LAFE PENCE BUYS FAIR BUILDINGS

Remaining Structures Taken Over for Big Wrecking Corporation.

FIRE STATION FOR CITY

Disposal of Palaces Signalizes Clos ing Days of Corporation and Conclusion of Work of the State Commission.

Lafe Pence, acting for associates, has surchased the Oregon State building, Manufacturing, Agricultural, Oriental, Liberal Arte, Emergency Hospital buildings and colonnade of the Lewis and Clark Pair Corporation and State Com-mission. Extension of time limit for wrecking has been obtained and a work, applying materials to various uses, the lighter materials being used to construction of flumes. When the salvage has been removed the debris the hydraulic pressure of a pipe line to be carried down from the heights above, ing the timbers away from the grounds. The Exposition fire station building. which is also included in the purchases may be donated to the city, providing it is maintained as a fire station.

By a deal closed late last week, Lafe nce purchased the remaining unsold position structures from the Exposition Corporation and the State Com-1300. Mr. Pence represents Eastern italists, who will wreck the big build-a and propose to use a large part of timbers they contain in construction work in the interior of the state. The lighter lumber will be used by the Pence Company in building irrigation flumes in the projects already under way by Mr. Pence. Materials entering into the buildings undesirable for neither of these pur-poses will be handled on a salvage basis by the management of the wrecking com-

The names of the Eastern capitalists The names of the Eastern capitalists who are interested and the nature of the work projected by them in this state are withheld. It is given out, however, that they are wealthy residents of Kentucky and Indiana, with one from Colorado. Members of the proposed company will arrive in Portland next month, when more definite announcements will be

The buildings included in the transaction the Auditorium, Oregon building, anufacturing, Agricultural and Oriental Manufacturing, Agricultural and Oriental buildings, the entrance colonnade and buildings, Liberal Arts and emergency hospital, while a similar disposition of the Washington and California state buildings is probable. Of this number, the syndicate represented by Mr. Pence has authorized him to tender the firehouse as a gift to the city, if the municipality will purchase the lots on which it stands and maintain it, or make such other disposition of it as is suited to the need for fire protection in that part of Portland. The protection in that part of Portland. The structure is a well-equipped fire station and is said to be as well suited to that purpose as most of the other regular sta-tions about the city. This tender of the building will be made in a few days by Mr. Pence.

buildings were begun some time ago, but because the limit set by the Exposition Company for the removal of all material which some of the Councilmen think the from the grounds was March 15 next. it was considered impossible to complete the work. The Fair management was induced to raise this limit, and under the terms of the purchase, such reasonable time as may be needed will be silowed. It is expected the ground will not be cleared of the Exposition buildings before next Winter, although work will be begun on some of the smaller structures hex month.

Utilize Guild's Lake.

The price paid is considered a good one y Director of Works Oskar Huber, who The price paid is considered a good one by Director of Works Oskar Huber, who expresses himself satisfied with the transaction. The purchasers, too, are content, and Mr. Pence believes they can use the materials contained in the buildings to good advantage. The Mayor and the Park Board will be usked in a few days to reconsider the project of a fiume through Macleau Park turned down by through Macleay Park, turned down by them upon the application of Mr. Pence for a perpetual franchise some time ago, and he will now ask for permission to maintain a flume through the park for a term of three years only, with a reas-onable rental to be paid to the city for the privilege.

the request is granted, as Mr. Pence is the request is granted, as Mr. Pence is hopeful it will be he will bring down a stream of water from the hills with which he will flume the materials of the wrecked buildings into Guild's Lake, where they will be loaded upon burges and carried away, in this way effecting large savings in carriage and transportation. By means of the same stream Mr. Pence proposes to wash away the Mr. Pence proposes to wash away the high hill on Willamette Heights and ter-race it, making a sightly residence dis-trict of what is now a steep bluff. He has entered into contracts to do this work with the Scottish-American Investment Company, of Portland, and expects to complete the work this Winter. A similar contract has been made with E. L. Parkhurst, of King's Heights. An-E. L. Parkhurst, of King's Heights. Another project he will undertake at once will be the filling in of 50 acres belonging to P. J. Mann, lying west of Guild's Lake. These projects and the fluming of the lumber in the Exposition buildings will occupy the remainder of the Winter and the coming wet season, but if necessary a part of the following Winter will be used if the three-year franchise for the flume through Macleay Park is secured from the city.

is secured from the city. Winding Up Exposition Affairs.

With this disposition of the remaining buildings held by the Exposition Company and the State Commission, the winding up of the Centennial's affairs is in sight, and already the business is in an advanced state of completion, and Secretary Henry Reed claims the officials have made a record in the dispatch with which they have ended the business transactions involved in a big Exposition. with which they have ended the business transactions involved in a big Exposition. "No other Exposition got its exhibits out and away so soon after the cleaning day as we did." said he. "It took less than one month for the exhibitors to take their displays away. Colonel Deach, director of exhibits, got his diplomas out two months after the close, and will distribute the medals by Christmas or the first of the year. My final report for the tribute the medals by Christmas or the first of the year. My final report for the stockholders, consisting of 200 typewritten pages, containing a mass of detail incident to the winding up of affairs, will be out in ten days. The salvage and furniture owned by the Exposition Company has been disposed of at exceptionally good prices, fit some cases B and even 100 per cant being realized on the furniture, and this demonstrates the wisdom of pur-

chasing good furniture in the first in-stance, as cheap goods would now be practically worthless.

"There has been very little loss from the grounds by stealing, and now that the buildings have been sold, the only thing in the way of cleaning up the grounds is the disposition of state and private buildings, as the intentions of some of the owners are unknown to the Fair management."

Pence Company on the Grounds.

Already the work of demolition is in progress, the Freeign Exhibits building being the first to fall before the wrecker. The windows have been taken out and the roof is being pulled off, the tar roofing covering is being rolled up to be used again, as it is little damaged. Workmen were busy yesterday in clearing the Agricultural and Manufacturing buildings of the booth materials and the small stuff that might easily be fired, endengering the structures. This work was to be completed today, when the buildings included in the purchase of Mr. Pence wil be turned over by the Fair management. The Pence Company installed agement. The Pence Company installed offices in the emergency hospital on Saturday and preparations are being made to commence work, the Auditorium being probably the first hullding to be demolished by the purchaslished by the purchas-

The statuary procured from St. Louis for use during the Fair must be refor use during the Fair must be re-turned and workmen are now busy in cutting it up into sections for pack-ing. Although it was hoped when this group of statues was secured from the management of the Louisiana Pur-chase Exposition that the promise given for its return need not be com-nied with it was found the return of given for its return need not be com-piled with, it was found the return of the pieces was expected and the man-agement is fulfilling its piedge. The pieces to go back are "Pioneer Seek-ing Shelter," "The Resting Cowboy," "The Four Cowboys," and the "Buffalo Dance." Sacajawea still stands at the top of the grand stairway, pointing the intrepid explorers, who stand on either side, to the setting sun, and this either side to the setting sun, and this plece of bronze will be moved to the City Park.

Trail Scene of Desolation.

The clusters of electric lights about the country of the removed, and the pipes and conduits are being dug up and disposed of. Government Peninsula is as yet unchanged except the Winter rains have stained the white walls, as has been the case with all the williams.

walls, as has been the case with all the buildings. With but few exceptions the state buildings are intact. The Art Gallery has been demolished as has the Massachusetts building.

The Trail, the playground of the many nations in their lighter moods, is a ruin. The voice of the "speller" is no longer heard and the various structures are being torn down and the materials carried away.

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The sole survivor of the "Dream City's" amusement street is a friendless yellow dog loitering along the cosmopolitan thoroughfare where mil-lions laughed and were happy, and who was fed by many hands before the lights went out. Now the deserted mongrel, hungry and sorrowful, haunts the empty, fornaken ruins where folly was, but where now desolation and hunger stalk. As if seeking the friends he goes from other, slowly always alone.

WILL KEEP TAX LEVY DOWN

CITY SIX, COUNTY FIFTEEN MILLS, IS PROBABLE.

Taxpayers' Meeting Will Decide the Amount to Be Raised for School Purpose.

A careful analysis of the would seem to indicate the certainty of the tax levy being kept below 6 mills for the city and not more than 151/2 mills for the county, although Assessor Sig-ler feels quite confident that a tax of 15 mills will be amply sufficient to meet

5%, while the total for the county, in all likelihood, may be kept within the 15% mills limit. There does not appear to be the least

There does not appear to be the least doubt that the ways and means committee will increase the estimates for the fire, police, lights and street-cleaning departments over the recommendations submitted with the Mayor's budget, and greatly in excess of the amount provided last year. The committee is working hard with that object in view, and while the result may not be known definitely for several days, it seems to be a forefor several days, it seems to be a fore-

gone conclusion that such will be the outcome of their deliberations. The question of a tax levy for school purposes is one for the annual taxpayers' meeting to determine. The excuse for the excessive school levy of last year, 75 mills, was based on the extensive construction work then in progress by reason of the need of new buildings. The estimate of 2.8 for this year, on the increased property valuation, will give proportionately the same amount of ney, with the probabilities strong for heavy expenditures along new construc-tion lines.

Will Resume Business.

It develops that the percentage of in-surance on the stock of goods belonging to Wadhams & Kerr Bros., destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning, was much to Wadhams & Kerr Bros, destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning, was much greater than heretofore announced, hence the loss to the firm will not be so large as thought. Four adjusters are now at work figuring on the extent of damage and will probably be able to announce the result in a few days.

The J. N. Teal building at Fourth and Hoyt streets has been secured as perma-manent quarters, and today the unload-ing of the new stock of goods will begin.

manent quarters, and today the unload-ing of the new stock of goods will begin. It is thought that the firm will be ready to resume business early this week, as it already has eight carloads of goods on the track alongside its new premises. the track alongside its new premises.

Many sympathetic letters have been received by the firm from old customers.

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Sheriff Tom Word and Deputy Sheriff John Grussi raided a poker game at 284 East Morrison street, yesterday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock, arrested aix players and selted chips, cards and other gambling paraphernalia. The men arrested gave the following names: George Wilson, Harry Franer, J. H. Smith, Harry Morgan, Jim Jackson and L. T. Daly. The men were caught playing, and although there was no money in sight, the officers have been convinced for several days there was a gambling game in progress there, and only watted a favorable opportunity to make the arrests. The room where the game was carried on was upstairs in the rear of living-rooms occupied by Daly, who is the proprietor of a cigar store on the ground floor. The men were released on \$100 cash ball each.

PITTED SUITCASE OR BAG Makes an elegant gift. Harris Trunk Co., 122 Sixth street, opposits The Oregonian, display a fine assertiment

TO ARCHBISHOP

Prelate Returned After Pilgrimage to Holy See, Delivers Message From Pope Pius X to the People of Oregon.

People of Portland yesterday paid a ribute to Archbishop Alexander Christie, of the diocese of Oregon, such as it is the fortune of but few men of any calling experience during a lifetime. casion was the public recention given in honor of this high dignitary of the Ro man Catholic Church, who has recently returned from a pilgrimage to the Eternal City, where he reported to Pope Pius X the condition of the diocese under his

It is well that a far-sighted committee arranged to hold the reception at the Armory, for no other hall in Portland would have accommodated the throng of people who came to pay their respects to the archbishop and receive him back to



their hearty co-operation and support. The attendance numbered nearly 5006. All of the seats on the main floor and in the gallery were filled and several hundred if the late-comers were compelled to

who had the arrangements in charge. The platform had been moved to the center of the west side of the hall, making ter of the west side of the hall making it easy for the speakers to be heard in all sections of the room. American flags were festooned about the walls of the auditorium and above the platform was displayed a large picture of Archbishop Christie. The archbishop occupied a seat at the center of the platform. On his right was Abbot Thomas, of Mount Angel, and on his left Monsignore Blanchet, vicar-general of the cathedral. Others occupying seats upon the platform were: Mayor Harry Lane, Father Black, Father Hillebrand, of Oregon City; Abbot Fortunatus, of Jordan; Judge J. B. Cleland, Frederick V. Holman, John P. Kavaof the various sisterhoods were scated at the front of the audience.

Testimonial of Esteem.

Naught but words of high praise for Archbishop Christie were spoken by the orthors of the day. His great work for the church, and the esteem in which he Archbishop in church, and the esteem in which he is held by every one, formed a theme upon which the various speakers visit with each other. The day was halled as the turning point toward the wider growth of the Catholic Church in Oregon. Implicit confidence was expressed that Implicit confidence was expressed that the church has a great future in the local diocese, and the speakers united in say-ing that the immediate work at hand is the building of the handsome catholic which it is ho;

which it is hoped to complete within the next few years. During the exercises Archbishop Christie was presented with a purse of more than \$3000. Of this amount the clergy contributed \$1858 and the July \$1371. It was given as a token of appreciation by the Catholics of Portland, among whom thun \$5000. the Catholics of Portland, among whom the archbishop has universal popularity. That Archbishop Christie is also popular among the non-Catholics was evidenced by the large numbers who were in attendance at the reception. To these was extended the heartiest welcome, and the assurance that the archbishop and his religious colleagues desire to work hand in hand with them in advancing the welfare of Portland and of Oregon.

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The programme opened with an overture by the Fidelia Orchestra, which was
followed by a welcome song which had
been composed expressly for the occasion
by Abbot Thomas, O. S. B., of Mount Angel, and set to music by Father Dominic.
O. S. B. A double chorus of 189 voices rendered this and two numbers during the programme. A besuitful sole part was sung by Mrs. Walter Reed, Portland's leading contraito,

Speakers Pay Tribute.

E. M. Brannick was the first speaker, making a few introductory remarks. "This great gathering," he said, "Is an evidence of the high exteem in which Archbishop Christie is held and to which he is entitled. We are here to do honor to a man who is known all over the Nation and who possesses as large a circle of friends as any man in Oregon. To him we owe a debt of gratitude. From the time that he took hold of the diocese of Oregon he has cared for its interests with a master hand. Not the least of his services has been its rescue from an impoverished condition to prosperity. The best proof of its present welfare is that the erection of a magnificent eathedral is now to be taken up."

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"We are assembled here today for the purpose of greeting, upon his return from Rome, one who is not only the chief dignitary of the Catholic Church in the Northwest, but one whom we regard as a friend and benefactor of us all. This is no perfunctory ceremony nor outentatious display, but is a demonstration that springs spontaneously from the immost depths of our hearts and our feelings. In assembling for such a purpose as we have in view we not only confer homes upon depths of our hearts and our feelings. In assembling for such a purpose as we have in view, we not only confer honor upon the distinguished guest of today but reflect credit upon ourselves. This is the commercial age; the age devoted to the worship of Mammon, and Magamon has been described by Milton as disdaining the supernal giories and beauties of Heaven and riveting his greedy eyes alons upon the golden pavements. It is desirable, therefore, that, we forego the purpose

man.

"We come here today not for the purpose of greeting some soldier who has won imperishable remown amids; the sangularry clouds of battle; not to welcome someone who has scanned a new star in the firmament of science; not to welcome some statesman who has commanded the applause of listening senates. We are here for a higher and worthler purpose; we are here for the purpose of showing our respect and esteem for one who for 30 years or more has been a commander in the army of the Prince of Peace; who, during all that time has preached the doctrines that were preached with solemn but gentle accents on the golden atrands of Gallee; of one whose mission in life has been to uplift, to emoble, to elevate mankind and to enhance the happiness of humanity.

Christian Spirit Reciprocated.

"Our fellow-citizens who are not of or fold may be sometimes filled with wonderment to see the respect and reverence which we pay to our hierarchy forced servitude; it is not because we look upon them with any superstitious awe. It is simply the outpouring of grat-itude, and gratitude is the fairest flower itude, and gratitude is the fairest flower that blooms within the human breast. We look upon them as the ones who atrengthen the mystic cord that stretches from the almighty hand into the heart and soul of every one of us. And let me tell you who are not of our fold that you are not beyond the pale and boundaries of their love and care. The bark of Peter is immovably anchored to the rock of faith, but that does not prevent them and does not prevent us from sending to you the salutes of our friendship, our respect and good will, and I know that you thoroughly reciprocate this sentiment.

"Your Grace, you have the honor to Tour Grace, you have the honor to occupy an historic diocese, next to Bai-timore the oldest archi-Episcopal see in the United States, one that has been consecrated by the labors of three saintly predecessors, Blanchet, Seghers and Gross. They laid the foundation and you are to rear the superstructure. Let us home that God may presser you in this that God may prosper you in thi

great work."

The second musical number upon the programme was Gounod's "Sanctus," given by the chorus under the direction of Arthur Alexander, director of the cathedral choir, who sang the soto parts Presented With Handsome Purse.

Following this came the presentation of the purse to Archaishop Christie. In this, Father Black, chancellor of the diocese, acted for the clergy, and J. P. Kavanaugh for the laity. Father Black spoke briefly of the archbishop's cordial relations with the clergy, "Today your priests and people join in public expression of our joy upon your return to us," he said. "You cannot know with what pride we learned in advance of your return, the signal honor and special faturn, the signal honor and special fa-vors our holy father, the father of Chris-tendom, bestowed upon you. Since the day that your grace was designated to be our spiritual father, not only in name. but in fact, no occasion has been so fit-tingly offered to express our filal lov-and foyal devotion. You have accom-plished great things in Oregon, yet I prediet that far greater things, beautiful and good, will be done by you in the

Mr. Kavanaugh dwelt at length Mr. Kavanaugh dwell been bestowed upon the honors which had been bestowed upon the archbishop by the pope. "This great man." he said, "who meets daily the great ones of earth was deeply impressed when he met our archbishop. The meetwhen he met our archbishop. The meeting was unusual. It was a meeting of kindred spirita. There is a bond of union between hrethiren, however distant; there is a sympathy between the virtuous. is a sympathy between the virtuous, however separated; there is a heaven-born instinct by which the associates of the heart become at once acquainted, and kindred natures, as if by magic recognize in the face of the stranger the features of the friend. Thus it was that although they had never met before, they halled each other in that sweet association. He returns after his brief absociation. He returns after his brief absociation. sociation. He returns after his brief ab sence bearing the approval and benedic tion of his spiritual superior. "His return is a special satisfaction to

us, as it is also a matter of public inter er Hillebrand, of Oregon City; Abbot Fortunatus of Jordan; Judge J. B. Cleland, Frederick V. Holman, John P. Kavanaugh, William A. Munley, Judge George, Judge Frazer, John Manning, and William George, John Manning, and William George, E. M. Brannick presided as chairman. The local clergy and members The spiritual head of a large and constantly increasing part of the community, he is in a situation to render the state great service. Not only on account of his ecclesiantical office or on account of his excellent experience.

Archbishop Christie Speaks.

The response of the grobblehop to these speeches was brief but expressive of much feeling. "I scarcely know how to thank you," he said, "although I do thank you exceedingly for this outpourthank you exceedingly for this outpour-ing of generosity. As has been stated, each archbishop in the Catholic Church is required to pay a visit to the pope once in every ten years. This I have just accomplished, and the message which the pope sent to you was this: Take to my people the blessing of an old man and tell them that they are very dear to my heart. This blessing he sent to the This blessing he sent to the Catholics, as well as to the Catholics,

dertakings."

The closing chorus number was "Hase Dies," composed by Father Dominic. This authern was sung upon Catholic Sunday at the Lewis and Clerk Fair. Miss Litzie Harwas, who took the soprano solo part at that time, also sang it yesterday. Dom Zan had the baritone part in this number. Miss Harwas also sang as a solo, "For All Eternity." She received

Dom Zan had the baritone part in this number. Miss Harwas also sang as a solo. "For All Eternity." She received a hearty encore. The exercises closed with the singing of "America."

The committee in charge of the reception was J. P. Kavanaugh, president; P. E. Sullivan, secretary: Joseph Jacobberger, treasurer; John Driscoll, Frank Barrett and John O'Hare, of the cathedral: John Sherlock, M. J. Malley and D. F. Campbell, of St. Patrick's; J. E. Courtney, F. Webber and Joseph Jacobberger, of St. Lawrence; John Tavelli, James Morest and Maurice Gleason, of St. Michael's; F. Dresser, Ben Albers and Mat Foeller, of St. Joseph's; J. A. McDonald, John Streimer and W. J. Rogge, of Sacred Heart; P. Van Hoomisen, W. H. Phelan and C. Marias, of St. Francis; J. P. Kavanaugh, A. F. Velguth and Dan J. Curran, of St. Mary's; T. Kelly and L. J. Bussell, of Holy Cross; H. L. Prevost, W. B. Claxton and Peter Thomas, of Precious Blood, and M. G. Munly, P. J. Gorman and J. T. McDonnell, of the Dominicans.

FRONT STREET FRANCHISES

THEME OF DISCUSSION AT THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

Diverse Views Expressed by Speakers on City or Private Ownership of Public Utilities.

Whether Pront street shall be gridroned with shining rails of steel was the bsorbing question discussed at the People's Forum, which met in Elks' Hall, in the Marquam building last night. Many plans were suggested for the solution of

the railroad problem, from the building of a subway to adopting Socialism.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise presided last night, and H. D. Wagnow was the first speaker to take the floor. He opposed the granting of a franchise to corporations, and advocated the building of a belt line up Second street he the city.

Second street by the city. He said Fron street was too narrow. Thomas McCusker, who, with his asso ciates, has applied for a franchise along Front street, delivered an interesting ad-dress. He told briefly the provisions he and his associates were willing to agree to in order to obtain that which they sought. G. E. Chambers then explained the franchise which the Willamette Valley

Traction Company was asking.

Perhaps a score of persons took the floor after that, among whom were Socialists, single-taxers, etc. Some one all seriousness asked why Portland could not have a subway as well as New York Another person said he believed the peo-ple of Portland should ride for nothing on the atreetcars. One man took the floor in the interests of Socialism, and when a point of order was called he did not know

what the Front-street franchise was.

One man wanted a resolution passed petitioning the City Council not to grant the franchise. Dr. Wise, who presided, said this was not the purpose of the People's Forum. Some one was so unkind as to rorum. Some one was so unkind as to refer to the open discussion as "cheap taik." Dr. Wise and others then explained that the sole purpose of the forum was to provide for the people a place of meeting where they could gather and talk over important questions, believing the expression of different views and suggestions would be of great benefit to all. The mowould be of great benefit to all. The mo-tion to lay the resolution on the table was passed by an overwhelming majority, and the meeting came to an end.

Vandals Cut Down Trees

Approach of Christmas is bringing com ts of the vandallsm of pering trees for the annual events of the sea-son who fall to observe the rights of othhis excellent standing among the govern, ing powers of the church, but because as a man and a citizen he measures up to the standard of great men, does he exert such an influence."

All. S. G. Smith, who is building a residence in Irvington, on Schuyler street, near East Eighteenth, but is not situated where he can watch his property, compains of the loss of a fine fir transport. tion of the top cut out, presumably for a Christmas tree.

ese "I would not have taken 100 for the of tree," said Mr. Smith, "and its loss, in my opinion, is a distinct damage to my property. There are many property-owners who desire the trees cut on their lots, and where their removal would be no loss or damage, who would gladly give permission to those seeking trees for Christmas purposes, but it seems to me to be de-plored that anybody without such permission should enter upon the property of an-other and cut down any tree."

BUSINESS ITEMS.

and so I bring to you the benediction of a kind, great-hearted father.

"We have been working hard in Oregon and I have had the loyal support of all my people without whom I would have and diarrhees. It soothes the child, softens the gums, aliays all pain, curse wind coile and diarrhees.

heen able to accomplish nothing. We have great things yet to accomplish and I am sure that I can rely upon the aid of the people of Portland in the new un-

St. Johns Will Decide Liquor Question.

MEETS TONIGHT COUNCIL

Tax Levy an Important Matter for Consideration, Which May Be Disposed of Also at This Time.

"It will be found where I stand when it comes to vote license ordinance pending in St.

Johns. When the people there
voted that they did not want
saloons in that town, it settled the matter with me. Not that I am opposed to saloons in general, but the people by their vote said they did not want them. There has been a state-ment made that I was staying away because I did not want to vote, which is false. Further, I see that the Mayor is pushing the water question sent. What right, anyway, has the Mayor to dictate what the Council shall do about anything? I shall fell him so. —Councilman J. H. Shields,

Member St. Johns Council.

Councilman J. H. Shields came hom from San Jose, Cal., where he took his family to spend the Winter last week, and attended the meeting of the Council last Monday, but remained a silent spectator of the proceedings, but all the while was boiling over with indignation over several things. He did not appreciate the insinuation thrown out that he was reseveral things. He did not appreciate the insinuation thrown out that he was remaining away so he would not have to vote one way or the other on the general liquor-license ordinance pending and holding fire for so long a time. He has always opposed the idea of purchasing the St. Johns Water Company's plant, and is highly indignant that Mayor King is again urging that the Council take steps to issue bonds to purchase the same. Regarding the liquor-license ordinance, Councilman Shields was a member of the solid four-Edwards, Leggett, Shields and Brice—who stood out against liquor license on the ground that the people had voted against it, and he declares that he stands today where he has always stood—opposed to saloons in St. Johns because of that vote. This evening this liquor-license ordinance will come up for final disposal. Heretofore, it has repeatedly been postponed because of the absence of one or more members, but this evening it comes up in regular order and will only require a majority to pass it. require a majority to pass it.

Leggett Roosts on the Top Rail.

Four is a majority, and the question is, will it have a majority? The indications are that it will pass. Councilmen Edwards, Peterson, Thompson and Linquist may be depended on to vote for the ordinance, and perhaps Councilman Brice, who heretofore has been a little uncertain voting first on one side and then on tain, votting first on one side and then on the other. Leggett has calmly and firmly roosted on the top rail of the fence and said "I pass" at all votes on the ordi-nance. Mayor King thinks Leggett's vote said "I pass" at all votes on the ordi-nance. Mayor King thinks Leggett's vote should be recorded in the affirmative, but he was not austained. Meanwhile, the Law and Order League of St. Johns has been busy. A petition has been circulated against the liquor-license ordinance, and it will probably be presented to the Coun-cit this evening. Rev. L. F. Young, of the St. Johns Methodist Episcopal Church, has accepted the leadership dropped by Rev. E. M. McVicker, and is pushing the fight against the ordinance. Miss Marfight against the ordinance. Miss Mar-garet J. Bilz, a noted W. C. T. U. field worker, of Michigan, will speak this evening in the St. Johns Met Church and throw a few hot shots into the camp of the "wet" people.

The Tax Levy.

The St. Johns Council must make its levy before the first of the year, and it may be fixed at the meeting this evening. Attorney Greene has warned the Council that it must act at once. The taxable valuation is about \$1.250,000. There has been talk of a 10-mill levy, but some of the larger property-owners condemn it as too high, and suggest that a 4 or 6-mill levy be made, but the Council is con-fronted with about \$7000 of debt that must be met somehow. There are about \$2000 in warrants floating, for salaries, fire apin warrants floating for salaries, fire ap-paratus and other things, besides which the Council has purchased ground for a public hall for \$5500, paying \$500 down and obligating itself to pay the rest by February 1, 1905. Between \$5000 and \$6500 is expected from the liquor licenses if the pending ordinance passes, which would help out considerably. It may be the Council will pass the levy over to an adjourned meeting. The other questions which Mayor King is urging are the is-

suing of bonds for a city hall and also to purchase the present water plant, which was offered for \$20,000. To carry out these plans would require an issue of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in bonds, Advocates Mardi Gras.

On the heels of all these matters comes Captain W. W. Goodrich, City Engineer, with the proposition to hold a Mardi Gras celebration in 1906 in St. Johns. He thinks that there are many beautiful women in St. Johns who can act as queen, and the women-maidens and matrons—of this growing city are peering in their mirrors and training themselves for a race for that homes.

Newspaper Man for Mayor.

The city election in April is beginning to loom up. Only one candidate for the Mayoralty is in the field, and he is too modest to announce himself—W. L. Thorndyke a newspaper man, who served his apprenticeship under Charles A. Dana, of the New York Sun, and is at present editor of the St. Johns Review.

WORK OF THE LIBRARY

New Books Added and Plan Arranged to Supply Engine-Houses.

The library will be closed for the purpose of inventory, all day Wednesday, December 20, and on Thursday, December 21, until 12 o'clock.

Arrangements are being made with the co-operation of Fire Chief Campbell to send libraries to the various engine-houses for the use of the firemen. Books will be sent according to the number of men, and will be changed as often as required. The first library will be sent to the fireboat next Tuesday in charge of Arthur Bonner. The others will be placed in the various stations as soon as the captains can find time to call at the library and make definite arrangements.

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RELIGION. Parson, E. C. Christus Liberator. 286.6 P267 SOCIOLOGY.

SCIENCE. Gibeon, W. H., and Jelliffe, H. L. Our mative orchids 594,1 G451 Gooch, F. A., and Walker, C. F. Cutlines of inorganic obemistry (1905). OS546 G65 Vices, H. de. Species and varieties; their origin by mutation, 1906.

West, T. D. Metallurgy of cast tron, FINE ARTS, INCLUDING AMUSEMENTS, Ambros, A. W. Boundaries of music and poetry. 780.1 A495 Berenson, S., ed. Hasket-ball for women. To To To Sasser.

pein, H. Hains Holbein; by A. B. namberiain B750.3 H723 hamberiain B750.3 H723 hamberiain Mme. M. (G). Ten singing iso-robest, Mme. M. (G). Chamberiain
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Marchesi, Mme. M. (G). Ten singing lessons
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Mason, W. Memories of a musical life.
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LITERATURE.

Howells, W. D. Albany Despot. 812 H850s. Howells, W. D. Bride roses. 812 H850s. Howells, W. D. Evening dress. 812 H850s. Howells, W. D. Indian giver. 812 H850s. Howells, W. D. Letter of introduction. Howells, W. D. Unexpected guests 812 H85su Matthews, J. B. Decision of the cours Mawson, A., comp. Winnowings for Lin-coln's birthday. 808.8 M402 Mawson, A., comp. Winnowings for Wash-ington's birthday. 808.8 M442s Yeats, W. B. Land of heart's desire. 822 Y411

TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION. nson, G. C. Cities of northern Italy 914.5 W729

HISTORY. Bury, J. B. Student's Roman Empire 937 B975 Cheyney, E. P. Short History of England 942 C531

INDIVIDUAL BIOGRAPHY.

Prince, Mrs. H. C. (P). Story of Christine Rochefort P050a Tarkington, N. B. Conquest of Canaan T157co Turgenieff, I. S. Smoke. T000em

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. E Story of the Faerie queen 1821 B873 D. David Crockett; by J. S. C. JB CROSA Abbott
Humphrey, F. A. Adventures of early discoverers
Richards, Mrs. L. E. (H). More five-minJR518mo

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