

GOUGL A OUTS WOOD PARK EXPERT

Informal Ballot Is Taken but Lack of Quorum Prevents Definite Action.

BOARD IN BAD TANGLE

Employs Wisconsin Landscape Architect at \$2500 Salary, Though Appropriation for 1908 Salary Is but \$1500.

Not until the City Council meets, two weeks hence, and takes a vote on the matter, will it be definitely known whether the Park Board will give authority to employ Emil T. Mische, of Madison, Wis., as keeper of the city's parks. An informal ballot, taken yesterday afternoon, showed a majority of five unfavorable to the Board's proposition; three members were absent. How these stand on the subject is unknown, and therefore the whole project is in doubt at this time.

All members of the Park Board were present at this informal extraordinary session of the City Council, comprising the Mayor Lane to straighten the tangle brought about by a secret meeting of the Board, at which Mr. Mische is said to have been employed. There is no record of the proceedings of this executive meeting, but it has suddenly developed that a park expert was recently engaged by the Board, at a salary of \$2500 a year, that he has resigned his position in Wisconsin, and is preparing to come to this city to assume his duties, and that the only appropriation made for this position is \$1500 for 1908.

It developed at the meeting yesterday afternoon that the Board has learned of a year's deliberation, that A. D. Montleth, who was imported by the Board from Idaho, is not in reality a park expert, but a more competent and better informed man must be employed to initiate the work.

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boat be built. This action was taken in response to a petition asking the Council to order a special election at the same time the municipal election is held to submit the question of issuing bonds to purchase or build a ferry-boat. This petition was initiated by the St. John Commercial Club after a committee had walked on County Commissioner. The committee got the impression that the Commissioners would operate the ferry free to the public if a boat were purchased by St. John for the purpose, but the Council wanted to make sure they would do this.

The street committee was instructed to investigate the advisability of the city owning and operating a rock-crusher to provide paving material for the streets of St. John.

Councilman Leggett brought up the ordinance closing poolrooms and skating rinks on Sundays. This time the ordinance and five unfavorable to the project is in doubt at this time.

SLIGHT HITCH IN MERGER

Petition for Authorization of Bank Reorganization Held Up.

Slight changes in the petition to be presented to the court asking authorization for the merger of the defunct Oregon Trust Bank and the German-American Bank caused delay yesterday and the petition was not presented to the court, as was expected. Receiver Devlin says the document doubtless will be submitted to Judge Gantenbein today.

Differences of opinion as to the phrasing of one paragraph of the petition are said to have caused the delay yesterday. The absolute segregation of the assets of the Oregon Trust Bank from the German-American Bank is desired, so that depositors in the defunct institution will have the fullest possible guarantee that their claims against the bank will be met. It was with the purpose of throwing all possible safeguards around depositors in the closed bank, says Mr. Simon, attorney for Receiver Devlin, that he suggested certain alterations yesterday.

When the petition is presented, it is expected that the date for hearing possible objections will be set by the court, at which time any having criticisms of the reorganization plan may be present and urge them. It is not expected that the slightest objection will be made, or at least none has yet been suggested.

POLICE IN A QUANDARY

Compelled to Arrest Dr. Pohl in Order to Exonerate Her.

Dr. Esther Pohl, city health officer, has turned out to be the owner of automobile No. 10, which stood out in the street last Sunday night and caused the issuance of an arrest warrant for the owner, under the new auto law.

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Whether a warrant can be withdrawn without service is a matter yet to be determined. At least the case cannot be dismissed until an arrest has been made.

GUS LOWIT IS ARRESTED

Former Manager of Golden Eagle Insists on Surrendering Himself.

Gus A. Lowit, who has recently been brought into prominence by charges of misdeeds committed by him while manager of the Golden Eagle Dry Goods Company, who recently came back to this city from Denver, Colo., to answer a charge of larceny preferred against him by Deputy District Attorney Moser, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives Price and Coleman. Lowit's arrest was made a matter of surrender rather than of a forcible seizure.

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SEATS ARE FREE.

But to Get Them It Costs \$1.50 for Each Leg.

This calls attention to the big pants sale now running at the Brownsville Woolen Mill Store, in which for the small price of \$3.00 a man can pick from a stock amounting to over three thousand pairs of pants which sell every day at \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

WILL END SATURDAY.

The sale of used pianos, organs, pianicello and kindred instruments that was inaugurated by Elbert Piano House three days ago is rapidly drawing to a close.

A number of the remaining instruments, among them some of the most desirable in the entire sale, are advertised on page 5, this paper. Never have prices on dependable instruments been made so low as during this clearance sale, and with such a list of unusually desirable instruments to choose from, it is not to be wondered at that buyers are being found quickly, not only in this city, but throughout the entire State of Washington.

GREAT SHOWING

Of New Spring Suits.

Advance showing of new Spring suits, coats, skirts and waists today at McAllen & McDonnell's. Correct models of the season's leading styles. Our prices are always the lowest.

JAPANESE FIGHT A BLOODLESS DUEL

Display Miserable Marksman- ship in Street Battle With Revolvers.

GUNS MERE PEASHOOTERS

Demonstration Following Arrest of Offenders by Police Serious Side of Affair — Armed Mob Threatens Detectives.

Serious trouble between a mob of 30 Japanese and a squad of five police detectives was nearly precipitated early

happened more of the Japanese were hurriedly searched on the street, no weapons being found. Objection to having their quarters searched without search warrants was made by the majority. In the quarters the officers were admitted to nothing in the way of revolvers or knives was found. The Japanese and undoubtedly hidden their weapons.

The alacrity with which a mob of armed Japanese turned out was a revelation to the police. The incident served to show that the local colony of brown men is inclined to be aggressive and that a clash between American civilians and Japanese in that vicinity might prove a serious affair.

The weapons used by the duellists were of an inferior make. Taku used a .22 caliber gun, while Takasugi fought back with a toy of the .22 variety. Detective Price says that the dozen or more revolvers he saw flashed all were mere playthings in size.

The Japanese who ran out armed on hearing the exchange of shots no doubt seized the idea that some of their countrymen might be in trouble with Americans. The officers say that on learning that the trouble was between two of their number, many of the belligerents turned back and the word was rapidly spread through the colony that the white men were officers engaged in arresting Japanese delinquents.

Taku was locked up on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, while his intended victim was held for carrying a concealed weapon, as he could hardly

be blamed for shooting when he was fired upon.

Both duellists are caught.

Takasugi was caught on the street and held, but the other fellow disappeared in the crowd. The fugitive was found hiding in a room on the second floor and was taken to the police station. No less than 300 Japanese were gathered when the officers transferred their prisoners to the wagon.

It was then decided to make an effort to arrest the dozen or more belligerents who had exhibited revolvers. In the confusion the officers called at the past any of these offenders and a search of the Japanese hotel was agreed on. A

private dispatch received from Washington, D. C., says that Carl S. Paucette, a flier in a local lumber mill, has won out in a contest before the Patent Office over an improvement in the cutter heads of planing mills, which is said to be a valuable invention.

Mr. Paucette then instituted a contest before the Patent Office, going East in person with his attorney, T. J. Geisler of this city, for the purpose of making a thorough investigation as to his rival's claims. The dispatch advises him that the Patent Office has decided in his favor, holding the patent issued to his rival invalid.

MORRISON - STREET SALE

Bennett Property, at Corner of Park, Disposed of for \$98,000.

The northeast corner of Park and Morrison streets, 100 feet on Morrison and 50 feet on Park, now owned by J. E. Bennett, and held by him at \$28,000, has been taken at that figure by Louis Burke, although the papers were not passed up to last night. There is a three-story frame building on the quarter-block, which will more than likely be replaced by a modern building in the near future by the new owner, who said last night that nothing had been determined as to his purchase. The fact is, he sold the lot at a good advance over his purchase price.

Fortune Teller's Rapacity Gets Her Into Trouble With Law

Swart Assyrian Takes Ignorant Laborer's Last Penny for Promising Him Rich Bride—Then Police Raid Her Establishment.

CHRIS JENSEN, who has had a more or less unpleasant existence in sawmill camps since he was old enough to work, spent the last cent he had on earth yesterday in an effort to marry a wealthy and beautiful heiress, who would give him a fine home. The heiress was not a tangible proposition, such as the Hungarian Count picked up in New York the other day. She was a creation of a fortune teller, who painted Jensen's future for him in glowing colors and incidentally plucked him of his last remaining shekel, so that the city will have to feed him until he gets work. The city is feeding the fortune teller, too, at the City Jail.

Mary Adams, an Assyrian, is the fortune teller, and the charge against her is that of operating without a license. The police have been trying to get her on some charge or other for the past month, since her victims are said to be numerous, and she has taken badly needed cash from scores of illiterate workmen. Patrolmen Goltz and Circle were detailed to watch her place on North Second street yesterday afternoon.

The manner in which she parted Jensen from his last cent marks the victim as a person of absurd credulity. After charging him a dollar to look into his future, she claimed to have made a re-

SEEKS TO COMPETE

Mount Hood Company Wants Lighting Contract.

SO INFORMS MAYOR LANE

Latter Makes Announcement at Meeting of Council Committee. City Engineer Submits Inter- esting Data on Plant.

Mayor Lane sprung a surprise in the meeting of the City Council committee on street lighting yesterday afternoon, when he asserted that the officials of the Mount Hood Power Company have assured him that they will be ready to furnish lights to the municipality by January 1, 1909, and that they want to put in a bid for street lighting. The Portland Gas Company

wishes to bid, as it proposes to install 3500 lamps on the West Side and 4200 on the East Side, to see if the city will consider gas lighting.

The matter of a municipal electric plant was discussed briefly during the committee's session, and another meeting will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to further discuss the matter. City Engineer Taylor will secure more data from Seattle and elsewhere about gas lighting, and will hand in such facts as they may possess. Upon this the committee will make up its report to the Council, which is to be made at the next regular session of that body.

In the very brief time in which City Engineer Taylor had to secure estimates, he reported yesterday that it will cost the city approximately \$550,000 to equip and put into operation its own electric lighting plant. It will also cost about \$200,000 to maintain the plant, to maintain the depreciation at 5 per cent, but Chairman George B. Collins, who was presiding, expressed the opinion that this item will be not less than 10 per cent.

City Engineer Taylor was unprepared to report as to the power supply, but declared that this cannot be definitely known until surveys are made and some expert work done. The source of the power supply is generally accepted to be Bull Run River, but already there seems doubt as to the advisability of using the water in that stream for the purpose. Councilman Holding spoke against using the stream for power purposes, saying it might create an impression in the public mind that the supply was being prepared to be used for other purposes.

Chairman Collins suggested that it would be advisable for the city to consider the proposition of installing its own electric plant, and then advertising for the current only. Figures on this work will be prepared by the City Engineer.

Oskar Huber, constructing engineer for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, declared that, with but one exception—Spokane—Portland is getting cheaper lights than any city on the Coast. His company has 140 arc lights in the service and owns 393 miles of wires.

ONLY \$50,000 STILL OUT

Nearly All of Portland's Asset Currency Is Retired.

Portland's issue of clearing-house certificates has been retired, except about \$50,000. As fast as the outstanding paper makes its appearance at the banks it is taken up and retired. The emergency paper is being redeemed as fast as presented. The date set for the retirement of the clearing-house certificates was February 1, but the entire issue has already been practically wiped out, only in very small part of the original issue of \$1,442,300 remaining unretired.

Various estimates are being placed by bankers upon the amount of clearing-house paper that will never be presented for redemption. One says this will reach a total of \$500,000, another says it will not exceed \$500,000. The reason for there being a certain amount that will never be presented for payment are that some of the emergency money is bound to be destroyed and lost, while many people have made collections of the asset money which they intend to keep.

It is believed that many people who have obtained complete sets of the emergency currency for curious or patriotic reasons will have them within a few months and turn them in for collection.

Y. M. C. A. ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Directors and Banquet at White Temple February 4.

Plans have been perfected for the annual meeting and banquet of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. It will be held at the White Temple on the night of February 4. George B. Hodge, international secretary of the educational department of the Y. M. C. A. for the last 15 years, and I. B. Rhodes, state secretary for the Y. M.

ASTORIA DEBATING TEAM WHICH RECENTLY DEFEATED TILLAMOOK

Jennie Jeffers, Carl Thomas, Birdie Wise.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)

The Astoria High School debating team is composed of Miss Birdie Wise, Miss Jennie Jeffers and Master Carl Thomas. They defeated Tillamook team and in this contest supported the affirmative of the following question: "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads." On February 14, the team will debate the winner of the contest to be held between teams from the Gresham and Clatskanie schools.

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C. A. in Oregon, Washington and Idaho,

will be the speakers of the evening.

W. C. Gibson Stays in City and Is Arrested for Robbery.

W. C. Gibson's determination to remain in Portland has landed him in trouble which he may be many years in getting out of. A warrant for his arrest was issued by Judge Cameron. He didn't go. Yesterday he was arrested and identified as a holdup man. The crime was committed several days before the discovery to the police. Gibson was picked up on the street a few hours later.

When arrested before, Gibson was out late at night and had a large revolver in his pocket. While regarded as a bad man at the time there was no evidence connecting him directly with any crime. He was held up recently at the city office Judge Cameron dismissed the case and suggested to Gibson that he get out of town.

SNOW IN INLAND EMPIRE

Heaviest Fall of Season Reported Over Wide Area.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Preceded by a damp, chilly wind and low hanging clouds, snow began falling over the entire Inland Empire, Palouse, Lewis and Clark, and New River, prairie countries early this morning. By midnight the ground was covered with from six to eight inches, the heaviest snowfall in a year. The storm raged during the day and at night had not ceased. The mercury has dropped a few degrees, insuring that the covering will remain for some time. Farmers are jubilant. Fall grain is as yet very green, and the heavy fall of snow came at an opportune time to protect it from freezing.

At St. John the snow was six inches deep last night. Reports from Garfield, Pullman, Colfax and other places in the Palouse country show the fall to have varied from two to seven inches. At Northport the ground was covered with three inches of snow; Tekoa, four inches; Medford, Lake, Gresham, Latah and Plaza reports heavy falls.

SNARK MASTER EX-CONVICT

Jack London's Captain Served Sentence for Murder.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain today received a letter from Jack London, the author, saying that the captain of his boat, the Shark, is J. L. Warren, who was convicted in Portland of killing First Mate Kirk on board the ship of which Warren was then captain. The shark was convicted in 1906 and sentenced to life imprisonment, but was pardoned by Governor Chamberlain because of doubt as to his guilt.

London's letter is written on "copy" paper such as newspaper men use, and tells of Warren's faithful work and ability as a seaman. It was written from Padua, Italy. The shark's name is Warren himself told of his criminal record.

Funeral of Captain Larkins.

The funeral of Captain W. L. Larkins, late master of the steamer Eurline, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist Church at Oregon City. A large number of stevedores were in attendance. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Blackwell, assisted by Rev. A. E. Bernays, of the Portland Episcopal Church. The floral offerings were many and included a wreath from Willamette Harbor, an anchor from the officers of the Hassalo, and a wreath from the Missions to Seamen.

Prepare for Boxing Tourney.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Tom Marshall, the veteran weight champion of the Seattle Amateur Athletic Club, who will box in the athletic tournament to be held here on February 7, has established training quarters and is already getting down to hard work. Other boxers on the programme are also establishing training quarters.

C. GEE WO

The Well-Known Chinese Root and Herb Doctor. Has made a life study of roots and herbs, and in that study discovered and is giving to the world his wonderful remedies.