## TENSE SESSION AT GAS INQUIRY

Exciting Meeting Is Expected at the Investigation Tonight.

How the Consumers Are Forced to Pay Interest on Dividends on Bonds and Stock of the Corporation.

PACTS BROUGHT OUT BEFORE GAS COMMITTEE OF CITY

The second second	
cost of gas to com- pany at burner. Per 1,000 feet	1.15 398,082,67 1,500,000,00 750,000,00

compelled to pay interest and dividends on \$2,250,000 in bonds and stock of the Portland Gas Company, while the actual value of the gas plant is but \$1,500,000, is a matter under examination by the Countries of the Countri ell gas committee, which will meet again

tonight at 7:30 o'clock, in the City Hall.
The \$1,500,000, being the actual value of the plant, according to the sworn statement of C. F. Adams, president of the company, is all that the public should be required to pay interest or dividends upon. But the sum which is charged up to consumers for dividends and interest exceeds int by \$750,000, and makes a big graft for the company, swelling the cost supplying gas and representing meth-is of "frenzied finance."

#### Actual Value for Dividends.

The investigation, headed by Henry E. McGinn, submitted to the committee last Wednesday night that the actual value of the plant was the only legitimate basis for dividend and interest charges on conimers, and that this was being observed investigations in other cities as well as in Portland.

said Mr. McGinn. "it will take the value of your entire plant, without regard debredness. It will take what you have invested, what it can see, what it can estireasonable return; but it is not to allow ud make the consumer pay your interest

### Tense Session Expected.

Exciting as was the last session of the is temper and gave vent to a torrent of and profanity on the witness stand, session promises to be equally The company then fought the enand consented to throw open its oks only when put up to the alternative submitting or defying the committee's tion. It used every endeavor to investigation off into side issues gas quality and meter complaints, thus rying to keep the searchlight from shin-

Mr. Adams testified that the gas which feet cests the company to make and distribute 27.68 cents, not including deprecia-tion of plant, which he said made the large addition of 14.65 cents, raising it to

### Questions Put to Adams.

-What did you receive for this gas? A.

gas per 1000 feet and place it in the holder?

Q.—Does that include distribution? A.—Yes,

tribute the gas? A .- 26.23 cents. Q.—Dues that include your administration around appearses? A.—Tea, sir.
Q.-2-Can you sequente your administration de this.

expense from your distribution expense so as to show us exactly what distribution costs? Q.-Will you kindly give the figures? A .-

Q .- And your administration expenyou kindly give us those figures? A.—It amounts to 1.26 cents.

Q.—What does it cost for administration expenses in the total? A.—6.96 cents.

Q.—How much does it cost in the burner? A.—Well, if you put it up to the burner, it costs 57.68 cents.

Q .- That includes all of your office expenses.

does it? A .- Includes everything except L-What do you figure in for depreciation?
-Two and one-half per cent on the capi-

tal—amounting to 14.45 per 1000.

Q.—So without fauring the depreciation,
Mr. Adams of 14.45, you put the gas in the
burner for the consumer for 57.68 cents? A. That is right.

Q.-What does that include? A .- The de-Q .- No, the 57.687 A .- It includes manufacturing cost, what you call our distribution

cost, stove and fixture cost, general expense

bonded debt? A.—No. air.
Q.—Do you figure bad debts? A.—Yes. sir.
Q.—How much bad debts? A.—It amounted last year to about \$1700.
Q.—What do you figure distribution? It is not distribution in the ordinary acceptation of the term: A.—I figure in that soliciting expenses, salaries amounting to about \$2900, accident and benefit and taxes.

Q.—What is your accident and benefit? A.

Q.-What class A.-Taxes amounting to

20-730.300
Q.—And what clas? A.—General petty express amounting to \$3672.15. There are a thousand and one things that I could not tell you officiant, but one item I remember was a subscription to the Lewis and Clark Pair of \$2500, to the American Inn.
Q.—You figure that all as distribution expense? A.—Yer, sir,

pense? A.—Tes, sir,

Q.—Have you anything eine there beside
that (referring to a book in Mr. Adams' hands,
containing the figures)? A.—Demonstration.
We have a lady who demonstrates the use of
gas stoves, \$885.85. She goes around and
shows people how to cook on a gas stove, fry
eggs and hake ham,

Q.—Anything eine? A.—That is all I see,

Q.—That is all figured in, as I understand
II, in the \$7.08 cents you have spoken of as
distribution? A.—Tes, fir,

Q.—And it all comes under the head of distribution? A.—Tes, fir.

Adams Tells of Receipts.

Q.-Will you kindly inform the committee what disposition was made of the receipts last year, \$398.082.67? A.—We paid \$117.-\$60.85 for manufacturing cost—that is, for coal, oil, manufacturing, labor, purification supplies and some heavy expenses like re-

pairs and nar.

Q.—What became of the balance? A.—

We paid out \$56,849.19 under the distribution, \$8,510.20 for running the store and

facture department, \$2,403.66 for administration, and there are sundry charges amounting to \$2,266.94, and that make a total of \$206,690.74, leaving a balance of

Q.—What was done with that? A.—We charged \$50,000 for depreciation. We saved fixed charges of \$37,500.

Q.—What do you mean by that? A.— That is a tharge of 5 per cent interest on \$750,000 of bonds.

Gas Company Lays Its Mains, but Does Not Repair Damage.

LEAVES STREETS TORN UP

Alice Davenport Declares She Was Slightly Intoxicated.

Record of a Day's Proceedings With Petty Offenders in the Municipal Court and the Punishments Meted Out.

big case," said Clerk Frank Hennessey, when Alice Davenport, weighing 350 pounds, came forward in the Mu nicipal Court yesterday morning and stood before Judge Cameron to be ar-raigned on a charge of drunkenness.

NAMED AS TRUANT OFFICER



S. D. WHITE, OF THE MOUNTED PATROL, IS GIVEN THE POSITION.

Chief of Police Gritzmacher yesterday assigned Mounted Patrolman S. D. White to duty as trush officer. This is in accordance with plans of Juve-nile Judge A. L. Frazer, under whose direct supervision the new appointed

Truant Officer White will assume his new duties this morning, pursuant to an order issued yesterday by Chief Gritzmacher. White knew nothing of his selection for the important position until he reported off duty at head-

Truent Officer White will work from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., his special duty being to look after youngelers who "play hookey," and to see that the laws relative to children attending school are enforced. He is the first truant important having to do with the youth of the city,

During White's service in the Police Department, he has borne an excellent reputation, and has never been in trouble. He has been attached practically all the time to the mounted squad.

and connecting with houses, but fails in | Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald every case to restore the streets torn up called Patrelman Kicnien to the stand for these mains. Trenches are dug, pipe "Was this woman drunk?" asked Mr. put down and covered lightly with dirt and gravel, leaving the streets damaged. She wa East Ninth street, between Ellsworth and very promp Beacon, and also East Eighth street south from Elisworth, are examples of this way

of laying pipe.
On East Ninth street a fine new im-In the Wednesday night examination, questions were put by Mr. McGinn and answered by President Adams from the provement was put down at very beavy 

On East Eighth street these ridges are left, and also when a trench is dug across the streets to lay pipe to the houses these trenches are left and become chuck holes. Property-owners, who pay for the improvement of these streets, think that Q. Have you it separated so you can tell the Gas Company should be required to hat it costs you in the holder before the streets to as good condition Q.—Can you tell us what it costs you to dis-D.—This can only be done by using a feavy street-roller, instead of sending around a man to tamp down the ridge gently by hand. It would cost more to

### PERSONAL MENTION.

George W. Hagen, attorney, returned home yesterday from a week's stay San Francisco on legal business. says he had many inquiries while in San Francisco about Portland real estate deals which had been reported and that he believed that more Californians will come

NEW YORK, March 1 .- (Special.) -Northwestern people registered today From Salem, Or .- R. T. Bishop, at the

From Spokane-J. E. White, at the Prince George; C. M. Youle, at the Fifth

Cumberland; D. L. Weaver and wife, at the Vendome; E. E. Harvey, at the Park Avenue; F. M. Gordon, at the Breslin; D. H. Jarvis and wife, F. S.

CHICAGO, March 1 .- (Special.) - Oregonians registered today as follows: Morrison-H. L. Allen, E. B. Jones,

Grace-J. H. Ricker, Jr., Portland, Sherman-H. G. Williams and wife, Sa-

Palmer-A. H. Boyland, Portland Windsor-Clifton-J. Freeman, Salem,

### Portland Merchants Get Terms.

To enable Portland merchants to ship supplies to logging camps at Ray-mond, Wash, on more favorable terms mond, Wasn. on more lavorants, who have been controlling the business by shipments by steamer to South Bend and thence by rail, the Northern Pa-cific will allow the 30-cent scale to be-come operative as far as Raymond, in-stead of the 25-cent scale as formerly. The rates on news and print paper in rolls, bundles or crates and wrapping and building paper in mixed excludand building paper in mixed carload lots, having a minimum of 20,000 pounds, to Sound ports from Portland, will be made the same from Vancouver, Wash. Tels change will be published in a few days.

"She was," replied the patrolman, very promptly, "I was not drunk," swore Alice Davenport when she mounted the stand and attempted to seat herself in the democratic chair that has so long and

faithfully served the purpose in this storic court. "Not drunk!" exclaimed Mr. Fitzgerald, "were you sober?" "I was slightly intoxicated, but not drunk: I knew all the time what I

was doing," she replied haughtily, as she saot a piercing glance at the inquisitor. "I see, madame," replied Mr. Fitzgerald, as he glanced up at the celling, "you were only 'slightly intoxi-

were you sober when you turned the water on upstairs in the women's ward and let it run until it soaked through the floor and dripped down into this courtroom; how about that-were you drunk then, or sober?"

"I never turned on the water," was the reply. "It is false, sir; I'm inno-cent; all I did upstairs was to knock off a little plaster."
But all of her assurance was insuffi-

cient to cause Judge Cameron to alter his opinion, and he found her guilty. She was fined \$23. Alice Davenport is the largest wam-an ever appearing in the courtroom.

Robert Haywood, aged 18 years, as onished Judge Cameron by entering a plea of guilty to a charge of robbing telephone boxes, when he was arraigned by the Deputy District Attor-ney. Sentence was not passed, how-ever, as the court expressed a desire

to have the prisoner's parents in the room when this was done, and said he desired to ask them some questions. Young Haywood was captured after a spectacular chase from a rooming-house at 122% Union avenue, which is house at 127½ Union avenue, which is in East Portland, across the Burnside-street bridge and down Second street, West Portland, by Philip How-ard. The latter was but half-dressed, but knew he had an opportunity to capture a thief, and declined to give up the race. Special Policeman Wag-non, of the Chinatown district, stopped the furitive and placed him under arthe fugitive, and placed him under ar-

Philip Howard, who put up the hot race for the young man, saw Haywood break into the telephone box in the hotel, take from it the contents and

Mrs. K. A. Fox keeper of the Appleton House. North Sixth street, caused the arrest of Sam Dashara, charging him with "defrauding an in-keeper," but when the case came to keeper," but when the case came to trial yesterday morning, the defendant, although fined \$10. "got back" at his accuser by proving that he gave her a skirt, worth \$4. The woman was very indignant over the defendant's tale of the skirt, but she admitted she had one at the house, which, she said, he left there without her consent.

"Do you not think you had best accept that skirt?" asked Judge Cameron of Mrs. Fox. "You see, the defendant has no money to pay the bill with, and if he is fined, he will have to go to jall, and it won't do you any

to go to jail, and it won't do you any

good."
"Indeed, I will not accept the old skirt; it's no use to me," indignantly replied Mrs. Fox. "He can get that skirt any time he calls for it, for I would not have it as a gift. I never accepted it, and he left it without my consent."

Here Mr. Adams was asked for his Byestirons Boothes Eye Pali: Doesn't Emart. An investigation was begun by

IT'S LADIES' DAY EVERY DAY AT THE

# Sale of Brigham's Fine Stock

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Under the direction of SHANAHAN, the man that gives real bargains. It behoves every lady in Portland to be one of the crowd to attend this great sale of the finest stock of Laces, Underwear, Corsets, Waists, Notions and Men's Furnishings as ever was placed on a sacrifice sale in the United States. Brigham's store is the home of the finest grades of merchandise, and the prices they are being sold at by SHANAHAN puts them within the reach of all.

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now ...... 25¢ Columbia Golf Yarn, reg. 45e sk . . 25c. Columbia Fleur de Lis, reg. 25e sk 18¢ Columbia Germantown, reg. 20c. . 16¢ Columbia Fairy Zephyr, reg. 18c. 15c German Knitting Yarn, reg. 35c. . 25c Ice Wool, regular 55e box, now. 35c Ice Wool, regular 75c box, now .. 50c Ice Wool, regular 15c ball, now . . 10c Broken lines of Zephyr, package. 5¢

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DRAWERS Regular 30c, now, per garment. . 15c Regular 65c Drawers ...... 19c Regular 50e Tape Girdles . . . . . . 19c Regular \$1.00 Tape Girdles ..... 39¢ Regular 50e and 75e Corsets .... 15¢

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Reduction. Real Laces and Fine Handkerchiefs at Half Price.

### Special Request Ladies!

During this sale we ask that those who can to attend this sale in the forenoon. The store, while spacious and well lighted, will not more than accommodate one-half of crowds that will endeavor to attend during the usual popular hours of the afternoon. Early patrons will find it to their advantage to be here before

10:30 A. M. DAILY.

We open at 9 o'clock; close from 12 to 1 for lunch and arranging of stock, and close at 5 P. M. On Saturday we close from 5 to 6 P. M. for lunch and arranging of stock, and keep open in the evening until 10 o'clock

Judge Cameron into the financial affairs of Charles Wright, alleged vagless, Wright has been before

Honor on various charges, and this time may expect to receive a heavy sentence, especially should it develop that he told some untruths to the court about debts.

"I went into a dark alley to lean against a building," said Wright, explaining how he came to be arrested.

You see, I knew I was going to be seized with a fit, and wanted to protect myself from falling from the pave-ment. I had the fit all right, and the policeman caught me. I knew very well that when I opened my eyes and saw the blue uniform bending over me that the game was up, and that it would be me to the jail, and here I

down the figures relative to Wright's financial standing since last released on a vagrancy charge, and some discrepancies are believed to be forthcoming. The case was continued until this morning. Warrants for the arrest of Louis

Trummer and John Furey were issued out of the Municipal Court yesterday morning, charging Trummer with maintaining a saloon, 48 North Fourth street, where a stairs connects with the upper floor, in which disorderly women resort, and Furey with being a party to the business.

Hoquiam Plans for Chautauqua. HOQUIAM, Wash., March 1 .- (Spe-

building is being renovated and the ing nation." The shock from a telenew one is being annexed to it. It is the intention of business men in this cify to organize a Chautaneus to be held each year similar to a to one held an-

ALL MEN WILL BE BLIND Specialist's Opinion on Ultimate Effect of Electricity.

CHICAGO, March L-Universal blind-ness is to be humanity's tribute to electricity, is the theory expressed by apeutic expert, in the trial of a personal injury suit in Judge Winde's court yesterday. The Union Traction Company is being sued for \$56,000 damages in behalf of Ruth Bostrom. who is declared to be partially blind and paralyzed from an electrical cur-rent which passed from the atmosphere through her body April 10, 1962. Eye specialists have been the first to discover the corroding effects of the electrical currents being generated by of the civilized globe, explained the witness. Day or night we are never free from its influence, he said. The eyes, the most delicate portion of the human body, will suffer first. Dr. Pratt cited the increasing prevalence

of failing eyesight. Later will come a gradual sensitizing and burning of the hands. The wavering of the incandescent cial.)—Work on the new tabernacle was commenced today and when completed Hoquiam will have one of the largest halls of this nature in the county. The old Hoquiam iron works

phone battery, the spark of a "jumped" trolley pole, the snap and crackle of the power station dynamo and motor were cited as stronger but less everpresent contributors to the same ef-

The Bostrom girl was standing at a street corner four years ago, when a wire fell across the trolley wire, its loose end dropping within four feet of her. She was then 11 years old. Al-most immediately she became nearly blind and was paralyzed on her right

side, the one nearest to the swinging The traction company asserts that the girl's condition could not have re-sulted from the current carried by the unless it came in contact with

Good Hotel for Hoquiam.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 1 .- (Spe cial.)-There is a movement on foot to give Hoquiam a first-class hotel. Business men are to form a stock company and erect a three-story brick building near the Northern Pacific depot. Hoquiam has been retarded a agreat deal owing to its lack of hotel accommodations, the majority of traffic stopping at Aberdeen. It is the intention of these men to construct and operate the best hotel on Gray's Harbor, thus securing them the best of this trade.

OREGON CITY, Or., March L .- (Special. -Howard F. Latourette will become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Clerk. Mr. Latourette is the son of C. D. Latourette, a prominent Democrat of this city.

Democrat of this city.

R. B. Beatle, of Beaver Creek, and H.

G. Starkweather, of Milwaukie, will be the Democratic candidates for Sheriff and County Judge, respectively,

Philadelphia.—Fire Thursday destroyed the storage and distributing plant of Armour & Co., at the corner of American and Norris streets. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

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