#### MAYORMAYUSEVETO

Ordinance Creating Oil District Is in His Hands.

HE DOUBTS COUNCIL'S POLICY

Informs Citizens He Does Not Believe in Setting Apart a District for a Fuel-Oil Com-

oll for manufacturing purposes, but I do not believe in the setting upart of district for a fuel oil company. I selieve our policy should be to induce the companies to come into the city. We should keep pace with other cities which have allowed entrance to the companies, but it is another question as to the location of the district and

The above is the opinion of Mayor Will-iams, given after he had heard the arguments of 10 property-owners and renters who were affected by the Flegel oil ordi-nance, which was passed by the Council Wednerday. From the tenor of the opin-ion, it is inferred that the Mayor will veto

the tanks.-Mayor Williams.

The Mayor gave a public hearing to all who had anything to say against the nance yesterday afternoon, and he had an nance yesterony internova, and the suddence of 10, who were contiguous to the district, consisting of E. M. Brannick, of Studebaker & Co.; H. J. Pisher, of Fisher, Thorsen & Co.; H. J. Averill, of Russell & Co.; W. O. Munsell, of the Moline & Rain Company; W. E. Weatherly, of the Worthead Company; Company. of the Weatherly Creamery Company; H. H. Emmons, representing investors; L. E. Trent, of the Parlin-Orendorff Company; Trent, of the Parint-Orenaut, Company, R. L. Darrow, of the John Deere Plow Company, and J. O. Humphrey, of the Abram Thresher Company, and Frank Filmt, of the Marshall-Wells Hardware

Citizens Make a Protest.

Mr. Brannick was the first speaker Few of the property-owners favored the location of the tanks in the East Madison-street district, and as for his company and others which had interests valued at \$700,000, property values would be depreciated 50 per cent. He also understood that the ordinance was faulty in that it did not permit the location of tanks in other localities. It was an exclusive franchise to the Standard Oil Company, and it was in a district in which the company's tanks had been located, and in which disastrons fires had occurred. He protested against making East Portland a dumping-ground for inconveniences, while other cities had granted permits for nulsances in different localities.

Mayor Williams spoke of the wishes of the people of Albina, who did not want any tanks located in their vicinity, and Mr. Brannick said the people of Central East Portland were not in the least de-strous of their presence.

"But an ordinance creating this district been passed by the Council, and un-"began the Mayor.

"But," Interrupted Mr. Fisher, "we want to put up a building on East Taylor street, between East Second and East Third, and if this ordinance should be approved we not build We want to know what we must contend with before we can take any

"It is no question at all." said Mr. Trent, "but that this oil ordinance, if it should be approved, will keep out a great deal of Eastern investment money. It will drive out business, for, as we shall have to pay a higher rate of insurance, we

Insurance Will Go Up.

"Yes," added Mr. Brannick, "we shall have to pay a higher rate of insurance. The tanks have caused an increase, and I have been told by the underwriters that if one of them should have exploded during the recent conflagration our rates should have gone still higher. An explosion would have caused the destruction of all build-

ings along the river front, as the burning oil would run down the river."
"In the new district," said Mayor Williams, "the streets would be filled up and the oil would not reach the river."

"But during high water," seid Bran-nick, "the sloughs are of the river's height, and the oil may seep through," "But," sald Mr. Munsell, "even if the oil does not seep through, why should the interests of property-owners be jeopard-ized? They have built their places of business, and if one oil company should come in we shall have a dozen. One is now considered dangerous, but how dangerous would a dozen be? Wholesnie houses have been built in the district, and what would be the disaster to them

if we should have another oil fire?"
"If we had known of this ordinance last year, we should never have built," said Mr Brannick certainly would never have built,"

said Mr. Humphrey. Mayor Sees No Advantage.

The Council has seen fit to create such a district, but I do not see any particular advantage that can be derived from it," said Mayor Williams, "especially when we come to think that tanks may be placed in different sections of the city under the direction of the Board of Fire Commis-

"But here," said Flint, "we have a hard insurance rate. "In Duluth we can get one-seventeenth of 1 per cent, but here we must pay from 2 to 2½ per cent. We intended to build on a part of the Ladd estate, but we have found that we can do nothing. Our man whom we expect from the East next week said, as soon as he heard of the high insurance rates, that the building proposition was off. Our house would have put a stock of \$500,000 here. I am sure, for it does not care so much for present value as for future worth."

"Russell & Co. are paying an insurance rate of 2 per cent at the present time." said Mr. Averill, "notwithstanding the fact that we have a watchman at our house, who has to report at the regular hours, and maintain a system of fire extinguishers. The insurance brokers say that a reduction of our rates is not possible, but an increase is likely on accoun of the disastrous fire of last Summer told them that a new main had been laid and that better fire protection had been afforded, but they told us that only for the main our rates would be greater," "Possibly," suggested Mayor Williams,

"the companies considered the buildings on stilts greater risks than other buildings in proximity to the oil tanks."

"Even if they did," said Mr. Averili, "what benefit do we derive from the dis-We derive no benefit, for we have to pay for the filling of the streets.

Nothing to Gain, Says Mr. Brannick. 'We have nothing to gain from the dis trict," said Mr. Brannick. years we shall have \$5,000,000 added to the trade of Portland, and all that sum will be settled on the East Side. These important interests will be jeopardized by the oll district, and the money would seek another field of investment. The North west affords a great field for investment, and the East Side one the best. The Oliver Chilled Plow Company is seeking a loca tion here, but on account of this oil dis-trict I shall lay the matter before it with trict I shall lay the matter before it with a great deal of hestlancy. The establishment of the district is a great mistake.

I wo nothing against the Standard Oil

Company, for it would be folly to do so but I may say that I have seen the time when an explosion occurred in Allegheny City and the oil ran down the rver." City and the oil ran down the rver."

"In the recent conflagration," said Mr. Trent, "we occupied a building of brick. There was every chance in the world to save that building, but the fire department, I do not know by whose orders, was called upon to protect the tanks of the Standard Oil Company in order to prevent a river conflagration. If the oil ordinance should be passed we shall have to build in another section, for we could not stay again in a place where a ringle stream only could be played upon a burging buildonly could be played upon a burning build-ing in which our goods were stored."

Mayor Will Make a Decision.

"Well," said Mayor Williams, "I believe in the introduction of crude oil for manufacturing purposes, but I do not believe in the setting apart of a district for a fuel oil company. I believe our policy should be to induce the companies to come into the city. We should keep pace with other cities which have allowed entrance to the companies, but it is another question as to the location of the district and the tanks. If a company should want to place an oil tank in the city it should make application for permission to establish them to the Common Council and the Board of pileation for perinted to the Common Council and the Board or Public Works, and if favorable action were taken that would settle the matter. The ordinance makes rigid provisions for the ordinance makes rigid provisions for the ordinance makes retaining walls, etc., but it is a question as to whether private in-terests should be subordinated to public interests. I have as yet formed no opinion as to whether I shall approve or disap-prove this ordinance. As a professional man, I am not acquainted with the cir-cumstances, but I am not afraid to yet the ordinance if, in my judgment, it is wrong, no matter who opposes or who approves. The ordinance was passed by a vote of nine to two, and I am sorry that the Council does not present with the ordinance the matter that you have laid be-fore me. In the first place, I believe you should have made these statements to the street committee, but as it ke my duty to make a decision I shall not shirk it. I have until the 29th to sign the ordinance." "Withhold your signature until the 28th accommodate us," appealed Mr. Bran-

"Yes," said the Mayor, "I shall give rou all the opportunity in my power for a hearing. But the last day will be the

The Mayor waved his hand as a sign that the conference was at an end, and the gentlemen from the oil district de-parted.

BLANKET FRANCHISE COMPLETE. Street Committee Approves Ordi-

nance and Recommends Passage. The blanket franchise to which the Portland Railway Company had agreed made its final bow to the street commit-tee last night, was approved and was sent to the Council with a recommendation that it be passed. Not an error or omission was found in the ordinance, and all the committee had to consider was the last section, which related to the pur-chase act by the city, and which the joint meeting of the Council and Board of Public Works required the company to submit. The section provides for mu-nicipal ownership, in conformance with the provisions of the proposed charter, and was adopted as it was read. City Auditor Devlin was instructed to check in the ordinances which the company up the ordinances which the company irrendered, and final passage of the ordinance was then recommended.

Those who attended the meeting were Councilmen Rumelin, Bentley, Merrill and Zimmerman, of the street committee; Councilmen Albee, Cardwell and Foeller worth, resident directors of the rallway

WEARS A FURNISH BUTTON This Is Urged to Sustain Eli Hub-

bard's Plea of Insanity. A plea of insanity was entered in the case of Ell Hubbard, who was before Mu-nicipal Judge Hogue yesterday charged with having defaced property. He had

thrown a bottle of vaseline through a window valued at \$150.

A physician was called and failed to find any evidence of the man's insanity, so he was given three months, but the Judge told him that the County Court would be notified, and if it was shown that he was insane he could be changed to the Insane

"The court does not think, however, nat you are insane," said he. Deputy that you are insane," said he. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Gatens was of a different opinion. The man was wearing

"The fact that he is wearing that button," said Mr. Gatens, "is evidence in my mind of his insanity. I regarded it much in that light before the election, but to wear the button at this time is quite convincing evidence."

The man seemed very ill at ease. As soon as the attention of the attorney was called in another direction he made a grab for the button and put it in his pocket. The defendant said that he had recently been turned out of an asylum in Callfornia but if he cannot show better evidence than wearing a Furnish but-ton ha will probably have to serve his

TO OUESTION MELLEN. Manufacturers' Association to Ask His Views on the Fair.

The directors of the Manufacturers' Association last night resolved to ask President Mellen, of the Nowhern Pacific, whether he really said that the Lewis and Clark Fair would not "pan out." The directors desired to have something more tangible than rumors to work on, and therefore decided to put the question pointblank to Mr. Meilen

"If he really said that," remarked a di-rector after the meeting, "Portland will do business with other railroads. But we are fair enough to give him opportunity to deny the report. I can hardly believe that he made such an utterance as is at-tributed to him."

The directors resolved also to give \$300 to the fund for an Oregon exhibit at Osa-ka. The Chamber of Commerce has al-ready voted to donate \$300. The proposition is now "up to" the Board of Trade, whose share of the contributions is \$800. Next Monday the joint committee of the Lewis and Clark directors, Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce and Manu-facturers' Association will meet to arrange for carrying forward the project. It was expected that all the money needed would be raised by that time, but the Board of Trade has not yet come forward with its part of the fund. The Lewis and Clark board will give \$2000.

TODAY, THE LAST DAY

Of the Sult and Overcont Sale. This is the last day on which suits and overcoats can be bought from the Brownsville Woolen Mills store at the special prices advertised for the past two Today \$10, \$12 and \$15 will but the \$15, \$30 and \$55 special suits which are all hand tailored and made from the choicest patterns. Today we also open several cases of fine wool underwear which will be sold at one-half the price in up-town stores.

Remember the store has moved from Third street to Washington, near Second

2000 PAIRS BLANKETS.

Wait for It, Monday Morning. The Brownsville Woolen Mills store will Monday morning place on sale 2000 pairs of fine, pure wool blankets at one-half the regular retail price. It will pay to wait for them.

Going to Memphis?

#### BLACKWELL FORCED OUT

PORT OF PORTLAND COMMISSION ASKS AND GETS HIS RESIGNATION.

Differences as to Quality of Timber Accepted for New Drydock Led to This Action.

The Port of Portland Commission has asked for and received the resignation of J. E. Blackwell, the engineer who of J. E. Blacker. the engine who has been superintending the construction of the new sectional drydock at Vancouver. There have been differences of late between the Commissioners and the engineer as to the quality of timber accepted for the drydock, and as no agreement could be received it was decided to ment could be reached, it was decided to dispense with Mr. Blackwell's services and get an engineer who would carry out the wishes of the board. Beyond this matter, no charges are made by the members of the board against Mr. Blackwell. President M. C. Banfield, of the Port of Portland Commission, said yesterday:

"Mr. Blackwell's connection with the board has been cevered, so far as con-struction of the drydock is concerned, but he holds himself ready to give the board any and all information in his power in regard to a site for the drydock, as well as any general information that the board may wish. The only question in dispute is the classification of timber going into the drydock. On this matter the board and Mr. Blackwell could not agree. Our con-tract with Mr. Blackwell was at the rate of 3½ per cent for the plane and 1½ per cent for construction of the dock. As the plans are ours, having been bought and paid for, the change will not interfere in any way with the construction of the dock on the plans and specifications as drawn up. The same plans will be car-ried out, and the only change will be in engineers. In fact, the only misunderstanding between Mr. Blackwell and the board was on the interpretation of the

Mr. Banfield stated that no one had been appointed yet to take Mr. Blackwell's place. As to the complaint of one of the members of the compision, who is quoted as saying he is opposed to the star-cham-ber methods of the board by which im-portant business is transacted in execu-tive session, Mr. Banfield's only comment was that the complaint was probably made by a member who has not been attending měetings regularly.

MOTHER FINDS LOST BOY Young A. B. Bloomer Was Sleeping Pencefully at Police Station.

"It is a wonder that some not impugn our motives for taking care of the lost," said one of the policemen last night, as the mother of little A. B. Bloomer came into the station to re-claim her boy, who had been found wandering aimlessly about the streets.
"Some one seems to find fault with everything we do," he continued, "and I

fully expected that the mother of that boy would go after us for having taken her boy in charge when he was lost." Young Bloomer had been found wan-dering about near the City Hall during the afternoon. He was lost, and said that he had not seen his mother since noon. He knew that his father had gone to work, but did not know where. He was taken to the station, and after a vigorous search his mother was found and told that she could get her boy by coming to the station after him. The little fellow was very sleepy and hungry. It was fully 10 o'clock before his mother found him, and he had eaten nothing since noon. About 10 o'clock his mother and little

sister appeared at the station.

"Where is my boy?" asked the mother, anxiously, and the Captain pointed him out, sleeping peacefully on a chair in the

"What is he doing here? Why was he brought here?" she asked. The police looked troubled, as if they were about to receive their usual roasting.
"He was lost, and—" the Captain began to say, but the mother was satisfied

"I was afraid he had done something to get himself in trouble," said she. "I may take him home without paying fine, may I?"
"Why did you not stay with the people boy; but he only yawned and

rubbed his eyes. "I guess I will leave you in jail until morning, to teach you to stay at home," she continued; but even this threat did not awaken him, and he yawned again.
"Come on, then: let's go home," she

said tenderly, seeing that the boy could not be scared; but by this time he had dropped back into the chair and was again sleeping peacefully.

He was soon awakened, however, and

the trio started for home "Funny thing," said the Captain, as they left. "I expected that we would get a roasting for that."

found who have strayed away from home and got lost.
"We can tell them on the street." said he. "They are wandering about aim-lessly. We do not bother a boy that knows where he is going, but we can tell in a minute when they are lost.

TEAMS IN A SMASH-UP.

Horse of Fred Wagner Is Injured and Wagon Wrecked.

A Wells-Pargo & Company Express wagon, driven by C. B. Sawtelle, collided with a light vehicle owned by Fred Wagner and driven by George Grub on Sixth street near Pine yesterday after-noon. The hub of the heavy two-horse wagon struck Wagner's horse, dislocating its shoulder and upsetting the wagon, cutting and bruising Grub's face, and bending one of the axies almost into a semi-circle. It appears from statements of witnesses, that a large wood wagon was going south near the middle of the street and that as Sawtelle, who was driving fapidly, was about to meet it Grub, who was behind the wood-wagon, started to pass it without seeing Sawtelle." A row of cement barrels near the sidewalk prevented the express driver from pulling any further to the right from pulling any further to the right than he did, and Grub was caught between the two heavy wagons. Both were going too fast to check quickly and the hub of the express wagon caught the light vehicle and the horse. The sidewalks on both sides of Sixth street, between Oak and Pine, have been

street, between Oak and rine, have been torn up for some time, and as the pedes-trians are forced to mingle with the rap-idly moving wagons and busses, both drivers and foot-travelers have a hard

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for either a scarf or complete set

Outing Flannel Night-Robes

58c

200 ladies' outing flannel nightrobes in pink and blue stripes, braid trimmed, big full sizes and regular 75c grade, for today only, 58c

(Second Floor.)

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Boys' all-wool 2-piece Suits, dark blue, gray and brown mixed cheviors, ages 8 to 16 years, regular \$3.10 ouths' fine all-wool dark blue

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single or double-breasted,

ages 14 to 20 years, at ..... Boys' fine-quality cape Mackintoshes, 9 to 14 \$3.35

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Inportant Saturday specials: Toilet Soap, the kind sold elsewhere at 22c, today 15c

Benzoin Cosmetic Soap ..... Woodbury's Facial Pow- 1.6c

der, reg. 25c, today Griffin's Cel'bid Safety Razors 1-blade, \$2.25 value, today 2-blade, \$3.00 value, today 81.68 82.32 3-blade, \$3.75 value, today

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Ladies' "Black-Cat" Hose, heavy ribbed, fleece lined, fast colors, 35c value

28c Pair

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At regular lace counters.

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