

CALL FOR BIGGER AND BETTER PARKS

Board Says Present System Should Be Greatly Extended.

NEED AN EXPERIENCED MAN

City Should Not Wait for Bond Issues, but Can Improve Park Properties Now in Its Possession.

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—(To the Editor.)—It is due to the people of Portland and to the Park Board as well that some statement be made of the Board's position with reference to the management of the parks of the city. In the view of the Board, the time has come for a change in the city's park policy. Heretofore, for some years at least, the attention of the Board has chiefly been given to the preservation and improvement of the parks already made, the City Park and the greater part of the city's park system. This narrower conception of the province of the Park Board is fittingly expressed in the name given by the city charter to the executive officer provided for the parks, that of Park Keeper. Park-keeping is at present the chief business of the Board and its employees.

Need Not Await Bond Issue.

We do not need to wait until funds are available from a bond issue for the purchase of new parks. The opportunity and demand for it are already here. The city now has numerous and valuable properties, in most cases wholly unimproved, ready to be made into parks. On the West Side is the Mabley Park of 75 acres, lying north of City Park; Pennoyer Park of five acres, lying on the height of the city; and Fulton Park, of 50 acres, on the Slavin road. On the East Side, on the extreme northern border of the city, is Columbia and meadow, the Alhna Park at the corner of Beech and Mallory, a double block with a dump of large firs on the north end; Holladay Park, in Holladay Addition, of four blocks undivided, covered with a second-growth of fir. Besides these, there are other smaller pieces on both sides of the Willamette, which have come to the city by donation, gift or purchase. Here are widely scattered properties, valuable and favorably located, waiting to be made into parks which shall not only be individually attractive and beautiful, ornaments to their several neighborhoods, but which shall form an organic part of the park system of the city.

Need Skilled Superintendent.

All this calls, in the estimation of the Board, for skilled superintendence, for a superintendent, who shall have thorough preparatory training in the various subjects required for his office, but of a wide experience in park work, supplemented by actual observation of the great parks and park systems of this country and of Europe; for a man having, without, if not a real genius for parks, at least a strong feeling for park improvement and park development.

ION LEWIS, DR. DAV. RAFFETY, I. LANG, J. H. WILSON, HARRY LANE, Chairman.

TO BE BURIED IN IOWA

Remains of E. M. Brannick Will Be Taken East.

A requiem mass will be celebrated at a pro-cathedral by Right Reverend Alexander Christie, Archbishop of Oregon, at 10 o'clock this morning over the remains of the late Edward M. Brannick, whose body will be taken back to Davenport, Ia., tonight or tomorrow morning. The body will be escorted from the undertaking parlors of Dunning, McEntee & Gilbaugh by relatives and immediate friends of the deceased, while the church services will be open to all. Members of the G. A. R. and Travelers' Protective Association will have charge of the funeral arrangements. The body will be accompanied to the scene of interment by the widow, son and sister of the deceased.

ALUMNI HOLDS BANQUET

Christian Brothers College Graduates Meet.

A large number of the members of the Alumni Association of the Christian Brothers College assembled at the Hotel

SAVED BY FIREMEN

Eight Persons Caught in Burning Building Rescued.

Sargent Saturday night, when the first annual banquet of the organization was held. Covers were laid for 100 and with the exception of two or three members who could not attend, all seats were occupied. Brother Michael, of Oakland, Cal., who acted as principal of St. Michael's College in 1860, 1881 and 1892, was present as the guest of honor, while a number of other invited guests were present and enjoyed the feast. The dining hall and tables were tastefully decorated and the dinner was elaborate. Speeches were made by former graduates and pupils of the Christian Brothers' schools, and every one present was well satisfied that the new association has been launched under the most auspicious circumstances.

BLAZE ON THE EAST SIDE

E. P. Peterson's Grocery Store at Albina Badly Damaged by Fire. Smoke Cuts Off Escape of the Tenants.

The fire started under the front stairway in a pile of match cases in the grocery store. Flames poured through the front stairway, cutting off escape by that route, and smoke filled the halls of the second floor, rounding the rooms sleeping in the living-rooms—Mrs. G. M. Smiley, Mrs. J. M. Smiley, Mrs. M. J. Bemler, Little Norman Bemler, Roy Smiley, P. R. Lawing, Fred Lawing and Otis Lawing. The smoke in the halls was so dense that the people could not make their way through them and were in danger of suffocating in their rooms. Those in the front apartments hurried to the front windows, where they were rescued by firemen. The Bemler baby was nearly overcome by smoke.

AFTER WATER COMMITTEE

ASSOCIATION WANTS COMMISSIONER INSTEAD.

Improvement Body Also Plans to Take Power to License Saloons From Council.

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"We propose to clean out the water committee. We are after that branch of the city government hot and heavy, and will not stop until it has been disposed of and a better one put in its place. It is 40 years behind the times. It is responsible to nobody and gives no attention to anybody. It is appointive and not responsible to the people, but to the appointing power only. We go before the water committee and get nothing for our pains. We are going to have the matter submitted to the voters and get rid of the water committee and substitute a commissioner elected by the people, who is an active, progressive man, and who will have knowledge of the needs of the people and give them attention. This is the present water committee does not. This commissioner will have supervision of the water plant, and both street cleaning and street repairs. This plan is used in other cities with good results. "We need to take away the power to license saloons from the Council and place it in the hands of an excise officer. This will remove opportunity for graft. Why the man Fritz is able to violate the ordinances of the city with impunity. So to other saloons in Portland. There is a saloon in Portland put out of business for violation of the city ordinances. They have a strong pull in the hands of an excise officer would be in position to handle these saloons that violate the laws of the city as they should be handled."

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Ladies' Tailored Suits—Style of coats are semi and tight fitting, in three button, cutaway, single and double breasted, plain and fancy tailored—The materials are English serge and herringbone, stripe panama, fancy worsteds and plain serges—Colors are Copenhagen, leather, reseda, green, blue, black and gray—also stripes and checks—On sale today at low price, ea. \$35

New Creations in Hats Now on Display in Millinery Section

Unusual Sale of Hosiery

Special sale of women's Hosiery in black, white, red, pink, blue, gray and tan; also a few pretty patterns of lace and embroidered tulle thread Hosiery; regular values to 65c, on sale for, pair. Children's fine black cotton-ribbed Hosiery, heavy and medium weight; very good for school wear; on sale at, the pair.

Special Sale of Handbags and Belts

A lot of fine seal leather Handbags of good quality, fitted with coin purse; finished frame of gilt grommet; a good regular \$2.00 value, on sale at this unusually low price, each. A large assortment of elastic and tinsel Belts; great variety of styles and colors, including the "Merry Widow"; each.

Laces and Embroideries

Which have just arrived and will be on sale today at special prices. Note saving at the following special prices: French Val. Lace and Insertion, half inch to 1 inch wide; regular values to 75c; on sale special at, the dozen. 39c 300 yards of Swiss and Batiste Embroidery, Flouncing and Inserting, 3 to 27 ins. wide; values to \$1.50, on sale at, yard. 69c 500 yards of Swiss Embroidery, Flouncing and Inserting, 2 to 18 inches wide; value to \$1.00, on sale for, yard. 39c All-over Swiss and Batiste; dainty patterns for lingerie waists; regular values to \$2.25 yard, on sale for, yard. \$1.19

Early Opening Display Summer Wash Fabrics--Center Aisle

Sale Tabourettes, Curtains, Panels and Couch Covers

200 solid oak Tabourettes, mission finish, 12 inches square, 15 and 18 inches high; worth \$2.00; while they last, each. 98c \$6.50 heavy double-faced Tapestry Couch Covers, Oriental designs, fringed all around; blue and red, green and red, blue and terra cotta; best \$6.50 cover in the house, each. \$4.35 \$6 Ivory Cable Net Curtains, plain centers, with narrow woven inserting and edges; 60 ins. by 2 1/2 yds.; pair. \$3.95 \$1.50 white Irish Point Door Panels, 40x50 inches, can be cut down to fit any smaller door; large variety of designs; each. 68c

Oriental Rugs Reduced

We will place on sale today about 75 Rugs at a remarkable reduction. Every Rug has been carefully selected. Wonderful color tints. Shirvan and Cabistans, regular \$25.00, reduced to special, \$18.50 Kazaks and Mousols, regular \$35.00 values, reduced to, \$26.00 Beloochistan, regular \$25.00 value, reduced to, special, ea. \$18.50 Karadjas, regular \$50.00 values, reduced to, special, each. \$37.50 Khivas, room sizes, regular \$110.00 value, reduced to, each. \$84.00 Saraband, Sena, Sarouk, Tabriz and Feraghan, all reduced. Our showing of Carpets, Rugs and Linoleums for the coming season comprises some of the most artistic colorings and designs ever produced. Prices are lower than ever before. Take advantage of splendid assortment.

News From the Basement---Chinaware, Groceries

- 10,000 lbs. M. & F. Mocha and Java Coffee, special, the pound. 23c
- Victor Flour, none better, on sale at this low price, the sack. \$1.35
- Blue Label Catsup, pints, on sale at this special low price, bottle. 20c
- Snyder Catsup, in pint bottles, on sale at this low price, bottle. 20c
- C. & B. Lucca Oil, quarts, on sale at this low price, the quart. 70c
- Keiler Marmalade, special. 30c Pet Cream, on sale, special. 5c
- 3 cans Carnation Cream for. 25c 3 cans Gold Dust Tomatoes. 25c
- 3 1-lb. cans Van Camp's Pork and Beans, on sale at, special. 25c
- 3 cans Smith's Kipped Herring at this special low price. 50c
- 3 cans Sultan Sliced Pineapple, on sale at this special price. 50c
- 3 packages Malta Vita for. 25c Gold Medal Flour, sack. \$2.00
- 18 lbs. Granulated Sugar, on sale at this special low price. \$1.00
- 2 jars McLaren's Cheese. 25c 10-lb. sack Graham Flour at. 30c
- 1-lb. can Ghirardelli Ground Chocolate, on sale at, the can. 30c
- 1 lb. Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, on sale at, the pound. 45c
- Hartley's Imported Marmalade, on sale at. 25c
- 1 2-lb. can Singapore Sliced Pineapple, on sale at, the can. 15c

- AUSTRIAN CHINA, IN PURPLE VIOLET DECORATION
- 60-piece set, regular value \$16.30; on sale at, special, set. \$12.99
- 100-piece set, regular value \$23.95; on sale at, special, set. \$17.99
- HAVILAND CHINA, GREEN AND GOLD BORDER, PLAIN DERBY SHADE, VERY HANDSOME PATTERN
- 60-piece set, regular value \$42.00; on sale at, special, set. \$32.99
- 100-piece set, regular value \$62.00; on sale at, special, set. \$49.99
- AUSTRIAN CHINA, IN PINK MORNING GLORY DECORATION WITH GREEN SPRAY
- 60-piece set, regular value \$19.85; on sale at, special, set. \$14.89
- 100-piece set, regular value \$28.85; on sale at, special, set. \$23.09
- HAVILAND CHINA, PINK FLOWER DECORATION, WITH GOLD SPRAY; VERY PRETTY PATTERN
- 60-piece set, regular value \$19.00; on sale at, special, set. \$14.99
- 100-piece set, regular value \$26.50; on sale at, special, set. \$19.99
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- 60-piece set, regular value \$8.00; on sale at, special, the set. \$6.49
- 100-piece set, regular value \$12.00; on sale at, special, the set. \$9.99
- ENGLISH SEMI-PORCELAIN WARE, GREEN AND GOLD BORDER
- 60-piece set, regular value \$9.00; on sale at, special, the set. \$ 7.49
- 100-piece set, regular value \$13.50; on sale at, special, the set. \$10.99
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- 60-piece set, regular value \$5.75; on sale at, special, the set. \$4.69
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- Choice Round Steaks 10c
- No inferior cuts; all tender, sweet and juicy.
- Prime Rib Roasts of Beef, the best in the land 10c
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