CHARTER PROVISION QUOTED

Councilman Defends the Visit to Los Angeles, Declaring That Investigation of Streets and Telephones is Necessary.

The fund from which the \$1500 will be appropriated to pay for the Los Angeles journey of the Council is provided by the charter and is quoted as being the "Ap-propriation for miscellaneous expenses of the Council."

While the charter does not state specifically that the fund shall be used for "junkets," in the opinion of the Council-men, the purpose of the fund is to permit just such trips as they are about to take. Section 22, article iv., which provides the fund, reads as follows:

To expend for purposes not in this charter otherwise authorized during any fiscal year moneys out of the general fund of this city not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$1000, no part of which sum shall be expended except by ordinance duly passed by the affirm ative vote of two-thirds of the members of the A balance has been carried over from

last year, and as there is now about \$1800 in the fund, the Councilmen are enabled to appropriate \$1500.

City Auditor Devlin, although invited

to accompany the Councilmen on their journey, will not go, insofar as the dutles of his office will not permit his leav-ing. There is some doubt as to whether A. K. Bentley will make the trip. Regardless of this, however, Mr. Bentley said vesterday:

"If the Councilmen have no right to appropriate this money for a trip to Los Angeles, they should be jumped on, but as they have a right, I see no reason for the criticisms. We have had one experience bere with a second telephone com pany, and we do not propose to give another franchise that will permit a company to bleed the people for a few months and then sell out to the present concern. Public opinion is apparently in favor of the journey, although the press is against it, for every man I meet says, I am glad to see that you are going to make the

"The Empire Electric Company makes some pretty strong claims for their auto-matic telephones. The question is, Can they substantiate them? Well, we are going to find out. It is not only the telephones. We are going to improve miles and miles of streets this year. We have spent millions of dollars in the past, but the City of Pormand has not as yet one good street. The Councilmen will see the streets of the cities in the South and they will learn the methods governing their improvement. The trip is not a 'Junket,' and there is no question but what the result will be of material benefit to the city."

Mr. Bentley then turned to his tele

phone and waited possibly 50 seconds for a response from the central girl.

There is an example of the service we are having. This company has promised us the very best of service and two telephones for the same price that we are paying for the one. It was only a few years ago that I had two telephones, one one either side of my desk. To pay for two telephones again will incur just za much of a burden upon me as upon any other business man, but if the coming of the new company will ultimately benefit the city by giving us better service and bring us in contact with probably 10,000 bring us in contact with probably 10,000 people who will have nothing to do with the present company. I am in favor of it. If I am convinced, however, that the Empire Company intends eventually to sell out to the Pacific States Company, as did the Columbia aggregation, why, I zhail oppose it."

#### They Know Each Other

Two Patrolmen on Local Police Force Played Together While Boys in

AS BOYS they went to school together in far-away Gottenburg, Sweden, and after years of journeying, Patrolmen Carlson and Isakson are wearing the blue cloth and nickel-plated shield of the Portland Police Department.

Both attended the Technical High School. After finishing that course, Carison entered a military academy. Isakson epted a position of trust with of the largest lumbering firms in the world, and remained with the company a long time. Afterward, when he had grown to manhood, he shipped and traveled about considerably. After a good many years, he arrived in Portland, where he has long been a member of the police

Carlson came to Portland several years ago, and, after working at the painters' trade, made application and became a member of the police force. Isakson has special hours, reporting for

duty under Captain Gritzmacher and re-porting off duty to Captain Moore. He is the most eccentric member of the department in writing reports of things both on and off hir beat. With each case he reports he tells Chief Hunt or the Captains just what should be done hobby is keeping the electric lights burning on his territory, and it is said that he has never failed to report from one to 25 lights out each night.

Carlson is attached to the second relief,

commanded by Captain Bailey. When the new alterations were made at Police Headquarters, he had the honor of being assigned in plain clothes to do the paint-

#### A BIG BLANKET SALE

Today.

133 pairs of 10-4 Vacuna Wool Blankets at \$2.50, \$2.45, \$2.15, \$2.50, \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$5.50 \$7 pairs of White 10-4 Wool Blankets, \$2.85, \$3.45. \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$8.50. 247 pairs 10-4 White Cotton Blankets, January Clear-ance Sale prices, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00, 347 Comforters, full size, assorted colors, 75, 85c, 85c, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Real Down Comforters, handsomely covered with fine sliky sateen, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$8.50, \$9.50 and topward to \$1245. See us today on blan-kets for genuine bargains.

M'ALLEN & M'DONNELL

Sues for Commission. O. C. R. Ellis and J. H. Gibson yesterday commenced suit in the State Circuit Court against Ciara Speake to recover \$155 commission alleged due on the sale of the Metropole Lodging-House. Eills and Gibson aver that they were to receive 5 per cent on the first \$2000 and 2½ per cent commission on any sum above Mrs. Speake and she purchased the lodg-

Hood's Sarssparilla ensures good diges-tion and strength to the vital organs. lusist upon Hood's.

Beds and Bedding are being sold at exceptionally low prices during the Clearance Sale-Entire stock of high-grade Brass Beds marked way below cost-Third Floor

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The largest and best trunk store on the Pacific Coast-Every good size and style in trunks, traveling bags, suit cases and -Clearance prices prevail this

### Great Hosiery Clearance Sale

Women's, boys' and girls' Hosiery-A range of prices that makes it easy to please everybody-5000 pairs to clean up this week, every pair of standard quality and priced at the lowest level of the

**Great Clearance Sale of Dinner Sets** 

Don't let the 1905 Clearance Sale slip by without supplying the new Dinner Set that you

will need this Summer when entertaining Fair visitor's-You can save one-third of the cost

is included — Basement

60-piece semi-porceltin set, pink decorated, gold | 60-piece semi-porcelain Dinner Set, heavy green

Men's Clothing at Cost--Second Floor

Women's heavy, four-thread, soft-finished cotton Hose, 29c m fast color, all sizes. Best 50c values for, pair ..... Women's Maco cotton Hose, spliced heel, double sole, all black, with white sole, ribbed top or hemmed top, broken lines. Best 35c values for, pair.....

Women's outsize cotton Hose, medium weight, excellent quality, all sizes. Best 50e values for, pair . . . . Women's fine-ribbed, light-weight lisle Hosiery, all sizes, splendid quality. Great special value at, pair. Women's outsize fleece-lined cotton Hose, fine gauge, medium weight, all sizes. 35c values, on sale for, pair Women fine quality drop-stitch Hosiery, outsize, fast

color, all sizes. Best 35c values on sale for, pair. Boys' and girls' "No-Mend" Hosiery, foot and | heel reinforced with linen thread, three weights, seamless or full fashioned. Sold everywhere at 35c pair; sale price, pair....

Boys' athletic Hosiery, heavy ribbed, all

edge. A Dinner Set you can't equal

around town for less than \$10.00...

sizes. 25e quality, pair.....

Girls' fine imported German cotton Hose, 1 and 1 ribbed, double knee and sole. All sizes, pair ..... 15c

Entire stock of infants' Hosiery, in all grades 15c and styles at low clearance sale prices.

if you buy this week-Every good style and quality

100-piece set, same as above, for......\$19.50

100-piece Haviland china Dinner Set, pink decorated,

60-piece Haviland china Dinner Set, green floral decorated,

60-piece semi-vitreous Dinner Set, pink decorated gold edge. Greatest value ever offered at.... \$7.20

this price ...... \$7.52

\$18.00 Overcoats at \$14.35

\$20.00 Overcoats at \$16.15

\$25.00 Overcoats at \$19.75

\$20.00 Raincoats at \$16.15

60, piece German china Dinner Set, blue, violet

or pink decoration. Value extraordinary at

gold on knobs and handles. Great value

at ........

gold finish, open stock pattern. Unequaled

America's best-made Clothing, Stein-Bloch's, L. Adler Bros. &

Co., Hart, Schaffner & Marx, The Washington Co., and others

marked at prices below actual manufacturing cost-Suits and

Overcoats of the best style and materials, perfect fit guaranteed.

Every garment in our immense stock is offered at very low prices

Men's \$10.00 Suits are now Reduced to \$ 8.15

Men's \$12.00 Suits are now Reduced to \$ 9.10

Men's \$15.00 Suits are now Reduced to \$10.85 Men's \$18.00 Suits are now Reduced to \$13.85

Men's \$20.00 Suits are now Reduced to \$15.00

Men's \$25.00 Suits are now Reduced to \$19.75

\$14.00

#### hundreds of at \$14.00 each; your choice..... Tailored Suits at Half Price

Portland's leading Cloak and Suit store continues to offer re-

markable clearance sale bargains in all lines of women's ready-

to-wear apparel - Every garment in the department marked at a

\$6.00 to \$20.00 Coats at Half Price

Women's 25-inch, 26-inch, 27-inch, 28-inch Jackets, in cheviots, coverts,

tweeds, kerseys and crushed plush, tans, blacks, blue, brown and eas-

tors, in half-fitting and tourist styles, all sizes. Coats 1/2 Price selling regularly at \$6.00 to \$20.00 each; your choice at. 1/2

\$20.00 Raglans for \$9.85 Each

Women's cashmere Raglans, brown and black mixtures, collarless, fancy

mutton-leg sleeve. Splendid garment that we have sold \$7.45

braid trimmed, belt all around, shirring, etc. Best \$20.00

quick-selling price-Note the following:

30 Women's Tailored Suits, in cheviots, broadcloths, tweeds and coverts, black, blue, brown and mixtures, jackets are tourist style, with or 

Entire stock of Evening Costumes and Wraps at clearance sale prices-All Silk Waists and Petticoats at special low Clearance Sale Prices-Entire stock of Cravenettes and Tourist Coats, Dressing Sacques, Tea Gowns, Wrappers, Kimonos, Etc., at low Clearance Prices

#### Domestics

\$1x90 Sheets, 60c value, each ..... 49c 72x90 Sheets, 55c value, each..... 44c 64x90 Sheets, 50c value, each..... 39c 81x90 Sheets, 55c value, each.....46c 72x90 Sheets, 50c value, each ..... 41e 45x36 Pillow Cases, two great lots, remarkable values at, each .... 15c, 16c 42x36 Pillow Cases, great val., each.11c 12-yard pieces of long cloth for the low patterns and colors, at this low price, New fancy silk dot Organdies, all the leading shades and designs, popples, roses, violets, apple blossoms, etc.; styles desirable for evening and Summer gowns, 50c values, yard. 33c

## Men's Shoes \$3.50, \$4 Values \$2.82 a Pair

800 pairs of men's fine Shoes, in all the best leathers, patent, viei, box and velour calf, light or heavy soles, Goodyear welt, all sizes and widths-the best \$3.50 and \$4.00 footwear sold in American on sale at, pr. \$2.82

### Women's Shoes \$2.22 a Pair

Women's dress and walking shoes, in patent leather, patent colt, vici kid and box calf, light or heavy soles, all new, this season's footwear; every pair guaranteed the equal of the best \$3.50 shoes on the market; your choice at, pair ..... \$2.22

Women's vici kid, spring heel Shoes, in sizes 21/2 to 31/2 only, \$2.50 values, being cleaned up at the low price of, pair .. 75¢ Old ladies' lace and Congress Shoes, the \$2 values, pr.\$1.39 hildren's felt Juliettes, pr. 40¢ Women's House Slippers, best \$1.25 values, on sale, pair. 94¢

Our entire stock of women's men's and children's fine Shoes at low Clearance Prices. J. & T. Cousin's make, French, Shriner, & Urner Shoes, Johnson Bros. Shoes, etc., etc. Family Shoe needs should be supplied this week if you want to save money.

### Stationery **Bargains Today**

Eaton Hurlburt's Highland Linen Paper, lors, extra special values, all colors, extra special values, 27c Dennison's Crepe Paper, all col-ors, extra special at, roll...... Dennison's fancy Crepe Paper, 28c folds, best patterns, each... 12c Crepe Paper Napkins, large assortment of patterns, great special values at the very low price of Sc. 12c, 18c, 28c per hundrd. 

#### Towels! Towels! Towels!

All Portland is buying Towels this week-The great special values we are offering are of special interest to housewives, hotel and boarding-house keepers-Four lots have e remain

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### Great Soap Sale Today

Toilet Articles of every description at Clearance Prices.

Japanese Pine Tar Soap, box...15e
Ali Drug Sundries at the lowest
Clearance Prices.

### Clearance of Lace Curtains

The liveliest Lace Curtain selling we have ever experienced is going on here during the final week of the great annual Clearance Sale-All the best grades and styles marked at intensely interesting prices-Third Floor



Lace Curtains, plain centers and allover patterns; great values at \$1.50 qualities, pair......\$1.07 \$1.75 qualities, pair....... \$1.19 \$2.25 qualities, pair......\$1.58 \$2.50 qualities, pair.....\$1.88 \$3.00 qualities, pair......\$2.28 \$3.25 qualities, pair.....\$2.48 \$3.50 qualities, pair.......\$2.55 Figured Swiss Curtains, with plain ruffles, 36 inches wide, 3 yards long, one patterns dotted and figured Swiss Curtains, with plain ruffles, 40 inches wide, 3 yards long; great special val-Indian Stools, golden or Flemish oak,

2, 3 and 4-pair lots of Nottingham

just the thing for bedrooms, ea 98¢ small borders, 50 inches wide, 314 ereatest values in high-class Lace Curtains this city has ever shared in: 2, 3 and 4-pair lots way below value. \$8.30 Curtains \$5.65 Pair. \$8.50 Irish Point Curtains, scroll,

\$8.00 Curtains \$3.95 Pair. 5.50, \$6.00 Irish Point Curtains, scroll centers, with heavy Irish Point borders; size, 53 inches wide, 2½ yards long, pair ... \$3.95 \$7.50 Curtsins \$4.95 Pair.

plain or detached figure centers, neat borders, best nets, 50 inches wide, 3½ yards long; marvelous value at, pair . \$5.65

3-fold Screen, white enamel, oak or imitation mahogany, \$1.75 value ..

### Clearance Sale of Laces

Black, white and cream even- | ing nets, fine quality; values up to \$1.75 yard, on sale at the low price of, \$1.19 Exceptional reductions on real Valenciennes and Torchon Laces; handsomest patterns: 85c values, yard......63c 50c values, yard ..... 42c 

89c \$1.50 values ........ \$1.19

\$6.75 and \$7.50 Irish Point Curtains, plain and detached figure centers,

Duchess and Point Berthas: magnificent styles at Clearance Sale Prices.

\$25 values .........\$19.00 \$35 values .....\$27.00 Entire stock of Laces, Embroideries and Dress Trimmings

marked at exceptionally low Clearance Sale Prices.

Entire Stock of Men's Trousers at Clearance Prices Men's Dress Suits and Tuxedos at Clearance Prices Men's Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes Reduced

Men's Fancy Vests, White Coats, Aprons, Reduced

\$10.00 Overcoats at \$ 8.60

\$12.50 Overcoats at \$ 9.35

\$15.00 Overcoats at \$11.65

\$16.50 Overcoats at \$13.10

#### Handkerchiefs

Women's and Children's hemstitched iawn handkerchiefs, with fancy em-broidered corners and lace edge. best life values on sale for, each. Women's Shirtwalst Handkerchie's, with colored borders, all pure linen, 12 1/2 C best 25c values on sale for..... 12 1/2 C 

#### Men's Wear

200 dozen Zic Neckwear, fancy silks, best patterns and colors, 4-in-hands, tecks, milget ties and bows, immense vari-ety marvelous values at only. Men's Laundered White Bosom Shirts, the grade that always sells at 75c each, are on sale this week at 35c each, or 3 for \$1.00 \$1.00 Men's and Boys' wool Golf Gloves, best styles, all sizes, 50c and 75c grades, on sale for, pair..........39c Men's 50c colored border Handker-29c Men's \$1.00 colored bosom Shirts on 59c Men's colored border Japonet Handkerchiefs, each...... Men's \$1.00 Natural Wool Under-wear, garment.... Men's and Boys' Underwear at very low Clearance Prices. Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps at Clearance Prices. Men's White Shirts and Nightshirts, Buspenders, Gloves, Umbrellas, etc., at low Clearance Sale Prices.

#### Infants' Wear--Clearance Sale Prices

The babies can be outfitted here at a big saving this week; all the things that baby needs are marked at unusually low prices-Our cozy little infants' room on Second Floor insures quiet and privacy while you are making selections-

Embroidered flannel Skirts, cambric waist; \$1.25 values.......98¢ Infants' Slips, tucked yoke effect; best 75c values ....... 59¢ 75c Scotch flannel Kimonas .... 59¢ Long Scotch flannel Kimonas \$1.12 Cream outing flannel Skirts, combried bands; reg. 50c values.....37c Crocheted Capes, pink and white and blue and white; \$1 val. .73¢ Crocheted bolero Jackets, pink and white and blue and white ... 63¢ 36-inch embroidered flannel; 47¢ 18x34 quilted Pads for buggy . . 32¢ 15e Diaper Pads, each.......12c 15c quilted Feeders, each ..... 10c 7 Leather Buggy Straps ..... 38¢ Black kid Moceasins ...... 15c

#### Groceries Low Priced Here--Basem't

10 ibs. whole wheat Flour. 30e
10 ibs. sack Pastry Flour. 30e
2 pkgs. Seeded Raisins. 25e
3 pkgs. Jell-O. 25c
Gal. Log Cabin Maple Syrup for.#1.25
½-gal. Log Cabin Maple Syrup 65e
2-lb. can Sliced Pineapple. 15e
2 cans Duchess Peaches. 25c
2 cans Apricats for. 25e 2 cans Apricots for 25e
"Victor" Flour, none better, for \$1.20
M. & F. famous Mocha and Java
Coffee, equal to usual 40c grade,
for, lb. 24e Basement.

Phone Exchange 4.