# **NEW MAN IN FIELD**

APPLIES TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Proposes to Lay Underground Con duits-Four Propositions Are Now Up to the Portland Authorities.

An ordinance was introduced at yester day's session of the City Council grant-ing to Charles H. Baker, of Seattle, a franchise for 50 years to furnish electric light and power, lay underground con-dults, erect poles for wires on all streets. and other privileges incidental to con-ducting an enterprise of this kind. The proposal was entirely unexpected, and few of the Councilmen or others present know the importance of Mr. Baker's en-try into the scramble for franchises.

Apparently no one stood sponsor for the measure, which was sent to the clerk's desk to be read without bearing the name of the sender. Mr. Baker was not to be found at the hotels last night, and it is to be presumed is represented here by an agent who has thus far kept his identity secret from the general public. Charles H. Baker is the son of the finan-

cial backer of the Snoqualmie Light & Power Company, William T. Baker, pres-ident of the Chicago Board of Trade. himself a millionaire, and through im-portant connections representing many times that amount. C. H. Baker is at the head of the affairs of the Snoqualmie Palls Company, and has directed the con-struction of the plant and the extension

of the company's business.

About five years ago the younger Mr. Baker began operations in Washington, and the power developed at Snoqualmic Fails is now carried over 29 and more miles of wires into Seattle and Tacoma, to subscribers in both of which cities light and power are furnished. The investment made by Mr. Baker and his associates amounts to several hundred thousand doi-lars, and the financial backing which he ommands makes him a formidable figure in the contest for franchises in this city, if he is seriously after one. The other applicants for franchises here for electric lighting and power are R. Green, of Butte, Mont.; the Oregon General Electric Company and the City & Substitute State Seamer Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and the City & Substitute Sawmill was a British control of the Company and t Company, the two last named both of Portland.

The activity on the part of capitalisis to secure franchises at this time may possibly be occasioned by the provision in the new charter, now in the hands of the commission, limiting the life of fran-chises to E years. Another inducement which probably has had serious considera-tion is the 1905 Exposition, which will create a demand for a vast amount of electrical energy, both for lighting purposes and power. With the brilliant electrical displays of recent expositions as a criterion, doubtless the directors of the Ex-position will plan in this direction on a large scale, and the contract for furnishthe current and power will be of

So far as is known, Mr. Baker and those who are interested with him have not taken any one into their confidence as to the probable source of power, whether it will come from some of the waterways within a radius of 25 or 30 miles from Portland, or from other sources. The or-dinance yesterday was read twice and referred to the committee on streets. When it comes up for consideration before the committee, it is likely Mr. Baker will be represented and details of his plans will be given to the public

### SOUTH PORTLAND PROTESTS

Charter Commission Will Hear Dele-

At a meeting of the Charter Commission to be held tonight a delegation of citizens representing the South Portland Improvement Association will appear to protest against the proposed elimination of the Seventh Ward by consolidating it with the Sixth, J. E. Werlein, chairman of the committee, and the other members have prepared a comprehensive statistical be-port bearing on the subject. The argu-ment to be presented to the commission will be along the line that residents of Seventh Ward will be petitioners for a greater volume of improvements than any other ward, and that by reason of the population of the ward it is entitled to be continued as a separate district.

Two amendments to recommendations of the revision committee will probably be At a previous meeting the salary of the Mayor, under the new charter, was fixed at \$4800, which is an increase of \$1500 over the salary paid that official at present. It is understood that several members of the revision committee have reconsidered their former report, and that an amendment will be offered reducing the amount, the exact figure being as yet undetermined. In the matter of wages to be paid city inborers, the recommendation was that they be paid the highest rates for each class of work. An amendment will be offered by the commission fixing the compensation at the flat rate of \$2 a

commission is now well into the consideration of the legislative and other powers of the City Council, and the great-er portion of tonight's session will prob-ably by devoted to passing upon different sections having to do with this department of the charter. The final report of the revision committee on finance, revenue and taxation will come up, as will also the sections relating to franchises and public utilities. The provisions of the two inst-named subjects have been given exceed 25 years, for a fair consideration, and the right is reserved to make the com-pensation payable in a percentage of the receipts of the corporation applying for

### MRS. WHITING WANTS JUSTICE Her Dwelling Has Been Moved and She Is Afraid to Go Back.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 .- (To the Editor. -There has been a great deal said about Mrs. Whitling's building at the foot of Belmont street. Some things said are false, and some things true. The build-ing is moved about 30 feet from where it stood. It is moved off my logs, Joseph Supple never offered me anything. He has not spoken to me for several months. Neither has anyone down there spoken to me on the subject. I told Pennoyer the only piece of ground I knew of to which to move my building would cost \$200. There was no water there, and it was in a situation where I could not live at all. etting my house there and my things ould cost about \$300, to say nothing about buying wood and water, and be-sides there is no work for me to get, Pennoyer never said anything to me about

Now they have destroyed my home taken away a lot of lumber, tubs and other of my belongings. I do not know what they have done with them, They tell so many false things that I do not think it safe for me to go down there, besides it is nearly impossible for me to get there, for they have the way me to get there, for they have the way almost obstructed. I know that Supple does not intend to let my house stay where they have left it. They will not answer me when I ask them. They only say that Joe Supple is going to set the liver Pills, go at once to the nearest drug store and get a vial. They will sure ity please you. Don't forget this.

building there, which now stands in Bel-mont, between Water and First, the same building that was taken from the corner of East Second and Morrison.

C. H. Baker, of Seattle, Wants

Electric Franchise.

Comparison of East Second and Morrison.

The Chief of Politice offered to get a piece of ground for me that I would be satisfied with and would move my building and all my belongings, free of charge, and I would have it for a home. He promised to do this if I would consent to go, to which I told him I should gladly go. Then he came and told me he could not do it, and that he would give me \$20, and I could go and find a place and move myself. That was all he would do. I told him that \$30 would not be a and move myself. That was all he would do. I told him that \$30 would not be a commencement, even for one month, to which he said, "There is the Poorhouse." That was all he would do, and he said that I might come home any time and find my house torn down. They all seem to be joined together with Supple in the scheme to work against me, and it appears that they will not allow me any justice. that they will not allow me any justice. They have destroyed my home, and I cannot stay there with safety, as they have shown themselves to have such principles as they have. MRS. DORCAS S. WHITING.

FIRST SAWMILL IN OREGON

Earliest on Record Is Dr. John Mc-Loughlin's, 1836.

A resident of Walla Walla County has asked The Gregorian who built the first sawmill in Oregon. An accurate answer to the question would require long his-torical research, and even then the authorities might not agree. The question was yesterday referred to George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon

Historical Society. He said:
"I have not gone into this investigation very deeply. To delve to the bottom of all the historical records in search of the information would require a great deal of labor and time, such as my regular work prevents me from doing at present. I may say with full assurance that the first sawmill in Oregon was built before 1836. In that year Dr. McLoughlin had in operation a sawmill about five miles above Vancouver on the north bank of the Columbia. The mill was run by means of an overshot water wheel. Mrs. Marcus Whitman mentioned the sawmili in a letter which she wrote hom to her sister in the Eastern States. The Whitman party, in which were Dr. and Mrs. Whitman and Mr. and Mrs. Spaiding, arrived at the place September 11, 1836, on their journey down the Columbia. The following the reference made by Mrs. Whitman, dated September 12: 'Breakfasted at the sawmill five miles

from Vancouver and made preparations for entering it. You may be surprised to hear of a sawmill here, when I said that there was no timber on the Columbia. Since we passed the Cascades the scene

"This sawmill was a British enterprise built by Dr. McLoughlin, who was in the services of the Hudson's Bay Company. As to similar enterprises started by citizens of the United States in Ore-gon, I am unable to say positively which was the earliest. As early as 1836 there was one at the present site of Newberg. Yamhill County, built by Ewing Young and Solomon Howard Smith. It was on Chehalem Creek and was run by water power. The first sawmill within the pres-

ent boundaries of Clatsop County was built in 1844 by a man named Hunt." Mr. Himes is up to his cars in work, preparing his third annual report. His greatest labor is that of segregating and indexing the historical references and au-thorities received in the course of the year. The value of the records for ready reference inheres almost entirely in the

#### PILOT BOARD TO COME.

Wants to Explain Things to Portland Chamber of Commerce.

When Pilot Commissioner Farrell went to Astoria to attend a meeting of the Pilot Board Tuesday he carried a letter from President Mears, of the Chamber of Commerce, to the effect that it was the consensus of opinion among Portland ship-ping men that more pilots should be employed at the mouth of the river. President Mears had communicated with the shipping men for the special purpose of ascertaining what their views were on this subject, and the result was embodied in his letter to the Pilot Commission. The commission was unable to agree on the appointment of more pilots, though professing every desire to comply with the wishes of the shipping men and the Port-land Chamber of Commerce. A desire was expressed for a conference with the Chamber of Commerce, and the matter of arranging it was left in the hands of Commissioner Farrell. He will see Presi-

dent Mears today about it, It is understood to be the purpose of the Board of Pliot Commissioners to be present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, at which report will be made on an in vestigation into the conditions at the mouth of the river recently authorized by the trustees. The Pilot Commissioners are said to be fearful that matters will appear in this report that will need ex-planation or refutation on their part, and they wish to be on the ground to get im mediate hearing in that case. At any rate, there is not likely to be any objection on the part of the Chamber of Commerce to meeting and conferring with the Board of Pilot Commissioners at any time. Several of the Chamber of Com oners present at the regular meeting to be held next Tues-

### SMOKE BRINGS ENGINES.

Chinese Tooters Call Out the Fire Department.

A Cinaman saw a chimney smoking more industriously than usual shortly be-fore 12 o'clock last night, at the southeast corner of Second and Oak streets, and he immediately blew a police whistle, Other Chinamen ran out of the building, and they also tooted police whistles. Hearing the noise several policemen ran up, expecting that a small riot had broken out to the public. Power is given the Coun-cil to grant franchises for a term not to in Chinatown, and one of the bluecoats gasped, very much out of breath: "Wh-What's the matter?" "Filey," said the tallest Celestial of the group, pointing proudly to a small stream of smoke sail-ing from overhead. In the meantime some one had sent in an alarm of fire from box No. 14, and the Fire Department arrived, very much disgusted to learn the state of affairs. There was no loss

### CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Arrest of a Man Who Has Operated at Vancouver.

John Ramsey was arrested yesterday by Detectives Ford and Cordano, in a Whitechapel resort, charged with the larceny of an overcoat and a pair of gloves, the property of Dr. Stowell, of Vancouver, taken last Tuesday. The overcoat and gloves had been sold by Ramsey to a second-band dealer on Third street, near Burnside. Ramsey, who is not known to the Portland police, was taken to Van-couver for trial.

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and interest. It has a membership of the

a number entirely out of proportion to the

city and state. The society was founded in 1871. Of the members who joined dur-ing that first year there are still on the

membership roll: F. X. Auer, Adolph Burckhardt, John Donnerberg, Henry Ev-erding, Charles Hegele, C. A. Landen-

berger, C. H. Meussdorffer, John Reisach-er, Henry Rothfos and Henry Weinhard. In addition to these members the follow-

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city held its annual meeting Tuesday evening in its hall, at the corner of Mor-rison and Eleventh streets. Reports of city and state.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John Reisacher; vicethe president, treasurer, trustees, secre-tary and agent were made. The society is purely a charitable organization, and has president, Charles J. Schnabel; treasurer, H. Claussenius; secretary and agent, C. Bircher; trustees—Ludwig Levy, John Matthlesen and C. H. Meussdorffer; school directors, Joseph Heller and John purely a charitable organization, and has paid during the last year nearly \$500 for groceries, rent, clothing, railroad tickets and hospital services in cases deserving assistance and help. The society owns some valuable properties in the city, among which is the quarter block on Morrison and Eleventh streets. It derives its income from membership dues, rents and interest, it has a membership of 119 Wagner; physicians, Dr. Otto S. Bins-wanger and Dr. A. J. Giesy; auditors-Max Fleischhauer, Kasper Koehler and Otto Mangold.

DEATH OF MRS. F. A. BECK Former Resident of Portland Passed Away at Dorchester, Mass.

Mrs. F. Alleyne Beck, for 18 years a resident of Portland, died suddenly of heart failure, late Tuesday night, at her home in Dorchester, Mass, She left a

reduced.

chester. The Beck family came to Portland 20 years ago, and Mr. Beck was connected with the firm of Allen & Lewis for some time. Later he became interested in the insurance business with Henry Hewett & Co., resigning his position three years ago, when the family returned to Massa-

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far south of the Administration building members of the City Council last night,

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courage morning shopping more than ever before.

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ice, but it is asking almost too much to expect the

same attention and dispatch in serving you as can

be had during the morning hours. Arrange the

housework soyou can shop mornings -- try it once. We

know you will be much more satisfied in every way.

Toilet Articles, Stationery, all Fancy Goods, Drug Sundries at Clearance Prices.

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mercus relatives of the deceased reside.

Site for New College Building. CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 15.—The site has been selected for the new Agricultural

and work has been commenced by Con-tractor Snooks. The building is to be as

Hall at the State Agricultural College

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daughter is the wife of Dr. E. F. Tucker, of this city, where Phillips, the only son, also resides. Miss Sallie Beck and her also resides. Miss Sallie Beck and her friends. The funeral will be held tomorfather live at the family home in Dor- row at Newburyport, Mass., where nu-

> chusetts to reside. Mrs. Beck's maiden name was Sarah of her death. Her mother was a cousin of Captain John H. Couch, one of the ploneer merchants of Portland. She left

Piper. She was married to F. Alleyne Beck in 1866, and was 64 years old at the time a wide circle of relatives and friends in lose. Her eldest daughter, Mrs. E. R. Ad- this city, and her death is a great shock