

THEY'LL HAVE TO HURRY

CHARTER COMMISSIONERS HAVE ONLY SEVEN DAYS TO FINISH UP.

Making Great Progress, However, and Will No Doubt Have Their Labors Concluded in Time.

The Charter Board will present the city with a valentine soon. It will be in the shape of a charter. The board has been working on the valentine for nine long months. The valentine will be presented as long as the time taken to make it. It spreads over 55 pages of closely printed pages, and contains 46 sections. If length is a test of its worth, the valentine will keep fresh and bright for many a long day.

Only seven days are left, however, to finish the work. The board realizes that it will have to do some mighty fast stunts to get through in that time. The members therefore are working with a will, and devoting themselves assiduously to sawing wood. By February 14 the board will have been working nine months, the limit allowed by law.

"Hurry" was the watchword at the meeting last night. Most of the work of getting the charter into shape was delegated to the revision committee, in order to save time. Ten pages were covered and over 70 sections traversed. The board reached section 130 after a session of over two hours.

The meeting began with 21 members present. This number melted away to 13, but lack of a quorum was lucky enough not to be noticed for a long time. Members present were: Messrs. Mills, Teal, Montague, Gilman, White, Devlin, Ladd, Willis, Morgan, Holman, Hogue, Bronsagh, House, O'Shea, Harrell, Fries, Robertson, Laue, Wessinger, Giege and Beach.

The two most interesting events of the session were the rejection of an amendment fixing the minimum pay for unskilled manual laborers in the city employ at \$2 per day, and the rejection of an amendment prohibiting a street railway along First street between Jefferson and Everett. The reason for the rejection of these proposed amendments was that they would introduce legislation into the organic law of the city.

The first business taken up was consideration of the report of the revision committee. The amendment that members of the Council be paid \$5 for attendance upon Council meetings and \$3 upon committee meetings was adopted, and entered into the charter. A motion to refer back subdivision 15, section 61, relating to sale of spirituous liquors, was lost. In the matter of building inspector it was agreed that the Council may create the office and define its duties, at its own discretion.

An explosion of eloquence followed Mr. Devlin's proposed amendment to section 57, providing that the way be opened for any person, or set of persons, to block a needed street improvement. Contracting would lose money, and the whole effect would be demoralizing to improvement. There is nothing in the present charter to this effect, because the law apportions the costs. According to the new charter, the plan is to apportion charges according to benefits received by adjoining property. This apportionment is left to the Council.

Mr. Willis was set against any provision to keep citizens from having their cases decided by the courts. The city would not suffer by keeping the courts open. Mr. Holman chimed in, and declared the cost of litigation was a sufficient deterrent against unnecessary suits. The proposal was improper and un-American. Any benefits arbitrarily assessed would lead to trouble. According to the provision as it stood, any property-owner had access to the Circuit and Supreme Courts. Mr. Teal favored the amendment. After a good deal of seeing-sawing the vote was reached. It was in favor of the amendment by 15 to 4.

The clause in section 150, "The city shall pay not less than the highest going rate of wages" for labor was stricken out. The matter was thought to belong to the powers of the Council. Mr. Morgan then offered his amendment providing that \$2 per day should be the minimum wage for manual labor. He entered into a speech, in which he advocated the equity and advantage of the change. The proposed amendment was voted down by 13 to 8. Mr. Holman explained his negative vote by saying it was wrong to fix such a question in the organic law. It was proper to go into this detail. Mr. Montague explained his negative vote the same way.

Mr. Robertson proposed to substitute the words "regulate and control" for "prevent and suppress" in the clause referring to gaming and bawdy houses and the like. This was to give the Council power to license those vices. The change was rejected by a vote of 17 to 4.

Subdivision 35, article 67, giving the Council control of city jails, prisons, etc., was referred back, inasmuch as it seemed to conflict with the provision granting that power to the executive board.

The board had a glimmer of an idea of time fireworks when it came to section 97, which gives power to the Council to award street-car franchises. Mr. Holman proposed an amendment withdrawing the power from the Council to confer a franchise for a railway on Front street, between Jefferson and Everett. He declared that people along the street were unalterably opposed to a railway there, and that the Council should not have power to permit one. Mr. Teal did not wish to see the charter board legislating for any street. He thought that, in time, the interests of the street would require a railroad switch there.

Mr. White—You are wrong. Mr. Teal—I may be, but I think not. Mr. Robertson maintained that a railway would be a great detriment to the street. The street was too narrow. He would want to move away if there were a railway in the street. The Southern Pacific should use Second street. If it is access to the Union Depot. Mr. Bronsagh saw no reason for legislating as to one street in the city. He thought it probable that a railway on Front street, if not needed now, might be some day. The vote was against the amendment by 14 to 4.

Mr. Teal offered an addition to section 130, providing that the city from liability for debt incurred in excess of the amount appropriated for any purpose. It was referred to the revision committee.

PORTLAND IS AGAINST IT.

Extension of Consular Laws to Philippines Is Bad Policy.

Immediate extension of the United States consular laws to the Philippines is not favored in Portland. Such a policy, it is feared, would work to the serious detriment of this city in its struggle for transportation connections with the Orient.

One of the potent reasons for this apprehension is the disposition of the Harriman and Hill railroads. If foreign ships were shut out from direct trade between America and the Philippines, commerce with the islands would fall naturally into the hands of the Hill and Harriman syndicates. These syndicates are already in keen competition for control of trans-Pacific commerce. Neither has Portland on its map, Seattle is the port of the one, and San Francisco of the other. In the event of the sale of the Government transport ships and their inevitable purchase by these two syndicates, grant of American registry to the vessels would not benefit Portland. If the consular laws were extended to the Philippines, Seattle and San Francisco would divide the spoils. Portland merchants would have

no other recourse to reach the Philippines than that of shipping to Hong Kong and there reloading for Manila or of forwarding through Seattle or San Francisco.

Sentiment in the two latter cities for extension of the consular laws is strong. The ship-owners association of the Pacific Coast is dead set for it. Last December the association asked the Portland Chamber of Commerce to join in the petition for extension of the consular laws. The response sent from Portland was as follows:

We believe that at the present time our immediate interests would be handicapped by in-dorsing your position, that the consular navigation laws be applied to trade between the United States and the Philippine Islands.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce has declared in favor of the policy. Its resolutions maintain that failure to carry out the policy will operate as a great detriment to the owners of American ships and practically prevent them from entering into the Philippine trade.

Representative Tongue has asked the opinion of the Portland Chamber of Commerce on the subject. In a letter just received he writes:

Is there sufficient American shipping to carry the trade between Portland and the Philippine Islands if foreign ships are at once excluded? That this should be done in the end, as soon as their places can be supplied, I firmly believe. It goes without saying that we should not do this until we have sufficient American vessels ample to meet the needs of commerce. Can this be done by the first of January?

DEATH OF U. K. ARNOLD.

Well-Known Insurance Man Succumbs to Heart Trouble.

Urbah K. Arnold, 66 years old, of the firm of Boyd & Arnold, representing the Hamburg-Bremen Insurance Company, died yesterday morning from an attack of heart disease, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Linda Frank, widow of Emil Frank, 351 Eleventh street. Six months ago he was stricken with a severe cold, which he has not yet recovered from.

Mr. Arnold was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and at an early age he came to San Francisco, where he has since made his home. He was a member of the Columbia Lodge, No. 51, of Philadelphia. The funeral, which will be under the auspices of the Masons, will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Mrs. Frank's home, and the interment will be at the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Arnold was a member of the Masons, and was a member of the Columbia Lodge, No. 51, of Philadelphia. The funeral, which will be under the auspices of the Masons, will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Mrs. Frank's home, and the interment will be at the Masonic cemetery.

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"KANSAS RUBE" IS HERE

HIS NAME IS FERNS AND HE IS GOING TO FIGHT.

Ready to Meet Mr. Tracey on the Sawdust February 20—He Expects to Win.

Jim Ferns, known to the sporting world as "the Kansas Rube," accompanied by his trainer, Jack Hanley, arrived in Portland early yesterday morning, coming on the belated Northern Pacific train. Ferns has come all the way from Chicago to box with Tom Tracey, the match to take place before the Pastime Club February 20. The event was first scheduled for February 18, but, owing to a severe cold, recently contracted by the man from Kansas, the club officials decided to postpone it. When seen yesterday afternoon Ferns appeared to be in the best of health and spirits, having fully recovered from his recent illness. He was playing billiards with "Mysterious" Billy Smith, but was not too busy to stop and our little bout will be a hard one. Of course, I hope and expect to win, but I know the Australian to be a hard "scrap" and will prepare myself for a severe struggle.

Ferns was born in Pittsburg, Pa., January 20, 1874, and now holds the title to the white welter-weight championship. He has encountered nearly all the great welter-weights, and has knocked out such men as Billy Emerson, Dutch Neul,

be a big job, but it will be interesting reading in after years. It will show how each one is engaged and where the graduates live.

SORRY TO LEAVE OREGON

Professor Washburn Talks of His Resignation.

Professor F. L. Washburn, who recently tendered his resignation as professor of biology in the University of Oregon, in order to accept a chair in the University of Minnesota, was in the city yesterday. At the Imperial Hotel, where he was registered, he met quite a number of friends, who expressed regret at his intended departure from Oregon. In speaking of his resignation to an Oregonian reporter, Professor Washburn said:

"The position in the University of Minnesota, which I have accepted, was offered me last summer. At that time I refused it, and returned to Oregon, regarding the matter as a closed incident, and fully expecting to remain in this state for many years to come. But the opportunity was again presented about January 1, and, after a careful consideration of the proposition, it seemed best both for my family and myself to accept the place. This decision was not made without a struggle, and it gives me regret to leave Oregon, which has been my home for 13 years. I shall miss your beautiful snow-peaks, your rivers and grand forests, to say nothing of the Pacific, which favors us so during the summer season. Still more will I miss many friends who have done much to make our life here enjoyable."

"I leave for California the last of next week, where I expect to do some work in the University at Berkeley. My family will join me there in about a month, and I may see us on our way to Minnesota. Both Mrs. Washburn and myself have



George Fitzgerald, Paddy Purcell, Spot Robinson, Walter Burgo, Jack Bennett, Tim Murphy, Matty Matthews, Frank Erne, Joe Reppie, Jack Dougherty and several others.

Tom Tracey is training at the White House, under the direction of Martin Denny. The Tracey-Ferns contest promises to be one of the best boxing matches ever held in Portland.

Alumni Records.
The Alumni Association of the Sellwood School has secured a large register book at a cost of \$2, in which to "write up" the records of each member of the association. It is proposed to place in this book a sketch of each member since his or her graduation from the Sellwood School since consolidation with Portland. As the membership is over 100, this will

lived in Minneapolis and, having friends and relatives there, the city will seem like home."

Professor Washburn's recent appointment is the first promotion from the faculty of the University of Oregon. He obtained his A. B. and A. M. degrees from Harvard, was a graduate student at Johns Hopkins, and for a time instructor at the University of Michigan. Later he came to Oregon as the entomologist of the Experiment Station at Corvallis. After six years service there he accepted the chair of biology at Eugene. In speaking of the salary connected with his new position Mr. Washburn said that, in view of the additional cost of living there, it did not represent a much larger income than his salary here, but that the opportunity for original work was far better than here.

Second Annual Food Fair

Commences tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and continues through the month—This year's exhibit will present the most complete and handiest showing of food products ever attempted in Portland and will be of unusual interest to every woman in Portland—Thousands of sample packages will be distributed free, and you are welcome to taste all the good things.

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Today 652d Surprise Sale

Great Skirt Sale



Stylish Dress Skirts at a ridiculously low price is the offering for the 652d Friday Surprise Sale—about 160 all told—of good quality black Venetian Cloth—entirely tucked wide flounce with rows of silk straps—well made throughout, and all sizes—Today only at the remarkably low price of \$3.48 (Second floor.)

New Laces

We have just received by express the newest things in Venise Batiste and Arabian Applique—Magnificent styles for dress trimming—Just the thing scores of our customers have been patiently waiting for.

Handsome new Embroideries in edges and insertions—Very latest patterns.

Rummage Sale

Continues in every department—Remnants and odds and ends in all lines of merchandise are marked at very interesting prices—Selling such as we experienced during the Clearance Sale will always result in many remnants and odd lots—These we have marked at prices that should please every person economically inclined—A store visit these days cannot fail but to result in much profit to the purchaser.

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JUST LIKE JIM JEFFRIES

GATHERING OF BRUISERS RIGHT OUT OF THE CRADLE.

Gala Galaxy of Gaity in the Sawdust Arena That Was the Real Thing All the Time.

There was a "hot time" in South Portland last night. Terwilliger's Hall was the scene of a brilliant boxing tournament, in which the "hot dogs" and "warm babies" of the fistful cut a wide, wide swath. The South Portland Club, an organization of young men who love and cultivate the manly art, and arranged a programme which proved to be a galaxy of gaiety. All the old-time sports, and some who are not so old, were there, and they all enjoyed seeing "little" one mix.

Hood Bootler was master of ceremonies, and when the first round was announced at 9 o'clock, about 50 spectators were closely seated about the roped arena.

The first bout was a three-round go between young Gross and Jack Harris, both light-weights, with Jack Hayden as referee. The little fellows came together too early to avoid the rush. The crash would make Jim Jeffries look like a president of a local Y. M. C. E. society, and the old sports and O. R. & N. officials who were present called it the best thing of the season. But the referee called it a draw.

The next good thing was a battle royal between "Fat" O'Brien, Mike Dooley, Jim Sullivan and Bill O'Toole, all beardless, but game scrappers nevertheless. This affair was a regular top liner, and the spectators fairly went wild. One of the lads was about three feet in the beam and almost as high, and the other three seemed to have a special grudge against him, hammering him like muskies talking about a new singer in town.

The official announcer then "introduced" Mr. "Kid" Jennils, of Oregon City, and "Kid" Kelly, of San Francisco, both of Portland. "Mysterious" Billy acted as referee, and Jack O'Day held the watch. The boys went at it hammer and tongs, but Murray was "too many" for his rival, and won the decision at the close of the fifth round.

The last act was the blue-ribbon event of the whole show. It was a four-round go between "Kid" Freeman, of Spokane, and "Banty" Barrett, the idol of the Seventh Ward. "Banty's" work was a surprise, even to his most sanguine admirers. The little fellow looked like a dwarf alongside of Freeman, but put up a game fight all the way through. Freeman, who is also a very clever boxer, rushed the fight, but "Banty" had an elusive habit of ducking which warded off many a hard-aimed punch. Referee Tom Riley decided the contest a draw, and the spectators left the hall, fully satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

FOSTER WINS IN HIS CLASS.
Results at M. A. A. C. Billiard Tournament and Tonight's Games. The following scores were made in the

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M. A. A. C. Billiard tournament last evening:

First class—	Score.	Average.
W. H. Wyman	50	2.22
R. R. Gilder	58	1.94
Second class—		
Clyde Zeller	70	1.75
Ernest Gross	73	1.19
Third class—		
E. E. Mallory	69	2.32
George Streeter	69	2.10
Fourth class—		
J. B. Lumgard	59	1.67
J. R. Walte	54	1.55
Fifth class—		
H. G. Foster	50	1.56
E. P. Waite	49	1.50

Tonight's contests are as follows: First class, Goering vs. Trumbull; second class, Shiley vs. Zeller; third class, Manny vs. Bauer; fourth class, Holman vs. Warriner; fifth class, Robinson vs. Muehe.

By last evening's play H. G. Foster wins the championship of the fifth class.

Women's Civic League.

The women of Sellwood are invited to meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Plimpton, at Sellwood, to organize a woman's auxiliary to the American League for Civic Improvements. The organization will be auxiliary to and a part of the Sellwood Board of Trade.

Money for School Library.

The sum of \$25 was realized from the social held in the Brooklyn Schoolhouse, Wednesday afternoon for the benefit of

the library fund. The affair was under charge of Miss Alpha Dimick and the teachers. Through the efforts of the principal, the Brooklyn School has acquired an excellent library.

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