

PAVING COMPANIES FLAYED BY MAYOR

Tactics of Rival Companies Disgust Members of Executive Board.

MAY WITHHOLD CONTRACTS

Charges Made That Bids Submitted for Street Improvements Are Not in Good Faith and Managers Are Grilled.

Thoroughly disgusted by the manner in which street improvements are hampered by the hickery tactics of the paving companies, Mayor Lane threatened yesterday to take steps to shut all such firms out of the city.

The Mayor's remarks were uttered before the street committee of the Executive Board, and were not spoken in jest, but as a determined ultimatum. They marked what is perhaps the climax of the long fight between the Warren Construction Company and the Barber Asphalt Company, whose history is familiar to nearly every one in Portland.

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