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They Are Interested in Getting Deep-

Ship Channel to the Sca.

Democrats Want One of Their Own Put In as Chief of Police.

MAYOR LANE MAY ACT NOW

New Civil Service Rules Make It Possible for City's Chief Executive to Build Up His Machine.

Democratz are asking each other who is to be the new head of the Police Department, now that the time has come for Mayor Lane to redeem his pledge of appointing a new post-Exposition Chief. The Democratic brethren are much exercised over the matter, and a belligerent bunch is clamoring for the scalp of Gritzmacher, acting Chief, and for the appointment of a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, who will aid the unterrified hosts in the next June election, when Governor Chamberlain and Sheriff Word will come up for re-election

Want Change Made.

When Gritzmacher accepted the Chieftainship last July, it was understood that he would head the bluecoats only temporarily, or until Mayor Lane could find another man, or until after the Fair. Gritzmacher was a captain of police, and though by reputation a Democrat, is branded by cast-iron patriots of the Democratic brood as being a brother who trims his faith to fit the style of politics sits in the Mayor's chair, Democratic or Republican, for they say he has dabbled in the wars between the Republican factions and has held office under Republicans by his success at that game. They cite that Mayor Pennoyer, the last Democratic city executive before Lane, threw him out for being the kind of Democrat of which they n

Desire Rock-Ribbed Democrat.

Anyhow, all is not milk and honey for Gritzmacher in the Democratic camp, for the braves who are fighting Sheriff Word's and Mayor Lane's system of ad-ndtting Republicans into Democratic offices, have gone on the warpath against Gritzmacner and are clamoring for the selection of a rock-ribbed Democrat, the kind that will help the Democratic hosts in the election wars next Spring. Governor Chamberlain is much concerned in the matter, and his friends have been trofting to the City Hall to "see" His Honor about it; likewise friends of Sheriff Word, who also aspires to re-election. It rted in political circles that Mayor Lane and Governor Chamberlain have had frequent conferences lately, and that the latter has proposed division of patronage between them, in the interest of Democratic politics next year, but that Mayor Lane has "kicked like a steer."

May Be Given Lower Rank.

It is not unlikely that Gritzmacher would be cast into outer darkness, should his scalp be lifted. Mayor Lane might pince him in a job like that of captain of detectives. Each member of the de-tective force draws \$15 s month, but the City Council might be induced to provide a higher salary for captain; at least, such

By direction of the committee appointed By direction of the committee appointed by Evening Star Grange, No. 27, Patrons of Husbahdry, to ascertain if the farmers' order can assist in securing Government aid in deepening the ship channel from Portland to the sea, B. Lee Paget has ad-dressed letters to both the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce. This com-mittee met Saturday, and, after discuss-ing the situation, decided first to find out if the Patrons of Husbandry could render these commercial bodies any asrender these commercial bodies any as-sistance in this direction. By telephoning extensively it was ascertain from Captain Buchanan, chairman of the committee on deep ship channel, that the action taken by Evening Star Grange anticipated the effort that was contemplated to get the support of the Patrons of Husbandry and similar organizations in this state. How-ever, as members of these commercial bodies were either at the Exposition or absent Saturday, no definite information as to a plan of action could be secured. Mr. Paget was authorized by the committee today before the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce to offer to secure the indorsement of the Patrons in this state and in Washington to the effort to secure Government assistance in deepening the ship channel, and these con munications Mr. Paget has already sent. The Patrons have something over 1000 members in Oregon, and about the same number in Washington. It was the opinon of the committee that the Patrons of Oregon practically as a whole would sup-port the movement for Government ald. J. J. Johnson, chairman of the commit-tee and master of Evening Star Grange, said, at the committee meeting: "Everyfarmer, not only of Oregon, but of Wash-ington, is interested in getting a permanent deep river channel from Portland to the sea. Farmers are interested for the reason that such a channel will make

Portland a better harbor and market for their products. I am sure that they stand ready to do what they can in that direc-tion, and we are ready to take up the matter as soon as the commercial bodies give us the word."

BURGLARS STEAL JEWELRY

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Smith Return Home to Find Valuables tione.

While absent from their residence at 335 Halsey street, Saturday night, robbers stole jewels from Mrs. S. H. Martin and Mrs. W. G. Smith, valued highly as hear-Mrs. W. G. Smith, valued highly as hea-looms and for their intrinsic worth. En-trance was gained to the residence through the front door, by means of a skeleton key. The articles, which were taken from the sleeping-room of Mrs. Martin consisted of two gold watches. Mrs. W. G. Smith, who lives with Mrs. Martin, had a watch stolen, a large star garnet ring, a garnet bracelet, an emeraid ring, a sapphire ring, a gold ring with moonstone and ruby settings, and an old-fashioned necklace. Besides these, numer-ous small trinkets of small value were ous small trinkets of small value were stolen

The room was rifled for anything of value and the bureau drawers were turned upside down. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Smith were absent for several hours, giving the robbers plenty of time in which to acrobbers plenty of time in which to ac-complish their work. An inspection of the house showed that no windows or doors had been broken by which the robbers could have gained entrance, and as the front door was barred by nothing but the ordinary lock, it is supposed that en-trance was gained by means of a skeleton key. Detective Hartmen has been as-signed to the case.

Watch for Oakland Elopers. A close watch is being maintained by Portland detectives for Henry Logan, a married man, who eloped with Ethel Cook, a l6-year-old still from Oakland, Cat Word was received yesterday that Logan, and the girl would probably head for Portland. a higher salary for captains at the board of is the hope of the Democratic board of strategy. Should he take the job which he vacated to become Chief at \$200 a he wacated to become Chief at \$200 a



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The petition for Gritkense. The petition for Gritkense. as Chief, from the patrolmen, was not signed with good grace by all the men who put their names to it. Several of them have said that they signed, not be-them have said that they signed, not be-them have said that they sould not af-on a charge of kidnaping. noted by the Chief, jnasmuch as in the end it might cost them their jobs or stand in the way of their promotion. The peti-tion is understood to have been gotten up by Archie Leonard, now stenographer in the City Jall, and by Quinlan, a patrol-man, now acting as captain of police. Leonard would like to be captain of the detective force, and Gritzmacher, who thinks highly of him, has said he would fill that position well. Quinian would like to retain the captaincy which he now holds temporarily.

May Build Up Machine.

Under the recent rulings of the Civil Service Commission the Chief has power to promote and reduce in the pollee ranks as he sees fit. He can promote a patrolman to detective or reduce a detective to patrolman. Any person outside the police force can take an examination for patrol-man or captain of police, but he must be a member of the department to become a detective.

All this is fraught with a meaning to the gentlemen who are walting their turn at the pie-counter, for, under the foregoing rules, momentous changes are possible in the personnel of the detective force. The new rulings make it possible for the Chief of Police to degrade all the detectives now on the force and to summary them with full. force and to supplant them with full-fledged Democrats, who will help the upbuilding of the Democratic power in the city and state. They make it pos-sible for the Mayor to have the men on the detective force who opposed his election, reduced to the rank of uniformed patrolmen, and this seems likely to be the next move of the Mayor

Detectives Carpenter, Vaughn, Day and Resing, are believed to be booked for retirement to humble stations; perhaps also Kerrigan and Snow. This would cut the salaries of the present detectives from \$115 to \$80 a month. The word is going the 'round's that Joe Day, whose profanity is objectionable in the Police Station, may be made night jailer at \$80 a month, in which job his rhetorical explosions would be

Speculations as to New Chief.

All this is interesting enough inside the police force, but outside the main concern centers in the Chieftainship. Dave Houston is making a strong fight for the appointment. Dave is a railroad conductor on the Southern Pacific, between Portland and Roseburg, and is accounted a staunch Dem-ocrat from hide to spinal marrow. Dave seemed to be in a fair way to Dave seemed to be in a fair way to land the job last July, and now is in the game bigger than ever before. But there are other patriots who would like a alice of pie too, such as John La-mont, whom the Mayor, prompted by the Municipal Association already has turned down; M. J. Clohessy, who was Chief under Pennoyer; J. B. Ryan, se-retary of the Democratic State Cen-tral Committee, and Joe Reilly, detect-ive in the service of the O. R. & N. James Budd, to whom the Mayor offer-ed the chieftainship last Summer, but ed the chieftainship last Summer, but ined the place, is supposed to

he vacated to become Chief at \$100 a month, he would receive but \$200 a month. The salary of a captain of police. The petition for Gritzmacher's retention as Chief, from the patrolmen, was not signed with good grace by all the men who put their numes to it. Several of encience of the patrolmen are the several of the sev

on a charge of kidnaping. By members of his church Logan was considered a model of propriety and was pointed out by members of the congrega-tion as a most pious young man. He was last seen in Oakland, October 11, boarding one of the northbound trains. one of the northbound trains.

Escape From Insane Asylum.

Not caring to dance with the young ady immates of the insane asylum at Salem. Thursday night, Percy Caldwell and Lawrence Chase, two patients, es-caped the notice of the guards and made their way to the railway station and to Portland, Caldwell, who lighted the stumy cignretic while lying in his bunk at City Jall, last night, leaned back comfortably against the bars and orated on the beauty and comeliness of his young lady friends at Salem. Caldwell said that nowhere on earth could such love ness be found as in the insane asylum, it that he was not anxious to return to his abiding place because he would be compelled to take a bath. Caldwell and Chase were found by Patrolman Keller at

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