

AGREED ON A PUMP

But Fireboat Committee Awards No Contract.

ACTION ON MORAN BID DELAYED

H. Wittenberg, Who is Investigating the Deal in Seattle, Makes Request for Postponement, Which is Granted.

The fireboat committee of the Executive Board yesterday discussed the bids and the whole subject of the fireboat from every standpoint and then adjourned without doing anything, because H. Wittenberg had telegraphed to Mayor Williams from Seattle, stating that he wished to lay certain facts before the committee and asking that it postpone action on the Moran bid until Friday. There was a full attendance of the committee, besides F. A. Ballin, the naval engineer; A. G. Long, representing the American Fire Engine Company, and Fritz Wolff, representing the Phoenix Iron Works, one of the bidders on a wooden hull.

The Mayor began the proceedings by reading the following telegram from Mr. Wittenberg, dated at Seattle, August 12: "I earnestly advise your committee to investigate Moran Bros' bid before calling deal off. Have canvassed matter here and visited their works. Can report Friday. Please delay matter until then."

Rodney Gilman said Mr. Wittenberg had also telephoned him that he had something to say on the subject, but that he had replied that it was impossible to postpone the meeting.

E. D. Curtis took occasion to reiterate the opinion at which the committee had already arrived, that it must have a steel hull and a steel pump. He said: "We must procure for the city the very best, most efficient, most durable, up-to-date fireboat that the appropriation will pay for. We have never lost sight of this primary responsibility, nor allowed anything to turn us aside from that specific duty. However important the subject of yards, outlers and contractors may be, it is a secondary consideration. We have ascertained beyond question that steel hulls only are first-class and that the American Fire Engine Company's pumps are considered by experts the best made. They are used on the fireboats of New York, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis and, in fact, we know of no municipal fireboat equipped with any other. We should be showing our appreciation with the public funds with so much at stake. Hence while it remains practicable for us to build a steel hull and supply these pumps for \$30,000 or less, I, for one, will not consider any other proposition." He closed by calling attention to the fact that the bids of W. A. Bowle & Son, of San Francisco, were still open for a steel hull with wooden deck and a wooden pump.

"Only One Pump," Says Mayor.

"I will not consider anything but that pump," said the Mayor. "I see from the correspondence with Moran Bros. that they want to make money on that pump. They have been trying to buy pumps from other pumpmakers."

"What is the San Francisco bid?" asked Mr. Gilman.

"It is \$22,425 for a hull of steel, \$28,800 for a steel hull with wooden deck and pump," answered Mr. Curtis.

"We might get Moran to put in the American Fire Engine Company's by agreeing to make a smaller deduction than \$11,000 from the contract price," suggested Mr. Gilman.

"Would it not be better to advertise for new bids?" queried Mr. Curtis.

"If we could get pump from Moran which would be an exact duplicate of the American," began Mr. Gilman, but he was interrupted by William Fliedner with:

"How should we know that it was a duplicate? Would it not be better to have a wooden hull with good pumps than a steel hull with cheap pumps?"

"I could not consistently vote for a wooden hull. It has been thrown away," said H. W. Goddard. "The boat would have to be hauled out for repairs for two or three weeks at a time and that would be the time when our big fires would occur. It is not expected to be in office by that time."

"If Moran duplicated the Fire Engine Company's pump, would it not cost them as much as if they bought it?" was the Mayor's question, based on a doubt whether Moran Bros. had the facilities to do the work economically.

"They claim they can build a pump from the plans and specifications of the American Fire Engine Company's pump; they have the plant to make any pump. The question is whether the board will take chances of their doing it. I have no doubt such a pump can be built in Portland, for our machine shops have the facilities," was Mr. Ballin's contribution to the discussion.

Mr. Gilman threw more light on the subject by saying: "Don't you think that Moran, on finding that there was five or six thousand dollars difference between his own and the next bid for a steel hull, has raised this question in order to get a little extra payment for putting in the Fire Engine Company's pump?"

"But that advertisement was drawn up with the distinct understanding that we reserved the right to put in the American Fire Engine pump," said the Mayor.

"It was distinctly understood that no mention should be made in the specifications of the particular kind of pump to be used, but that only a description of it should be given," explained Mr. Ballin.

"The question is what deduction will Moran allow to let us furnish the pump?"

George H. Howell was then given a hearing as the representative of the Federated Trades, and put in a plea for home industry, saying:

"Best Should Be Built in Portland.

"I understand that the question whether the fireboat shall have a steel or wooden hull has been reopened. I wish to say on behalf of the Federated Trades and the mechanics of the city that, if possible, the boat should be built in Portland. The money is to be raised in Portland, and it does not seem right that it should be spent outside the city. I have here a paper showing that as many fireboats are built of wood as steel. There is much dissatisfaction because work is sent away which could be done here. If we are going to have a Greater Portland, the way to begin is to patronize the plants we have here."

Mr. Curtis brought the debate back from home industry to pumps by asking Chief Campbell what percentage of other cities have municipal or other pumps.

"The board has letters from every city on that subject," answered the chief. "In some cities they have taken out their pumps and put in those of the Fire Engine Company. All the fire engine builders have consulted in the American Fire Engine Company, which has combined in its pump the best points of the pumps made by all the separate companies."

Mr. Long then came forward to explain the merits of his pump, saying that it was the acme of all the makes. His company owned the patents of all the companies, and combined all their

PATROLMEN TO KEEP MUM

ORDERS ISSUED NOT TO TALK ON BEATS.

Police Must Accept No Free Cigars or Drinks and Must Buy New Uniforms.

Hereafter the patrolmen of the Police Department are to accept no presents from any one and are not to talk while on duty except on subjects pertaining to police work, these are the orders issued by General C. F. Beebe, of the police committee of the Executive Board. The orders of his highness, Chief Hunt, are to be obeyed to the letter on pain of suspension.

From the orders given by General Beebe and Chief Hunt at the regular inspection of the police force this week the department is to be a military basis. Soldiers instead of peace officers are to patrol the streets of Portland. Never in the police history of the city have the lines been so tightly drawn about the force as now under the administration of Chief Hunt and the present police committee.

It was a mighty charged lot of policemen that left the Municipal Courtroom after the inspection. The new orders were a puzzle and they knew not what to expect in the future.

General Beebe addressed the men, telling them what a strong and well-founded admiration he had for their most worshipsful chief. He then informed them that hereafter all orders proceeding from Chief Hunt were to be obeyed to the letter.

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WANT MORE TELEPHONES

Labor Unions and Others Indorse Petition for Franchise.

The application for a franchise made by the Independence Telephone Company is to come before the street committee of the Council on Friday afternoon. The petitioners for the franchise will appear before the committee, fortified by the indorsement of a large list of business men and residents. A systematic canvass has been made of the business and residential districts for signatures to petitions, and it is claimed that the showing made to the Councilmen will be very strong.

The indorsement given the company by labor unions is to be impressive upon the Councilmen by the applicants for the franchise. Thus far both the Federated Trades and the Building Trades Council have indorsed the application. In addition 21 Portland unions have approved the movement. Those unions which have indicated their desire to see favorable action taken are:

Electrical Workers, Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, Painters, Broommakers, Cigarmakers, Cooks and Waiters, Coopers, Carpenters, Express Drivers, Water Plant Federation, Bartenders' League, Journeymen Blacksmiths, Longshoremen, Plumbers and Gasfitters, Sheet and Metal Workers, Carpenters, Tailors, Bricklayers, Plasterers, Beer Drivers and Wood and Metal Lathers.

Those who are working for the franchise answer the contention that the franchise is only desired in order to be sold to a trust. They say that there will be no objection if the franchise is made to read that it shall be inoperative unless the grantees actually build under its provisions.

BIG CIRCUS COMING.

Ringling Brothers' Greatest Shows to Amuse Portland.

The circus is coming, and coming soon, for Monday, Tuesday, August 18 and 19, are the days picked for the appearance of Ringling Brothers' World's Greatest Shows in Portland. Two performances will be given daily at 2 and 8 P. M., and the doors will open one hour earlier for inspection of the large and complete menagerie. The Ringling Brothers' Show in the past has been one of the amusement marvels of the century. Twenty years ago an exceedingly small affair, a score of wagons would have easily hauled it from place to place. Today it takes more than four times as many double-trailers to transport what is now really the largest circus ever organized. Scores and scores of novelties are introduced on the programme this year, and a new spectacular performance called "Jerusalem and the Crusades," is presented with over 1000 people in the cast, among them being 300 dancing girls and 100 chorus singers. Nothing on so large a scale has ever been attempted in this country, and this, their latest and greatest effort, proves that the Ringlings thoroughly believe in keeping a trifle ahead of the times. Five or six days are really an event in Portland, and young and old will doubtless rejoice when the Big Show comes to town.

Both days of exhibition, admission and numbered reserve-seat tickets can be purchased at Rowe & Martin's drug store, corner Sixth and Washington streets, at the same prices as charged at the ticket wagons at the show grounds.

Port of Portland's Old Junk.

A furniture van as big as Noah's ark and filled with packages of all sizes backed up in front of Sogges' potato store on Front street, Portland, yesterday attracted considerable attention. As a dozen men wrestled with a large, high case, trying to get it in among the potatoes, a large crowd collected. It was found that the Port of Portland had rented the second story of the old-fashioned narrow building, in which there is no elevator, and only a narrow, cramped staircase, for a storeroom for a lot of druggs. The first to be got in down stairs was a pattern for a huge cog-wheel about ten feet across. "I don't know how he got the 'eaves' if he's going to be 'up there,'" said Mr. Burgess, as he squinted up the narrow stairway. "Why did they send the bloomin' stuff around here in that big van?" asked one of the crowd. "It will be a rare old street-ramp up there if they ever get the stuff up," said another. "Why on earth didn't they get room for the big patterns on the ground floor of a warehouse where a truck could have driven in and unloaded?" "Rum lot of blokes that Port of Portland crowd must be," said another. One Chinaman invented a pump which would not pump water, and I suppose his successor is trying to take care of his

Meier & Frank Company **Meier & Frank Company**

"Peninsular" Stoves, Ranges and Wood Heaters—A very large showing of the best stoves on earth—Basement.
Artistic Picture Framing—An immense variety of the newest style moldings—Orders promptly executed—Very lowest prices.
Custom Shade Work a specialty—Best Materials and Workmanship—Third Floor.

SHOE Bargains

"Willamette" Sewing Machines

For the 721st Friday Surprise Sale

The grandest Sewing Machine offering ever made in this country is your opportunity tomorrow—forty "Willamette" machines—The highest grade of Sewing Machines money can produce will be offered at a ridiculously low price for tomorrow only. Our main reason for offering them at this time is to place this machine in comparison with others being offered around town. This beautiful "Willamette" machine has automatic-lift drop head, the woodwork quartered golden oak, crescent shape, piano finish. The head outclasses all others; It embodies in construction the best workmanship, material, durability and simplicity. Complete set of attachments: ruffler, tucker, binder, braider foot, shirring plate, four hemmers, quilter, foot hemmer, feller, etc. The machine is full ball-bearing, running 50 per cent easier any other. A Fifth-street window display shows you what they look like. Come in and try it. Forty of them tomorrow only at.

Every machine fully guaranteed for 10 yrs.—Mail orders filled at this price.

A few of the many special values in the shoe section—The best shoes the world produces are being offered at less than manufacturing cost:

Ladies' black and tan Lace or Button Shoes, odd lots of good styles, values \$2.00 and \$3.00 a pair, your choice at

\$1.00 pair

Men's Oxfords in patent leather, patent corona and velour calf, the best \$3.50 style in all sizes at

\$2.65 pair

Little Gents' Shoes in vici kid and satin calf, sizes 10 to 13½, heel and spring heel, \$1.50 values

\$1.16 pair

Misses' \$1.50 Shoes, 11½ to 2, for \$1.16 a pair.

\$5.00 and \$6.00 Shoes, French, Shriner & Urner and J. & T. Cousin's makes for men and women are all greatly reduced.

The "August Linen" Sale

Have you taken advantage of our August Linen Sale? If there's any part of the linen closet that needs replenishing—table or housekeeping linens—the present chances for saving are so many and great that you can't afford to let the month slip by without supplying all your needs. And remember, please, only the best linens, the most satisfactory linens. The sale includes all the famous "Shamrock" brand of table linens made by John S. Brown & Sons, the linens known the world over for being superior to all others—both in quality and style. The leading transcontinental railroad sent us an order yesterday for 500 table cloths and 1000 napkins for their dining-car service and designated in their order "John S. Brown Table Cloths" and "John S. Brown" napkins.

Men's and Boys' Clothing

Clothing bargains for men and boys—bargains of the first magnitude. Good styles and materials, medium weight. The pricing the lowest you can find anywhere. If you have clothing needs to supply you can save money by coming here.

Men's all-wool Suits in fancy and unfinished worsteds, meltons and blue serges, best styles, all sizes, suits the exclusive store **\$9.15**

Men's fancy Tweed, Worst and Serge Suits, handsomely tailored, latest styles, the exclusive clothiers' \$20 suits, you can **\$14.15** buy here at the low price of

All our finest \$22.50 and \$25.00 Suits in the best and newest materials, latest styles, your choice at **\$18.10**

Boys' Clothing Bargains

All \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$4.00 Suits now **\$2.98**

All \$4.50 and \$5.00 Suits now **\$3.85**

All \$3.75 Sailor Suits now **\$2.80**

All Kilt and Wash Dresses less than cost. Great bargains in Youths' and Young Men's Suits.

Wash Goods Bargains

Thousands of yards of this season's best Wash Fabrics going for a song. Every yard of Summer material must be cleaned out at once. We've marked them regardless of cost or selling figure.

Thousands of yards of fine sheer Summer Fabrics in medium and dark colorings, all new, desirable styles and patterns, the greatest value we ever offered, today, all you want at yard **7c**

25c and 35c sheer Summer Materials in a vast assortment of new patterns and colorings, the great wash goods value of the season, today at **14c**

36-inch best quality Percales in light, dark and medium colorings, guaranteed fast color, especially adapted for boys' waists and girls' dresses, also ladies' waists, today **11c**

50c and 75c Novelty Wash Goods, finest sheer materials, handsome styles, yard **25c**

Round the Store

All Refrigerators at one-fourth off regular prices—Basement.

New Fall Suits for women—walking and dress styles arriving by every express.

The new Neckwear for women commencing to arrive.

Felt Walking Hats for Autumn—natty styles.

All adjustable Go-Carts marked below cost.

Trunks and Bags—3d floor.

"Peninsular" Ranges, new models, all sizes.

Card Engraving at the very lowest prices.

All the latest copyrighted books sold here at \$1.08 copy.

New Beer Mugs, just received, fancy designs.

New variety of Beer Steins—Basement.

W. G. SMITH & CO.

Third Floor Washington Building. Are the Leading

Wedding and Visiting Card Engravers

SEE OUR MONOGRAM STATIONERY BEFORE ORDERING ELSEWHERE.

FIREBUG TAKES A REST.

Police Search for a Mysterious Young Man.

The incendiary fires have ceased as suddenly as they began. No fire of a suspicious origin were reported to the fire department yesterday, and the firemen are coming down from the anxious look-out they were placed in on the nights of Tuesday and Monday evenings.

The police are busy, however. The firebug question has been transferred from the fire headquarters to the Police Station and the detectives were about town yesterday shadowing several suspects.

A description of the man who kindled the fire under the Exposition building Tuesday evening has been given by three small boys who met him as he was leaving the scene of the conflagration which he had planned.

It is a young man for whom the detectives are looking. He is aged about 21 years, is slender in build, 5 feet 6 inches in height, has a smooth face with dark skin, dressed in black machinist's overalls and wears a black Fedora hat. This is the description of the firebug as given by the boys to the detectives early yesterday morning. As soon as this definite description was received by the detectives started out with one of the boys in the hope of finding the much-wanted man upon the streets. Though every portion of the city was searched no young man of that description could be found.

Several men, whose actions have been suspicious, and who dropped an occasional word on the firebug question, are being closely watched by the detectives. No arrests will be made until definite information is received, as the police are chary of arresting any one, only to be forced to let him go through insufficient evidence.

Not only was the young man seen by the boys at the Exposition building, but he was also observed by the landlady of the Hesperian boarding-house near the wooden shanties in the rear of her establishment shortly before the fire which threatened to destroy the building.

Meanwhile extra precautions against incendiarism are being taken by the owners of unprotected buildings. Night watchmen are instructed to be constantly on the lookout for suspicious characters and the specials and the regular patrolmen will not hesitate to arrest any one whose actions around buildings are at all suspicious.

VANDERBILT PAYS DUTY.

Bride and Himself Have 40 Trunks on Return From Europe.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Reginald C. Vanderbilt, who has just returned from a European trip with his bride, paid \$600 in duty to the Collector of the Port of Boston. This is the largest collection ever made by a tourist at that port. It is said the examiners checked up Mr. Vanderbilt's declaration, item by item, requiring two hours to go through 40 trunks which the couple brought in.

COLUMBIA RIVER SCENERY

See to advantage only from deck of a Regulator Line steamer. Through steamers for The Dalles leave daily (except Sunday) 7 A. M. The palatial steamer Bailey Gatzert leaves daily (except Monday) 7:30 A. M. Sundays, 8 A. M. for Cascade Locks and return. Excellent meals on all steamers. Landing foot of Alder street. Phone, Main 514.

EXCURSION RATES EAST.

Via Great Northern Railway.

Chicago and return **\$17.50**

St. Louis and return **\$15.00**

North and return **\$12.50**

St. Paul and return **\$10.00**

Duluth and return **\$8.00**

Dates of sale—August 18 and 19, August 25 and 26. For full information call on or address H. DICKSON, City Ticket Agent, 122 Third St., Portland, Or.

SMITH STILL WAITING.

Not Given Promised Position as Assistant Postmaster by Bancroft.

H. C. Smith, Chief Clerk of the Circuit Court, has not received the promised appointment of First Assistant Postmaster under F. A. Bancroft. There's a hitch somewhere, for Smith was to be rewarded by the job, and Mr. Bancroft wanted him to have the place. He and Mr. Bancroft have been very thick, for it was Smith that took around the recommendation of Mr. Bancroft for postmaster.

It is supposed that Mr. Bancroft made some sort of arrangement with W. F. Matthews, whereby the latter was to support his candidacy, and he in return was to retain C. A. Burkhardt, who holds the office of assistant. About a month ago, when Burkhardt went away on a vacation, the story got started that he was to be superseded, but Mr. Bancroft sent him a telegram saying that the report was untrue and that his services were entirely satisfactory. Senator Mitchell's attitude in the matter is not known, but it is supposed he sides with Bancroft, who is very close to him.

Whether Mr. Burkhardt feels sure of his job or not, he is working as straight as possible and saying nothing that his enemies could use against him. He was Postmaster Crossman's assistant also, and

PET GOAT EATS STAMPS.

Revenue Collector Comes Along, and Salsoonkeeper is in Trouble.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 12.—A special from Memphis says: The stomach of a goat is to be analyzed by expert chemists, in an effort to account for the disappearance of a number of United States revenue stamps, involving several hundred dollars. This morning a wholesale whisky firm sold five barrels of whisky to a saloonkeeper. The whisky was delivered and left on the pavement in front of the store. The proprietor's pet goat ate the stamps off the heads of the barrels, and soon after a Government inspector inspected the whisky and found the necessary stamps missing. He thereupon confiscated the whisky. The proprietor explained that the goat ate the stamps. The inspector declined to accept this explanation. After a conference it was agreed to kill the goat and examine its stomach to locate the missing revenue stamps, in order to protect the saloonkeeper from a heavy fine.

Discussing a New Courthouse.

ST. HELENS, Or., Aug. 12.—There will be a special term of County Court next Saturday to consider the matter of building a new courthouse. County Judge Dean, who resides at Rainier, has announced himself as in favor of at once beginning preparations to build a new courthouse, although it is not believed that all the members of the board are fa-

avorable to the erection of a new building for several years yet.

Previous to the county seat election the citizens of St. Helens contended that the old courthouse would answer all purposes for a few years yet, although the assertion that a new building is needed was not denied. However, the County Court has the authority to erect a new building if it is so disposed.

Good Advice for Travelers.

When going to the mountains or sea shore or taking a journey on business or pleasure never leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is worth many times its cost when needed, and may save life. Buy it now. For sale by all druggists.

is understood to have supplied W. F. Matthews with information which helped to Crossman's failure to get the reappointment.

Such Winter Work in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(To the Editor.)—I read with much interest and full approval the "special" from Ontario, Eastern Oregon, in your issue of today. I wish to call attention to the statement that "Eastern Oregon does not supply labor for the winter season"—and that "in that fact lies no little difficulty." Doubtless your correspondent means that laborers cannot find outside, farm or rough work in the winter season in Eastern Oregon. Yes, but Western Oregon supplies this want most fully. Think of the hundreds of thousands of acres to be cleared of brush, young fir and undergrowth, which have passed and are passing, and will this fall pass into the hands of purchasers eager to change a "partly improved" into a "fully improved" farm or ranch at the earliest moment.

I am told and have seen, and know it to be true, that a good man can slash an acre of brush in five days, can keep on doing it, and in scattering or light brush can do nearly twice as well. Men can, and they do, keep at this work, with very short intermission through our Western Oregon winters. At present prices the pay is very good, and is not at all likely to be decreased. I know men who earn from \$2.50 to \$5 a day on clearing contracts in winter, and look well, strong and healthy on the work. Better for Oregon, is it not, to have this done by her own citizens, old or new, rather than by gangs of Chinese or Japanese laborers? Yet, done it must be, and it will be.

WALLIS NASH.