COMPANY OFFERS

Directors Order Lights Off January 12 if One of Three Proposals Not Taken.

JOSSELYN IS ENCOURAGED

Says Citizens Have Commended Him in Stand Company Has Taken. Two Proposals Refer to Payment of Back Bills.

PROPOSALS MADE TO CITY OF-

pany will furnish aerial-fed street arc iamps at \$63.60 per year per lamp; arc lamps on under-ground system, lamps at 3% cents per kilowatt hour; ecmpany to make all extensions over 600 feet from nearest present lamp;

Passed on five-year contract, con-ditional on payment of all old bills controversy, company will furnish serial-fed are lamps at \$58 per year per lamp; are lamps on underground system \$72 per year per lamp; incandescent jamps at 1% cents per kilo-

Based on contract not to exceed six months, company will supply are lamps at \$5.30 per month per lamp; payable in advance monthly; all old bills in controversy to be paid.

firectors of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at a special meeting late Wednesday afternoon, extends the time two days in which the city officials may enter into any one of three proposals offered by them for public lighting. The directors also ordered President Josselyn to turn off the lights, at midnight, Tuesday, January 12, if one of these is not

Mayor Lane said last night that he will eall another special meeting of the Execu-tive Board, if necessary, after the City Council meets tomorrow morning, to

sign up some kind of a contract.

The only offer of the company's directors not conditional upon payment of all old claims, which was the chief bone of contention in the whole contro-versy, is one for a straight five-year con-tract at \$53.00 for zerial-fed arc lumps and \$75 for arc lamps on the under-ground system, incandescant lamps being figured at 24 cents per kilowat hour of current

Not Much Hope Seen.

In view of the recent actions of the Executive Board, it is not thought there is much hope in the situation. Unless the Mayor and the members of the Board reverse themselves and agree to pay the disputed bills, or the company makes big concessions, there will be no street lights and no electric lights in the city's build-ings beginning midnight next Tuesday. At the special meeting of the Board Wedat the special meeting of the members were nesday morning, all of the members were strongly opposed to paying the old claims, and three of the members char-acterized the company's demands as "blackmail, pure and simple." Mayor Lane agreed that this is the way it im-

'It looks to me as though this demand for the \$29,000 in controversy is nothing short of blackmall," commented Judge Seneca Smith, a member of the Board. Islac Swett and P. E. Sullivan declared themselves in a similar way. 'If these old bills are valid, as they deciare, why do they not go into court and collect them, together with court costs?' queried

Kavanaugh Preparing Action.

City Attorney Kavanaugh is known to be preparing for some kind of procedure in case the Executive Board and the company do not reach an agreement whereby the lights will burn. He declined to state yesterday what he proposes to do, for he hopes an amicable arrangement can be made to settle the whole controversy. President Josselyn was in excellent humor yesterday over the situation. He said he feels encouraged because of numerous telephone messages he has resived during the past few days from business men of the city, compilmenting the com-pany upon its stand in the matter. Some people he is not personally acquainted with, he said, have signified to him their approval of the company's action.

"One man telephoned me," said Mr. Josselyn, "who put a hypothetical case. He asked what chance a man who bought water from the city would have to secure water any longer if he had not paid his back bills." The resolutions adopted by the directors of the lighting company follow:

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Resolved. That the president he and he hereby is authorized and requested, for and on behalf of this company, to notify the Common Council of the City of Portlans, that there is now hefore the Executive Roard of said oily a preposition from this company for lighting the streets and municipal buildings for a period of five years from January 1, 1969, at a price for ascitated at reet are issues of \$50.00 each per year, and for incandescent ismps at a price of \$5 cents per kilowatt hour of current consumed, with the provision contained therein that this company will make all extensions to the street lighting system as ordered to a maximum distance of \$60 feet from street lamps now in service, the aforessid proposition not being contingent upon any settlement of the dispute between the Executive Board and this company regarding payment of accounts under the contract which expired Desember \$1, 1908.

That this company has also made a verbal proposition which has been placed before the Executive Board, and which we stand ready to confirm, under the terms of which this company would contract to furnish for a period of five years, aerial-fed street are lamps at the rate of \$56 each per year, and incandescent lamps at the rate of 1% cents per kilowatt hour of current consumed, this latter proposition being conditional upon payment by the city forthwith of all amounts due this company under the contract which expired December \$1, 1908, as per account rendered;

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And the president is further authorized to notify the said Council that if in their judgment the city is not prepared at this time to enter into a contract for a period of five years, then this company will enter into an agreement by the terms of which it will furnish to the said city for a period not exceeding six months from January 1, 1909, the street lighting service as at present installed, at the rate of \$5.00 per month for each are lamp, and incandescent lighting at the rates in effect under the contract which expired December 31, 1908, payment for such service to be made by the city monthly in advance, conditional upon payment by the city forthwith of an amounts due this company under the contract which expired December 31, 1908, as per account rendered:

And that if the Council should favorably consider any of the proposals as above, this company will then continue furnishing lights without a contract until midnight of January 12, 1909, in order that the Execu-

tive Board may have ample time to take necessary action in the matter.
Should, however, the Executive Board fall to make a contract with this company under any of the proposals submitted, this company will be compelled to discontinue the furnishing of light for the screets and municipal buildings at midnight on the 12th inst.

PIONEER WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary S. West Passes Away at Family Home on East Side.

Mrs. Mary S. West, widow of the late Captain F. H. West, a well-known ploneer woman of this city, sister of Mrs. S. E. Josephi, died yesterday morning at her home, 544 East Alder street. She was born in Janesville, Wis., 57 years and 11 months ago. With her parents she came to Portland in 1865, and in 1868 she was married to Captain West in Trinity Episcopal Church. Except for the time Cap



The Late Mrs. Mary S. West.

tain West was engineer in charge of the locks at Oregon City, she lived in Port-land, and since they returned had made her home on the East Side. She was widely known as a woman of refinement and lovable character. Two sons, Wharand lovage character.

Ion L. and Francis J. West; her mother,

Mrs. Mary A. Stone, and her sister, Mrs.

S. E. Josephi, survive her. The funeral

will be conducted from the house, 544

East Alder street, tomorrow afternoon.

TAX LEVY IS DEFERRED

Fixing of Rate by County Commissioners Goes Over to Today.

The important question of fixing the county tax levy had to be deferred yesterday morning and afternoon, owing to the inability of Commissioner Lightner to get in from his suburban home near Lents. It is likely that the County Commissioners and Court will get together this morning however, and settle a matter that is being closely watched by taxpayers all over Multnomah County.

As to the matter of the new Courthouse, As to the matter of the new Courthouse, no action was attempted in the absence of Mr. Lightner, and the subject was not discussed. It is upon that question that the levy will rest, for if the county is to have the new structure, taxpayers can figure on paying L5 mills extra this year as a starter. This would not approximately \$75,000 and would suffice to complete the east half of the building for use by county officers, while the rest of the by county officers, while the rest of the building is being erected. If the Court-house idea is dispensed with, taxpayers will have to pay about 18.4 mills in all, as compared with 14.2 mills for last year.

FAIRYLAND MESSAGE

But That's the Way They Do Things in Southern California.

William McMurray, general passenger agent, O. R. & N. and S. P. Co. Oregon lines, received the following telegram last night from Los Angeles: "Southern California weather clear.

Temperature today at noon, 50 degrees; open-air band concerts at Ocean Park, Venice and Long Beach. Surf bathing, golf, racing. Perfect weather for outdoor sports. "CHAS S. FEE, "Passenger Traffic Manager Southern

STREETCAR SERVICE.

During the snow blockade and in order that those wishing to take advantage of our clearance sale prices may make the trip in safety, information as to the runtrip in safety, information as to the run-ning of all cars to the transfer corner— Third and Morrison—wilf be furnished by calling up Main 732 or A 1127, McAllen-McDonnell Dry Goods Company, corner Third and Morrison.

MEN'S WOOL VESTS, \$1.00

Worth double or treble. Made of black and blue surges, wool casimeres and silk mixed worsteds; sizes 35 to 46. Browns-ville Woolen Mills Store, 3d and Stark sts.

GROCERS ELECTED

State Association Continues Sessions and Entertained by Biscuit Factory.

DISCUSS VARIOUS TOPICS

Propose Amendments to Laws Regulating Garnishment of Wages, Bankruptcy, Peddlers, Parcels Post and Good Roads.

The Oregon Retail Grocers' & Merch ants Association changed its name to the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association at the second session of its convention yesterday, and elected officers for the en-

yesterday, and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows;

President, S. L. Kline, of Corvallis; first vice-president, R. H. Greer, of Hillsboro; second vice-president, Mr. Perry, of Houlton, Or, third vice-president, Thomas Watte, of Reuben. Charles B. Merrick, of Portland, was re-elected secretary, and Daniel Kellaher was re-elected treasurer. The following is the newly elected board of directors for 1969; J. T. Ross, of Astoria; A. M. Reeves and E. D. Matlock, of Willamette Valley; C. D. Ott, R. Schmeer and C. Schoenfeldt, of Portland; John Collier and F. H. Dean Portland; John Collier and F. H. Dean for Eastern Oregon, and H. L. Truax for

Southern Oregon.

J. C. Mann for the committee on resolutions introduced resolutions in favor of an
extension of the right to garnishee to
six years, in favor of a restricting peddiers' bill; a resolution providing for a
law equabiling garnishment of public employed, saturdes, a resolution, approximaployes' salaries; a resolution approving the fixing by the manufacturers of a uni-form price, and the aid of the retailers in adhering to such prices; against dishonest advertising; against a dains law; honest advertising; against a dains law; against a parcels post law; in favor of good roads and open rivers and harbors, and also in favor of a "sticker" law, following the plan of some of the larger manufacturers. Other resolutions were also introduced. The selection for the next state conven-

tion went to Bugene, though many favored Portland. The Eugene support-ers, however, made an open bid for the onor and secured it. Resolutions were passed thanking the press of Portland for the full reports of the convention and one to the Commercial Club for its hospitality and attention to the welfare of the visiting and home

members of the association.

BANQUET ENDS CONVENTION Fine Spread at Commercial Club by

The banquet given by the Manufactur-ers' Association in honor of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association, was held last night in the paintful banqueting hall of the Commercial Club, following the closing of the election of officials of the

closing of the election of officials of the latter Association, and was a fitting and beautiful ending to the most important convention ever held in Portland.

The hall itself was handsomely draped and decorated with American flags, and the tables tastefully adorned with sprays of the red California berry and bouquets of Oregon carnations. At the east side of the hall, against wide bands of bunting was displayed the inscription "Made in Oregon," in letters composed of glowin Oregon," in letters composed of glowing red roses, Oregon-grown, on a base of evergreen. It was in itself a challenge to the heaped-up drifts outside, and might have well been taken as an emblem of the warmth and glow of good fellowship forerunner of the long, giad days of

The banquet itself, of seven courses, was given ample attention to by the guests, and bespoke not only the hospi-tality of the Manufacturers' Association, but the excellence of their chef. Music and singing by a well-trained quartet added to the enjoyment, and after the black coffee and cigars chairs were turned towards the speakers' table in pleas-ant anticipation of oratorical treats to

The toastmaster of the occasion, Fletcher Linn, President of the Manufacturers' Association, was always pleasing and often witty in his introduction of the speakers; and particularly happy in selz-ing and presenting the salient qualities of the characteristics of the gentlemen

Practically all the addresses led to this Practically all the addresses led to this broad and substantial commercial truism, as all roads are said to lead to Rome. Whether humorously pictured in a witty story, or driven in with telling logic by the carnestness of men fighting for a good cause, it was the same trend, the same goal sensit for same goal sought for.

Multnomah Club Will Play Corvallis

according to Manager Martin Pratt, will play the Oregon Agricultural College here next Thanksgiving day instead of the University of Oregon. The annual game with the State University has been played with the State University has been played on Thanksgiving for about 12 years.

This decision was the result of an extended series of negotiations conducted by the club and E. D. Angell, manager of athletics at the Oregon Agricultural College. When the three-year agreement between the Multnomah Club and the between the Multnomah Club and the University of Oregon expired last Thanksgiving day, the Oregon Agricultural College put in a bid for the date and the clubmen concluded that Corvallis was entitled to the date. Last night Managers Pratt and Angell held a consultation at the Multnomah Club at which it was announced that the agreement had been signed for the next Thanksgiving day game. Just how the University of Oregon will take the decision is more or less problematical, although it is rumored that the varsity is planning to play an opthe varsity is planning to play an op-position game here on Thanksgiving with either the University of Idaho or Washington State College as the opposing

New Swimming Record.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—C. M. Daniels, of the New-York Athletic Club, opened the indoor swimming season last night by making a new American record for the 220-yard swim. Daniels clipped the 220-yard swim. Daniels clipped 2 3-5 seconds off the best previous time of 2:32 3-5, made by himself, the new record being 2:30 for the distance.

O'CONNELL DOES NOT WRESTLE WITH PETERSON.

Beats Man Called La Salle After All Bets Declared Off, Winning Two Falls Out of Three.

Jack Peterson, who was advertised to wrestle Eddie O'Connell last night at the Exposition Rink, failed to appear, and in his place a man, pretending to be Peter-son, but said to be Joe LaSalle, of Chison, but said to be Joe Lastine. O chi-cago, went on the mat. The contest was won by O'Connell, who secured two falls out of the three, although his opponent was 34 pounds heavier. Just before the match started, Referes Joe Acton, on behalf of the management, announced that O'Connell believed his op-

ponent was not the real Peterson, and that any person in the crowd who might be discattafied could get his money back at the door. The crowd was large, but only two took advantage of the oppor-tunity. Referee Acton also declared all

From the start it was a matter of science against weight and strength and but for this difference there is little doubt but that the man from the East would have gone back without even one fall to his credit, for from the start O'Conneil was the aggressor. He pressed his opponent constantly and several times for a fleeting second the shoulders of the Chicago man were both on the mat.

For the first few minutes it looked as if O'Conneil would have things pretty much his own way but after a few holds had been broken, men who were familiar From the start it was a matter of sci-

had been broken, men who were familiar with the sport began to realize that "the ringer," as he was called by the crowd, also knew something about the game and was going to give an excellent account of himself. His condition was against him however and it was evident in a few him, however, and it was evident in a few minutes that he was rapidly tiring. O'Connell also appeared to realize this

and worked the harder.

The first fall, which was the only one that went to La Salle, was secured after 39 miutes and was the direct result of a bold known as a body solssors. Just a few seconds before this O'Connell had a head solssors on La Salle and for a frac-tion of a second he seemed to have both of his opponent's shoulders on the mat. He could not hold them there long enough for the referee to make a decis-

The second fall lasted 191/2 minutes, and at the end of it, when O'Connell rose from the mat to go to his dressing-room. La Salle fell at full length and remained prostrate about five seconds. Then he staggered to his corner and was assisted ly exhausted, while O'Connell showed no ill effects. This time it was a body bar hold that did the work.

The third bout lasted but four min utes, and at the end of that time O'Con-nell was declared the winner. He had succeeded in making good the hold which he had held just a second before he was thrown in the first fall. When the contestants appeared for the last fall they shook hands and then fell upon each other with a ferocity that brought the crowd to its feet. In the final contest weight was not such a telling factor, for the heavier man showed the effects of the handling received in the second bout. At the end of the first 45 seconds O'Connell came very near getting his man, and twice more within the next succeeding two minutes it looked to the spectators as if the contest was all but over.

After the decision in the deciding test.

LaSalle ran up to the referee and asked to the bad lost declaring that both should

if he had lost, declaring that both shoulders were not on the mat. For a minute after the decision he asserted that he had been robbed, but changed his mind and said he was satisfied.

In his dressing room after the contest LaSalle admitted that he was not Peter-SIGNS UP FOR O. A. C. GAME | Son, but declined to give his true name. He stated he had been told O'Connell would be easy for him and that he had only to come here to get a little easy

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, The Sold was introduced, and stated Supervisor S. C. Bartrum, commencing

that he had come to the Coast for the purpose of getting a match with Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, but that he would enter into a contest with O'Connell in which he would agree to throw the latter four times in an hour. Hackenschmidt asks for three weeks in which to train down to 185 pounds. He weeks in which

asks for three weeks in which to train down to 165 pounds. He weighs now about 175 pounds.

The preliminary last night was between Roy Parker and T. F. Abernathy. The former had agreed to throw his opponent twice within a half hour and made good his promise. The first fall came at the end of three minutes and the second at the end of four.

Mining Camp Publicists Talk Easily of \$100,000 Purse.

Jeffries Trains for Stage.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)— The annual meeting of the forest rangers



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TEMPTING BAIT FOR JEFF

RENO, Nev., Jan. 7 .- According to 1

dispatch from Mazuma, a mining camp i the central part of the state, the athletic club of that place has decided to offer a purse of \$100,000 for a fight between Jeffries and Johnson, the fight to take place within the next six months.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7 .- James J. Jeffes, retired heavyweight champion puglist, began light training today at his home, preparatory to filling a week's box-ing engagement on the stage. While Jeffries still maintains he has no inten-Jeffries still maintains he has no inten-tion of re-entering the ring, his friends say they have no doubt whatever but that his present work is preliminary to a long season of training which he will enter into with the ultimate purpose of again entering the ring and wresting the championship from Jack Johnson.

Forest Rangers to Meet.

this morning and continuing until Sat-urday evening. Among those in attend-ance are W. F. Staley, chief of the sec-tion of occupancy, and H. K. O'Brien,

That He Who Runs May Read

We installed one year ago typewriters in our prescription department. At first it seemed too radical a change from the old methods of writing directions and labels in longhand.

Too often, however, does it happen that the best druggist, like the best physician, is a mighty poor scribe, much to the confusion and despair of the unfortunate patient.

Our typewritten labels are neat, always legible, and our patrons, time and again, exclaim with delight when, in the half-darkened sickroom, they find directions not only legible but pleasantly easy to read without danger of error. Using as we do a double-color ribbon, labels for external mixtures, liniments and the like are written in red ink, while labels for prescriptions to be given internally are written in black. This is but one of the many improvements which we originated and have installed at our dispensing counter, the largest and best-equipped in this country.

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SCENE AT CONVENTION OF OREGON RETAIL GROCERS' AND MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION IN PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB.