Courteney's Tenure of Office Questioned.

CHARTER IS AMBIGUOUS

Doubt as to When Short Term Should End.

MAYOR TO DECIDE PROBLEM

He May Reappoint Civil - Service Commissioner or May Name a New Man for the Place This Afternoon.

Is a new Civil Service Commissioner to be appointed by Mayor Williams to succeed A. A. Courteney? Is Mr. Court-eney to succeed himself, and how is the question of the supposedly expired term of the Commissioner to be settled, any-

Such is the problem which will come before the meeting of the Civil Service Commission this afternoon. It seems within the possibilities that the Com-mission will soon have a new member. By the charter, one Commissioner holds office two years; the second, four years, and the third, six years. When the Commission was organized the bers drew lots for the terms. I. Willis drew the six-year lot, C. W. Hodson, whose chair is now occupied by J. W. Blain, the four-year, and A. A. Courteney found the short term coming to himself.

What the Charter Says.

The same charter section, after stating the lengths of terms, says: "and between the first and tenth days of July, in 1905, and each second year thereafter, the Mayor shall, in like manner, appoint one person as the successor of the Commissioner whose term office expires in that year to serve as such Commissioner for six years." This section specifies that within 30 days after the charter becomes effective the Mayor shall appoint the first set of Commissioners. Now, does the two-year term expire July 1, or exactly two years from the day of appoint-

Was Named in January.

The Commissioners were named in January, 1963. Last month when the attention of Mayor Williams was called to the mooted point, he said that Mr. Courteney might as well hold over until July 1, when his administration ends. The legality of the actions of the Commission as it stands at present has been questioned, however. The Mayor said yesterday afternoon that he was looking into the case, and that seemed Mr. Courteney's term had I have always understood that I

was to hold office until July," said Mr. Courteney last evening. "If the Mayor believes that my term has expired, and to appoint me again, 1 will If he appoints some one else, serve. If he appoints I have nothing to say."

ECHO OF THE ELLIOTT DAYS

Russell-Street Brick Pavement Comes Before Executive Board for Action. Unpleasant echoes of the Elliott admin-

istration in the City Engineer's office came into the meeting of the street comnilitee of the Executive Board yesterday It was plainly stated to the committee that the famous Russell-street brick pavement had been built according to the specifications of the former Engineer. The commutes commended acceptance of the job. The committee reluctantly rec-

"Those property-owners will fight any-how," said Whitney L. Boise. "First, the brick was poor, then the concrete, and now it is something else." It is expected that the property-owners will take the assessment into the courts. Acceptance was once before granted by the Executive Board, the assessment levied, and over 23000 paid in. Elwood Wiles is the general contractor, and jaid the concrete which City Engineer Wanzer declares to be a suitable foundation. But as to the brick, laid by W. Lind, Mr. Wanzer said:

"The brick is of poor quality, but is three properties 20 miles north of Tono-top to specifications, I must say. The laying of the brick is a poor job, too. It

Mr. Harris left that part of Nevada in

and Lind, his silent partner in the con-tract, had performed the work according to the orders of Inspector Fleming, who had been dropped from the department, he saw no reason why the final acceptance should be delayed. Many property-owners had no objections to the pavement, as shown by the fact that able to take proper care of themselves. \$2000 of the assessment had already been paid up. In a few moments Mr. Boise and Mr. Glisan decided to send the case to the courts, and Mayor Williams joined

A blank ordinance was received from the Southern Pacific, asking for a fran-chise to lay a sidetrack on East First between East Taylor and East Yambili streets, for a term of 25 years. The committee decided that \$200 a year would be a just compensation and will recommend this amount.

CLEAN-UP FOR THE CITY HALL Fifteen Hundred Dollars Set Aside

for This Purpose. Fifteen hundred dollars was appro-priated by the Council early in January for a general clean-up of the City Hall before the Lewis and Clark Fair opens. It is the intention to spend \$1000 on interior improvements, varnishing and kalining, and \$600 on cleaning the out-of the big stone building. The money lies idle at the call of the City Hall com-

ittee of the Executive Board. Both incide and out the building shows the need of a little Spring cleaning. The constant throng of visitors to the museum leaves marks behind in finger prints and scratches, despite the efforts of the jani-It has been stated by an exper-builder that had strips of zinc been laid between the exterior row of building stones, none of the existing dis-coloring would have occurred. The strucdesigned to be almost pure

REVIVAL MEETINGS PLANNED Cottage Prayer Meetings Will Be Held During Chapman Campaign.

The general committee under whose auspices the Chapman and other revival

campaign, and the chairmen of these districts were at the gathering. Plans for inciting public interest in the revival services were discussed, and it was decided to call between 100 and 200 cottage prayer meetings in various portions of the city for each Tuesday evening during the next three months.

A union meeting of all the churches of

the East Side will be held next Thursday evening at Centenary Methodist Church. This will be for the purpose of preparing

for the later services.

A letter was read at the meeting yesterday from William Moody, the son of the renowned revivalist, saying that he had secured the services of Rev. B. F. Meyer, the great London preacher, for a Meyer, the great London preacher, for a series of services to be held in Portland from April 21 until May 1. Rev. Mr. Meyer is known throughout the world as a great pulpit orator, and as Portland is the only city in the Northwest that he will visit this year, it is expected that his will attract a large number of

TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY Dr. Johnston's Idea of Cultivating Concentration Given.

Dr. S. R. Johnston, of Portland Acade my, gave a lecture on "How to Cuitivate Concentration," yesterday afternoon at the Home Training Association's meeting and so many women were there to hear him that it was necessary to assemble in the Y. W. C. A. dining-room, instead of in the reading-room. Miss Grace Gilbert sang "Little One A-Cryin'," by Oley Speaks, with Miss Edna Protzman at the

Dr. Johnston's idea in regard to concen tration—and his audience manifested much approval of all his ideas—was that in order to gain a child's attention his studies must be made pleasant for him. and that in fact he could be trained to learn while at play. Some might object to a lack of self-denial in study, the speaker said, on the ground that in later life there were unpleasant duties to be met which needed special preparation, but he thought there was no necessity of giving children a bitter foretaste of these

"All young things are meant to be happy," Dr. Johnston said, "and a joyful youth is the best preparation for a useful manhood."

useful manhood."

Afterward Dr. Johnston patiently answered questions for about 15 minutes, giving his views upon various matters of auxious importance to the mothers, who

anxious importance to the mothers, who appreciated this very much.

A parents' rally, to which fathers are especially invited, will be held on Cal-vary Presbyterian Church on February 28, the programme commencing at 7:45. The speakers on this occasion will in ciude Governor George E. Chamberlain, H. W. Stone, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Woods Hutchinson, Rev. Stephen S. Wise, D. D., and Rev. William S. Gilbert.

TO WEIGH BRIBERY CHARGES District Attorney is investigating Accusations Against G. B. Thomas.

"I will investigate the charge pre ferred against G. B. Thomas, member of the Port of Portland Commission, of accepting a bribe, as soon as possible said District Attorney Manning yesterday to an Oregonian reporter. "Representa-tive Bailey has given me a list of wit-nesses and I will call them before me

within a day or two. He has also de-livered affidavits to me." These affidavits are the same as were presented by Representative Bailey to the Legislature. One of the affidavits, signed by J. B. Bridges, contractor, who, to-gether with Robert Walcefield, constructed the Portland drydock, states that Thomas received \$500 from the firm of Wakefield & Bridges, \$50 on March 8, 1894, and \$259 on April 16, 1994. The first time Thomas asked for money he said he was pushed to pay a note, and upon the second visit said he was going East and was a little short. Bridges affirms that he objected to giving Thomas any money, but his ob-jections were overcome by Wakefield, who advised it, explaining as a reason that there were bills for extras and it was best to be on good terms with Thomas.

An affidavit by Malcolm Macauley, who Bridges, states that he found two entries of expense. One of March 8, 1904, of \$350 charged to J. B. Bridges, and the other of date of April 16, 1904, charged to Wakefield. These items, Berry, the book-keeper, explained were on account of payments made to Thomas. District Attorney Manning says he will examine a large number of witnesses.

GREAT FUTURE FOR TONOPAH John Harris, of Spokane, Predicts It

John Harris, a mining man who has extensive interests in the Tonopah district in Southern Nevada, is in Portland on his way to Oakland, Cal. Mr. Harris until recently has been living in Spokane. He has been identified with the mining industry of that neighborhood for years. He now owns an interest in a group

Will Surpass All Other Camps.

Mr. Harris left that part of Nevada in laying of the brick is a poor job, too. It is impossible to get the grout between the bricks, as they are placed too close together."

Contractor Wiles said that as both he bad, particularly at Goldfield, 30 miles south of Tonopah. At that time pneu-monia had claimed the greatest number of victims. He said smallpox was also raging. He did not believe the epidemics of disease had resulted from the water supplied the camps. Most of the inhabitants were living in tents and were not "I hate to express myself concerning this district," said Mr. Harris, "because people will think I am inclined to exaggerate. I firmly believe, however, that Tonopah will prove to be the greatest and richest mining district in the country. Of course at the present time the development of the country is held back to a certain extent by the inadequate railroad facilities. When the present system of transportation has been remedied the Tonopah mining district, will go ahead with a rapidity that will astonish the world."

> QUARTERS FOR CONSUMPTIVES New Building to Be Erected at the Poor Farm for Patients.

New quarters for patients suffering from tuberculosis, where they can have the advantage of the open-air treatment, are to be provided at the poor farm. There are now 19 such patients at this institution. For some time past the Board of County Commissioners has considered the advisability of furnishing new accom-modations for them. The hospital proper is not regarded as the right place for consumptives, and besides, the hospital is crowded. The regular nurses refuse to take care of persons in the consump-tion ward because of the danger of infection. For the foregoing reasons the members of the county board have decided to erect a building for tuberculous patients, but will not expend any more money upon it than is absolutely neces-It will be a rough board struc ture, removed some distance from the other buildings, and will be so arranged as to make it practically an open-air san-itarium. It will be completely supplied with beds and other things needed, and the patients will be given medical treatment and wholesome food. Judge Webster went to the poor farm yesterday after-noon to look over the situation and demeetings are to be held, was present at a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Y M. C. A. The city has been divided into ten districts for the purpose of furthering the interests of the coming religious missioners Barnos and Lightner. cide upon the location of the building and its dimensions. County Physician Geary County Physician Genry

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Durkee Salad Dressing 10c, 25c, 45c

3-lb. package Soda Crackers 20c 1-lb. basket Washed Figs 22c

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3 1-ib. packages Seeded Raisins 25e 5-ib. can Switt's Lard 55e 6 packages Press Matches 25e 6 packages Chip Matches 25e Taploco or Sago 5e Walnuts, per pound 15e 7 bars Victor Soap 25e 1 bars Standard Soap 25e 1 bars Standard Soap 25e 1 gai. Log Cabin Syrup 31.25 4 gai. Log Cabin Syrup 31.25 4 gai. Log Cabin Syrup 35e 7 bas fancy Italian Prunes 25e 7 bas fancy Italian Prunes 25e 1 lbs Graham Flour 25e 10 lbs Graham Flour 25e 10 lbs Rye Flour 30e 1 Jars McLaren's Cheese 25e 2 packages Saratoga Chips 25e 3 cans Pioneer Cream 25e

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