BEGINS REVISION

Newly Named CommissionThis idea seemed to meet with favor of the committee. The project was to dispose of the impression that the advisory committee would be insistent or Organization. .

BIG TASK IS COMMENCED

Whether Present Government Will Be Modified or Commission Plan Adopted Will Be Decided at the Next Meeting.

Organization of the charter revision nission was effected at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Mayor Lane called the members together in the City Council chambers. Judge Henry E. McGinn was unanimously elected chairman and the offer of City Auditor Barbur to furnish a clerk to act as secretary was accepted. Charles F. Weigant, who is familiar with the work to be handled, was selected for the position. The members then proceeded to business by authorizing the chairman to name a committee of three to formulate rules of order, methods and procedure; another to investigate the Des Moines plan of municipal government and to report upon the same and a third to investigate and report upon the present system of administra-tion. Adjournment was then taken until 7:39 o'clock next Friday, night.

The first session of the commission was very important, and brought out clearly the fact that time is too limited to permit of a general revision of the charter for submission to the voters at the November election. Under the resolution of the City Council, authorities, the commission to set a report resolution of the City Council, authorizing the commission to act, a report must be made for the November election, but it is probable further time will be sought, if the decision to go deep into the charter is reached. In that case, no action will be taken looking toward a vote upon the matter until the following June.

Whether or not the commission will recommend a change in the plan of city government, from the present form to

covernment, from the present form to the Des Moines or Galveston commis-sion plans, will be decided perhaps Friday night, although that will afford riday night, although that will afford very little time for the committee to make up a report. It is regarded as necessary that the commission should first adopt one or the other form of municipal organization before proceeding with its work, as, if a change is made to the commission plan, it will be necessary to reconstruct the whole charter, in order to make all of the sections harmonize with the new system. Nearly all of the administrative work is done differently under the commission plan.

The description of the County Court attended and no information was obtained of the plans and purposes of the company, Charles Stout, president of the association, remarked that a committee from Firland had also tried to get information about this company, but had falled. Mr. Stout expressed the opinion that another private water system should not be allowed to enter that territory, and doubted whether it was a bona fide project.

It had been rumored, he said, that the

Promptly at 2 o'clock all of the members of the commission, except F. V. Holman and John M. Gearin, were at the Council chambers, ready for the call to order. Mayor Lane, too, was on time and acted as temporary chair-man. In a few words, he explained that the Council had authorized the that the Council had authorized the members to revise the charter or to recommend amendments or a complete new charter, as might be deemed wise. He said that, at this time, he had no advice to give or suggestions to make, but that he stood ready at all times to aid the commission in any manner. He said the present charter is a fairly good one, and the people are inclined to criticise it only, he believed, largely because of its conflicting sections and its cumbersome proportions. Only in a few places, he said, did he deem it necessary to revise t, unloss the commission should decide to recommend some plan like that in vogue in Des Moines.

Mayor Lane then inquired how the commission wished to proceed, and F.

commission wished to proceed, and F. E. Beach nominated Judge Henry E. McGinn as permanent chairman. The election was unanimous and Mr. Mc-Ginn took the chair without delay, simply saying, in reply to Mayor Lane's remarks, that the members perhaps were engaged in a thankless task, but that, if they gave the people a good charter, that would be sufficient remuneration. Charles F. Weigant was then selected as secretary.

John F. Logan moved that the City Auditor porify all of the municipal

Auditor notify all of the municipa officials, especially heads of the various departments, to send in written sugrestions for changes in the charter and gestions for changes in the charter and Dr. C. H. Chapman moved to include all citizens who have idean. This was carried and the public now has its opportunity to put in suggestions. These must be submitted in writing, and may be addressed to City Auditor Barbur, at the City Hall. These will be read before the commissioners, who will thus have on file the various opinions from which they will compile revisions. from which they will compile revisions, amendments or a complete new charter. Mr. Montague moved that a commit-

tee of three be named by the chairman to formulate plans, methods and pro-cedure, so that the commission may have a definite system upon work. This was carried, and Dr. Chap-man then moved for two committees to report on the two plans of city organization—the commission and coun-cilmanic plans. He said that, as he viewed the situation, the commission can do nothing until it settles the question of whether it will recommend

ne commission plan. City Attorney Kavanaugh, who is member of the commission, moved that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish copies of the city charter, with the amendments voted in 1905, which was ordered. Also copies of the Des Moines and Galveston commission plans were ordered.

The commission, upon motion of Mr. Kavanaugh, also voted to ask the Council for an appropriation sufficient to employ an expert reporter and sten-

There was some discussion as to what amount of overhauling the com-

mission shall give the charter, but it was finally decided that this cannot be determined until the point as to whether a commission form of government shall be recommended. If the commis-Stark is having concrete foundations put in, but no decision has been reached whether the building is to be four or six stories in height. There are two propositions being considered by Mr. Lombard, one of which will be closed in a few days. sion plan is agreed upon, it is almost certain that further time will be sought in which to perform the labor of com-

in which to perform the labor of com-pilling the charter.

The first session of the commission is regarded as an indication that business will be transacted speedily and all of the problems considered fully. The at-tendance was gratifying to Mayor Lane, there being only two of the members absent. They were F. V. Holman and John M. Gearin, who are in attend-ance at the American Bar Association, now in session at Seattle. now in session at Seattle

ADVISORY COMMITTEE BUSY Holds First Meeting to Consider

Charter Changes. The advisory committee held a pre-liminary meeting last night at the Sargent Hotel at the adjournment of the United East Side Push Clubs, and organized with the election of L. E. Rice as permanent chairman. Election of a permanent secretary was deferred until is badly in need of repairs.

a future meeting. W. L. Boise made a short talk, in which he set forth what he considered the proper functions of the committee. He said, among other things, that the committee should not things, that the committee should not undertake to frame a charter, as the charer commission was composed of able and public-spirited citizens. He said that he considered that the proper function of the advisory committee would be to consider propositions and amendments of special interest to the East Side, and submit them to the charter realize committee.

intrusive. There was a general discus-sion of possible amendments. Among these was one to make the improvement of streets competitive and to break up all monopoly in pavements and open the mprovement to streets to general com petition. Also the matter of expediting the payment of street assessments. A number of other propositions were discussed in a general way. There was a full attendance of members of the

NEW COMPANY IS REMISS No Backing Shown for Gas and Water Projects.

Although invited to be present at the Although invited to be present at the With the Autumn influx of migra-meeting of the Mount Scott Improvement | tory hobos at its height. Acting Muni-Association at its meeting Monday night, cipal Judge Isaac Swett announced no representative of the company which is asking for a franchise for water and that he does not believe in running ho-Association at its meeting Monday night,

all streets. This exclusive right, so it is said, is reserved in all deeds given, so that as it now stands it will not be

easy for another private company to en-ter that territory without first buying out the Woodmere Water Company. How-

ever, George Brown, the manager, has said that in case of annexation, the city will have no difficulty in taking over the

LEG IS FRACTURED BY FALL

Charles Schultz Suffers Severe In-

jury at Collins Springs.

Charles Schultz, a professional wrestler, whose residence is in Salem, Or., but who for several days had been a guest at the

EXCAVATION WORK BEGINS

Charles K. Henry Starts Building at

Fourth and Oak.

Excavation work has started on the

quarter block at the southwest corner of Fourth and Oak streets, on which Charles K. Henry is to erect a business

building. Mr. Henry has decided to have this building faced with white enamel brick and make of it a model

in point of appearance and modern con-struction generally.

Gay Lombard's site at Fifth and

Jealousy Grounds for Divorce.

That her husband was so insanely jealous that often when she has returned from a trip to town he has beaten her and pulled her hair, because he believed she had been associating with other men, is the allegation of Jennie Kapsch in a suit for divorce from John Kapsch. They have two children, aged six and eight years, of which she asks the custody. She married Kapsch in Denver May 17, 1835.

Zust Auto Reaches Moscow.

That her husband was so insanely

plant of the company.

Acting Police Judge Declines

to Drive Them Out of

other, The injured man was placed tenderly on the floor. Dr. Zeigler felt his pulse, looked into his mouth, took his temperature, put the stethoscope to the bareity moving chest.

"Any chance, doctor?" some anxious price to the property of the property of the pulse. Portland.

SAYS HOBOS HAVE RIGHTS

Present Migration of Shiftless Incompetents Southward Marks Announcement of New Policy Toward Vagrants.

stretcher and hurried to the station, Casey dropping off en route to put in a hurry call for a doctor. If the man's life was to be saved no time could be lost. Casey's plan to save time was really a commendable one and should win him a place on the detective force. City Physician Zeigler responded to the emergency call. He reached the police station in record time, stethescope in one hand and dope case in the other.

"Any chance, doctor?" some anxious policeman inquired.

"There ought to be some little chance," the doctor replied dryly. "He isn't nearly as drunk as he might be."

All last night the stricken man snored in the jag ward at the city jail. Along towards midnight he awakened to complain of boa constrictors which he complained must have broken loose from the circus. He also said something about his wife. But no name could be secured, there was no scrap of paper whereby to identify him, and if any lady, as already stated, is shy a husband, she had better claim him the first thing today.

FRED T. MERRILL REPLIES

Says He Is Not Responsible for Wroten's Saloon.

Fred T. Merrill takes exceptions to the

Park Board Considers Roadways Along Willamette.

COST WILL BE ESTIMATED

Superintendent Mische Asks for Immediate Purchase of Mount Tabor Tract, but Board Refuses to Indorse Project.

A boulevard as near to the east and west banks of the Willamette River as it is possible to procure ground will probably be recommended by the City Park Board to the Council in the near future. This would give two beautiful drives and would improve the general appearance of both sections immensely. It is possible that the board will seek to extend these drives through the entire length of the city fram north to south.

Lengthy discussion of the project took

terday at the meeting, which make quick action absolutely necessary, if the city is to secure property at anywhere near

reasonable rates. Isadore Lang announced that he had heard the remark made that at least one member of the City Council would "block" the Board unless a certain portion of the park lands was secured on the East Side and in specified locations, suitable to him. The name of the councilman was not given. Mr. Lang said that, if this should be true, the Council may as well take charge of the Board's work right now.

Decline to Buy Mount Tabor.

Parkkeeper Mische recommended to the Board the Immediate purchase of the Mount Tabor tract of 140 acres, included Olmsted plans, and said that. If the Olmsted plans and said that, if the Olmsted plan is to be followed out, it is necessary for the Board to be certain of having this land. Otherwise, said Mr. Mische the particular landscape feature Mische, the particular landscape feature of the project on the East Side will be gone, and the plans thus thwarted to a

gone, and the plans thus thwarted to a certain degree.

Mr. Lang was strongly opposed to the purchase of the Mount Tabor land, as it would require an outlay of nearly \$500,000. He said he would not favor spending such an amount for any one piece of land. The plan did not meet with the indorsement of the other members, either, and it was laid over.

Mr. Lang was in favor of securing a

Mr. Lang was in favor of securing a personal visit from Mr. Olmsted, whose plans are supposed to be the guiding lines of the Board's actions, but Mr. Lewis and Dr. Raffety were opposed to waiting on Mr. Olmsted, and Mayor Lane named the committee to investigate the boulevard

CALLS WIFE NEGLECTFUL

FITZ HENRY GORDON SAYS SHE LEFT HOME UNCARED FOR.

His Meals Were Left Uncooked, He Charges, While Wife Talked With Firemen.

Gossip has destroyed another home, ac ording to the assertions of Fitz Henry Gordon, in his answer to a divorce suit brought in the Circuit Court by his wife, Flora Catherine Gordon. He says that

when Gordon came home.

When Gordon came home from a hard day's labor, he says he found no evening meni awaiting him. While he was getting supper, on one occasion, he looked out the window and saw his wife standout the window and saw his wire standing across the street at Fourth and
Montgomery, talking to members of the
fire department. When she returned, he
says, he protested to her that she should
spend more time in caring for the home,
and received the reply that she would do
as she pleased. s she pleased.

as she pleased.

Mrs. Gordon, it is said, deserted her home April 19, 1907, a year after the neglect began, taking with her the belongings of her husband, including a valualings of her husband, including a valuable plano. Gordon says he never abused his wife, nor neglected to furnish her with the necessaries of life. He seeks the custody of their child. They were married September 2, 1903.

AYERS ESTATE IS INSOLVENT Sporting Man Left Property Badly Involved.

the claims to aggregate \$17.295.55. She states that she now holds \$4645.84 cash, which she intends to pay out as dividend, as soon as the attorneys and administratrix's fees are paid. She will then have \$500 in personal property left. The claims against the estate are largely covered by notes for amounts borrowed by Ayers. They include the following. Marchanis, National Bank. following: Merchauts' National Bank, \$6500; Security Savings & Trust Company, \$3250; Ashley & Rumelin, \$2227; William Frazier, \$340; P. L. Willias, \$500; N. C. Ovlat. \$435; W. J. Hawkins, \$500; Lewis Russell, \$125. Ralph W. Hoyt has filed a claim for \$1500 lent Ayers, and W. F. Matlock states that he lent the sporting man \$500. Judge Webster issued an order that they appear before him September 7 and give further proof that the estate is indebted to them. The petition filed by Mrs. Tansen asked that the American Surety Company be released from the bond of \$8000; this having expired, and that a new bond of \$1000 be given. The court bond of \$1000 be given. The court granted this petition. The court also ordered the payment of the funeral ex-

APPRAISE CLOSSET ESTATE

Coffee and Spice Merchant Left Property Worth \$19,500.

THIS IS THE LAST CALL

We close out this week every article that pertains to Summer. Our new Fall goods

are here; we need room. Now, which do you need the most-\$10 or a



when Mr. Closset died he owned 219 shares of stock in the coffee and spice firm of Closset & Devers, worth now

Main street.

The estate of Cora T. Ryan has been appraised at \$5081.54. Of this \$2500 is real estate. The appraisers are John W. Reynolds, A. H. Birrell and D. A. Milne.

ma or baby. Only 15-100 of 1 per cent alcohol. Phones: Main 671, A 2467.

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Effects collections, etc.

hotel at Collins Hot Springs, on the Co-lumbia River, fell from the hotel porch Monday right and broke his leg. Mr. Schultz was found lying on the ground the morning after in a raving delirium. Last night he was brought to this city on the steamer Dalles City and Holman's ambulance conveyed him to the Good Sa-

maritan Hospital, where Dr. Harry Mc-Kay attended him. Up to a late hour last night he had not recovered consciousness, and was said to be suffering seriously from shock. Mr. Schultz is a member of the Salem lodge of Elks, and on his arrival at the Alder-street docks he was met by the secretary of the Portland lodge, who looked after the unconscious man and arranged for medical attendance.

Where are you from?"

对影响 Where are you going?" "Don't know.

'Can you be out of town in an hour?"

win, chief of the city bureau for protection of young girls and women, in which she said that W. Wroten's saloon is located "in Merrill's Hall." She was speaking before the liquor license committee of the City Council, in an effort to secure revocation of the license of the council of the license of the l Mr. Merrill made the following state-"It is an injustice to Professor Berry

who conducts the dancing academy in Merrill's Hall, also an injustice to the Merrill Building, as well as to myself. constantly refer to the 'dancing acad-emy,' 'Merrill's Hail,' the Merrill Build-

saloon in question

"The facts in the case are that the vided up the room and rented a saloor to the Weinhard Brewery Company.
"I have constantly objected to this sa-ion and the character of the same, both to the tenant, to Keating & Flood, to Weinhard's Brewery and to the Police Department, threatening to go before the Council and have the license revoked if

they did not change the character of the place, close the side door, or remove the place entirely. Professor Berry does not place entirely. Professor Berry does not allow his pupils or ladies or girls to leave the hall during the progress of the dances unless they put on their wraps and leave for good, and he is not responsible for them after they leave the hall, and they are just as liable to go to a hundred other places as they are to visit the Wroten resort known as the Club Cafe. "I am sick and tired of getting roasted for other's sins. We have enough of our for other's sins. We have enough of our own to answer for.'

DEPOSITORS GET DIVIDEND Many Out-of-Town Creditors Arrive

Circus Day.

Circus day brought to Portland a great many out-of-town depositors of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Company. For that reason the day was a busy one for Receiver R. S. Howard, Jr. Practically all of them, and almost all of them were children who were patrons of the savings-bank department of the suspended institution, called and received in checks their share of the initial dividend of 10 per cent, which was ordered recently. Receiver Howard reports that the cred

itors of the bank very generally have called and received their checks. The payment in full by the receiver of all claims not exceeding \$25, which was included in the court's order directing the payment of a 10 per cent dividend, is proceeding as rapidly as the creditors call at the bank. There were 1750 of these claims, and a majority of them have already been liqui-

Mines Innocent of Ore.

That F. M. Swift and F. J. Richardson used unfair means in purchasing a separ-ator and concentrator from the Hydraulidoing anything wrong.

Any lady who chances to have lost her husband may recover same by calling at the police station, provided husband tallies with the following description—Age 35, height 5 feet 8 inches, brown hair, blue eyes, brown suit, scars on right thumb and forefinger.

This gentleman was picked up at Fourth and Ankeny streets yesterday forenoon, supposedly in a dying condition. He seemed on the verge of death and those who found him hesitated as to whether a priest or doctor should be called.

Patrolmen Circle and Casey lifted the form tenderly into the police patrol



bos out of the city. Having a wide confidence in human nature, he mani-fested a belief in the utility and goodness of every man. The harassed and hitherto buffetted son of fate often needs only the opportunity to settle down in peace, he implied. There was joy unbounded in hobo-dom when the good word went out. Half a dozen members of the passing It had been rumored, he said, that the It had been rumored, he said, that the company would get water from some springs on Mount Scott, but where the springs are located nobody knew. He quoted County Commissioner Lightner as saying that the new company could get a franchise by filing a good and sufficient bond to build a water plant and furnish an ample supply within a reasonable time. Chairman Stout said that Reading from left to right, first row-Ben Selling, A. O. Ritan, R. W. Montague, C. M. Rynerson, F. E. Beach, H. H. Newhall, T. B. Wilcox, C. H. Chapman, W. G. Eliot, Jr. Lower row-John F. Logan, Sigel Grutze, J. P. Kavanaugh, Chairman Henry E. McGinn is seated above, and Secretary Charles F. Weigant below.

MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE AFTER EFFECTING ORGANIZATION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Half a dozen members of the passing herd were in court and they smiled their approval of the magistrate's tender logic. Thomas O'Brien, in particular, was happy, for the police had just asked that he be given an hour in which to leave town. O'Brien has been passing through this beautiful city twice a year for a decade, or more. He has failed to come only when restrained by the penitentiary of some neighboring state. In the Spring he has followed the hobe hordes northward with the sun. In the fields and woods of the Northwest he has feasted and fasted with his kind through Summer after Summer, living in a paradise, of idleness until the first lowering clouds of Fall sent him scurrying southward.

Not more migratory is the swallow than O'Brien and his like. Hundreds of them passed through the city this Spring going north from Southern Cal-Now they are returning, hun dreds strong, to the sunny south. True, the cities offer shelter and food, but the cities require of a man that he shall work. These men, bred with the instinct of aristocracy as regards work and yet not having the means to evade it openly, would accept most any alternative to manual labor. Keep them in jail with nothing to do and plenty to eat and they will ask nothing more. This helps expensive the various cities This being expensive, the various cities of the country have established a rule, based on no other law than that of necessity. It provides for running these derelicts out of town as rapidly as they appear. Hence they are kept on the move, do not have to violate their vows as regards work, and are not in any one city long enough to do much mis-chief. The system is as old as man and is reputed to have been practiced by some of the lower animals before

man's time. These facts are pointed out by the police, who are inclined to take exception with the acting magistrate in his views on the rights of vagrants. They believe that the "square deal" policy for hobos will make the city a ren-deavous for tramps. The congestion may have serious results, too, the po-lice believe, for tramps, allowed to pause too long in town, rapidly graduate into something less useful and more

dangerous Seattle, Tacoma, intermediate and adjacent points will continue the old poijacent points will continue the old policy. Portland alone being the exception, will get the full benefit of the congested migration. Of course, this is not likely to last longer than tendays for the acting magistrate will step down at that time in favor of Judge Van Zante, who has never shown any symptoms of wanting to give the "aquare deal" policy to professional hobos.

"What do you do?"

This dialogue is repeated from 50 to 100 times a week in the Municipal Court with the Municipal Judge and some transient as the dramatis per-

is the usual final question of the interview.

"Sure—thank you, sir," is the stereotyped final response. The hobo goes and is glad of the chance. He expected it and laments only when some tyrannical judge applies the rockpile degree.

"I do not believe in running these people out of the city," Mr. Swett said when detective Coleman suggested that O'Brien be told to leave. "This thing of running them from city to city is wrong. Each city should take care of its own vagrants."

O'Brien walked smillingly out of the courtroom, free to remain in Portland is the usual final question of the in-

courtroom, free to remain in Portland as long as the police do not catch him doing anything wrong.

Council. They will probably make a re-port in time for the next meeting of the Council, so that something may be done, as it is imperative, it was declared yes-terday, that the city proceed to complete a park and boulevard system.

Cost of Land Increasing.

river, which was being urged as a good place of property for a part of the system. Some of the members of the Park Board went out to inspect it last Saturday, and later discovered that it was sold that morning for \$55,000. It is just

While there appears some different inion among the members of the Park | him Board as to just what should be done at this time, it is agreed by all that, if there are to be driveways along the river store room was rented to Keating & front, the right of way must be secured Flood for a bowling alley, but, wishing soon. The price of ground all along the to make more money out of it, they direction on both sides is said to be advanced. ing rapidiy, and, unless speedy action is taken, it will cost a fortune to secure what the city will require to make dedrable roadways like those pre

Sales are occurring every day all along the line proposed for these boulevards, and only last Saturday there was sold a 30-acre tract located near the Sellwood ferry landing on the east side of the

The estate of William M. Ayers, known in Portland as Billy Ayers, is insolvent. Mary Hansen, a sister of Mr. Ayers and the administratrix of the estate, filed a petition with the County Court yesterday, in which she shows the appraised value of the estate to be \$15,247.70 and

The estate of Emile Closset is worth Board went out to inspect it last Sat-urday, and later discovered that it was A. H. Devers, A. E. Digman and J. F. sold that morning for \$35,600. It is just such things as this, it was explained yes-ty Court year rday afternoon, shows that

\$20 Suit? This number of good American dollars will buy a good American Suit that is worth twice the money.

166-170 Third Street

\$18,500. Beside this he owned a third interest in Vancouver (Wash.) property, worth \$1000. This is located west of Main street.

Mrs, Evans Gets Divorce.

Mrs. M. Evans obtained a divorce yes-terday morning from U. S. Evans, on the ground of drunkenness. Judge Gantenbein, in the Circuit Court, granted the decree, the case going by default. The couple married at Wasco, in December, 1891, and have two children, of whom the mother was given the custody.

Olympia Mait Extract, good for grand-