CONTRACTORS PU IN INTEREST BILL

Demand Percentage on Money Due From City on Street Improvement Jobs.

BIDS TO BE MADE HIGHER

Long Delay of Payment Will Result in Work Costing City More, Says G. W. Simons - Referred to City Attorney.

Because of the endless delays in the payment by the city for completed street improvements, fills and paving, it seems probable that contractors will demand interest on the money field up in the lobe. This became apparent resiseday afterneon, when George W. Sintens, manager of the Pacific Bridge Company, ap-peared before the judiciary committee of the City Council yesterday and put in a claim for \$2000 for interest on sums due him for finished contracts and never

due him for finished contracts and never paid by the municipality. The matter was referred to the City Attorney.

Some such action as this on the part of contractors has been expected by persons familiar with the situation that exists in Portland. On account of the long delays that occur in paying for completed work, the prine of improvements has been sent skyward, and Mr. Simons said yesterday, when talking before the committee, that he would either have ground increase its bids.

increase his bids we cannot got interest on the money we have invested in this work, or be paid ironipily upon the completion of our work, the prices are going to be higher," and Mr Simons. "We cannot afford to said Mr Simons. "We cannot afford to continue as we have been doing, with thousands of dollars tied up in street work and the city delaying payments on it. We will get interest, as asked for, er our prices will increase. That is all

to it." The most glaring instance of delay is that of the Goldsmith-street fill, which was finished two years ago, and which cost \$36,000. Not a cent has been paid to the Pacific Bridge Company, the contracting firm, On the capital invested in this piece of work alone. Mr. Simons has presented a bill for \$600, interest on the money tied up in the job. The only thing that caused all of the delay was caused by one person, who protested because of an assessment of \$48.

"There is no use denying that something must be done to relieve the situation," said Councilman Bemett, chairman of the committee on judiciary. "It seems a shame that contractors who complete their work satisfactorily to the city should be held up so long for their pay."

Among the contractors there is a ger Among the contractors there is a general cry that they are dealt with unfairly by the city, that they connot get their pay for accepted work, and it is admitted by them that the prices charged the property owners for all kinds of street improvements are at least one-fourth to obtain prompt aettlement from the city for finished jobs.

License Chimney Sweeps.

Chimneysweeps will be regularly licensed in the near future, if the City Council passes an ordinance that will be presented tomorrow for action. The general license committee of the Council, at its meeting yesterday, decided to recom-mend such a measure. The yearly fee decided upon was fixed at \$10. Chief Campbell, of the Fire Department, and others favored the action.

M'COURT TAKES OFFICE

His Work Today

John McCourt, of Pendleton, yesterday took the oath of office as United States ttorney. With the assistance of Mr. Scisiol's assistants, Robert Tucker and Walter H. Eyans, who will remain in the District Attorney's office for a few days, Mr. McCourt immediately began to acquaint himself with the details of the office and the business pending before that department. He will this after-noon take charge of the grand Jury when it reconvenes and direct the work of its

the first of the official acts of the newly qualified District Attorney would be the dismissal of the indictment against George C. Brownell. ex-State Senator from Clackamas County. It is rumored that under instructions from-Washington, following the recommendations of Francis J. Heney. Mr. McCourt will today move the dismissal of the indictment which was returned against Brownell in Februeary, 1905, charging him with subornation of perjury. Mr. McCourt, however, de-climed to discuss the subject and would not admit that he had received any such

The same rumor has been current many

SEVEN YOUTHS ARE SENTENCED

Federal Judge Merciful to Juvenile Postoffice Robbers.

Tears of sorrowing relatives of seven youthful criminals did not deter Judge Wolverton, in the United States Court Weiverton, in the United States Court vesterday, from imposing pentientiary seniences on the lads, all under 29 years of ags, who had pleaded guilty to robbing postoffices. Frank McPherson and Robert Hayward were each sentenced to two years at hard labor at McNeil's bland, Fred Johnson and Walter Lawrence will each serve one year at the same Government prison. In the cases of John Simpson, Meric West and Earl Hanke, each was sentenced to one year each was sentenced to one year at McNeil's Island but sentence was sus

ended, during good behavior. MrPherson, Johnson, Simpson and Law rence on November II, last, robbed sub-station No. 2 of the Portland Postoffice of \$13,50 in stamps and money and all pleaded guity Hayward. West and Hanke held up the Postmaster at Hillscale on the night of February 3, last, and rebbed leftn of \$30. Since then the cuiprits have returned \$15 of the booty and in consideration for their suspended sentences West and Hanke will be required to replace the remaining \$5.

EGGLESTON REPORTS TO COURT

Keeley Institute Prisoner Appears Before Judge Wolverton.

Claud Eggleston, the Pederal-Keeley istilute prisoner, yesterday made the set of his regular monthly reports to use Weiterton in the United States or Court. Eggleston confessed to ing stamps that were stolen by the that rabbed the Sellwood Postoffice in the Winter of 1907. He was sentenced | want the Council to bear it.

to five years imprisonment at McNell's Island, but the sentence was suspended on his earnest request that he be given a chance to reform and make a man of a chance to reform and make a man of himself. The court consented to a suspension of the sentence with the understanding that Eggleston should take the Keeley cure and abstain from intoxicants which were alleged to have been the cause of his downtail. Falling to the cause of his downtail.

the cause of his downfall. Falling to obey the terms of the compromise, Eggleston's sentence will be enforced.

Eggleston appeared in the courtroom yesterday with his attorney, W. H. McGarry, looking a decidedly better man physically than the wreck he was when he appeared for sentence a month ago. When asked by Judge Wolverton how he was getting along, Eggleston replied:

"Fine. There is nothing like it."

DEMANDS \$20,000 DAMAGES

Bridge Carpenter Sues the Willamette Construction Company.

Suit for £30,000 damages for personal injuries was filed in the United States Court yesterday by William Hardrath, through his attorney, C. D. Latourette, of Oregon City, against the Willamette Construction Company. In his complaint Hardrath alleges that while in the employ of the defendant company in the construction of the Oregon Electric Company's bridge across the Willamette River at Wilsonville last September, he was directed by the bridge superintendent to adjust a stringer on its supports and while altempting to perform the task, was knocked from his insecure position, failing 60 feet through bridge timbers falling 60 feet through bridge timbers and sustaining several broken ribs and

At the time of the accident, Hardrath charges that the bridge superintendent, who directed him to perform the work, was intoxicated and was not a safe man to occupy the position he held.

Jail for Old Offenders.

Three Indians, Joe Hays, Isidore White Foot and Wild Bill, all old offenders, resterday plended guilty in the United States Court to informations charging them with carrying liquor upon the Umatina Indian Reservation. They were each fined \$25 and sentenced to serve 90 days in the Multnomah County Jail, John Mitchell pleaded guilty to a similar offense but not having been before the court before, escaped with a fine of \$25 and 60 days in jail. Owing to illness, Jim Narcisse, who admitted his guilt of a like charge, was excused with a sentence of 24 hours' im-prisonment in jail.

Sue Under Land Grant.

Additional suits to compel the Oregon & California Railroad Company to dispose of three quarter-sections of land included in its grant from Congress, were filed by Attorney A. W. Lafferty in the United States Court. The plaintiffs are Joseph A. Maxwell, Frances S. Wiser and Albert Arms, each of whom makes a tender of \$600, the purchase price of the land under the terms of the grant which proposed the sale of the \$,000,000 acres at a price not exceeding \$2.50 an acre. nded in its grant from Congress, were

MUDDLE OVER OWNERSHIP OF NORTH END RESORT.

Council Committee Postpones Action on Transfer of License on Saloon Known as Erickson's.

When the application for a transfer of the license of Erickson's saloon at second and Burnside streets, Hugo Fritz to Eugene Froesner, came up before the liquor-license committee of the City Council yesterday afternoon, it was blocked by Lawyer C. V. boom, it was blocked by Lawyer C. V. Dolph. He appeared to cite a few things about the lifstory of the establishment, and to speak of the alleged misconduct of Fritz and others having to do with the place. He charged that the license was secured from the City Auditor by perjury; that the law had been flagrantly violeted in several been flagrantly violated in several ways, and prayed that the committee make full investigation before taking action. The matter was postponed for

Lawyer Dolph is counsel for Mrs. Frances Fritz, the first wife of Hugo Fritz, and has a judgment against the In order to satisfy the claim, attachment proceedings were begun, and it then became known he says, for first time, that Hugo Fritz is not real owner of the place. It developed that ex-Councilman John P. Sharkey, H. W. Lemcke and C. E. West were the stockholders, and that they had held Fritz out as the owner. Last week Sheriff Stevens called a jury

to hear evidence in the case, as he had been threatened with legal proceedings if he insisted on attaching the saloon, but the verdict was of no avail. The ownership was left unsettled, and the ownership was fert unsettled, and the matter stands thus now. In an effort to determine, if possible, the real owner-ship of the place, Mr. Dolph took up the case with the liquor-license committee yesterday. He made a lengthy statement of the case, as he had found it, and urged that the committee delay action until they could investigate for them-

elves. Councilman Cottel, chairman of the committee, was inclined to the belief that the power of the committee was limited in the premises, and that all the members could do is to base action upon the sworn statements of all parties, as placed before the committeemen. How-ever, Assistant City Attorney Grant, when asked as to this matter, declared placed before the committeemen. How-ever, Assistant City Attorney Grant, when asked as to this matter, declared that the power of the committee is com-plete; that it can refuse to grant the

transfer, or, if desired, it can even recommend to revoke the license. Councilman Driscoil moved to grant transfer, as he said he thinks Hugo Fritz owns the saioon. There was no second to the motion, and Councilman Vaughn moved to postpone action for two weeks, moved to postpone action for two weeks.

HAS COUNCIL AUTHORITY?

City Attorney to Be Asked About Pay of Forestry Building Shinglers.

The judiciary committee of the City Council yesterday voted to refer to the City Attorney the question as to whether the Council has authority under the charter to pay men who were employed by the Park Board to shingle the roof of the Forestry building. Mayor Lane figures in this matter, because the members of the Park Board are his appointed and the majority learned to the park to th pointees, and the majority element in the Council is said to desire to make an issue of the affair. The point under dis-cussion is that the shinglers were not supplied by the Civil Service Commis-

Mayor Lane says that it was simply an oversight on the part of the Park Board; that the shingless were employed without seeking the required number from the Civil Service Commission, and that it was afterwards found that there never have been any shinglers on the list. Councilman Celiars declared yesterday that a binnder has been made by Mayor Lane and the Board and that they

SAYS MAYOR LANE

City Executive Denies Bruin's Charge That Politics Dictated Sullivan Appointment.

NOT THE GHOST OF A DEAL

New Appointee on the Executive Board Is a Republican-He Declares He Cannot Assume to Deliver Irish Vote to Anyone.

Mayor Lane yesterday officially deiled that he appointed P. E. Sullivan, manager of the Catholic Sentinel, as a member of the Executive Board for so, and that Mr. Sullivan was a party to the "arrangement," was asserted by Patrick Bruin, who declared that it was for the purpose of delivering the



P. E. Sullivan.

Irish vote to place Lane in the Gubernatorial chair and Judge Cameron in the position of District Attorney.

"I care nothing at all about what Patrick Bruin says, so far as I am concerned," said Mayor Lane yesterday, "but I will tell just why I appointed Mr. Sullivan a member of the Executive Board. I have known him for many years, have been his physician a long time, and know him to be highly qualified to occupy the place I offered to him. Up to the time I offered Mr. Sullivan the appointment, I did not know, neither did I care, what political sfilliations he had. When he told me natorial chair and Judge Cameron in anow, neither did i care, what political affiliations he had. When he told me that he was a Republican, I replied that it was immaterial to me; that he would be absolutely unfettered, perfectly free to act on his own convictions at all times in city affairs, and that I would be satisfied."

Mr. Sullivan's Statement.

Mr. Suilivan expressed great surprise that anyone should accuse Mayor Lane of playing a political game by making the appointment. He was still more surprised that it should be thought by anyone that the Catholic Sentinel could be controlled for political pur-

"The Catholic Sentinel is not in poll-tics," said Mr. Sullivan. "Were I in-clined to enter into a political arrangement, such as was charged by Mr. influence of the paper over in any di-rection; I could not even assume to deliver the Irish vote to anyone, were I so inclined. The paper carries political advertisements, the same as any paper does—for cash consideration, Ali such advertisements are marked as such, but Mr. Bruin did not know this until I so informed him yesterday. He

then seemed surprised."

Upon assuming his position as a member of the Executive Board, Mr. Sullivan resigned his place as county president of the Ancient Order of

John O'Hare also yesterday made the following statement: The statement which appeared in The statement which appeared in this morning's Oregonian, signed 'P. Bruin,' in which it appeared that I attended a meeting in the home of P. E. Sullivan March 15 last, at which time he states a political deal was closed, is absolutely false, so far as I am concerned. In the first place, I I am concerned. In the first place never was in Mr. Sullivan's house litical deals were considered, and kr absolutely nothing of the like taking

In reply to certain statements of Bruin, E. H. Deery said; "A statement appeared in this morning's Oregonian, signed "P. Bruin," wherein he asserts signed P. Bruin, wherein he asserts that I attended a dinner at the home of P. E. Sullivan March 15 last. He asserts also that a deal was closed at that time by which Mr. Sullivan was to use his influence among the Irish and Catholic societies in the interest of Mayor Lane in consideration of his appointment to the Executive Board. Said statement, so far as my name is concerned, is unqualifiedly faise. I did not attend any dinner at Mr. Sullivan's house on March 15 or any other date in March, or February or January cither; and never attended any dinner or meeting anywhere in my life at which political deals were even considered. I have endeavored to attend to my own business. I neither seek, ask nor beg the co-operation or sympathy of any man or society, but seek to merit the respect of my fellow citi-

SCIO WANTS A RAILROAD

Committee of Citizens Seeks Better Transportation Facilities.

A committee from the Commercial Club A commercial Clus of Scio. Lian County, Or., consisting of A. G. Prill, E. C. Peery, R. Cain, T. L. Dugger, L. T. Parker, Roy. Mr. Pelletan and Charles Warner, were in Portland yeaterday for the purpose of conferring with General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the Harriman lines, regard-ing the building of a branch line from Sheliburn to Scio, on the Woodburn-Na-tron branch. The committee also had an interview with officials of the Oregon Electric Railway Company, in reference to the building of an extension to Scio from the projected Salem-Albany electric

While the matter has been taken under

any sement by Mr. O'Brien, the commit-tee is confident that the road will be ex-tended to Scio in the near future. It is known that the electric line is anxious to enter the territory, which can be eas-ily done, as Scio is but five miles from the present survey of the Salem-Albany extension.

Scio is one of the most promising towns in Linn County. One of the most towns in Linu County. One of the most valuable timber tracts in the state is located just east of Scio. There are two sawmills in the district, cutting 100,000 feet per day. The fruit industry is growling rapidly, many large orchards having been put out in the last two years. The dairy industry is also developing at a rapid rate. Sixty thousand pounds of rapid rate. Sixty thousand pounds of milk are handled daily within a radius of 12 miles of Scio.

English as She Is Writ by Japanese

Diverting Signs That Invite Passers-By to Witness Japanese Wrestling Show in North End.

HOSE who indulge in the luxury of foreign travel find considerable diversion in the signs of tradesmen in foreign countries, written in various imitations of the English language, for the purpose of charming the small change out of the traveler's pocket. But in such a cosmopolitan city as Portland, these specimens of distorted language exist here at home, in num-bers and there is no need for foreign travel to find them.

For example, a Japanese wrestling show in the North End has some unique invitations to the curlous public to visit the bouts to be pulled off inside. Painted conspicuously on the outer wall of the modest stadium are the following directions:

"To make your entrance, ask at the gate."

"Get your ticket at box"
"Ask at the gate for your admit-All these gratuitous instructions indicate a fear that some might try to enter by other means than the proper gate, but there is no opportunity to crawl under the canvas to see the doughty Japs wrestle, and one concludes that this is the Japanese way of impressing the public with the importance of the performance. Anyway, the Japs seem to have approached American ideas closely enough for all practical purposes. If an American tried to write Japanese, he might make even worse grammatical errors

EVEREST TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Well-Known Musician Declared Insane by County Authorities.

John A. Everest, a well-known Portland was declared insane by the medical examiners yesterday afternoon and was taken to the State Asylum at Salem last night. Everest believed himself possessed of great wealth and imagines he has a fine soprano voice.

Everest went from here to Vancouver, Wash., last Friday and was taken into custody on account of his conduct. wash, last Friday and was taken into country on account of his conduct at the courthouse there. He is said to have walked into court while it was in session and addressed the judge on the bench.

Everest was for many years leader of a popular orchestra. He was director of the Third Regiment band for several years and was a member of the Third Regiment band for several years and was a member of the Park band during four Summer seasons. It was his band that played at the Fourth of July fireworks at the Exposition grounds last year. His mind has been failing for several months, and of late he has been unable to work. He thought he had discovered a new way of tuning the strings of the violin, by which he imagined he could produce exquisite melodles. The effect to others was ear-splitting discords.

DEATH OF HOLLIS ALGER

Pioneer Columbia River Logger Passes Away Suddenly.

Hollis Alger, a pioneer logging operator and head of the Alger Logging operator and head of the Alger Logging Com-pany, died suddenly yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home on Oregon street. Death was brought on by heart disease, from which Mr. Alger had been a sufferer for more than a year past. His condition was not thought to be in any way serious, however, until a few

minutes before the end came.

Mr. Alger was born in Canada, st years ago. He came to Portland from San Francisco and at once took up logging operations. He was one of the first big operators in the Columbia-River country. Besides being the head of the Alger Logsing Company. Mr. Alger was interested in the management of the Oregon Iron & Steel Company's logging department and in the Coweman Driving & Rafting Company and Cowlits & Columbia River booms. He is survived by a widow and three spns. H. E. Alger, Edgar Alger and Morton D. Alger Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

RUNS AWAY WITH ACTOR

Telephone Girl Returns After Brief Absence From Her Home.

Harry Dewey, leading man of a barn-storming aggregation that lately invaded Portland with a mellow melodrama, "No Mother to Guide Her," was released from the Tacoma Jall yesterday for his con-duct in running away with Cora Luft, a 17-year-old telephone girl. It developed that the girl had either grown tired of the ranter or had been grown tired of, and was back home. Chief Gritzmacher telegraphed on for the fellow's release. in response to the frantic appeals from the detained hero of the barnstorming

arrest even after the whereabouts of the irl became known. The city authorities bers unable to act, and the girl's mother, firs. C. Luft, of \$75 First street, appealed to the Juvenile Court. Inasmuch as the girl is nearly six feet tall, and declares she is past 19, no action was taken by the Juvenile Court, hence Dewey's re-

ACCUSED OF USING LUMBER

Two Men Arrested for Taking Building Material on Lot They Bought.

Charged with the larceny of 2000 feet of lumber, Ernest Swartz and John Mankey will be arraigned in Justice Reid's Court this morning. Levi Grant is the complaining witness and charges that the two men bought a lot in Kern Park, upon which the lumber was stacked, and used the lumber as if it were their own, Grant alleges the lumber vas not soli with the land. On the other hand, the two defendants say they understood the lum-ber was part of their purchase. Consta-ble Lou Wagner arrested the two men yesterday and they were released on ball.

Olympia Beer, "It's the water." Brew-ery's own bottling. Phones. Main 671, A 2467.

Opponents of Vehicle Tax Invoke the Referendum.

MERCHANTS LEAD ATTACK

Lawyer in Their Employ Files Petition Containing 3200 Names. City Attorney Says Proceeding Is Improper and / Illegal.

A petition bearing the signatures of 3200 voters, invoking the referendum, was filed with City Auditor Barbur yesterday afternoon by Frank F. Freeman, attor ney, representing several large mercantile firms that are opposed to ... new ordinance regulating the taxation of vehicles used for hire. As a result, one of the most complicated legal battles ever fought In the state, it is said will be cor The matter is certain to be taken into the courts sooner or later, such action being the only means of adjudication in case any one should refuse to pay the tax required under the provisions of the measure assailed.

City Attorney Kavanaugh has ruled that the ordinance became a law February 24, on which date it was passed by the City Council over Mayor Lane's veto. He, therefore, holds that it is now operative and that, having become a law, it cannot be cured by referendum, as is sought to be done in this case. That the petition filed yesterday is of no effect whatever is the emphatic opinion of Mr. Kavan-augh, who is the legal adviser of the city. He declares that the only means of re-lief is repeal of the law by the City Coun-

cil, or by vote of the people.

On the other side, Mr. Freeman and those opposed to the ordinance, are equally positive that the netition filed yesterday is effective and that it ties up everything under the present ordi-nance. They assert that the effect of the petition now on file is to make oprative the old law on rehicle taxation They maintain that the referendum can e applied and hold that the ordinance attacked is weak in that it specifies in anaexed is weak in that it specifies in one section that it becomes a law January 1, 1907, which was more than one month previous to its passage over the veto of Mayor Lane. They feel certain, therefore, that they will win their fight, and they say they will never drop the matter until they secure legislation which is fair.

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City Auditor Barbur had previously sought a ruling from City Attorney Kavanaugh on the question of the vehicle tax ordinance, and when the petition was filed yesterday, again consulted Mr. Kavanaugh. The latter advised Mr. Barbur that the law sought to be invalidated is in full effect, that the referendum cannot be invoked and that the petition filed not be invoked and that the petition filed

Councilman Kellaher, chairman of the committee on licenses, is the principal opponent of the ordinance in the Council and fought it for months. Councilman Mensfee finally secured passage of the measure over the Mayor's veto. It was then decided to apply the referendum, and petitions were circulated and largely signed by business men all over the city.

The majority faction of the Council stood solld on the ordinance and voted down the Mayor's veto. It would not avail anything, therefore, to attempt to repeal the ordinance in the Council. Those opposed to it declare it is class legis-Councilman Kellaher, chairman of the

repeat the ordinance in the Council. Those opposed to it declare it is class legislation, because it exempts those who drive vehicles for pleasure only, but does not so favor the free delivery firms, or persons who sell from wagons the products of their farms.

ducts of their farms.

City Auditor Barbur said yesterday that he would proceed as instructed by City Afterney Kavanaugh, unless some one refuses to pay the tax, which would force the city to go into court for a decision. It is very probable that a test suit will be brought. be brought.

COUNCIL WILL MAKE PURCHASE OF LIQUOR CRIME.

Committee Recommends Measure for Passage at Urgent Request of Delegation of Saloonmen.

Minors who misrepresent their age when seeking to buy liquor in to the provisions of an ordinance of which Councilman Driscoll is the author and which is strongly favored by the retail iquor dealers of the city. At its meeting yesterday afternoon, at which a com-mittee of five of the Retail Liquor Dealres' Mutual Protective Association was present, the liquor license committee recommended the measure for passage. It will, therefore, come before the Council tomorrow afternoon for action.

The committee of retailers declared themselves pleased with the prope virtually protecting them in all cases where minors are given or sold 'iquor. Councilman Vaughn sought to secure an amendment, making it obligatory upon the saloonkeepers to keep a register for the purpose of compelling all suspicious-looking youths to write their names, thus declaring themselves to be over II years of age. Councilman Driscoll, however, strenuously opposed this, saying that to add any amendments would "kill" the

dinance. The sliquor men's committee also held this view. The committee of retail liquor dealers is a new feature of the liquor licease committee's sessions. They asked to be permitted to take part in the meetings of the committee, as did also the Municipal League. The latter organization, how-ever, has never sent its committee. The retailers' committee sits with the regular cense committee and is shown great curiesy. All applications for transfers sideration are discussed as freely by the liquor dealers as they are by the Coun-cilmen, and suggestions offered by the liquor dealers are given great consider-

CHINESE IN LEGAL TANGLE Hope to Escape Prosecution by Being Deported.

Chin You and Leong So, who profess to Chin fou and Leong So, who profess to be subjects of the Emperor of China, find themselves in an unusual predicament. They desire to return to their native land and the Government's immigration authorities are seeking to expedite the home-going by evoking the deportation laws, but the California state authorities are trying to secure custody of the Eye glasses \$1,90 at Metzger's, . prisoners and have them returned to San

Francisco on a charge of damond care-ing. In order to gain possession of the two Chinese, the California authorities recessor that they have evidence to show that the prisoners were born in this country and are not subject to deporta-

Chin You and Leons So were arrested in this city by the immigration authorities on a charge of being in the United States unlawfully. Both assert that they are natives of China and declare they were en route from San Francisco to Victoria. B. C., to take a steamer for their native land when taken into custody in this city. In a preliminary examination before United States Commissioner Sladen they were ordered deported and their cases are pending before the District Court. It is alleged by the California authorities that these foreign subjects are wanted in San Francisco for the theft of about \$400 worth of diamonds and \$400 in mone!

Unless it can be proved by the state authorities that the accused Chinese were born in the United States, the immigraa-tion officials will have the right of way and can order them deported regardless of the alleged violation of the California

PACKING-HOUSE BILL UP FOR FINAL PASSAGE.

Councilman Cottel Will Head Fight on Ordinance Giving Independent Firm a Franchise.

In the City Council, at its session toforrow afternoon, a big battle scheduled to be fought over the pendordinance, granting to Schwarzschild & Sulzberger a franchise to establish a packing-house and slaughter ing pens in the corporate limits at a point in South Portland. It is believed the measure will be passed, but it is thought it will occasion a fierce con-test in the Council chambers. Councilmen Cottel and Belding, the former a member of the minority and

former a member of the minority and the latter of the majority, have already clashed over the proposed ordinance and have become most bitter toward each other, as Mr. Belding is leading the fight for the establishment of the plant, while his colleague is at the head of the opposing forces, Mr. Cottel has declared that "anyone who votes for the packing-house is a buzzard," and says that, in years to come their constituents will call them buzzards, or something worse.

Councilman Cottel has fought the measure ever since it came into the

measure ever since it came into the council two weeks ago, at which time it was recommended for passage by the committee on health and police. It was he who blocked its final passage at that session. Since then it has been discussed by the same committee, and tomorrow will again be before the Council on a recommendation for passage, with an amendment that the company must spend at least \$200.000 in the plant, exclusive of the purchase price of the ground, within two measure ever since it came chase price of the ground, within two

On the ground that the ordinance is unconstitutional; that it seeks to give to the company a right to slaughter within the city limits and that the proposed plant would be, if tolerated, a public nulsance, it will be fought to the end by Councilman Cottel and his adherents, and in case it passes the Council, he has already said that he Council, he has already said that he will invoke the referendum. The only qualification he makes is that he will vote for the plant if the people of the city desire it. He has arranged for a meeting at 8 o'clock tonight, to be held in a hall at 1165 First street, at which those opposed to the ordinance will sneak.

which those opposed to the ordinance will speak.
Chlef Deputy City Atiorney Fitzgerald yesterday declared the ordinance that is up for passage tomorrow contains a fatal defect; that it would be unconstitutional, if passed, and would consequently be of no effect. This, he explains, is because of a provision whereby there is given exclusively to persons engaged in interstate trade, the right to slaughter in the city limits. This he brands as class legislation.

L. A. McNary, formerly City Attorney, drafted the ordinance. He contends that it is not class legislation.

FALSEHOOD, SAYS MANNING

State Has Not Lost Standing in Prosecution of J. W. Reed.

That the state has lost its standing before the Supreme Court in the prosecu-tion of J. W. Reed, for alleged election frauds, was denied emphatically lass night by District Attorney Manning. The publication of an article in a local paper accusing the District Attorney with being derelict of duty in the Reed case was branded by the State Prosecutor as a mallcious falsehood, drummed up for political purposes.

"Several other cases are in the same status as the Reed case," said Mr. Man-ning. "The state has time in which to aubmit its briefs and such briefs will be filed in due time. Those spreading the When the proper time comes the state's interests will be fully safeguarded as in all other cases taken on appeal to the Supreme Court of the State

SEEK HOMES IN THE WEST

Eastern Farmers Are Interested in Oregon Lands.

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday received a communication from E. L. Lomax, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific at Omaha, enclosing a list of 1900 names of persons who have made inquirles of the railroad company regard ing lands in the Pacific Northwest, with view of investment and settlement. This list of names was sent to the Chamber for the purpose of securing its co-opera-

on lands in this state.

Mr. Lomax advises that these inquiries have been received since January 1, and the universal sentiment expressed is that they desire to get away from the gested conditions in the East and West. Nearly all have sufficient money to establish themselves on farms. A large omes in the agricultural districts of the

There's cheer in a cup of piping hot Postum served with good cream, and no headache in the combination.

Clean, hard wheat-including the bran-coat with its natural phosphate of potash for rebuilding brain and nerve cells-is used in making Postum, and no coffee or other harmful substance enters into its manufacture.

"There's a Reason."



The back is the mainspring of woman's organism. It quickly calls attention to trouble by aching. It tells, with other symptoms, such as nervousness, headache, pains in the loins, weight in the lower part of the body, that a woman's feminine organism needs immediate attention.

In such cases the one sure remedy which speedily removes the cause, and restores the feminine organism to a healthy, normal condition is

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S **VEGETABLE COMPOUND** Mrs. Will Young, of 6 Columbia

Ave., Rockland, Me., says:
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