COUNCILMEN WILL PROBE PURCHASE

Expenditure of \$20,900 by the Executive Board to Be Investigated.

ACTION AIMED AT MAYOR

City Pays for Fire Department "Conductors" Phone Companies Should Have Bought-War to the Knife With Lane.

An investigation of the recent pur-chase of \$26,500 worth of underground cables and "conductors" for the fire department is to be made by the Coundepartment is to be made by the Council committee on judiciary, composed of Councilmen Bennett, Cellars and Vaughn. The first assaton is scheduled for Thursday night at 7 o'clock. This means war to the knife between the "solid ten," Mayor Lane and his political friends in the Council.

The investigation is designed to bring out all the facts in connection was the alleged needless expenditure of the money which the "solid ten" sarnestly believe will show that Mayor Lane and his Executive Board and the official's under his supervision are

Lane and his Executive Board and the officials under his supervision are to biame for the large waste of mublic funds. The Mayor and his supporters, however, will not submit without a hard fight, and it is confidently believed in official circles that this is destined to be one of the most spectacular battles ever fought by the "solid ten" and the Mayor.

Since Councilman Driscoll announced at a committee meeting several weeks ago that the city had spent \$20,900 af public funds needlessly, many facts have been ascertained relative to the

public funds needlessly, many facts have been ascertained relative to the matter. Mayor Lane himself took up the case and caused a special committee of his own choosing to probe the franchises of the two telephone companies. This committee consisted of Councilmen Vaugin, Rushlight and Kellaher, political friends of the Mayor. Their investigation revealed that there are strong provisions in the franchises of both corporations, which require that the city skall be furnished free of cost all necessary cables and conductors for the fire department, waier department, and police department, water department and police depart-

ment.

Having carried the investigation to this point, the committee referred the matter to City Altorney Kavanaugh, to ascertain whether the terms of the frauchises are sufficiently strong to warrant the city in making a demand for further supplies specified therein. Mr. Kavanaugh reported that in both instances the municipality can force the companies to furnish the cables and conductors. and conductors.

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Mayor Lane's contention is that the members of the Council are as much at fault as he or any of his subordinates, massingth, be declares, as they authorized the purchase of the supplies for ised the purchase of the supplies for which the large amount of mency was spent. He holds that the Councilmen should have been sufficiently familiar with the terms of the franchise to have known that the telephone companies must furnish the supplies named. The members of the "solid ten," however, have hurled back the charge of neglect of official duty at the Mayor, alleging it to have been his sworn duty to report on the terms of all franchises and to have called their attention to any violations of such.

Now, however, the battle is on, and Now, however, the battle is em, and oext Thursday night the members of the committee on judiciary will commence the examination of witnesses. Mayor Lane, members of the Council who are friendly in a political way with him; members of the Executive Roard, Chief Campbell, of the fire department; City Electrician Savarian in the council of the council of the council of the council of the fire department; City Electrician Savarian in the council of the fire department; City Electrician Savarian in the council of th and all persons having any informa-tion on the subject will be subpensed.

WAR OVER FIRE HYDRANTS

Mayor and Council Opposed to Each Other.

could not get results from the members of the Water Board on the matter of purchasing lire hydranis, I would get a new Water Board, declared Councilman Rushlight, while presiding at the meeting of the ways and means committee yesterday afternoon. Urgent necessity for a large number of hydrants exists, and Chief Campbell, of the Fire Department, declares that the situation is serious. However, the members of the Water Board have absolutely refused to buy a single hydrant. After discussion of the matter, the committee voted a recommendation to the Council, instructing the Water Roard to immediately purchase what hydrants are required.

A stubbern fight has arisen over the matter, the Water Board holding it to be the duty of the Council to purchase the hydrants, and the members of the Council counc

hydrants, and the members of the Coun-cil connending that it is the duty of the Water Board. In the meantime, it is declared by all officials, certain districts

Congregational Clergymen Gather at Highland Church.

The regular meeting of the Association of Congregational Ministers of Portland and vicinity will be held at 10:30 A. M. today in the Highland Church, corner Sixth and Prescott streets. The pro-gramme follows:

Address. Some Thoughts of Recent Blocks. With Which a Pastor Should He Familiar. Nev. Lettler R. Dyott, D. D. Discussion opened by Rev. Howard Gilpatrick. 12 M. inncheon at the church. All members of the association are invited guests of the Ladies Aid Society of the Highland Church.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the 12th annual meeting of the Portland Association of

ngregational Churches and Minister Il assemble at the same place, and re-tin in session until tomorrow night

main in session until tomorrow manning in session until tomorrow manning in the session until tomorrow manning in the session institute under the direction of Bev. Howard N. Smith. state superintendent of Congressational Sunday school works. Besinners. Mrs. W. A. White. Primers. Mrs. A. Lies H. Dodd. Juniors. Mrs. H. Hail. The work will be illustrated by grade classes.

4.00—Junior Endeavor. Mrs. W. D. Paimer, amountement of committees.

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6:69—Supper, social room.
6:45—"Greetings From Highland." C. A.
Mann: responses from the moderator and the Tibb Model Y P. S. C. E. a meeting of all Congregational societies of the vicinity, the brightest and best is to be reported from each society.

8:15-Association sermon. Rev. L. R.

WEDNESDAY PORENGON. (The Ministers' Bession.)

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The Social Life of the Church." 20— The Social Life of the Cauran, W. H. Meyer. 10— Positive Preaching "Rev. P. L. on Lubken, discussion. 10— "Evangelism, as a Factor of the metrical Church," Rev. D. T. Thumas. Hacusalan.

11-18—The Science of Church Finance."

lev D. B. Gray.

11-20—The Paster an All-cound Factor,"

12-26 M.—Luncheon.

12-20 M.—Around the table fellowship.

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1.36—Devotional and missellaneous.

1.36—The Work Among Men. R. B.
McNaughton.

2.16—The Laymen'z Missionary Movement, Dr. W. H. Coe; discussion.

Two thousand Masons from all parts of the state, assembled at the Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, last night, and witnessed the formal presentation of the "traveling silver trowel" to Willamette Lodge No. of this city, by a delegation from

Traveling Trowel Is Welcomed to Oregon.

SPECIAL EXERCISES HELD

Masons From All Over State Gather Here to Attend Presentation of Emblem by Visiting Mcmbers of Idaho Lodge.

satisfactions which I feel in connection with the prize is the hope that my strile has done at least some slight service for your splendid city. "Emerson once said. 'America is another name for opportunity.' I feel that the same can be said about Portland and the Northwest, for it seems to me that this section offers the greatest promise to all who are ambitious to win true success in life, to have personal happiness, and to serve their followmen in a truly abding and useful way. Entertaining these sentiments, sincerely and earnestly, you may know how much pleasure the winning of your prize gave me apart entirely from the money side. This pride and pleasure, I am happy to say, is fully shared by Mrs. Straton, whose dream concerning my winning the prize the night before

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your telegram came is quite an interesting coincidence.

With kindest regards and best
wishes for the future of Portland and
the Commercial Club, I am, very sincerely. JOHN ROACH STRATON."

CELEBRATE AT CHAMPOEG Programme Arranged for Gathering

on Historic Spot May 2.

beams underneath and in every place where they could get a foothold. An-derson arrested 12 of them, the rest having fled when the train stopped.

Experts Make Rich Haul on Coming of Warships Stimulates East Side.

EXPLOSIVE IS

By Use of Punches, Robbers Force Bolts Back and Loot Cash Boxes-Two Suspects Are Captured by Police.

Safe-robbers, plainly experts in their line, opened two heavy steel safes on the East Side some time during the early

MANY GO TO SEE FLEET

Travel to California. "California will date everything here-

after from the coming of the ficet," said A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, who returned yesterday from Low Angeles, where he went to choose a general agent for the Hill line. "The whole state is agog over the visit of the battleships and not only the Southern California ports but San Francisco too expects great benefits from the fleet's visit. People are flocking into California from every direction to see the arrival of the state is heavy as well as the movement from the Fast, but business from California to Portland will be light until after the fleet is safely anchored inside, the Golden Gate. Everyone is waiting until the battleships are properly welcomed, when they will take up their usual business again.

"California needs rain badly and unless they get it soon, crops of almost every these A. D. Charlton, assistant general pas-

Joseph Buchtel reported yesterday that the programme for the annual celebration at Champoeg, in honor of the meeting and left no clews behind. Two arrests a good rain in California for months and



Perhaps you're one of the active, quick-moving men who want the freedom of a Topcoat at this season. The latest styles are here at \$14.



Wednesday, morning, afternoon and night, for which programmes will be rendered, consisting of addresses and discussions dealing with various phases of Sunday-school work.

Among the Portland delegates who

will participate in the deliberations are Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, Dr. J. Whiteomb Brougher, Dr. Luther R.

One of the striking features of the convention will be the music, under the direction of Professor E. O. Excell,

AIRBRAKES FOR LONG CARS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE PLANS NEW ORDINANCE.

Would Replace Pending Measure by Act Requiring Appliance on Cars Over 35 Feet.

An ordinance compelling the Portan ordinance compening the varieties and Railway. Light & Power Company to equip all cars of more than 25 feet in length with airbrakes in one year from date of its final passage, is recommended to the City Council by its committee on health and police, which committee on health and police, which met yesterday afternoon. An ordinance that was drafted many months ago by Councilman Vaughn, and which has been amended numerous times, is recommended not to pass. It is expected that a big fight will occur over the matter tomorrow afternoon, when the Council meets in regular session.

After value trying to amend the old ordinance in many ways, so as to make

After value trying to amend the old ordinance in many ways, so as to make it rendable and workshie, the committee decided that it would be better to have it defeated and to put firth a new ordinance. It was therefore accommended that the old measure do not pass, and the new one will be offered in lieu thereof.

in lieu thereof. Councilman Cottel, chairman of the committee on health and police, at first declared that he would put in a minority report, but later changed his mind, and said he would simply decline

Remainder of Month Expected to of the system, the company will forever haul us up and down the streets in the same old rattletraps it is using now in many places," declared Coun-climan Concannon. "On the other Colonist travel to Oregon during the climan Concarnon. "On the other past few weeks, while not up to what it hand, if we make them put airbrakes has been in past years, is bringing new on all the cars, it will force the com-

settiers to this state at quite a satisfactory rate. However, the remainder of the month is expected to show a very heavy increase in this travel, for colonist rates end on April 30 and homescekers musually rush forward to take advantage of these rates during the last two weeks of the senson.

For the week ending April 15, the number of the cars, it will force the company to discontinue the use of the small ones, except, perhaps, in emergency cases."

"I do not agree with you," said Councilman Annand, a member of the committee. "I have as much information as you have, and I know the company intends to put new cars on all lines as quickly as they can be served." intends to put new cars on all lines just as quickly as they can be secured."

Councilman Wills, the third member of the committee, said be favored fixing the limit at 35 feet, because he has

learned that the sirbrakes cannot be installed on smaller ones. NEW TIME CARD.

Commencing April 21 the Canadian Pacommencing April 21 the canadian Pa-cific will place in effect a new time card via the Soo-Spekane route, giving fast time from Portland to the Twin Cities. The equipment is made up of the finest passenger, sleeping and observation cars in the world. For rates and full particulars apply at local office, 142 Third street.

Livespool Fender Useless.

Sunday School Convention Will Be

Held at Forest Grove.

An event of interest to church members will be the Oregon State Sunday-School Convention, to be held in Forest Grove Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27, 28 and 29. The session will open Monday night with a series of addresses by resident and visiting members of the association. The sessions will continue on Tuesday and

A CERTAIN SAFE TREATMENT

S. S. S. is the only safe and reliable cure for Contagious Blood Poison. It is purely vegetable, made entirely from healing, cleansing roots, herbs and barks, and in addition to curing this vile disorder, S. S. S. builds up every part of the system. Mercury and potash cannot cure the trouble; they can only mask it in the system for awhile, and when they are left off the disease returns, usually, in worse form than before, and the patient finds he has damaged his health with these strong minerals, which disease the delicate lining of the stomach, affect the bowels, produce chronic dyspepsia and often set up Mercurial Rheumatism. It will not do to trifle with a disease so powerful as Contagious Blood Poison, for every day it remains in the blood it is progressing toward a dangerous stage, and will in the end get beyond the control of any treatment. S. S. S. cures blood poison in the right way, it goes down into the circulation and removes every particle of the virus. No had results are ever experienced from the use of S. S. S. It is gentle and pleasant in its action, and forty years of cures warrant the statement that S. S. S. is not only a safe but a certain treatment. Home treatment book on this disease and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GL

MEMBERS OF POCATELLO COMMITTEE WHICH ESCORTED THE MASONIC TRAVELING MASON'S TROWEL TO PORTLAND. Top row, reading from left to right-J. A. Kelley, L. Ready, . Worth Clark. Bottom row, reading from left to right-Fred Bryden, William Wallis, W. D. Broc. heart, Ed. Holz-r. Rev. P. Murphy, of Payette, Idaho, the other member of the delegation which brought the trowel to Portland, did not arrive here until last night and is not included in group.

2:40-"Pacific University." Miss Mary F.

uckey.
4:00 Miscellaneous; "A Banquet of This Association"; "The Moderator." Association": "The Moderator." 6:00 Social room. 6:00 "Our Men's Clubs," H. C. DeYoung.

5:00 Constant Constan

WOULD REGULATE DOCTORS

PRACTITIONERS MUST DISPLAY CERTIFICATES.

Conneil Committee Recommends Ordinance Looking to Closer Supervision of Practitioners.

An ordinance regulating doctors of all An ordinance regulating acciors of an achools, and requiring each practitioner to keep on display a certificate in his office, was recommended by the committee on licenses at its meeting resterday afternoon, and will, therefore, be up for action at the regular accision of the Council tomorrow afternoon. An effect to include pharmacists failed because no one was present to represent them, and it was present to represent them, and it was thought they should be heard in the matter.

was thought they should be heard in the matter. Council contending that it is the duty of the Water Board. In the meantime, it is declared by all officials, certain districts are in grave danger from fire, because of a lack of the required hydrants, and Chief Campbell has reported that several schoolhouses are without hydrants, leaving the buildings at the merry of fismes. Now that the Council is to vote on a recommendation instructing the members of the Water Board to make the purchases, it is said that a bot fight will occur. Mayor Lane, chairman of the Board, contends that its members are right; that it is the proper function of the Council to buy hydrants, and it is expected that he will stand out against all efforts to force the Board to spend its resources in this manner. The Mayor and members of the Board hold that it is the only wise policy to use the revenue from the water supply to lay mains; to furnish water to the suburban districts and to improve the system. They believe that it is unfair to take this money to purchase hydrants, many of which would be placed downtown, whereas, the consumers in the homes pay the hill.

MINISTERS TO MEET TODAY

**Mass thought they should be heard in the matter. Councilman Cottel, himself a druggist, introduced the ordinance a long time ago, but it has been kept walting until yesteralism. Councilman Cottel, bimself a druggist, introduced the ordinance a long time ago, but it has been kept walting until yesteralism. Councilman Cottel, bimself a druggist, introduced the ordinance a long time ago, but it has been kept walting until yester for a decipron because no delegation of dectors ever called to speak for or against it. Representatives from the City and County Medical Society were on hand and strongly urged its passage. Mr. Cottel said he would speak for the druggist, but it has been kept walting until yester of dectors ever called to speak for or against it. Representatives from the City and County Medical Society were on hand and strongly urged its passage. Mr. Co

any logitimate practitioner, but would enable the officials to punish all frauds, who might be found without the required diploma or license.

The proposed ordinance has a provision for \$2 a year for a license fee for every practitioner in the city, and makes it obligators upon such practitioner to keep.

be recorded as an important one in Masonry in Oregon.

The silver trowel reached Portland late Sunday night, in charge of a committee from Portneuf Ledge, consisting of W. D. Brookheart, Fred Bryden, D. Worth Clark, J. A. Kelly, William Wallin, Ed Holzmeier and L. Ready. Rev. P. Murphy, of Payette, Idaho, another member of the committee, and who took a prominent payt in the exercises. ook a prominent part in the exercises ast night, did not arrive until shortly sefore the programme began, having not left his home until the day follow-ng the departure of the other members

of the committee. Following the banquet, Frank Robortson, worshipful master of Willamotte Lodge, presided as toastmaster,
and responses were made by the following: William F. Butcher, of Baker
City; S. M. Yoran, of Eugene; Rev. P.
Murphy, Payette, Idaho; Norris R. Cox,
Thomas Gray, D. Soils Cohen, William
W. Cotton, Louis G. Clarke and Rev.
William H. Foulkes, D. D.
After the trower remains in the nonof the committee.

After the trower remains in the pos-action of Williamette Lodge for a month, a committee will be selected to easont the emblem either to the Cali-fornia or the Washington jurisdiction.

TO RESUME REGISTRATION

Clerk Fields Hopes to Raise the Enrollment of Voters to 35,000.

The registration books at the County Clerk's office will open again tomor-Clerk's office will open again tomor-row morning, when an opportunity will be given for those who did not register before the primary election to prepare for the election to be held June 1. Those who have moved since they registered for the primaries will be given an opportunity to have the corrections made on the books. Reg-fairations will cease at 5 P. M. May 15. Although 31,421 voters registered istrations will cease at 5 P. M. May 15.
Although 31,431 voters registered during the three months when the books were open before the primaries, it is believed that there are about 10,000 cittaens who have not yet signed up. It is believed by County Clerk Fields that many of these will register thus swelling the grand total to ter, thus swelling the grand total to 35,000. The books will be open for registration 20 days prior to the No-vember Presidential election.

THANKS OF PRIZEWINNER

Rev. John Roach Straton Writes to Commercial Club.

Manager Ton Richardson of the Commercial Club, yesterday received a communication from Rev. John Roach Straton, of Baltimore, winner of the first prize in the club's recent prize contest. Mr. Straton expresses his satisfaction with the decision of the judges and also expresses the hope that his article may neve of service.

Portneuf Lodge, of Pocatello, Idaho, Dogrees were conferred on several candidates during the early part of the didates during the early part of the night, the exercises incident to the presentation of the trowel not beginning until after 16 o'clock. A banquet and a programme of tonats by men prominent in the order throughout the state concluded the event, which will be held to take takes to presentation of the concluded the event, which will be abred to such an extent as to endanger the bank to such an extent as to endanger the bank to such an extent as to endanger the bank to such an extent as to endanger the bank to such an extent as to endanger the bank to such an extent as to endanger the bank to such an extent as to endanger the bank to such an extent as to endanger the bank to such an extent as to endanger the bank to recorded as an important one in Masoury in Oregon.

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oration by Mr. Moody will be the only address of the day.

The celebration will be held under the machinery department a quantity of fine ostrich plumes were taken, the loss amounting to \$150. From the machinery company's safe, \$50 in each was taken, postage stamps to the value of \$5 and a check for \$17.85 being left

> At neither place were explosives used. The robbers were too well acquainted with the workings of safes, evidently, to take chances of arousing the neighbor-hood. They simply bored into the tum-blers and wrenched the bolts back by use of metal drills, pinchers and sledges. At the machinery house the safe was badly damaged, four holes being bored about the combination before a vital spot was located. The Markell safe proved less troublesome, a single hele under the combination serving the safe proved less troublesome, a single hole under the combination serving the purpose. Securing the money compartments from the safe, the robbers carried them into an inner room, secure from observation from the street. Here they emptied the contents onto the floor and helped themselves.
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The robberies were discovered early yesterday morning when the offices were opened. The police were at once notified and Captain of Detertives Baty took persoonal charge of the case, detailing several detectives to assist him. The two suspects arrested were found carousing in the Erickson place on Burnside street last night, but the evidence against them is not strong.

That more crimes of this kind may be looked for is believed from the fact that the city is at present overrun with vagrants. It was reported to the police yesterday morning that 200 hobos came into the city Sunday night on a Southern Pacific freight train. on a Southern Pacific freight train. They filled several cars and came through from California. A member of the train crew informed the chief that the army of vagrants began acrambling off the train at the Southern Pacific shops and were all off by the time the depot was reached. The Chief issued special orders for the rounding up of these vagrants. It is believed that many criminals are included in the lot.

TRAMPS SWARM TO PORTLAND

Hundreds Come Into City on Southern Pacific Trains.

The influx of men out of work ramps, yeggmen and hobos, which has been marked for a number of weeks past from all points south, apparently Manager Tom Richardson, of the Commercial Club, yesterday received a communication from Rev. John Roach Straton, of Baltimore, winner of the billigatory upon such practitioner to keep his certificate posted in a prominent place.

Soap Lake Salts—Nature's Remedy.

Sore cure for rheumatism, also a blood purifier, Ask druggist for yellow package.

Perfect fitting glasses \$1 at Metager's.

Hanan shoes at Rosenthal's

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"I desire to thank the Commercial Club, through you, for the prize. Upon receipt of your telegram I wired my hanks, and also expressed myself to the effect that Portland deserves even more than I sald about her in the article. Indeed, one of the greatest reached its climax last night, when

WORKERS MEET NEXT WEEK

Walla 23.

Colonist travel to Oregon during the

of the season.

For the week ending April 15, the num-ber of colonist tickets on the Harriman lines to stations in this state was \$90.

For the corresponding week of last year,