.00 cm; and \$250.00 cm; mended a tax of 7 mills be levied, but 500 00 said that 8½ would be required if the main building be painted and blackboards re-500 00 paired. The report also said if the \$8000 bonds falling due be paid off an addition

of 18 mills would be required.
On motion the levy was made 8 mills.
After considerable discussion, it was decided to refund \$8000 of the bonds failing Consideration of all ordinances was deferred until Friday.

Insist on a Plank Road.

At a meeting of the hadlers of railway ties, sawmill men and farmers, held in the G. A. R. Hall, at Pleasant Home, Saturday, there was general discussion of saturday, there was general discussion of saturday. gain of 14600 and the school population of the district is now 706. The taxpayers in-

Officers Installed. At the last meeting of industrial Lodge, No. 98, I. O. O. F., Albina, the following wagon, and the unanimous opinion was that the only remedy was in plankink. It was reported at the meeting that the Road Supervisor had expended about \$500 of the county funds in hauting and dumping gravel in the mud, using one of his own teams, without improving conditions in any degree; in fact, leaving the road in L. S. S. R. E. L. Simmons, R. S. N. G.; worse condition than before gravel was used. The speakers denounced this mething guard.

MAY EXERCISE DISCRETION

LOWER COURTS IN CASES OF AP-PEAL.

Ruling of the Supreme Court in the Matter of Granting Certificates of Probable Cause.

James L. Warren, under life sentence for the murder of William Kirk, will have to go to the Penitentiary and there await the decision of the Supreme Court of his case on appeal. Justice Wolverton recently affirmed the decision of Judge George denying a certificate of probable cause in this case. The effect of a cer-tificate of probable cause is to keep a de-fendant in the County Jali pending the de-cision on appeal. It has been the former practice to issue such certificates, and the

erty from two boys, William Spear and Frank Lester. The property consisted of Il pounds of copper wire, belonging to the East Side Railway Company. Smith testified that he did not know that the

boys stole the wire,

Benjamin Woods filed a petition in
bankruptcy in the United States District Court yesterday, with a schedule of debts amounting to \$3%.

The inventory in the matter of the estate of J. T. Hair, deceased, was filed yesterday. The property consists of lots at Grant's Pass, valued at \$100.

A suit of H. Wemme against J. W. Wright and Harry Helkes to recover \$71 for a tent, was tried and submitted in Judge Sears' court yesterday. Wright went security for Helkes, signing a contract to that effect. As a defense, Wright testified that he gave Helkes \$35 to pay on the tent, and that he dld not know what he signed when he appended his signature to the contract.

Franklin W. Johnson, an engineer at the Portland Hotel, was granted a divorce from Edith Johnson by Judge Cleland practice to issue such certificates, and the Circuit Court here has in the past been very liberal in the construction of the law concerning the same. The decision of Justice Wolverton does not say the practice was wrong, but leaves the matter largely within the discretion of the Circuit Court.

LOST HIS FOOT.



SERIOUS MISFORTUNE SUFFERED .Y S. H. FRIEDLANDER.

The many Portland friends of S. H. Friedlander, for a number of years manager of the Marquam Theater, will learn with deep regret that he lately suffered the loss of a foot by amputation. The operation was performed recently in Denver, where, as an inmate of a

amputation. The operation was performed reconstry in Deaver, where, as an immate of a hospital, Mr. Friedlander has been for many weeks past.

The immediate cause of blood poisoning and the loss of his foot was a slight cut made with a corn knife. While trying to remove one of these painful little excresoners so common among active walkers, the knife slipped. No attention was paid to the trifling cut, and it was some days before any bad effects were noticed. Then with great rapidity the toes and whole foot began to swell. Nothing would check the spread of the virus, and finally, fearing greater trouble, the doctors were obliged, reluctantly, to remove the foot ab-

This operation came very soon after serious illness from typhold pneumonia, brought on by worry, exposure and hard work during his tour with the "Brownies in Fairyland," of which organization he was manager, and so he was not in the best condition to stand the shock. So serious was it that his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lauer, of Portland were summoned by telegraph, and have remained with him,

and declines to interfere in the Warren numerous motions and affidavits. Johnson

District Attorney Chamberlain recently filed motions that Frank E. McDaniel, Warren and George Dixon all be committed to the Penkentiary, stating that he declined to take the responsibility of their being held here in the County Jail. The McDaniel will remain here, but Dixon, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison pany Warren to the Penitentiary and, like Warren, there remain until the Su-preme Court determines his case on ap-

Justice Wolverton, after reviewing the numerous delays that have occurred in preparing the bill of exceptions in the Warren case, among them being the ab-sence of the official stenographer, Kath-ryn Beck, on account of sickness, said: "It is urged that a Justice of this court has power to stay proceedings upon the judgment in criminal cases, as an incident to his authority to issue a certificate of probable cause, until such time as a bill of exceptions can be brought up, whereby to determine whether the certificate should issue. It is very apparent that this cannot be intelligently determined without the bill of exceptions, or some authenticated record showing probable er-ror, hence it was held in 'Ex-parte Wachline that the certificate could not be granted in the absence of such record. But it is not necessary in the determina-tion of this controversy before me to pass upon the question of power to grant the stay, and I shall not attempt to do so at this time. The court below has entire control over its own process, and is presumed to have exercised proper discretion touching all matters intrusted to its judg-ment. Its orders and judgments cannot be reviewed except by statutory authority, and it must be admitted that the granting or refusal of a certificate of probable cause is in no manner revisory, although it may be granted even when refused by the lower court. Now the court below made four different orders extending the time for the defendant to prepare the bill of exceptions. In the meantime, the proceedings have been practically stayed, until the last order was entered. January 14, at which time the court refused to grant the stay except to give time to make this application. That was a determination that the execution of the judgment should no longer be de-layed, while at the same time the court adjudged that the defendant should have more time to present a bill of exceptions.

"Courts are usually very liberal, and should always be, in giving ample oppor tunity to parties litigant to prosecute ap peals when given under the law, to the end that they may be heard in a court of last resort, and may lose none of their rights. But the same considerations should not apply to a stay of proceed-ings. Here the inquiry is, Does justice require it? The court below having refused to grant a certificate of probable cause, has said in effect that in its opinion there is no cause for appeal; further than this, it has refused to grant a stay

except for temporary purposes."

The case is further gone over, and in conclusion the court says "it must be assumed that the lower court was of the pinion the defendant was not exercising proper difference in the preparation of his bill of exceptions, and while it was will-ing that he should have further time to parepare the same, yet it was time that the judgment should be executed."

Court Notes.

finally filed a cross bill, and named Charles Nelson as corespondent, and Mrs. Johnson failed to appear at the trial. Charles Nels The parties were married at Troutdale in

Decisions Today.

this morning in the following cases: J. H. Fox vs. James Webber et al.,; de-murrer to complaint. P. T. Smith, executor, vs. Multnomah

County; demurrer to reply.

A. W. Moudy vs. Jane Darling et al.; motion to strike out parts of second amended complaint. Nannie N. Starr vs. William L. Starr

demurrer to answer.

H. W. Corbett vs. City of Portland et al.; motion to strike out parts of answer. C. L. Haynes vs. R. A. Foster et al.: demurrer to answer and motion to make answer more definite and certain. S. W. Sigler vs. City of Portland; demurrer to complaint,

EASTERN MULTNOMAH.

All Supplies Received for the Burnl Mail Carriers-Road Boycott.

GRESHAM, Jan. 30.-Postmistress Mc-Coll has received all the necessary article for the carriers who will begin free rural delivery on February 15. The list includes many order and register blanks, receipts and cancelling outfits. Four lock boxes with locks and keys, such as are in use in the city, have also been received, and will be placed as follows: On route No. 1, at the Orient and Stafford schoolhouses; on route No. 2 at the Ritchie and No. 2 schoolhouses. They will be at nearly the four corners of the entire district, and are for people living outside the limits who may desire to use them. Instru to Mrs. McColl and the carriers are in de-tail, among them being the information that "drop letters" or 1-cent rate of postage will not apply within the delivery limits, and that the 2-cent per ounce rate will be exacted upon all first-class matter except postal cards. The carriers are instructed not to bring to the portoffice such mail matter collected by them which may be delivered on their routes; and, further, the postage on such mail matte shall be cancelled by them and reported at the office, which will derive the benefit of the cancellation. The carriers will use rigs with four wheels, which they con sider superior to carts for the country through which they will have to travel. They are now canvassing their districts and locating boxes, preparatory to the regular delivery.

Boycott Still On. The tiehaulers' boycott of the Troutdale road is still on, and 50 teams a day pass through Gresham for Fairview, where the yards have all at once become busy scenes of life. Considerable feeling is manifest over their action, but they insist that they will continue the boycort until the Troutdale road is planked. The mile of road in question, which is in Su-pervisor Littlepage's district, is being graveled, but that does not suit the teamsters, who demand plank all the way. It has been asserted that the men are in-cited to their present course by the millwners, who have a lot of road lumber of owners, who have a lot of road lumber on hand and want to sell it to the county. If such is the case, it would be economy for the county to buy it, as the road through Gresham will cost more for repairs in a month than the lumber is worth. The Troutdale road has cost over \$12,000, and is a hard road to keep in shape, but something will have to be done agon or there will be no good roads that J. F. Smith, a junk dealer, was tried and acquitted in the Criminal Court yesterday on a charge of buying stolen prop-

NEW CHAPLAIN INSTALLED

DR. HAY, OF SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE RELIEVED.

He Is Succeded by Hon. Charles Cummings-Bruce-British Consul Laidlaw Talks to Sailors.

A large number of friends of the Missions to Seamen assembled at its head-quarters, foot of Flanders street, last evening to welcome the new chaplain, the Hon. and Rev. Charles Cumming-Bruce. Both sexes were represented in the assembly, and a number of officers and men from the vessels in the harbor were on hand to enjoy the proceedings. Dr. J. Douglas Hay has had charge of the mission since its establishment in its present quarters, 18 months ago, but he will now depart for New York City, where he expects to promote the social branch of the mission. Friends of the Institu-tion in Portiand give Dr. Hay great credit for the manner in which he fulfilled his duties here, and point with considerable pride to the results attained. Chap-lain Bruce found everything in good runnaing order, and expressed great gratifica-tion last evening at the good work of the mission in this city. He comes to Port-land almost directly from Sunderland, England, where he has had a good op-portunity to observe the working of the mission and judge of its benefits to sea-

Chaplain O'Rourke, of San Francisco ormerly of Portland, introduced the new chaplain in a neat speech, in which he commented on the good work done by Mr. Hay, and bespoke the good offices of the mission's friends on behalf of Mr. Bruce, whom he had known in Trinity College, Cambridge, both having been educated at that institution.

British Consul James Laidlaw was aritish consul James Laldiaw was called on for a few remarks, and stated that the mission had been productive of great benefit to seamen visiting this port, as it gave them a place to assemble, away from evil influences. Mr. Laidiaw paid his respects to "crimps," or salior board-ing-house keepers, who, he said, were good-looking fellow but prone to treat seamen in a very treacherous manner. The men, however, are partly to blame for their troubles in this respect, Mr. Laidlaw said, as the law will protect them if they only possess manhood enough to stand up for their own rights. The law was lax here in comparison to England, where American seamen were protected, as well as British, from swindlers, and be housed to see the law more vigorous he hoped to see the law more vigorous in this respect here in future. Mr. Laid-law's remarks were well received, and the sailors present were evidently much benefited by his straightforward appeal to them to assert their rights.

The entertainment was enlivened by vocal music on the part of friends present and a chanty or two by the saliors, Dr. Hay was presented with a poem, which was read by W. J. Burns, of Baliour, Guthrie & Co., and a purse of gold also accompanied the manuscript. Refreshaccompanied the manuscript. Refresh-ments were afterward served, friends having previously provided coffee and cake for the occasion. Dr. Hay will not leave Portland for several days, but will stay and help the new chaplain in the details

PLENTY OF GREEN FOOD.

Enstern Oregon Stockmen Have Not Resorted to Hay,

C. A. Rhea, a prominent stockman of Morrow County, who registered at the Perkins yesterday, says the present Win-ter has been of the "open" order, as very little snow has fallen on the prairies thus "What snow did fall went off in a few days, by the aid of a chinook wind, he said, "and the grass was found growing nicely all over the ranges, after the snow had disappeared. The hay-stacks of Eastern Oregon were, therefore, not re-duced to any extent, and unless something unforeseen happens, the fodder will be aved for another Winter.

Mr. Rhea buys sheep in the Fall, to sell again, after shearing in the early Summer, and he has already closed out his flocks this year at \$2 50 a head, to Eastern buyers. As he paid \$2 a head for the sheep last Fall, he flatters himself that he will clean up a net profit of \$1 per head on the 6000 he has carried through the Winter. He reckons that the wool clip will help him out in the there will probably be \$1 worth, on an average, shorn from each sheep. He, therefore, figures on 50 cents as the cost of herding and otherwise providing for

the sheep In the meantime. Mr. Rhea used to run sheep the year around in Eastern Oregon, as he was about the first man to engage n the businees in that region, but of late years his Summer range in the Blue Mountains has been taken up by Grant County stockmen, who needed the grass for themselves, and would not, therefore, permit Morrow County sheep to continue their annual plenics past their doors. By purchasing the sheep in the Fall, after some one else has borne the brunt of the Grant County wrath, he avoids all trouble with his John Day neighbors, and probably makes about as much money, as he owns a large amount of Winter range in Mor-

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Marriage Licenses. George N. Schott, Tillamook County, Marie Velten, aged 28. Frank M. Williams, Si, Mary M. Mur

Building Permits. Mr. Reifschneider, one-story cottage, Powell, between East Fourteenth and

East Fifteenth: \$1000. W. Thomas, one and one-half story dwelling, East Salmon, between East Thirty-third and East Thirty-fourth; \$600. Birth Returns.

January 25-Boy, to the wife of William M. Freeman, of Wardner, Idaho; mother temporarily living at University Park, January 29-Girl, to the wife of Clarence E. Taylor, of 143 North Fifteenth street. Death Returns.

January 27-John Butler, 64 years old, at
St. Vincent's Hospital; atheroma and

January 39-Barbara Schenz, 79 years, at 165 Fourteenth street; crystitis and senile debility. Contagious Diseases.

Harry Sill, of C41 Tenth street; measles. Fred Blessing, of 347 East Eighth; diph-R. J. Hills, of 400 Yambill street;

A. B. Brown, 69) Yambill street; measles

Fergus Morrow, 430 Yamhill; measles.

Real Estate Transfers.

Hush Mendennall to A. January 29
The Investors' Mortgage Security Co. to Nellie V. J. Quackenbash, north half of lot 2, block 2, Dunn's Addition, January 11
W. S. and Maleta E. Ward to John E. Kerrigan, 574;x199, Jefferson street, near Fourteenth street, January 20

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FOR A BUREAU OF MINES

BILL FOR PERMANENT EXHIBIT OF ORES AT PORTLAND.

Office of Commissioner Created With Power to Make Rules for Safe Working.

J. F. Batchelder, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, has drafted a bill to establish a State Mining Bureau at Portland, to create the office of Commissioner of Mines and to provide for mine inspection. It is intended as a substitute for House bill 180, which is impractive for the United States Senate. We most solvenily avow as peculiarly and words:

We accept the nomirations tendered us upon the "Citisens Ticket" without having expressed or having been asked our preference for any candidate for the United States Senator, in these words: ticable, in Mr. Batchelder's opinion.

The dommissioner is to be appointed by the Governor. He must have practical experience in mining, and have a practical and scientific knowledge of mining, metallurgy, mineralogy and geology. He is required to give a bond for \$10,000 and his salary is fixed at \$250 per month. It is made the duty of the commis-

sioner to collect and preserve for reference collections of geological and mineralogical specimens of economic and commercial importance; to distribute trustworthy information regarding the product, available supply, location, character and adaptability for economic purposes of the mineral resources of Oregon; the Classify and mineral resources of Oregon; G. W. Holcomb, Louis H. Tarpley, D. M. Watson, G. M. Orton. to classify and preserve ores and miner-als found in this state; to maintain, in effect, a bureau of information concerning the mineral industries of this state, to consist of collections and library, and to consist of collections and library, and to classify, catalogue and index the data therein contained, in a manner to make the information available to those desiring it, and to provide a custodian qualified to promote this purpose; to collect and record all data and records giving the history and showing the progress of the mining industry of the state from the earliest date to the present time, to exearliest date to the present time; to examine, report and record geological for-mation of the various mineral districts and each important mine, and all other information that will tend to give a correct idea of the extent and cerve as a guide to the profitable mining and milling of ore; to investigate and record all metallurgical operations, applications of electricity, steam, water, compressed air, labor-saving devices and safety applian-ces in all the branches of mining and metallurgy; to inspect and determine the safety of devices used in mining, the safe condition of mines, and to take the neces-sary measures to make them safe when required; to make or cause to be made, exhibits of the mineral resources and products of the state, at such industrial ex-hibitions held in this or other states or counties for which an appropriation shall have been made; to make a blennial report to the Governor setting forth the receipts and disbursements in detail and the important results of his work, and to issue from time to time such bulletins as

he may deem advisable concerning the statistics and technology of the mineral industries of the state. ity to examine any mining property, to investigate its ventilation, method of egress and other details pertaining to the safety of the workers. Once a year he shall visit the mining counties and make recommendation for the safe work-

ing of mines.

As soon as practicable after the passage of the act, all mines must provide double exits. The commissioner is empowered to make rules for fire protection, storage of explosives, oils, etc., and to prepare a code of signals for holsting. An appropriation of \$15,000 is provide

The commissioner is authorized to charge 10 cents a folio for copying the records of his office, and \$1 for affixing the seal to them. This money is to be paid into the State Treasury.

ENTERED FIVE CHURCHES.

East Side Burglars Make a Specialty of Meeting-Houses.

At present burglars on the East Side are making a specialty of entering churches. The Second Baptist Church, on East Seventh and East Ankeny streets, is the last one reported to have beer robbed. It was found yesterday morning that this church had been entered, and about 20 electric globes taken. Whoever entered this church must have used a key and gone in through one of the doors This is the fifth church building robbe within a week. The first was St. Paul's German Lutheran Churen, East Twelfth and Clinton streets, where nothing at all was secured. The others were the Sev enth-Day Adventist Church, East Eleventh and Everett streets; Third Presbyterian Church, East Ninth and East Oak streets; and the Westminster Presbyterial Church, East Tenth and East Weldler streets. Nothing of varue was secured a streets. any of these churches, except electric globes. About once a year a raid is made on the churches, but now nothing of value is left in them, and burglars will find it

Lower Albina Streets. It is admitted that Lower Albina will have to take some measures to repair the streets leading to the Albina ferry, or it will soon be very difficult for a loaded wagon to be dragged from the ferry to Russell street. Lewis street, extending from Goldsmith to Railroad street, is badly cut up, and the plank broken, besides Goldsmith street is in about as bad con-dition as it can become. The travel to the Albina ferry is very heavy, and the streets leading to the approach wear out rapidly. It was said yesterday that an effort would be made to get some of the Lower Albina streets improved and others repaired this year, as the necessity for a movement along this line has been very

great indeed.

Charles Purchard, formerly clark in the East Side Bank, but now in Ireland writes that he longs for Oregon. He was called home to Ireland by the death of a brother, and would return to Portland, but annot leave his father and mother. Charles K. Cranston, of Pendleton, writes to a friend in Portland that his wife, who has been seriously ill, is slightly improved, and he hopes she will conue to gain in strength. Mrs. Cranston has many friends in Portland, who are much concerned over her condition.

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Unpledged for Senator.

Because one or more members of the Multnomah delegation to the Legislature, elected on the Citizens ticket, are voting for Mr. Corbett for Senator, they have been charged with unfaithfulness to pledges. Now the fact is that all the candidates on the Citizens ticket was specifically unpledged

upon the "Citizens Ticket" without having stence for any candidate for the United States Senate. We most solemnly avow that we are entirely unpledged for any candidate for that important position, and we each promise that we will, if elected, exercise our best judgment as to whom we will support; and, being uninfluenced by any selfish consideration, will, when the time comes, vote for such person as in our individual opinions is best fitted to

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on to the ground, and are clearing it, They have put up small houses and will clear and cuitivate the land. At neveral points along the section new clearings are making by new-comers.

Money for Alaska Lighthouses WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.— Chairman Cannon today assured Representative Jones that the sundry civil bill would carry \$150,000 for Alaska lighthouses. More is not allowed because last year's appro-priations are not yet exhausted.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

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