Mayor Says Monopoly Power Corporation Will Be Broken.

OTHER CONCERN IN FIELD

One of Largest Companies in United States, He Snys, Will Tender Bid to City in Six Months or Year. No Long-Term Contract.

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WHAT LANE AND JOSSELYN SAY. ing monopoly broken. The incorpo-ration of one new electric company and the positive assurance I have that another large one will be here lieve that relief is in sight for the people. I cannot say at this time whether any new contract with the present company will be entered into

President Josselyn-I decline to any whether the company will discontinue the lighting service if no new contract is awarded, as if I say we will cut off the lights, it would be construed as a threat to influence rised that unless the company has a constract with the city the company cannot collect for light service.

Will the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company shut off the electric lights in this city at midnight Decem ber 31, 1908, upless the Executive Board awards the corporation a five-year contract for the municipal lighting?

This question is regarded as one of the most important before the people of Portland today, and when asked for a reply yesterday afternoon, President, Josselyn, of the company, said he did not care to make a direct reply, but made the following statement:

I wish to be very careful about making any statement which would in any sense be construed as a threat to influence the Executive Board in awarding the company the contract, and therefore I regard it as at this time an improper question. It would undoubtedly be construed as a threat if I should say we will discontinue the lighting service unless the contract is let. Now, I am inless the contract is let. Now, I am in-formed by counsel for the company that we could not collect for service rendered the city unless we held a contract to perform that service. If a single tax-payer should interpose an objection. We would therefore be put in the position of taking a risk. It may be possible, under the charter, for the city to enter into a short-term contract, if the con-tractor were willing, but this company

into a short-term contract, if the con-tractor were willing, but this company will not enter into short cantracts."

When seen in his office at the City Hall Mayor Lane appeared to be in a happy frame of mind concerning the lighting situation. He discussed it freely, and declared that at present it looks more favorable team ever from his view-point.

Says Monopoly Is Broken.

"I consider the monopoly broken," said the Mayor, "Yes, sir, it looks to me right now as though it is broken in Portland. With the incorporation Wednesday morning of the Portland Water Power & era dawned for the people of this city, unless I am greatly mistaken. It means competition, the greatest thing we need here in the electric business. And not only this, but I am in possession of posi-tive information from one of the largest and most wealthy corporations in the united States that it will put in a bid to furnish current or put in any kind of a plant Portland may need within six months, and not more than one year at the latest. This means that, if we can hold this thing off a while we will be able to get competitive bids for our lighting, or we can take over the city distributing system or put in our own, and tributing system or put in our own, and this is just what should be done."

City Attorney Kavanaugh has given an opinion, in which he holds that the city can enter into a short-term contract, as month by month, in an emergency, if it would be month, in an emergency, it is deemed wise, and that the company would be obliged to furnish the light under such a condition. It would be possible, he said, under the police power, for the city to take charge of the plant and furnish lighting for the city streets. to protect life and property. This, it would appear, virtually makes it certain that the lights will not be shut off when the contract expires, even though a new one is not entered into.

It is known that Mayor Lane and the members of the Executive Board have no fear of the city being left in darkness, and that they are prepared to take action to turn on the lights. If it should become necessary, in order to protect life and property, such action being legal under the police power, as held by City Attor-

Will Not Agree to 5-Year Contract.

As a matter of fact, there is no reason whatever to believe that the Executive Board will enter into a five-year contract with the electric light company. The recommendations made to the Board by the Council will not reach the board until next Tuesday afternoon; the entire matter will very likely be turned over to Thomas G. Greene, of the Lighting Com-mittee, for investigation and report and, if he follows his usual rule, he will require not less than one week and very probably more to make a detailed report and recommendation, which would carry the matter several days beyond the expiration of the present contract, and would test the question as to whether the company will turn off the lights.

Mayor Lane refused to say yesterday whether it is likely any five-year contract will be awarded under the compromise proposition made by President Josselyn, as he said the matter is one for agtion by the Executive Board.

The recommendation by the City Con-

The recommendation by the City Coun-cil is that a five-year contract be let at figures lower than those now in force. but there is a provision contained in the proposition which does not meet with the approval of Mayor Lane. This is that the city must bear the expense of installation where are lamps are to be placed more than 600 feet from the nearest present lamp. The Mayor is afraid this will entail upon the city great expense, which is now borne by the company. There is a question under consideration in this connection, as to why the company has not installed 100 new arc lamps. rdered by the Executive Board. ordered by the Executive Board. Mr. Josselyn sald yesterday that the company had been unable to secure the lamps from the factory; that this is the only reason. Six weeks ago. Mr. Greene, chalrman of the Lighting Committee, amounted in the open meeting of the Executive Board that he had been notified that the company would not install any more lamps until it was settled as to the contract. Unless the company is

nnable, as stated by Mr. Josselyn, to install the lamps, the refusal would be a violation of its contract

BALLAST CAUSES DANGER

Ship Boadicea Has Perilous Trip

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—The British ship Boadicea, which sailed into Royal Roads, was saved from foundering on her way from San Francisco only by dint of untiring work of her crew when her ballast shifted during a heavy gale encountered December 10 off the Columbia River. Captain Thomas was shaken from his bunk his sextant and chronometer were jumped from their places and broken and daylight found the ship listed badly, dipping her yards with every roll. Captain Thomas and all hands worked untiringly shoveling the sifting zand ballast which was loaded at Valparaiso. It seemed as if the shifted ballast could not be trimmed when Captain Thomas conceived the idea of weighing down the unstable ballast with great bags made with sails. Ten big canvasses worth \$1000 were used, the ends being fastened to stanchions amidships and the ship's side. Sand was shoveled into these and the sails were sown up, making big bags which weighted the ballast in place.

Three heavy gales were encountered during the long trip of \$2 days from San Francisco, but the canvas bags kept the ballast from shifting again. The Boadicea is chartered to load lumber at Vancouver for the United King-

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dom.

The British ship Arranmore has been chartered to load lumber at Tacoma. The contract for the repairs of the steamer Glenfarg has been awarded to the British Columbia Marine Railway Company, of Esquimault, and the drydock at Esquimalt has been engaged for Saturday to begin work.

Marine News of Scattle.

SEATTLE. Dec. 24.—The steamer Jefferson arrived from Skagway via ports with 101 passengers, 10,000 cases of salmon and 237 boxes of fresh halibut. At 5 A. M., December 22, the Jefferson was struck by an unknown steamer in

was struck by an unknown steamer in Greenville channel.

The Heffernan Engine Works has the contract for repairing the steam steer-ing gear of the steamer Suveric, which was in heavy weather during her re-cent run across the Pacific.

The steamer Dora arrived from Dutch Harbor via Unalaska this morning, and

will undergo annual inspection and re-The steamer Pennsylvania sailed to-ay for Valdez and Seward with cargo

and 30 passengers. The steamer Minnesots, of the Great Northern line, arrived at Hongkong 2 P. M. Thursday, one day shead of

Captain Geer Buys Stranger.

Captain A. Geer, who has been acting pilot of the steamer Bailey Gatzert for as pilot of the steamer Balley Gataert for the past two years, has purchased the steamer Stranger and will operate the craft as a towboat on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. The boat belonged to the Regulator Line and was used as a construction craft during the building of the North Bank road. She is a pro-peller craft and was built at Portland in 1963 especially for a towboat. Captain Geer will construct a number of barges which be will use in connection with the which he will use in connection with the new towboat

Eugene to Keep Open House.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 24,-(Special.)-On New Year's day the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Eugene Commercial Club will keep open house at the club rooms from 3 to 5 P. M. to welcome all newcomers and

UST now the world is concerned with ,

Warehouses Will Be Built on Mayo Property Site at Foot of Hull Street.

WORK BEGINS IN JANUARY

Plans for Construction Are Not Complete, but Will Be Ready for Bidders Within Two Weeks. Handle General Business.

Shortly after the beginning of the new year the Terminal Dock & Warehous Company will begin the construction of a new and modern warehouse at the foo of Hull street. The property controlled by the concern comprises 365 feet of

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Entered Thursday.	

Boma, Am. steamship (Lawson), with fuel oil, from San Francisco. Alliance, Am. steamship (Parsons), with general cargo, from Coes Bay.

Cleared Thursday. Roma. Am. steamship (Lawson), with ballast, for Sun Francisco.

waterfront and from the harbor line in-shore 440 feet. It is the intention of the company to build warehouses which will

deep water ships.

Several months ago the deal for the property was put through by Campbell, Sanford & Henley and immediately after negotiations for the construction of a dock were under way. The property, described as Mays' tract, adjoins the water-front property known as Martin's dock, which is located at the foot of Seventeenth street. It is one of the best 1.55 P. M. . . 9.3 feet[8:50 P. M. . . 1.4 feet]

pleces of water-front property in Port-

land.

Plans and specifications for the new dock have not been completed, but the company expects to be able to ask for bids in January. The dock will be a double-deck affair and will be equipped. double-deck aftair and win be equipped with all modern apparatus for the rapid handling of freight. Whether a con-crete bulkheads will be built at the har-bor line, or dolphins driven has not been decided.

Steamers Will Observe Christmas. Christmas will be generally observed on the waterfront today. Regular passenger steamers have prepared a holiday dinner for guests and trees have been used to decorate the rigging and cabins. The dining salosus of the various vessels have been decorated for the occasion and people without a home who have engaged passage on any of the steamers will not think Christmas a cold day. The steamship George W. Elder sailed last night and the Senator will depart this afternoon, both on regular schedule for San Francisco. San Francisco.

Cruiser to Search for Steamer. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The 10,000-ton French cruiser Amiral Mube, coming from St. Pierre, Miquelon, a French coifrom St. Pierre, Miquelon, a French col-ony, where there were recently disturb-ances among the islanders, arrived at this port today. Her commander, Cap-tain Constant, will hold a conference with the French Consul here with regard to beginning a search for the Fabre Line-freighter Neustria, which has not been sighted since leaving New York for the Mediterranean on October 25 last. Mediterranean on October 29 last.

Zapora Pays \$1600 Fine.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—Captain Newcomb, of the Dominion government cruiser Kestrel, which arrived today from patrol on the North Coast, was surprised at the denial of Captain Johnson, of the Tacoma hallbut steamer Zapora, who said at the denial of Captain Johnson, of the Tacoma halibut steamer Zapora, who said that he was not fined by the Kestrel in the north. Captain Newcomb confirms the previous statement, and today depos-ited the amount of the fine, \$1600, to the ited the amount of the fine, \$1600, to the credit of the government in Vancouver.

Oregon Lumber Cargo Arrives. SAN PEDRO, Dec. 24.—The schoone

Esther Buhne arrived today from Coos Bay with 400,000 feet of lumber.

Marine Notes.

The steamship Northland is loading lumber for San Pedro.

The steamship Yosemite will sail for San Francisco at noon today. The schooner Fred J. Wood will arrive up from Astoria this morning. The steamship Senator will sail for San Francisco this afternoon.

The steamship Alliance is scheduled to sail for Coos Bay ports tomorrow even-

Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Sailed—Steamship Geo. W. Elder, for San Pedro and way.
Astoria. Dec. 24.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., rough; wind. toutheast, 18 miles: weather, cloudy. Arrived down during the night and sailed at 19:25 A. M.—Steamer Breakwater, for Coos Bay. Left up at 8 A. M.—Schooner Frad J. Weed. at 140 P. M., French bark Eugene Schneider. Arrived at 1:50 P. M.—French bark La Tour Avergue, from Hamburg.

San Francisco. Dec. 24.—Schooner San Buconventura towed into Coos Bay dismasted Arrived—Steamer South Bay, from Porternal Cook San Cook Bay dismasted Arrived—Steamer South Bay, from Porternal Cook Bay dismasted Bay

ed Arrived—Steamer South Bay, from Port-land, Salled at 11 A. M.—Steamer W. S. Porter: at 1 P. M., steamer Atlas, for Port-

land.
Port Harford, Dec. 24.—Arrived—Steamer
Asuncion, from Portland.
Point Lobos, Dec. 25.—Passed at 11 A. M.
—Steamer Nebraskan, from Portland.

Tides at Astoria Friday.

DRAMA DEALING WITH LIFE OF CHRIST HAS YET TO BE WRITTEN FOR STAGE

Subject Has Been Touched Upon Many Times, but Jesus as Central Figure of Play Has Never Been Used by

a more or less attentive observation of a holiday that is connected with one of the most dramatic episodes in all the history of mankind. Divested of its religious significance, the advent of Jesus Christ is still fraught with such tremendous importance that it must stand alone as one of the greatest incidents of history. The life of this man has affected humanity as no other life has or will, in all probability. From an obscure stable at a wayside stopping place outside the city of Bethlehem in Judea has emanated an influence that has swayed the mightiest nations and controlled the people who have in turn dominated the world. This have in turn dominated the world. This is easily understood for without regard to any of the divine attributes ascribed to the man by his devout followers, he brought to the world a better form of crystallization of an ethical code so nearly correct in principle and application, that it has been adopted by all, Christian and pagan alike, as the right way of living. Solely due to the element of sanctity that surrounds the author of this religion is the fact that no writer, either novelist

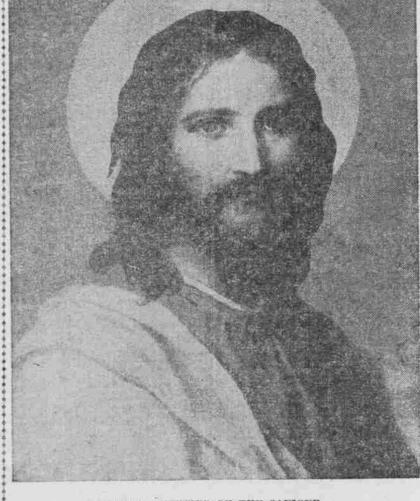
Solely due to the element of sanctity that surrounds the author of this religion is the fact that no writer, either novelist for dramatist, has dured to use Jesus Christ as the central figure of his work. At various times indefinite approaches have been made toward this end, but no writer as yet has had the temerity to make Christ actually move and speak in a play. The Pussion Play of Oberammergau is not to be chassed as a drama, although it is built on a framework resembling that of a play.

Lew Wallace came nearer in "Ben Hur" than any of his fellows to making the Nazarene a character in a drama. He presents the outlines of the teacher as he went about on earth with his disciples, and gives, probably more definitely than any other novelist has, in his indirect discussion of the topic, a clear look at the real meaning of that brief earthly pligrimage. In the play that has been made from the novel, the presence of Christ is hinted at only, but the hint is introduced with such dramatic circumstances as to make one of the dominunt notes of the play. Matters reach such a pass that a miracle is ansolutely needed, and here the stage manager has made just a little more prominent the device adopted by the novelist. General Wallace very delicately selved upon one of the recorded miracles performed by Christ and adapted it to the uses of the novel, thereby restoring mother and sister to Ben Hur, and rounding out in a most and adapted it to the case of dister to thereby restoring mother and sister to Ben Hur, and rounding out in a most conventional way the great novel on which the play is founded. In this incident is the nearest approach to the introduction of Christ as a character

in roduction of Christ as a character in novel or play.

Paul Heyse, in "Mary of Magdala," keeps the presence of Christ always before his audiences, but never introduces him. The nearest he comes to view is in the scene where Mary is converted; here Christ is supposed to be walking with his disciples in a garden where to the house in which den adjacent to the house in which Mary is visiting with a Roman nobleman. Heyse's handling of the theme, presenting the contrasts of Roman and Jewish character, animating Judas iscariot with the same patriotic motive that prompted the son of Hur, in his presentions for war on the Romans. preparations for war on the Romans,

s masterly. These two plays, Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur" and Paul Heyse's "Mary of Mag-dala," are the best that deal with the immediate time of the Savior's presence on earth. Some really strong plays have been built, having for their central theme the effect of Christ's teachings. Of these the best known and most success-



A FAMOUS PAINTING OF THE SAVIOUR.

ful have been "Quo Vadis" and "The could be brought to some sort of an Sign of the Cross." Neither of them agreement. The ethical purpose of the rises to the dramatic heights attained stage is admitted, and its educational by Heyse or Wallace. In the Barrett play the development of the love factor is setzed upon as the central incident. n the Sienkiewicz drama the love story is brought to the front, but alongside it are other incidents that at times seem to overshadow it, but both plays agree in making the merely religious aspect of the dramatic action an incident rather than a factor.

of the dramatic action an incident rather than a feature.

Flays in which religion figures in one way and another are many and as varied in type as in authorship. "The Christian" is one in which both hero and heroine make the mistake of trying to apply abstract principles to practical uses. The atmosphere of religion in the play is decidedly tenuous and exists in a haze rather than as a true medium. It is plain that the stage could and should be made the complement of the pulpit, if only the zealots on both sides

force is also established Sermons are preached by the action of a play, just as potently as from the pulpit. The simple facts of the life story of Jesus Christ can be used in a way in which they have never before been used, and by the Illuminative process of stage production can be presented with an effectiveness that cannot be attained by a mere recital of them. The imper-ceptible influence of the Nazarene is really more of a factor in the life of manking than is the direct. This is anmankind than is the direct. This is apparently a paradox, but it is easily established as a correct conclusion. If this be true, and the end to be obtained in the spreading of this influence, why is it not the part of wisdom to avail the cause of every possible avenue for reaching the minds of men? And what avenue more readily offers than the pulpit, if only the zealots on both sides | stage?

Pioneer Christmas Days Recalled by Parker.

TELLS OF HIS ADVENTURES

Christmas Each Succeeding Year Found Well-Known Citizen in New Environment in Epoch-Making Days.

Colonel Frank J. Parker, of Walla Walla, the well-known ploneer, has writen some interesting reminiscences early-day Christmases on Coast. His article fonows:

liest England in March, 1866, and arrived. With a friend who now holds a sery responsible position as a British Consul we went to Virginia City, New, with the idea that we would get a corner on the Constock, then in the height of its glory. Walther were amarter men than we were no concluded to return to San Francisco.

Arriving there, I got a job to go to San Pedro. What it was I did not know and did not care, but on arriving there I for the control of the control of

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killed. We found the survivors and returned to Tuccon, where I received \$100 from the commanding officer (General Mason) for my desperate service, and engaged as United States courier to carry the first Goodwin at nearly \$1000 per month in gold. I kept the job for three months and was the only courier who had lasted that tong without being killed by the Apaches. I quit at that time and arrived in the Big Bend mines in British Columbia. 300 miles above where Rossland now is. There I got broke, and after a desperate ride down the Columbia over Death Rapids, and some mining experience a new mining camp some 40 miles north, where I spent the next Christmas, '10.

In 1807 I was in the Salmon River country and enjoyed my Christmas dinner on Salmon River with mountain sheep and venison for the country of the store of th

Let them not complain that roses have thorns, but congratulate themselves as we did that thorns are surmounted by roses.

Tacoma Shipping Notes. grain at Tacoma for the West Coast

and Hamburg.

say to load 600 tons of wheat for San The schooner Eric arrived today from San Francisco to load lumber at the Tacoma Mill for San Francisco. The schooner Mary E. Foster towed over from Winslow to load lumber at the Tacoma Mill.

william J. Hawkins, administrator of the estate of the late R. R. Thompson, yesterday filed his final account in the County Cierk's office. This account in stock, price 50c. Send us your name shows the value of the estate to be \$20.256. Of this amount \$25,256 is cash. The remainder of the estate consists of real property, valued at \$885,349. The various Bidg, Marshall, Mich. Final Account in Thompson Estate.

then being unable to give each part of the body that which it requires, becomes impoverished and disease is

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets corrects such a condition at once. If the gastric TACOMA, Dec. 24.—The British ship
Archibald Russell will put to sea the
day following Christmas for the United
Kingdom with her cargo of grain.
The German steamer Setos, of the

Cosmos fine, is loading 2000 tons of ance.

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HIMSELF. We believe in today and the work we are doing; in tomorrow and the work we hope to do and the sure reward which the future holds. We believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship and honest competition. We believe there is something doing somewhere for every man ready to do it, and we are ready

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