SAYS METHODS ARE FAULTY

Little Aid is Given to the Needy, She Says, and Two-Thirds of the Money Goes to Useless Officials.

The report of the City Board of Char-ities and criticisms that have arisen as a result of the alleged misuse of funds created much talk among the subscribers to the treasury of the organization

One of the former patronesses of the institution is Mrs. E. G. Harvey. For a number of years she was a regular contributor, but, owing to the lax methods by which the financial part of the board were conducted, she has ceased to give. According to the story of Mrs. Harvey, she was for some time an ardent supporter of the charitable insti-tutions in Portland, and had the utmost confidence in the City Board until per-sonal experience taught her differently. Some time ago Mrs. Harvey gave to the institution a slove, for which she had no further use, with the under-standing that it was to be placed in the home of the first worthy family that applied for it. After a few weeks Mrs. Harvey found such a family, and went to Secretary Walpole with the request that the stove be sent to the ones. According to the story of Mrs. Harvey, the family which she sug-gested was badly in need of a heating stove was in such destitute circumstances that none could be purchased. She called upon Secretary Walpole and stated the necessity of providing the family with a stove at once. He asked the name of the family and circumstances before answering Mrs. Harvey, and then told her that she could tell her new-found sims-seekers that the head of the family could have a stove for the price of its weight in old iron He further explained that the City Board of Charities was not being run to encourage paupers, and that the best remedy for a family in such a position was to go to the county institution, where relief was to be had for the asking.

"This is not the only story that I could tell of the manner in which the City Board of Charities is run," said Mrs. Harvey, "but it serves to illus-trate how it is conducted, and the methods that are employed in helping needy people. The City Board collects money from our merchants and charitably-inclined people, and then gathers in a lot of merchandise from those that cannot afford to give cash, and the officers sit in the office while waiting for their sal-aries to be paid. Rather than give to a poor family the help that they may need, the officers attempt to sell the merchandise, and thereby increase the salary fund or amount of money on hand for the assistance of the poor.

"I believe that the City Board of Charities could be a great help to the poor of this city," says Mrs. Harvey, "and I am willing to lend them all the assistance within my power, but I do not think that it is right that over twohe money given by our peo-be spent for salaries of usethirds of the mon tess officials."

MR. T. N. STRONG ON CHARITIES

He Declares It Wise to Spend Bulk of Money Investigating Cases.

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 .- (To the Editor.) important, attracts public attention to it so that it can state the reasons of its existence and give the public the opportunity of judging its work, whether it is good or had. The criticism ought, however, to be reasonably fair. Bodney I. Gitam and John C. Alnaworth, quoted in the two articles of The Sunday and Monday Oregonian, criticising the City Board of Charitties, have both voluntarily sent word to me that they criticising the City Board of Charities, have both voluntarily sent word to me that they have been misquoted, and the statement put in large letters in the heading, "All Money Not Credited Says J. C. Annaworth," is absolutely incorrect, and he did not so state. Mr. Almsworth did not give the City Board of Charities \$25 in 1804. Mr. Almsworth's bank, the United States National, gave \$100 that year, which is properly reported, and this Mr. Almsworth rightly considered was enough for him to give. Whether the other persons quoted are quoted correct to the persons quoted are quoted corported, and this Mr. Altaworth rightly considered was enough for him to give. Whether the other persons quoted are quoted correctly I have not taken the trouble to inquire. As to investigation, the City Board
of Charities believes In this, and the medicine it prescribes for others it will cheerfully take itself. The Chamber of Commerce, or any other organization, may at
any time day or night, and up its investigating comittees and they will be afforded
every facility, and as to black-listing us,
well, well, an odd old lady telephoned to
me only the other evening that, a la Henry,
she was going to indict the board. Perhaps indicting would be more effectual.

Now, as to the question of salaries. This
is the old shop-worn criticism of associated charity work and arises from entire
misconception of what the work of such a
board as ours is. This misconception we
have always tried to correct. We do assecisted charities constitution that forbids
giving alims.

In my annual address to the board, pub-

giving alms. in my annual address to the board, published in 1901. I stated: "It is not an almsgiving board, and much to the aurprise of chesp philanthropists, it will at any time wisely spend three dollars rather than give wisely spend three dollars rather than give one. During its comparatively short existence it has used about \$86.136.02, and a large proportion of this has been expended in the employment of skilled professional assistance. The old Indian potlatch system of charity stands aghast at this and professes to believe that this maney should have been given away, left at the crossroads for every needy beggar, and it is strange how this old and victous concept of charity still obtains among intelligent people." Are we extravagant in our salaried list? How do we compare with similar orlist? How do we compare with similar or-gardzations? In Minneapolis in 1963 the togaritations? In Minneapolis in 1903 the to-ial expenditures were \$7003.60, salaries, \$3247.83, office rent, printing, postage, water, emergent relief \$951.65, office supplies, tele-phone and telegraph \$121.23, street-car fares, furniture, books and periodicals, delegates to conferences, insurance, provident fund, stamps and bond for collector takes all the rest.

stamps and bend for collector takes all the rest.

The emergent relief above referred to, which means direct relief, is only \$303.05. In our board this emergent relief with an annual expenditure in 1904 of \$6424.45 for the Henn alone of meals, lodgings and provisions, foots up \$1094.10, and in addition to this dry goods, fusl, furniture, hauling and freight, labor and repairs, rent, etc., are made up largely of relief of this character given and so very much swell the total. We therefore spent in relief from our regular funds perhaps four or five times as much proportionately as the similar board at Minneapolis. Our salary list was very much less proportionately. The Minneapolis special relief fund for 1903, all spent for direct relief, was only \$609.32 Ours for 1904 was \$281.05, for 1903 \$489.10, and this does not include the nurses fund or clothing, eic. Take the two reports side by side, the Portland one spends much less for salaries and much nurse for direct relief. land one spends much less for salaries and much more for direct relief

specified time, they think that the trouble of the pedestrians can be remedied to a great extent, and with this object in view, a meeting is to be held today. In-vitations were sent to all interests concerned, and especially to County Judge Webster, Mayor Williams and the officials of the local United States Engineer's De-

misch more for direct relief.

The cocieties at Providence, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Baltimore and a number of others seem to spend their money very much as we do, almost the exact items appearing in their accounts.

The City Beard of Charities of this city, I think, gives much more direct relief than similar societies elsewhere. This we are compelled to do by the peculiar conditions in the city. When we get older we will be embled to make our poor people still more hearly support themselves. The question then is, Does this kind of society which intentionally cuts down money alma-giving to the y cuts down money alms-giving to the owest possible figure benefit the community which it operates? Among intelligent philanthropists there is

MAY DISCHARGE ON SOUND NO DECISION REACHED AS TO

only one answer to this. Help men, women and children to help themselves, spend hundreds of dollars in this endeavor if necessary, but don't make paspers of them by giving them aims if it can possibly be avoided. Years ago a skilled mechanic came to us destitute, his family was on the warge of suffering, he could not get work at his trade, he was unskilled in any other. Our salarised employe booked up some work for him. I think it was digging out and selling the bones from a near-by old slaughter yard. He prospered, did well. We didn't spend a dollar, except for salarty. A burnt-out family stood shivering on a wharf in this city. A large sum—I think it was nearly \$110-was raised and a little farm was found. The man prospered, paid arm was found. The man prospered, paid very cent back, and in the hard times of here last month, ostensibly for Vladivontok, though she cleared for Moji.

ovide for itself.

J. C. Ainsworth for three years sub

Bank, which accounts for the confusion

which arose when he stated he was a

subscriber, and it was found that he was

made no instruction that his money

any other subscription was not credited,

R. L. Glisan was interviewed over the

telephone and denies having made the

NOT IN SALOON AFTER 1 A. M.

Chief of Police Hunt Denies Charge

Show me the man who said it

posed to be closed

1 A. M. is folly.

Made by Councilman Flegel.

land's peace department has visited sa-loons after 1 A. M.-when they were sup-

show me the man who said I was in any sulcon at or after I A. M. Let Council-

man Flegel bring him out into sight, where he can be seen and heard." Chief Hunt further said:

"Blace I have been Chief of Police

after II o'clock at night. So, to charge

me with having been in a saloon after

"Furthermore, I am informed by Cap-tain of Police Balley, who commands the

second relief, that saloons are not keep-

ing open after the hour specified by or

dinance for closing. Acting Sergeant Car-

penter, attached to that rollef, reports the same. Both officers are men whose

statements can be relied upon, and I be-lieve what they say. That is a triffe

more definite than 'reliable information'

have been complained against and prose

like to see the man who has told Coun-

cilman Fiegel he saw me in a saloon after

by Procession of His Countrymen.

To a land peaceful and calm, where

long wars never come and where high-

binders no longer make miserable the life

accommodate the friends who followed his body to the grave. The cortege started from 245 Alder street

at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It wound its way slowly along the broken stone

strains of Chinese music filled the air and while punctured bits of paper were scat-

All the strange and fascinating cere-

mony of the Chinese was observed before the body of the departed was removed

from the hearse and laid under the cold.

damp earth of Lone Fir Cemetery. There all that is mortal of Lee Jong will lie

until the happy day when his bones will

be removed, boxed and returned to his native land. Such is the Celestial cus-

Lee Jong was one of Chinatown's most prominent citizens and merchants. He

WILL SEEK MIDDLE COURSE

Bridge Question to Be Discussed

With View of Pleasing All.

It is expected that some solution of

the bridge-closing question will be found at the meeting called for this afternoon.

While the river interests think that too

great a hardship would be imposed on them by the closing of the draws for any

partment. The meeting will be held in the offices of the D. P. & A. N., Mohawk

building, at 2 o'clock today, and all sides of the question will be presented and

considered with a view to providing some

remedy for the delaying of bridge pedes-trians without working too much hard-

Many Mothers administer Piso's Cure when bely children have spasmodic croup.

ship upon the steamboat interests

weird

payements of Chinatown, while

espect and are still doing it.

violated the early-closing ordinar

every cont back, and in the hard times of 1893 came in and took three or four destitute workmen off our hands, the board being not a dollar out except for salary. Another peer widow, put on a farm, been there perhaps 10 years, raising up a fine family, hasn't had a dollar of help, but our salarled people arranged it. Mrz. Wilson, our assistant secretary, comes back to berhome day after day, worn out from looking after some poor young mother with her first child, some neglected young children, hundreds of different cases. Mr. Walpole does the same. Mr. Helmbach contributes his share. Occasionally in some busy time we have to get additional help. We run an employent agency. For about 15 years we have never failed in good times or had to give a job to any destitute man that would furnish him a good bed and three good meals a day, and have had hundreds of men at work at once. We have done thousands of dollars' worth of work for the city at our own expense. We have discussed Japan, and sailed on the 25th, stopping at Comox for coal. There an accident to her boilers caused her to return to Scattle. Before the repairs were completed the blockading of the Russian port was announced and the steam-er's sailing orders were annulled. When the consignors of the cargo opened ne-gotiations for cancellation of the charter and war risk, Secretary Trenholm. of the Northwestern Commercial Com pany, the owners of the Olympia, wired thousands of follars' worth of work for the city at our own expense. We have dispersed Coxey armies by offering them work. Turn to our report published in 1901 and see how out-door relief was abolished, saving the county taxpayers from \$9900 to \$14,000 per annum, the whole matter being an quietly finished that the public never noticed the difference.

Those are but lintances out of multitudes, and all this work done in addition to our main mission of being a clearing-house for the charities. The charity business of this county in all agencies amounts perhaps to his terms to Lloyds, at London, but up to last night had received no reply. He stated that he did not know where the oats would be unloaded, but in all likelihood it would be at Seattle.

British steamer Glenturret which has been loading barley at San Francisco for delivery at Vladivostok, has abandoned any intention of trying to run the Japanese blockade, and her cargo has been reconsigned to Yoko-hama. The steamship Brinkburn, for-The steamship Brinkburn, merly the Tottenham, returned to San Francisco yesterday, having received orders at Comox to return to the loading port to discharge her contraband cargo

OLYMPIA'S CARGO.

Contraband-Carrier Tacoma Has Not Reached Moji, as Reported

Gienturret's Orders Changed.

the charities. The charity business of this county in all agencies amounts perhaps to over \$100.000 per year, and it had no way of investigating. This we now do for everybody. Beggars have been driven off our streets, and honset poverty is provided for. There isn't much real bona fide poverty left in Portland out of its benevolent institutions. Semi-religious societies about Christmas in their competitive marshalling up of poor people speak of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of pauper people in Portland who can't buy a Christmas dinner. There aren't a thousand of such families. There aren't a hundred. There aren't ten. Outside of the Poor Farm I don't believe there is today a single family in Portland that is necessarily a pauper family. Our poverty here is aporadic and incidental, and nine times out of ten with the aid of our intelligent and kindly salaried people it can provide for itself. There is considerable doubt as to the present whereabouts of the Tacoma, of which left Seattle with mess beef and other supplies shortly before the Olym-pia departed from here. It was reported that she had arrived on the 15th at Moji, and it was surmised by some shipping men that she had reached Vindivostok safely by the northern route, discharged and gone to the Japwe need never have a paper settlement here unless in our folly we establish it by the giving of aims instead of the opportun-ity to work. THOS N STRONG, President City Board of Charities. anese port for coal for the return trip. which she had ample time to do. The owners of the steamer, however, recelved word yesterday that she had not yet reached Mojl. She has not been definitely reported since leaving Dutch Harbor and there is belief in some scribed personally to the City Board of quarters that she may have been Charities. In 1904 his subscription was eaught in an Arctic ice floe and posmade through the United States National sibly wrecked.

HIGH FOR THE TRIP

not credited as such in the report of the What It Costs Government to Bring association. Mr. Ainsworth, however, Lightships From New York.

The two lightships, Nos. 83 and 76, which have just left New York for San Francisco, by way of Cape Horn, among the smallest steam vessels that have ever undertaken this hazardus trip. They measure only 142 feet in length. No. 33 is to be located at Blount's reef, off Cape Mendecino, and No. 76 is a relief boat for general service on the California Coast. It is ex-pected that they will reach the Golden Gate some time in the early part of Such is the challenge of Chief of Police Hunt to Councilman A. F. Flegel, who

The fact that these vessels, intended for service on the Pacific, were built on the Atlantic Coast, shows the publicly has stated be has proof from a "reliable source" that the head of Portlength to which the Government's fixed policy will sometimes carry it. An ap-propriation was made several years ago five new lightships, two of them to "This 'reliable information' business is rather indefinite," said Chief Hunt. "Just be Setailed to Pacific stations. The two lowest blds were made by the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, and the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J. The latter company underbid the Western firm by \$5000 on each boat, and as there was no provision in the law, as there is in naval appropriation bills, allowing higher have never, to my recollection, even been down town as late as I A. M. I am posi-tive that I never have been in any saloon prices to Pacific Coast builders, the mpany got the contract.

taking these vessels around South America and up through the ranks was not taken into consideration. A conservative estimate of the cost of conservative estimate of the cost of cause for calling it. Radical leaders cause for calling it. Radical leaders America and up through the Pacific plot will foll it. officers' and crews' wages, coaling and (ood, is \$15,000. It would have cost \$5000 less to have built the ships in San Francisco, and the Government would have gained, in adidtion, their services for five months.

Dakota Soon to Leave Yards.

oming from some unknown source.
"Again, proprietors of the saloons that Toe steamship Dakota, of the Great Northern Company, will leave the yards cuted. We have done our duty in this of the Eastern Shipbuilding Company at New London early next month. She will then proceed to Baltimore to load easy enough to make charges, but I would cargo for the voyage to Seattle. It is very likely that the Dakota will remain on the Atlantic Coast for about a month before sailing for Scattle. Unless the PROMINENT CHINAMAN DIES present schedule is changed, the Minneotn's sister ship will be ready to proeed on her first voyage to the Orient Lee Jong Borne to Tomb, Followed ext August.

The Minnesota is expected to reach Seattle from the Orient the first week in April. The vessel has arrived at Yokohama, and discharged her cargo into lighters outside the breakwater, being unable to go inside because of her deep draught.

Captain Grateful for Attention. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 20 - (Special.) - Cap

of Chinese, Lee Jong was borne yester-day. He was prominent in the quarter where dwell his race, and practically every back in Portland was necessary to in McLeod, formerly master of the Brit ish steamship Elleric, who was confined at the Columbia River quarantine station while suffering from a severe attack of smallpox, is now at Greenock, Scotland.

A letter was received from him today in which he stated that he felt very gratetered by the way to deceive the evil spirits and cause them to lose themselves along the line of march. ful for the kind and considerate treat-ment he had received at the hands of the attendants and nurses at the station.

Spread Rail Wrecks Train.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 20.—a special from Nelson, B. C., says: The mixed Canadian Pacific train run ning between this city and Proctor, while the west arm of the lake is blocked by ice, was wrecked close to Proctor today. lee, was wrecked close to Proctor today. A freight car and one passenger coach left the track. Seven passengers were slightly injured. One of the latter was G. O. Buchanan, a capitalist of Kasio. A spread rall was the cause of the accident. had lived here a score of years, had built up a large business and was well liked

Vagrant Accused of Murder. MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 20.-Smith Bray was taken into custody tonight by the po-lice, on advices from Lewiston, Idaho that he is wanted there for murder com mitted on January 25. Bray was vagged a few days ago and his photograph sent to the Lewiston authorities. They wire he is the man wanted, and a Sheriff is coming after him. He contends he is innocent and will go without requisition

Alleged Fugitive Declares Innocence. MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 20.—Percy Har-ris, alleged to be a fugitive from justice, who is charged with the murder of a negro at Fayetteville, W. Va., was arrested in this city today and is being held to awalt the arrival of Sheriff Hawkins of ville, who started for Montana Harris says he is innocent and will to back without regulation papers.

Jury Excused Until Monday. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 20.-(Special.)-Judge McBride convened the regular Feb. ruary term of the Circuit Court this after-noon, and after handing down a number of minor formal orders he excused the jury until next Monday. Only a few cases

are to be heard at this term, and Judge McBride says he expects to complete all the jury trials during next week.

The only case of importance set for trial is that of Leroy S. Davidson vs. the City of Astoria, which will be heard on March I. It is to recover \$350 damages for in-juries alleged to have been sustained by failing through a hole in the planking at the foot of Sixth street during the night of September 3, 1901.

Marine Notes.

The steamers Aurelia and Iaqua bave sailed for San Pedro, the former with 540,000 and the latter with 650,000 It has not been definitely decided yet feet of lumber.

where to discharge the Olympia's car-The steamer Roanoke loaded wheat go, but it will probably be at Scattle. lath and general cargo at Oceanic dock yesterday and is scheduled to sall south at 2 o'clock this morning. The steamer loaded 2500 tons of oats The Columbia has come up six inches

at Cascade Locks, but must rise a foot more before the steamer Regulator can resume the service to The Dalles. The Nome City, remodeled into a steam schooner, arrived yesterday morning and went to Inman, Poulsen & Co.'s to load lumber for San Pedro.

She will carry about 1,000,000 feet. Delay in getting all the cargo aboard prevented the China liner Nicomedia from sailing as scheduled, and she will not depart until this morning. The Nu mantia, the next one of the fleet due

should arrive here by the 25th.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA. Feb. 20.-Arrived down at 1 A. M. and sailed at 12 noon-Steamer Redo and saled at 12 noon-Steamer Redondo, for San Francisco and coast perits. Arrived at 1 and left up at 0:30 A. M.—Steamer South Hay, from San Francisco. Left up at 9 A. M.— Schooners Irene and Virginia. Arrived this morning—Schooner Halcyon, from San Francis-co. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., obscured; wind southeast; weather science. wind southeast; weather rainy. St. Helens, Feb. 20.—Passed—Schooners Irene and Virginia.

Steamer Cascade, for Portland; Despatch, for Portland. Arrived-Steamer W. H. Kruger from Gray's Harbor; steamer Brinkburn, from Victoria; steamer Breakwater, from Coos Bay

WHISTLES DO NOT SCREECH Councilman Zimmerman Causes Pro longed Noise in Morning to Cease.

"Chimmie, dis is de first mornin' fe years dat I've slept after 6 o'clock, said an urchin who lives in a scow the foot of Carutners street, South Portland, to a chum yesterday,

"Why?" queried the "kid."
"Der blasted whistles, w'at us'ter
screech fer half an hour, just merely
squeaked one't. I don't know de rea-

Councilman "Louie" Zimmerman J responsible for the great change that swept over the water front of South Portland yesterday morning. Long blasts of the many sawmill whistle: Portland have been ordered "cut out" by Captain of Police Bailey. Mr. Zimmerman called at police headquarters Saturday night and lodged a strong complaint. He said that the people for a mile around wer rudely awakened every morning at o'clock by the shrill blasts, and wishe, the proprietors notified to cause the

nuisance to cease. Captain Bailey gave orders to Patrol men Hoesly and Fones, who travel the beats on which the offending mills stand, to warn the management to make less noise with whistles in future. The ordinance covering the case is disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace or common nuisance.

WORKMEN TO HOLD MEETING

Exposition Men to Decide Between Radical and Conservative Methods.

men will be held tonight as scheduled Large bills announcing the meeting have been spread broadcast, and the labor agitators have been busy gathering together their cohorts to carry the crowd into a paroxysm of enthusiasm and lead all the workmen into a general strike. The meeting will Apparently the enormous expense of at Eugles' Hall, Second and Yambiil. and nothing but the publicity given the

enterprise from the beginning, but their purpose will undoubtedly fail, since the more conservative local unions have been aroused to the danger and will do as much as possible to prevent any hot-headed agitators from leading the workmen on a false scent

A committee from the Carpenters Union called at the office of The Oregonian last night and stated that they were not in sympathy with any strike movement that might be in the air. They said that they would have repre sentatives at the meeting tonight, but they would not support any radical measures.

WILL ADDRESS THE SCHOOLS Party of Business Men to Speak to Portland Youngsters Today.

Secretary Tom Richardson, of the Commercial Club, has made arrangements by which a committe of business men, apwhich a committe of dustiness men, appointed by the club, will be allowed to make a tour of the public schools of the city this afternoon. A start will be made from the Commercial Club rooms at 1:30 o'clock, and during the afternoon 20 of the public school buildings will be visited and short addresses made to the children on the subject of what they can do towards building up the state and

the city.
The club has a plan on hand for exploitation of the state by which the aid of the school children will be solicited in bringing the opportunities and advantages of the community before the people of the East. It is in regard to this plan that the visit is to be made.

ATTACKED BY HIGHWAYMEN Old Fruit Vendor Beaten Insensible and Left for Dead.

Abraham Bechtold, a fruit vendor, was knocked down and robbed late Saturday night by highwaymen. They attacked the aged man in front of his home at Oatman, and left him for dead. His inuries are serious, and may yet resulatally. He lost \$25 and a check for \$75. After being struck, Bechtold was un-conscious and lay for a long time at the door of his home, until he regained his senses and crawled inside. There he again lost consciousness, and remained alone in his suffering until found by friends yesterday.

Pool Tournament Begins.

The pool tournament at the M. A. A. C. opened last evening, Single contests will be played until next week, when i is expected the final handicap series will be played off. The playing so far has been very commonplace and unin-teresting except in a contest of 59 points between C. W. Zeller and M. S. Mulford. Mulford came out victorious by the close score of 50 to 48 balls. Both the contestants played an excel-lent game. Each succeeded in running the balls down upon a safe break.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth,
Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy,
Mrs. Winslow's Southing Syrup, for children
teething. It southes the child, softens the gums,
slisy's all pain, cures wind colin and diarrhose.

WHAT JOY THEY BRING TO EVERY HOME

as with joyous hearts and smiling faces they romp and play-when in health -and how conducive to health the games in which they indulge, the outdoor life they enjoy, the cleanly, regular habits they should be taught to form and the wholesome diet of which they should partake. How tenderly their health should be preserved, not by constant medication, but by careful avoidance of every medicine of an injurious or objectionable nature and if at any time a remedial agent is required, to assist nature, only those of known excellence should be used; remedies which are pure and wholesome and truly beneficial in effect, like the pleasant laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Syrup of Figs has come into general favor in many millions of well informed families, whose estimate of its quality and excellence is based upon personal knowledge and use.

Syrup of Figs has also met with the approval of physicians generally, because they know it is wholesome, simple and gentle in its action. We inform all reputable physicians as to the medicinal principles of Syrup of Figs, obtained, by an original method, from certain plants known to them to act most beneficially and presented in an agreeable syrup in which the wholesome Californian blue figs are used to promote the pleasant taste; therefore it is not a secret remedy and hence we are free to refer to all well informed physicians, who do not approve of patent medicines and never favor indiscriminate self-medication.

Please to remember and teach your children also that the genuine Syrup of Figs always has the full name of the Company - California Fig Syrup Co. -plainly printed on the front of every package and that it is for sale in bottles of one size only. If any dealer offers any other than the regular Fifty cent size, or having printed thereon the name of any other company, do not accept it. If you fail to get the genuine you will not get its beneficial effects. Every family should always have a bottle on hand, as it is equally beneficial for the parents and the children, whenever a laxative remedy is required.

JUDGES TO DECIDE

Will Straighten Out Tangle of City Election.

PRIMARY LAW IN QUESTION

Four Judges of Circuit Court Will Have Matter Presented to Them and Will Decide Validity of Direct Primary Act.

A complete new registration of Portland electors will be made by County Clerk Fields unless enjoined by the court. Mr. Fields asks any person who thinks the registration contrary to law to step forward and sue for an injunction.

The new registration is necessary to operation of the direct primary election law in city primaries next Spring, and unless it shall be made, primarles for the time party system.

Mayor Williams, City Auditor Devlin

and County Clerk Fields, in a conference yesterday, agreed that the registration shall proceed as if the primary law were in force, though each is of the opinion that neither the primary law nor the city charter provides for a new registrathe law will not be in effect until such registration shall be made in 1906.

Judge George said vestorday that who the question is brought before the cour-it will be decided as quickly as possible owing to its public importance. He could not say how long a time would be re-quired for a decision, "because," said he. "you know we cannot proceed any fas-ter than the lawyers will let us."

Mr. Fields has ordered a new set of registration books on notification from Auditor Devlin that nominations of candidates for city offices will be made der the direct primary law. Mayor Will liams or somebody else will bring suit to enjoin in the Circuit Court and the four Judges probably sitting en bane will shed their wisdom and clarify the at

"And," remarked the Mayor yesterday taken higher than the Circuit Court." The cost of the new registration will be \$2000. The charter allows only 30 days and Mr. Fields says that rapid work will be necessary to get the names of electors into the books in that time. Electors will register their party affinity, which is a requirement to the exercise of the franchise at primary elections. Owing to Istered, the new registration is neces

Gebo Mines to Resume.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 39.-A Miner spe ial from Helena says that a stipulation was today entered into between Attorney-General Albert J. Galen and W. F. Meyer, counsel for the Gebo Mining Company, whereby the coal mining properties at Gebo can resume operation within 30 days the company agreeing to provide a man way for the miners as required by the statutes of the state. The mines have been under an injunction. About 290 men will be afforded employment.



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