## CITY'S STREETS ARE GIVEN AWAY

Mayor Lane Says Council Has Made Presents of Property Worth \$200,000.

TIME TO HALT, HE SAYS

Chief Executive of City Declares He Has Vetoed Ordinances in Vain and That He Intends to Appeal to Citizens at Large.

Property valued at not less than \$200,000 has been given away by the City Council, according to Mayor Lane since he has been in office through the where he has been in office through the vacation of streets, and he is determined to put a stop to it. He declares that he has argued and pleaded with the councilmen in vain, and if they do not mend their ways he threatens to arouse public sentiment to such a pitch that the city's legislative body dare not vacate any more streets. He may appeal to the Initiative One Huned to aid him.
"I feel sure that the property given

away at different times by streets being vacated represents as much as the bonded indebtedness of our city." said he yesterday. "For years the City Council has been steadily at work handing out streets to both private and corporate interests, and I believe that it is time for something to be done to end it. Where has all of our waterfront some? But years for our therefront some? But years for our therefront some? front gone? But very few of our thoroughfares lead down to the river because they were vacated. I feel that the day is not far distant when the city will have to pay out actual money to make streets, which would have been prevented had proper care and foresight been exercised."

At nearly every meeting of the City

Council ordinances are passed provid-ing for vacation of portions of certain streets. As rapidly as they pass they are vetoed by the Mayor. When re-turned to the Council in nearly all in-stances they are passed over his veto. At the last regular meeting of the Council this week two such ordinances were enacted over his veto and one

other passed.

One of the ordinances vetoed and later passed provided for the vacation of about 400 feet along Cole street, which is 60 feet in width. In his veto message upon this ordinance he said:

"I have given up all hope that this color is to retain anything in the way." city is to retain anything in the way of public rights or property which any person or corporation may desire to

#### Ironworks Gets Part of Street.

The ordinance providing for the va-cation of a portion of Hull street and which will undoubtedly be vetoed by the Mayor was passed the same after-noon. The street is to be cut down from 60 feet to 20 feet in width for a distance of about 200 feet. The Wil-lamette Iron & Steel Works desires 20 feet of the street, and W. H. Corbett, representing the company, made the verbal agreement that he would pre-sent a petition from the property owners to pave with bitulithic pavement the remainder of the street. It was declared that one of the prop-

erty owners who will receive 20 feet on the street would not accept it, if he had to stand the expense of improvement of the remaining portion. to take it by offering him inducements, and many of the councilmen took him seriously. Mayor Lane says that lots in that part of North Portland are sell ing at about \$3500 each. The street to be vacated would make about two lots. He cites that as but one of many sim-

flar vacations.

The streets cannot be sold by the city, but Mayor Lane says that it would he an easy matter to effect a so-called trade. There is nothing to prevent, so says the Mayor, a person who desires a part of a certain street to do-nate to the city another tract suitable for park purposes. The streets are dedicated to public

The streets are dedicated to public use, and although the city has no title to them the City Council has the right by ordinance to vacate them. The ordinance reads: "If the Council shall find that public interest would not be prejudiced by vacation of such street and that consent of the owners of the requisite number of front feet has been obtained, the Council may grant the prayer of the petitioner."

When a vacation is made the street becomes the possession of those who own the addacent property, the center of the

comes the possession of mose who own the adjacent property, the center of the street being the dividing line. Most of the streets which are given away are used but little, but Mayor Lane takes the decided stand that they will be needed by the city in years to come. The rallroads have been granted considerable property in the form of streets for terminal purposes.

## Councilmen Defend Action.

The Councilmen declare that the vaca-tion of any street is not made without a tion of any street is not made without a careful and exhaustive investigation, and not without just cause. Referring to the railroads, the Councilmen say that they buy up whole blocks for terminal purposes and then ask for the streets. As terminal grounds are necessary, they say that in fairness to the railroads they cannot refuse these demands without impeding the provided greaters of the office. fuse these demands without impeding the material growth of the city. As to the other streets that are vacated, the Councilmen declare that they are absolutely of no value to the city and that they never would be. Councilman Preston, however, when the Hull-street ordinance was up for consideration, declared that at some future date the city would have to pay out thousands of dollars to provide more streets for North Portland.

"When streets are vacated the city

streets for North Portland.

"When streets are vacated the city should receive in return property equivalent in value to that given away," continued Mayor Lane, when seen yesterday, "We are now in the market for property for park purposes, and it almost makes me sick to think of all the city property which has been given away without a cent in return.

### Why Give Property Away?

"Property of Portland is valuable, and why should it be given to private and corporate interests? We need property for parks and for playgrounds for the children. When persons want a valuable street, why couldn't they donate to the city a tract that we could make listo a park or playgrounds? Again and again I have vetoed ordinances providing for vacation of streets, but in nearly all instances tion of streets, but in nearly all instances my veto was of no avail. Now I would like to know how much longer the people of Fortland intend to stand by and see their streets distributed around."

Lecture on "Liberal Christianity."

At the Unitarian Church tomorrow evening Rev. Lewis G. Wilson

insufficient character of life without conscious religious interests and associations. The responsibility of the American citizen for the perpetuation of religious influences is urged, and the tendencies of Christian thought and life in America are described. These lectures are given on the foundation established by the late Robert Charles Billings, and conducted under the direction of the American Unitarian Association. This is Mr. Wilson's second long itinerary, having traveled through the South and South-

## "Taking" Santa Claus Is Much in Demand

Man Who Acts Part of Kris Krin-gle to Perfection Has More En-gagements Than He Can Fill.

O NE East Side resident says a person is unfortunate at this time of the year to be possessed of special qualifications of a high-grade and successful Santa Claus, One who has a reputa tion for acting a "taking" Santa Claus is sure, he says, to have his hands full to meet all the invitations that will come to him from his friends besides answering the calls of numerous

F. L. Kneeland, who lives near Gray's Crossing on the Mount Scott rallway, has just this kind of reputation, and he has calls at present all over the city to act as Kris Kringle. In addition he will be at innumerable private Christmas ex-ercises, and will make his appearance at many houses and as at many churches as he can get around to. In some cases his engagements conflict, but he will try to disappoint as few as possible. He will be Santa Claus at the Second Baptist Church, also at Savier Church and at Arleta and one or two more, if his rein-deer do not balk or wear out before he gets all the way round. He is thinking some of leaving the reindeer at home and hiring an automobile, and then charging

about \$10 for every appearance to meet expenses, but he will not do so this year. Mr. Kneeland does not know how he got his reputation, but he does know he has it and that it keeps him busy. He is making arrangements to appear this year in a stunning Santa Claus rig that outshine anything of the sort that ever been gotten up in Portland. W Mr. Kneeland acts as Santa Claus he got his reputation. Look for his co tume this season, If will be great.

#### DISMISSAL IS SUSTAINED C. E. Wood Dropped From Fire De-

partment for Drunkenness.

The dismissal of C. E. Wood from the dismissal of C. E. wood from the fire department was sustained yesterday by the Civil Service Com-mission. Wood was a lieutenant of hose company No. 3, and as a warn-ing was first reduced in rank and later dismissed on the charge of

commission yesterday Attorney John Shillock produced a copy of the de-partment rules which he alleged had been violated. He said that under the rules of the department he refused to recognize the charges against his recognize the charges against his client and would ask for an immediate relastatement. He then read the rule that provided that a copy of the charges must be sent to any member of the department accused of wrong-doing, prior to the date of hearing. Mr. Saillock declared that the rule had not been followed in this case. Chief Campbell demanded that the

Chief Campbell demanded that the attorney surrender his copy of the rules, as it was city property and that none outside of the department had any right to its possession. When Mr. Shillock declined Chief Campbell threatened to have him arrested. The attorney said that it had been given into his care by Wood.

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# FOR NEW PARKS

Initiative One Hundred Lays Plans to Beautify Portland.

DRIVEWAY AROUND CITY

Active Steps Will Be Taken at Once to Work Out Details for Decision of Voters at June Election.

Active steps are at once to be taken by the Initiative One Hundred to carry out the scheme recently proposed for parks and boulevards in this city. The original plan has been somewhat modified, and as now outlined will involve an expense of \$1,000,000, just half the amount planned |

the funds provided jointly by the county-and by the city of St. Johns.

The bill providing for an increase in saloon licenses in Portland has been prepared and committees of the Initiative

One Hundred will soon circulate petitions for the purpose of bringing it up at the June election. The original plan to raise the license to \$1300 has been abandoned. it being voted last night to place the amount at \$1000. Members asserted that they believed that a \$1000 measure would meet with more general support and would in all probability be carried by

A crusade against the bill board was inaugurated through the efforts of Thomas G. Greene. He declared that the posters spread upon fences throughout the city are one of the greatest drawbacks which Portland faces and a dispersion of the community. A committee grace to the community. A committee was instructed to take up the matter and suggest means of getting the bill boards abolished.

## RETURNS WITHOUT FIGHT

W. H. Taft on Way to Portland From Calgary to Face Charges.

Contrary to the expectations of the police, W. H. Taft, ex-convict, high finan-cier and former dealer in real estate here, has consented to return to Portland without the long and arduous pro-cesses of extradition and, in company with Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard, he left Calgary, Alberta, for this city at noon yesterday and is expected to arrive topicht or tomogrow. The party is comtonight or tomorrow. The party is com-posed of Taft, Leonard, Attorney Max Cohen and Dr. George Peters.

#### PORTLAND'S PROSPERITY

People in Portland who may want to furnish their friends in the East with exact information of Portland's status as one of the great cities and tidewater ship-ports of the Coast should mail these friends copies of the New Year's Oregonian that will be published Tuesday morning, January 1 next. The paper will be handsomely illustrated. Price by mail to any address in the United States, Canada or Mexico, postage prepaid,

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in the original estimate. The details of the plan will be worked out and the proposition of bonding the city for \$1,000. 00 voted upon at the June election.

A report upon the scheme of parks and coulevards was made at the meeting of

the Initiative One Hundred last night by J. C. Ainsworth, chairman of the com-mittee which has had the matter in charge. He gave a general outline of the plan and recommended bringing an East-ern expert to Portland within the next few months to make surveys and to work out the details. Upon motion of Mr. Ains-worth, the organization passed a motion requesting the Council to appropriate \$5000 early in January for the purpose of employing an Olmstoad engineer to come to Portland to select the most feasible routes for boulevards and locations for

The project includes the laying out of a splendid boulevard or driveway around the greater portion of the city. This driveway would go south on Fourteenth street, and thence out the White House street, and thence out the White House road to Elk Rock on the Williamette River. At this point the river would be spanned by a high bridge. A section of the road would be dedicated through the golf links at Sellwood, and from that point to Mount Tabor, where a large park would be laid out. From Mount Tabor the driveway would run northwest to Irvington, to there connect with Portsmouth boulevard to University Park and

driveway on the heights west of the city. It is believed that property owners will find it to their interests to dedicate the land for this road without expense to the city. The entire project can be carried out for \$1,000.000, according to the estimates which have been made, although more funds would be necessary later for the further improvement of the system. The largest single item of expense would be the bridge at Elk Rock, which would cost \$175,000, at present estimates.

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It is also desired to connect the East and West Side roads by a bridge at St. Johns. This was included in the original plan but it was found that the expense could not be met by the city, as the site is outside the boundaries. A preliminary sketch of this bridge has been made and an estimate, placing the expense at \$861, 000. This matter will be taken up along other lines with a view toward having vote

gonian vesterday afternoon, stating that the party had left Calgary for Portland, and from this it is evident that Taft has recovered rapidly from an attack of pneumonia, as when Deputy Sheriff Leon-ard reached Caigary several, days ago, it was announced by wire that he was unable to see the prisoner, who was re-ported to be dangerously lil. Taft is wanted here on charges of

fraudulent evidence and forgery. Al-though he was an ex-convict, he flour-ished in the real estate business and made money rapidly. Dr. George Peters, accompanying the party, is but one of many victims. Max Cohen is attorney for the persons who have brought charges

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Co-operative Christian Federation About to Begin Work.

SOLID BASIS IS SECURED

It Is Reported That Eastern Trust Will Guarantee a \$1,000,000 Bond Issue to Start the Gigantic Undertaking.

Plans have been completed by the Christian Co-operative Federation to begin the work of carrying out its projects, which were inaugurated more than a year and a half ago, for the establish ment of colonies in Oregon and the de velopment of large areas of land which are now practically barren. Officers of the federation have been putting forth every effort during the past year to place their gigantic undertaking upon a solid basis, and it is understood that a stage has been reached where the sale of bonds and practical work can begin, Reports are current that a large New York trust company is ready to guaran-tee immediately a \$1,000,000 bond issue, to

be followed soon by other issues.

The federation was incorporated in Portland in July, 1965, and its plans, as originally outlined, are now to be real-ized, according to those associated with the movement. Rev. H. S. Wallace is the principal promoter. The entire project involves a bonded capitalization of \$50, 000,000, to be guaranteed by some of the most substantial banking and trust cor panies of the East. The Eastern com-panies are to back the bonds to the ex-tent of 5 per cent interest annually, and in addition to this the bond holders are to receive an additional 5 per cent interest, conditional upon the profits from the undertaking. In guaranteeing bonds the Eastern capitalists are depending upon the business basis of the scheme, as outderived ultimately from the productive

ness of Oregon's soil.

It is understood that options have already been taken by the federation upon large tracts of Eastern and Central Ore-gon lands. This acreage will be purchased by the money derived from the bonds and immediate steps taken for its development. Barge portions of the land will be subject to irrigation, and extensive reclamation schemes are included in the project. To cultivate the soil and carry out the various features of the plan, colonization will be encouraged on a large scale. Much money will be ex-pended in exploitation which, while bearing on the state as a whole, will be centered upon the project of the fede-ration. Thousands of people, sympa-thizing with the federation and its purposes, will be brought to Oregon and placed upon the land which is to be pur-chased, subdivided and operated under the

direction of competent managers, affiliated with the corporation.
While the object of the federation is primarily the development of agriculture on lands now unproductive, it is not that alone. It is also intended to estab-lish pheese factories, creameries, woolen mills, clothing factories and many other industries. These factories and mills will dispose of the products of the land, and each will serve as a cog in the vast system to be built up. Entire cities and towns are to be laid out on the land owned by the federation, and the entire system to be operated to a degree on the

communistic principle.

As is suggested by its name, religion plays a part in the federation and its plays a part in the federation and its plans. It is proposed to build up a small government on a fraternal, rather than on a paternal scale. No attempt will be made to dictate individual religious per-suasions, but the people composing the communities are expected to live in harmonious Christian relations. The right to expel any resident will be reserved by the management, but anyone so expelled will be refunded the money which he has

it is expected ultimately to realize, the officers of the federation expect not only to establish large farming communities and cities, but also to build railroads. The land to be purchased will be distant from the centers of population, but if the project is carried out in its en-tirety, it will be given adequate trans-

portation facilities, thus opening for complete development land now of low value.

## POLICEMEN PUT OUT FIRE

Blaze in Fifth-Street Machine Shop Extinguished by Patrolmen.

A small blaze was discovered in the machine shop of William Isensee at 29 North Fifth street, by Patrolman B. F. Smith last evening, and extinguished by him and two other policemen with out calling on the fire department. Smith saw smoke issuing from the machine shop and, calling Patrolmen Venable and Stuart, they commenced an investigation. Smith climbed over the transom and unlocked the front door and they soon had the blaze extinguished. A pile of old rags had become ignited from the heat of a cutting machine. When the officers entered the flames were just communicating with the wall. A few buckets cating with the wall. A few buckets of water settled all trouble and the proprietor was notified of the fire by

#### DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Births.

TONSING—Born to the wife of Henry Tonsing, December 13, at 62914 Mississippi street a daughter.

JENSEN—Born to the wife of Nels C. Jenson, December 20, at 807 Montana avenue, a daughter.

WILSON—Born to the wife of Guy Raymond Wilson, December 18, at 904 Williams avenue, a son.

BERNHARDT—Born to the wife of Henry Bernhardt, December 16, at Going and East Twenty-seventh streets, a daughter.

Deaths.

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PANDOLEON—At St. Vincent's Hospital, December 16, Mike Pandoleon, age 18 years, DWYER—At 334 Harrison street, Decem-ber 20, Mary Dwyer, age 80 years, KUETEMEYER—At 1677 East Twenty-fith street, December 20, Mortis Kustemey-er, the infant son of Charles Kuetemey-er, Building Permits.

A. J. AHRENDT—One-story frame dwelling. East Twentleth street between Going and Prescott streets. \$1000.

W. KAISER—Two-story frame dwelling. Jefferson street between Chapman and Nartilla street, \$2000.

H. MARIZILOFF—Remodel four-story brick lodging-house, corner of Front and Couch streets, \$1329.

Marriage Licenses. DAVISMAN-BENTLEY-Robert A. Davis-DAVISMAN-BENTLEY—Robert A. Davisman, St. Johns, 25; Clara Bentley, 20.
WIRE-PARKER—F. B. Wire, Portland,
27; Haddle Parker, 23.
MULLER-ANDERSON—Elias Muller,
Portland, 43; Hedwick E. Anderson, 26.
STRATTON-CANTRELL—F. R. Stratten,
Dufur, Or., 37; Mary F. Cantrell, Portland,
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ELLE-BROTEN-Conrad Elle, Falls City 30; Hilds Broten, Fortland, 26.

PATTERSON-BERHENDT—H. N. Patterson, Bortland, 36: Elizabeth P. Berhendt, 2f.
HOKENSON-SODERBERG—Horman Hokenson, Portland, 22; Helen Soderberg, 19.

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