SAME WATER RATES

Committee Adopts Existing Schedule for 1902.

ACCOUNTS ARE FOUND CORRECT

For 1901, Surplus of Operating Department Will Be \$86,636 17-Contemplated Purchases Will Use This Up.

At the meeting of the water committee At the meeting of the water committee yesterday, the existing water rates were established as the rates for the year 1902. The report of the expert accountant em-ployed to investigate the accounts of the secretary and treasurer of the committee was presented and approved, and ordered printed. The report of the committee appointed to negotiate for the purchase of the Albina water supply system was made a special order for an adjourned meeting to be held at 3 P. M., Tuesday,

Chairman Corbett presided, and Messrs. add, Raffety, Lewis, Teal, Knapp, Kohn, Hill and Rowe were present.

The operating committee submitted its report of the operation of the works for the month of November, showing receipts and disbursements as follows: Cash receipts for water \$23.677 75 Disbursements 2.471 47

Remainder paid to Treasurer.....\$21,206 28 Accounts Found Correct.

response to the request of Secretary Frank T. Dodge and Treasurer A. Lewis thit an investigation of their books and accounts be made, the committee em-ployed W. T. Branch to make an investi-

ation and report. Mr. Ladd stated that Mr. Branch had handed his report to him, and if there were no objections he would read it. He added that he felt very proud of it himself, and only wished that the late chair-man of the committee could be present to hear it. The following is the report in

To the Water Committee of the Port of Portland: Gentiemen-In accordance with the ap-pointment made by your bonorable body, at your regular meeting, held May 21, 1901. I beg re-spectfully to report, that I have made a thor-ough examination of the books and accounts of the water committee from the time of the or the water committee from the that of the organization of said committee, in 1885, down to and including the 30th day of November.

1901. I have examined each and every voucher for the disbursement of the funds of the water committee, from the first to the last, which, so far as the construction department is conso far as the construction department is con-cerned, embraces the purchase of the Portland Water Company's plant, in December, 1886, the purchase of lands, rights of way, riparian rights, surveys, additional pumps and mains, material and supplies for the gravity system, for the construction of bridges, reservoirs, tele-phone line and the purchase of the East Pert-land Water Company's plant, and the Port-land Heights Water Company's plant, together with all the pay-rolls, etc. I have examined the books and accounts of the operative de-partment, which show the source of the carn-ings of the water works from 1888 to and in-cluding November, 1961; also all the vouchers and pay-rolls, showing the operating expenses and repairs. for the construction of bridges, reservoirs, tele

and repairs.

My findings are that every dollar received from the sale of bonds and the premium on said bonds from the earnings of the water works, from the sale of any old property, or material and other sources is properly accounted for upon the books of the water committee. ed for upon the books of the water committee. I also find a correct and proper accounting for the disbursement of all moneys so received, as is evidenced by the vauchers, receipts and pay-rolls, all of which are properly verified, approved, audited and authorized for payment by the water committee and the subcommittee having charge of the operating department. The total amount of memory received from all The total amount of moneys received from all sources by the water committee from the time of its organization down to, and including the month of November, 1901, is \$6,302,207.36; the total amounts of disbursement for same period is \$6,106,447 11; balance in hands of Treasurer,

Receipts and Dishursements of the Water Com-mittee of the City of Portland, Or., and the Subcombitee in Water Works, operating the Works, from November 25, 1883," when the committee was appointed by act of the Legislature, until December 31, 1900, is correct, save and except where the printer has inadvertently placed the figure "9" in place of "0."

On or about July 1, 1901, I examined the account of 1 A Legis Towards.

count of L. A. Lowis, Treasurer, and the ac-count of C. H. Lewis, his predecessor, as Treasurer, covering the entire period heretofore mentioned, and found the same to correspond with the books of the water committee, and the balance then shown to be on hand was on sit in the First National Bank to the redit of the Treasurer of the water commit-

On the 12th day of December, 1901, the cash book of the water committee called for \$19,-524 25, and upon that day I found To the credit of F. T. Dodge, ac-

countant, in Ladd & Tilton's Bank, subject to check, the sum of \$19.323 30 ills paid in December 175 Pay-rolls in December Coin in safe.....

Mr. Frank T. Dodge, the Superintendent of the water works, is also the accountant of the water committee, and has kept the records and books of the water committee for the last 1315 years. I find the books, records and vouchers kept in a neat, clear and satisfactory manner, not requiring, on my port, any inquiry as to their intent or meaning. His connectations, painstaking devotion to the trust committed him not only merits the approval of the water committee, but is likewise deserving the heavily

commendation of the citizens of Portland. Respectfully submitted, W. T. BRANCH.

On motion, the report was adopted, and it was requested that it be published in full in The Oregonian,

spectfully submitted.

Mr. Josephi said he expected the report to be as it was, but at the same time It caused a feeling of satisfaction that on expert from outside the committee had arrived at such a gratifying conclusion after his investigations. Taking into consideration the immense sum of money that had been handled and the length of Albany, the meeting was called to order time covered by the transactions, the re-port was very gratifying. by the vice-president, Dr. B. E. Wright, of Portland. was very gratifying.

On motion, the chairman and secretary were ordered to draw a warrant for \$72.

and a number of applications for membership in the association were received. on \$2,900,000 bonds.

Report of Chairman Corbett.

mending that the existing water rates be made the rates for the coming year:
To the Water Committee: In order that the
committee may comply with the provisions of the city charter and make the estimate of the expenses and costs during the year 1902, and passed by the association regretting Dr. expenses and costs during the year 1992, and establish water rates for said year, such as will insure a sufficient income from the sale of water to pay said expenses and costs, together with one year's interest on the bonds issued and outstanding, the following is submitted: The Water Committee, on December 18, 1990, after reducing the water rates nearly 10 per cent, adopted the following estimate for the

OPERATING DEPARTMENT.

Receipts— Cash for water sold, etc\$282,000 00 Disbursements—

Distursements—Operating expenses and repairs, including \$5,000 for meters ...\$ 40,000 00 Interest on \$2,000,000 bonds at 5 per cent. 145,000 00 Interest on \$250,000 15,000 00.

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CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT. ds in hands of treasurer January 1991\$ 85,206 62 Surplus from operating department as above 62,000 00

The receipts and disbursements for the year | pill

and estimated for December), appelmately as follows:
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Surplus turned over to construction department in 1901 \$ 80,636 17 CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Punds in hands of tress-urer Jan. 1, 1901...\$ 85,525 44 Surplus from operating department as above 86,036 17 Cash from King Real Estate Association... 272 50—\$172,434 11 Disbursements during 1901— Reservoirs. drainage tunnels, etc......\$ 21,397 10 Extending street water mains\$ 5,004 56 5,004 56

Land, rights of way,

The cash receipts of the operating department for water sold, etc., during the year 1900 amounted to \$255,907 85, and it was estimated amounted to \$285,897 85, and it was estimated that the reduction made in the water rates on January 1, 1901, would cause a reduction of \$28,000 in the receipts during the present year, but, owing to the increase in the number of water consumers, the receipts will be, approximately, but \$4739 60 less than the receipts during last year.

It was estimated that the operating expenses during the year 1901 the tuding \$2000 for additions.

taken at the close of this year.

The surplus turned over by the operating department to the treasurer during the year, in monthly insuallments, will amount to about \$86,000, approximately \$24,000 more than was

ent, the following estimate may safely be made for the ensuing year;

As it is probable that contemplated pur-chases, extensions and improvements of water works during the year 1902 may cost as much as the sum on hand at the close of this year (\$142.320), and the income during the next year (\$90,000) will amount to, namely, \$232.000, no reduction in water rates can be recommended

at present. I recommend that the above estimate be adopted, and that the existing water rates be established as the water rates for the year

adopted, as the water successful as the water successf On motion of Mr. Josephi, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, December 23, and it was ordered that the report of the committee appointed to negotiate for the purchase of the Albina water plant and system be made the special order for that

FINISHING THE CHARTER.

Commission Will Meet Thursday to Consider Final Draft.

The Charter Commission will hold a meeting Thursday evening in the Council chambers in the City Hall for the purpose of going over the completed chapters of the new city charter. The committee on revision has finished its work with refer-ence to the final draft for two charters, and as fast as they are finished they will be submitted to the whole board for ap-proval. The charter is now completely outlined as far as details go, and the only remaining work is to unify the whole. The first chapter, as completed, is en-titled "Organization and Boundaries," and considers "Corporate Powers, Rights and Labilities, "Government," Boundaries, and "Anneystic of Tarritors," and "Annexation of Territory."

The first chapter outlines the procedure in case an outlying district desires annexation to the city. A petition must be filed with the City Council, signed by 15 per I also find that the statement heretofore published, entitled "Statement of all the Earnings, thirds vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the electors of the district to carry the annexation to the city. Following are statistics in regard to water matters gathered by Secretary Sanderson Reed at the request of the Charter Commission, and obtained in answer to questions as to where the power rested with regard to mater matters, not only in executive work, but also the power to make rates and to decide on extension of mains:

> other public works-Newark, N. J.: Alleghany, Pa.; Columbus; Rochester, N. Y.; Provider Pittsburg; Milwaukee; Spokane; Grand Rapids,

In City Council-Worcester, Mass.; Richmond, By board having control of light, as well as water-Duluth In separate board for water matters, which establishes rates and decides on extension of mains—Detroit; Trenton; Springfield, Mass.;

Executive work in a board, rates being es-Total Sip.524 25

Mr. Frank T. Dodge, the Superintendent of the water works, is also the accountant of the water committee, and has kept the records and water committee, and has kept the records and water supply from private corporation; rates and extensions, subject to water supply from private corporation; rates and extensions.

and extension of mains fixed by Common Coun eil-Des Maines. Water supply from private corporation that ixes rates-New Haven, Conn. fixes rates—New Haven, Conn.

Water supply from private corporation; rates and extension of mains fixed by Board of

Street and Water Commissioners-Jersey City. DENTISTS IN SESSION.

State Association Begins Annual Convention.

The opening session of the ninth annual meeting of the Oregon State Dental As-sociation was held last night in the Hi-

Over 60 members were in attendance The president's address was read by the secretary, Dr. C. R. Templeton, of Port-land, and was listened to by the members Chairman Corbett presented the follow- with more than usual interest. In it Dr. Gray made an earnest appeal to the mem-bers to live up to the higher ideals in life, and spoke of the great development that the country would witness in the next few decades and the necessity for

> Gray's absence. The reports of the officers of the asso ciation were received, and one paper read by Dr. G. H. Nottage. Today will be devoted to clinical demonstrations, and at 1 P. M. the surgical clinic will be held at the Good Samaritan Hospital. The other work will take place in the hall. The sessions of the association will continue until Thursday afternoon, when the election of officers will take place,

ALL KINDS OF MONEY.

B. B. Rich Cigar Stores Give Guessing Coupons on All Sales.

In buying your Christmas cigars and pipes bear in mind that a B. B. Rich cigar store gives you guessing coupons on the jar of money. The nearest to the amount will get it all. Jar in window, Sixth and Washington.

For twenty-five cents, you can get Car-ter's Little Liver Pills—the best fiver regu-lator in the world. Don't forget this. One pill a dose, Miss Carrye B. Clarke, and the procee

SELLWOOD MAKES KNOWN ITS NEEDS AND DEMANDS.

Present Bullding Is Too Small and Poorly Arranged-An Addition Is Thought Necessary.

Bellwood will present claims for an addition to the schoolhouse at that place. At the last meeting of the Sub-Board of Trade a committee was appointed to prepare the proper showing at the coming annual taxpayers' meeting, in January. That part of the district has a small, sixroom building, which does not begin to accommodate all the school children, and outside rooms have to be rented. It is outside rooms have to be rented. It is also a poorly arranged building, and how to add more rooms would be a problem, but the people are anxious to have some-thing done. At the rate of increase in that part of the district other outside rooms besides those already rented will have to be secured.

At Woodlawn the school building com-mittee, with George P. Lent as chairman. is preparing a strong case for a new schoolhouse, which will be presented to the taxpayers' meeting. The committee wants the plans prepared for a li-room building, so as to provide for an increase within the next few years. Probably 10 rooms would be sufficient for a year or two, but it is thought that even a build-ing of this size would be filled the first two, but it is thought that even a buildtional neeters, would amount to \$40,000. It was
not found necessary to purchase any meters
this year, and the cash disbursements for
operation and repairs, including the protection
of the pipe bridge across Sandy River from
freshets, will be about \$34,022 08. To this
sum, however, there will be added the amount
to be charged off for depreciation in the value
of meters, tools, etc., when the inventory is
taken at the close of this size would be filled the first
tyear that it is built. It is proposed that
the new schoolhouse should be placed on
the high ground southwest of where the
present structure stands. The people have
wisely avoided discussion of the subject
of location, as they would not be able to
agree on that point, and are very willing
to leave the matter to the Board of Edutaken at the close of this size would be filled the first
this year. cation. However, it is desired that the new schoolhouse when built should be placed near Ainsworth avenue, where it will be accessible from Woodlawn, Pied-mont and Cloverdale.

Brooklyn and Sunnyside also ask for

additions. Both buildings are now crowded to the limit. In Brooklyn no outside rooms have yet been rented, but, from Cash receipts for water sold, etc. \$290,000 00 Cash receipts for water sold, etc. \$290,000 00 Operating expenses and repairs, including \$5... \$40,000 00 Cash receipts for waters and repairs, including \$5... \$40,000 00 Cash receipts for water sold, etc. \$200,000 00 Cash receipts for water sold, etc. \$200,00 crowded to its utmost capacity, and two

outside rooms are rented.

It is not probable that provision can be made for granting the demands of all these sections. That would require more money than the annual meeting will be able to vote, but the most pressing neces-sities will probably be provided for.

MANY NEW SIDEWALKS.

Many Thousands of Feet of Concrete Have Been Laid This Year. More concrete sidewalks have been laid on the East Side this year than ever before. With a large number of those who have put up attractive residences, this material for sidewalks has become a great favorite. Several thousand feet of concrete have been put down. While the cost at the start is much more than wo.d, it lasts indefinitely, while the wood nust constantly be repaired. All through Irvingtes and Holladay Additions, much concrete has been used. In other places old wooden sidewalks have been replaced

with this material. It is provided in the petition for the improvement of East Fourteenth, between Hawthorne avenue and Belmont street, that the sidewalks shall be of concrete. This will be the longest stretch of concrete sidewalk in the city. It is believed that hereafter this material will be more generally used on the East Side than ever before, and that next year very little

HAS MEMBERSHIP OF 335. East Side Improvement Association

Is Still Growing. well-attended meeting of the East Side Improvement Association last even-ing discussed the following important matters: Civic pride and the beautifying of the city; overcrowded cars on the East Side lines; delays in traffic due to closvass for funds; the establishment of a general system of boulevards for the city; the widening of Hawthorne avenue be-tween East Twelfth and East Twentyfirst streets; the advisability of remov ing certain sandbars south of the Madi-son-street bridge. Whitney L. Bolse presided. The mem-

bership has now reached the 355 mark. MRS. INGRAM'S CONDITION.

She Is Still Unconscious, but Is Considered Slowly Improving. Mrs. Henry Ingram, injured in a run-

away Sunday evening, is still unconscious, but is thought to be slowly improving. Yesterday there were some short ra-tional moments, when she would speak. Her condition seemed generally better, and it is hoped that by tomorrow the crisis in the case will be safely passed. The physicians hope, since there has yet been no paralysis or indications of its approach, that she will recover. This evening it will be 48 hours since she was injured, and in such cases that length of

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts. Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts died yesterday at the home of J. W. Blue, 685 East Washington street. She was from Linn County, and was 24 years old. The body will be taken to Brownsville for interment. A husband and one child survive her. Mr. Roberts is at Columbia City, Wash.

Miss Bessle Donaldson, the 14-year-old daughter of Alex. Donaldson, died yesterday at the home of her father, 500 Dekum avenue, Woodlawn. The funeral will be held from the family residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A. B. Hemstock, formerly proprietor of the Sillwood drug store and postal sta-tion-master at that place, has gone to Oakland, Cal., with the hope of benefit-ing his health, which has been failing for some time. He was formerly in business at University Park.

Mrs. E. J. Tarbox gave a lecture last evening in the Seliwood Episcopal Church on "Alaska." It was a narrative of her four years' experience in Alaska, and was given under the auspices of the Episcopal Church choir. A musical en-tertair ment was given in connection with the address

Jiles G. Stephens, a ploneer resident of Pleasant Home, 29 miles from Portland, on the Powell road, has purchased a new home near Tremont, on the Mount Scott Rallway, and moved there. The removal of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens from the Pleas-ant Home district will be a loss to that place. Mr. Stephens has been active in all worthy enterprises there. When anything was to be undertaken, Mr. Stephens

Wise Bros., dentists. Both phones. The

YOUR GIRL FOR AN EVENING You Can Buy Her, and She Will Be Your Dancing Partner.

Do you want to buy a girl? Not really and truly and for keeps, but for the privilege of being her dancing partner for the evening. On the night of December 27, 50 pretty maids will be auctioned at Arion Hall, and the highest bidders will get them. There will be a delightful element of uncertainty in the transaction, for you will not be supposed to know what sort of a girl you are bid-ding on until the deal is closed. The entertainment is being arranged by

WANT MORE SCHOOL ROOM Hundreds Are Talking

Because It Has the Qualities of a Perfect Health Food.

No other subject concerning home health and economy is receiving such attention as the subject of breakfast foods. The advent of Malt Breakfast Foods (the perfect health food) has brought health into thousands of homes. It is the most talked-about food in the land. It is spoken of on the street, in our stores, in the best hotels and restaurants, and on the great rallway lines. Malt Breakfast Food, on account of its exquisite deliciousness and healh-producing virtues, stands far above all competing breakfast foods. It is relished by old and young; even the babies love it and thrive on it. One package will serve 30 breakfasts. All grocers.

HYGIENIC TREATMENT OF THE TEETH. "I have given SOZODONT a thorough trial and am using and prescribing it fre-quently. It is eminently suitable for the prophylactic and hygienic treatment of the teeth, mouth and gums of those suffering from pyrrohoea alveolaris. I consider it one of the best dentifrices the market affords."

By mail; 25 and 75c. Hall & RUCKEL, N. Y. City will be turned over to the fund for the establishment of free swimming baths, Auctioneer John T. Wilson will describe the galaxy of beauties, but even he isn't supposed to know the identity of the faces behind the masks, so that his descriptions will be as vague as the expectations of the chaps who do the bidding. The girls will be costumed to represent well-known books, and a mask will cover each face, no little carnival domino, but one large enough to conceal dimples or stray curls that would lead to a clew to the identity of the maid.

Previous to the auction there will be a programme of musical numbers, to which number of well-known local artists will contribute. Following the auction will come the dance.

TO CHOOSE A NEW DIRECTOR

School Board Is Casting About-R. K. Warren and A. L. Mills Suggested.

The members of the Board of Scho Directors are casting about for a suitable lows: successor to the late D. P. Thompson as one of their members, but have not yet decided on any one. It is admitted, however, that the new director must be acceptable to the entire board, so there will be no strife connected with the selection. It is also admitted that the new director shall be of the masculine permasion, and live on the West Side. There has been some talk of choosing R. K. Warren, who was chairman of the board last year, and was defeated for re-elec-tion by Mrs. Charles E. Sitton, and A. L. Mills, who is chairman of the Board of Public Works. It is not known whether either of these gentlemen would accept the position, if tendered.

As it was not required that the selec-tion be made at once, and it appeared to the board that action on the matter at ting or criticising present methods. the time would be in had taste, it was, on motion, laid over till the next regular

It was ordered that the schools of the city close for the holiday recess on Fri-day, December 30, and that they reconvene on Thursday, January 2, 1902

THE BASKET BALL GAME.

Story of Captain of High School Team. PORTLAND, Dec. 16 - (To the Editor)-

On Saturday last the High School girls defeated the Portland Academy girls at basket-ball in the deciding game for the interscholastic championship; score, 11 to 10. The P. A. was not satisfied with the result of the game, and claim the referce's decision was not fair, and very magnanimously offer to replay the game. The Academy having had its side of the story aired twice in The Oregonian, we think it time, in justice to the High School girls, that the public heard the other side.

A basket was thrown for the High School just a second before time was called; the academy girls say a second after. The referee clearly decided that the ball was thrown before time was called, and that the High School won, and absolutely denies the claim of the acad-emy that he ever said they were in the

The High School girls are willing and anxious to play the Portland Academy another game, or any number of games, but refuse to replay any past game, as they have always won fairly. The Portland Academy has for the last couple of years tried to dictate to the other schools as to who should play on

their teams, and when and where. Now they want to even dictate as to who shall win the games. Of course, the High School girls refuse to allow this. ALICE TIDCOMBE, Captain Girls' Basket-Ball Team, Portland High School.

THE LAST AEOLIAN RECITAL

Until after the Holidays will be given tonight. Next Wednesday being Christmas, and the following Wednesday being New Year's, the regular Wednesday even-ing recital will be discontinued after to night until after the holidays. Following is tonight's programme. Scats free, All are welcome:

PROGRAMME. Pipe organ—"The Holy Night"...Dudley Buck Mr. M. B. Wella. Acolian orchestrelle - "Memories of Ver-

Mr. Bruce.

Yano—"Sonata Pathetique," op. 13. Beethoven (Grave. Allegro con brio.)

Mr. Bruce.
Pipe organ-Overture, "Semiramide"...Rossini
Mr. Wells. Nothing is more desirable than healthy skin, and Greve's Ointment excels in producing it. Parker's Hair Balsam is life to the hair. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism, dyspepsia and catarrh, because they are blood diseases.

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PRICE REDUCTIONS

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All our \$5.00 Jackets reduced to\$3.65 All our \$8.00 Jackets reduced to\$5.85 All our \$10.00 Jackets reduced to \$7.15 All our \$15.00 Jackets reduced to \$10.00

> NO JACKETS RESERVED NONE SENT ON APPROVAL



RIVER PLANS ALL RIGHT

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DOES NOT WANT TO INTERFERE.

Government Engineers Are Fully Competent to Direct Work at Mouth of Columbia.

A short time ago the Portland Board of Trade recommended the appointmen of a joint committee by the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association, for consideration of the condition of navigation at the mouth of the Columbia River. To this recommendation or suggestion the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce directed the secretary to reply as fol-

It is the judgment of the trustees, and I was directed so to inform you, that the system o improvements carried on at the mouth of the Columbia River by the United States engineers, has in the past produced beneficial results, and there is no reason to believe that, if car-ried on in the future, it will not be equally beneficial. The Chamber of Commerce has full confidence in the competency of the United States engineer in charge of the Columbia River improvement, and believes that, if his work is called into question, a situation of affairs may arise that would seriously retard improvemen of the bar.

A copy of the letter was sent Captain Langlitt, and he replied, expressing thanks, for the expression of good will and con-idence, and assuring the Chamber that its support at all times had been apprecithe position, if tendered.
As is required by law, a meeting of the board was called by School Clerk H.
S. Allen as soon as practicable after the same of his office will always be "to adopt such methods of work as will promise such methods of work as will promise such methods of work as will promise." S. Allen as soon as practicable after the death of Mr. Thompson, at which the members were formally notified of his demise, and that such action as they saw in speaking of the Chamber of Commerce reply yesterday, President Conmerce reply yesterday, President Conmerce reply yesterday, President Conmerce reply yesterday. fit could be taken toward electing a successor to serve for the uncompleted portion of his term, three years. conference committee had been misunderstood. The Board had no idea of unset purpose was to have a competent body of men become thoroughly acquainted with the conditions and needs at the meeting, on Monday, December 22.

A committee, consisting of Chairman
Beach and City Superintendent Rigler,
take an interest in studying the situation
from the standpoint of the public, and suggestions and to know the virtue of any plan of improvement that might be suggested. Nearly everybody admits that there have been important changes in conditions at the mouth of the river; the Board of Trade had deemed it wise to have a representative body of citizens to advise with and assist the en-

gineers in any way that might be practicable; that was all.

LA GRANDE SECONDS THE WORK. Heartly Indorses Portland's Efforts for Upper River Improvement. Secretary W. B. Palmer, of the La Grande Commercial Club, has sent the Portland Chamber of Commerce a copy of a reso-lution adopted by his organization, touching action toward opening the Up-

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17 .- 8 P. M .- Maximum ver reading at 11 A. M., 4.0 feet; change in the past 24 hours, -0.6 foot; total precipita-tion, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., trace; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 13.46 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 15.74 inches deficiency, 2.28 inches; total sunshine Dec. 16 0:00, possible sunshine Dec. 16, 8:36.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

State of weather. STATIONS. . |40|0.00| * NE | Cloudy | |30|0.00| * NW | Cloudy |42|0.00| * W | Pt. cloudy |50|0.00| 6 NW | Clear |30|0.00|00| Clm | Cloudy

Walla Walla *Light. **Trace.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Rain is falling this evening along the Northwest Washington coast. Elsewhere in the Pa-cific Northwest the weather is cloudy. The temperature continues below the normal the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast

The indications are for cloudy and threaten

ing weather in this district Wednesday, with occasional rain in Western Oregon and Wash ington. WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Wednesday, December 18: Portland and vicinity—Cloudy and threaten-

ing, with probably occasional rain; winds stly southerly. Western Oregon - Cloudy and threatening, with probably showers in north portion; winds mostly southerly. western Washington-Cloudy and threaten-ing, with probably occasional rain; southerly

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho-Light snow or rain; probably warmer; souther-Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho-Gener-

ally fair; variable winds.
A. B. WOLLABER, Acting Forecast Official.

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WHEATINE the same to-morrow

Resolved, That the La Grande Commercial that we will use all honorable means to assist our delegation in Congress to bring this about.

WILL CONSIDER FRANCHISES

Power Plant Ordinances Will Come

Before Common Council. The franchise to construct and maintain poles, wires, etc., necessary for the operation of an electric lighting and pow-

er system, asked for by R. Green, will probably be considered by the Common Council this afternoon. The lately-incorporated Oregon General Electric Company will also probably ap-ply to the Council this afternoon for a similar franchise, and an ordinance has been prepared to that end, which is in-

Club heartily seconds the efforts now being made by the Portland Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to secure the removal of all obstructions in the Columbia River above The Dalles to Lewiston, thus giving the Inland Empire an open river to the Pacific Ocean, and there is a fourth corporation which wants a franchise of the same kind, but nothfor a similar franchise, and also that there is a fourth corporation which wants a franchise of the same kind, but nothing definite has been made known in re-

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