LETTER OF MAYOR STIRS UP COUNCIL

Members Resent Attempt to Fasten on Them Blame for Bad Saloons.

STRIKE BACK WITH HEAT

Declare Responsibility for Conditions Lies With Municipal Judge Van Zante, Lane's Appointec. Vaughn Defends Mayor.

Mayor Lane's habit of addressing communications to the City Council on the liquor question, asking the members to licenses of "certain landed him in a lot of trouble yesterday morning during the session of the Council. In a hot debate, in which Councilman Cellars led, the Mayor was badly worsted. While attacking the Council n what was declared by Mr. Cellars to be "a letter written in bad faith." and intended to force the Council to shoulder blame that the Mayor's own Municipal Judge should take," the Mayor was un-able to restrain the Council from taking action which puts upon Municipal Judge Van Zante responsibility for the presence of "dives" in this city in future.

The communication from Mayor Lane was a rehash of former ones, and was characterized by Councilman Cellars, Baker and others as "something calcu lated to make good newspaper reading, and furnish a basis for flaming head-lines in sensational papers." It was ordered filed, aithough Mr. Cellars said it might "better be consigned to a less dignified place."

Mayor Defends His Position.

The criticism of the communication, and the open charge by Councilmen that it was not in gold faith was so fierce that Mayor Lane was forced to ask permission of the Council to defend his action, after several Councilmen had finished their denunciatory remarks. The Mayor declared that he wrote the letter in perfect good faith, simply performing what he regarded as a part of his official duty, in an effort to close out certain alleged bad saloons.

"Why don't you write a communication to the municipal Judge-your own appointee—and suggest to him that he use the power at his command to stop violations of the law in saloons?" demanded Councilman Cellars. and the open charge by Councilmen that

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"Why, Mr. Cellars, I cannot dictate to
the municipal Judge," quickly replied the

"No, you cannot dictate to the municipal Judge-your own judge-but you can hammer this Council with communications," retorted Mr. Cellars. "No, you cannot dictate to the Judge, neither to this Council, but have you ever tried directing a communication to Judge Van Zante, as you have to this Council?" "Why, I could not with propriety send such a communication to him" replied such a communication to him" replied. such a communication to him," replied the Mayor, "It would do no good if I

"Why don't you try sending your own Judge a letter?" asked Mr. Cellars. "He would not heed it if I did," was the reply. "It would do no good."

Cellars Is Sarcastic.

"Well, it could be jublished with great claring headlines in the newspapers," replied Mr. Cellars. "It would serve the same purpose as the communications to the City Council. The newspapers would then have a head like this: 'Mayor Lane hlames his Municipal Judge for crimes in Portland saloons.' I would like to see you address a letter to your Judge and see what effect it has."

Councilman Cellars, after expressing his opinion of the matter, moved that the

opinion of the matter, moved that the Council direct the City Auditor to send a communication to Municipal Judge Van Zante, asking him to furnish the Council the names of any and all salcon-keepers whom he has fined the maximum for any offense since he was appointed. keepers whom he has fined the maximum for any offense since he was appointed to office by Mayor Lane, and also asking him to state whether, in his opinion, sufficient punishment was meted out in

Vaughn Stands Up for Lane.

Councilman Vaughn, Democrat, and political licutenant of Mayor Lane, defended the Mayor and Municipal Judge Van Zante, also a Democrat, and Councilman Baker, in a sarcastic, brief speech, called attention to the fact that Mr. Vaughn's remarks seemed to be to the Civil Service Commission meeting "Some bad work was accepted by the city, and

speech, called attention to the fact that Mr. Vaughn's remarks seemed to be largely for the purpose of "defending the Democratic party."

"Councilman Cellars speaks of "The Mayor's Judge." said Mr. Vaughn. "I say that is all nonsense. The Mayor appointed Judge Van Zante, but he is no more the Mayor's Judge than any other man's Judge. The Mayor has no Judge, neither has he a Councilman."

"Yes, he has one Councilman," interrupted Councilman Baker, at which saily

rupted Councilman Baker, at which saily there was a general laugh.

After considerable discussion, the ballot was cast, and the vote stood 8 to 2 in favor of sending to Judge Van Zante the communication suggested by Councilman Cellars.

VAN ZANTE SCORES COUNCIL

Declares Resolution Imposes Unnecessary Burden of Work.

Municipal Judge Van Zante discussed yesterday the resolution adopted by the Council in which he was requested to supply that body with information regarding the cases in which he had imposed the maximum fines on saloonmen for violation of the laws. Judge Van Zante scored the Council for requiring hisormation requiring long searching of the records, for which it declined to give any assistance whatever.

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"If the resolution stands," said the judge yesterday, "It will require a prolonged search by my clerk, whose hours at present average from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M. There are at least 35 to 40 cases a day and probably but two a week relate to saloonmen and these would have to be carefully sorted out and the city cases segregated from those brought by the state."

given the maximum fine in city cases, owing to the amount being very heavy. He had, however, always fined salconmen who appeared before him in a manner that seemed to him to be commensurate with the offense.

One's view of a particular offense may "One's view of a particular offense may vary from one week to another," continued Judge Van Zante, "and in this connection I can instance the Chinamen who have been appearing before me. I thought the fairest thing to do was to fine them, but I shortly found that they considered this merely in the light of a license fee, so that I then changed my procedure to sending them to the rockpile. It is just the same with the saloomen. I have given a great number of them the maximum fine under state offenses, for the reason that the maximum fine is \$25, whereas under the city code the maximum is, I think, \$200. As I have believed

ENGAGEMENT OF PROMINENT PORTLAND SOCIETY YOUNG



MISS HAZEL BLUMAUER, WHO IS TO MARRY HARRY LITT. Letters from Florence, Italy, yesterday, announced the engagement of Miss Hazel Blumauer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Blumauer, to Harry Litt.

Miss Blumauer, who is a handsome and popular girl, has been abrond for some months with her parents making a tour of Europe and they are now in Italy.

Mr. Litt is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Litt, and is the acting manager of the H. B. Litt Co. He is a member of several clubs, a former Stanford man and has played both end and quarterback on the Multnomah football team. The wedding day has been set for June 14 and is to take place in Paris. The wedding journey will include a trip around the world.

before me, I have never inflicted the maximum.

"I know of two cases that appeared to me to merit heavy sentences. One was the case of a man known as Miller, of the Circuit Cafe, whom I fined and sentenced to 60 days' imprisonment, while to a fellow named Turner I gave 90 days. But these were cases that deserved heavy sentences. Crimes of this nature were a greater offense against the community than others that were not punished so heavily. I understand the City Auditor heavily. I understand the City Auditor has been watching the docket and that it is to him we are indebted for the resolution, although since I have been in office, that is, from July 6, we have turned over to the city \$12,000. And now when they want a statement that will require a lot of labor they do not offer the slightest assistance, while as it is my clerk often works until 10 o'clock at night."

INSPECTOR OF WALKS AND STREETS ON GRILL.

Inquiry to Be Made to Find Why Poor Material Was Passed by

meeting of the Civil Service Commission, captaincy. After consideration, the reduct of inspectors in the office of the City Engineer. H. M. Esterly, a mem-ber of the committee, and confidential ber of the committee, and confidential adviser to the Mayor, appeared at the meeting and questioned the Commissioners as to the process through which an applicant for an inspectorship must pass in order to undergo the test suc-cessfully. He let it be known that the Mayor and himself are not pleased with the work of the street and sidewalk inspections made by some of the men that have been passed by the Commission, and that it is intended to inquire fully into some of the recent acceptances of

ing. "Some bad work was accepted by the inspectors on behalf of the city, and we want to find out why this was done. We think we have a right to know, and so we intend to hold an investigation."

After the resignation of the former members of the street committee of the Executive Board, of which R. L. Sabin was chairman, the new members, com-posed of Isaac Swett, P. E. Sullivan and J. A. Newell, heard rumors of poor im provement work having been accepted by the inspectors in the office of the City Engineer, and they went out personally over several streets, and reported that conditions were extremely bad. They refused to accept a good many streets, until such time as the contractors patched up the work and made it good. At the time, the personally conducted trips of inspection by Mayor Lane created much comment. He trotted at the head of the column of members with his little improvised tamping rod, and

tee meet to consider the matter. No date

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Police Sergeant May Now Be Made Captain of Detectives.

RILEY WITHDRAWS NAME

Resigns From List of Eligibles for Position, Giving Executive Board Opportunity to Name Its Choice for Position.

The way is at last clear for the promotion by the Mayor's Executive Board of Sergeant Buty to the position of captain in the police department, which will make him in reality captain of detectives. Yesterday afternoon, when the Civil Service commission held its regular session, a ommunication was received from Policeman Harry Riley, requesting the Commissioners to permit him to withdraw his name from the list of eligibles for the captaincy. After consideration, the rehe street committee of the City Execu- rule the police force now desire to advance Baty, all they have to do is to call for a list of eligibles for police cap-tains, and they will be at liberty to name their choice. Baty will be the last on the list, but the rules will permit him to be appointed to the vacancy, which has ex-

isted a long time.
"I withdrew from the list of eligibles entirely on my own account, and without any suggestion from any one, and even without any consultation with the Chief," said Policeman Riley, in explanation of the matter. 'I have waited six months for the appointment, and it was never made. I saw plainly that it was not for me to have, and I decided to step aside and offered. me to have, and I decided to step aside and afford an opportunity for some other officer to get the place. There is a vacancy, and some good man should have the job. I know nothing of what the heads of the force desire in the matter, but if they want to promote Sergeant Baty, it suits me. He is a first-class man, a fine officer and is worther than the contract of the contract of

man, a fine officer and is worthy of the "I knew nothing whatever of the with-"I knew nothing whatever of the with-drawal of Riley," said Mayor Lane. "He withdrow, if at all, on reasons purely his own. I have no knowledge of it. Per-sonally, I do not care who is captain, as long as some good man is named." "I did not know that Riley had with-drawn," said Chief of Police Gritzmacher when asked regarding the matter. "He has said nothing to me shout it. I carnot

has said nothing to me about it. I cannot say what will be done, if anything, about naming a captain. It is a matter for the Police Commissioners to settle."

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It has been more than six months since the Civil Service Commission certified a list of three eligibles for the position of captain in the Police Service. The officers certified were Fred Mallett, Harry Circle and Harry Riley, all patrolmen at the time. Baty followed fourth on the list, but he was selected for the head of the detective staff, and had been acting in that capacity for some time. He ing in that capacity for some time. He was retained there, and still heads the bureau, ranking as a sergeant. Chief Gritzmacher says that Baty is the best man for the position, and it is regarded as certain that he will receive the appointment soon.

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Suit Over Damage to Well.

Charging Henry Bichelderfer with having poured into a well which they were boring about two and a half miles west of Wasco something which caused the drill to become wedged in, and immovof Wasco something which caused the drill to become wedged in, and immovable, E. B. Moon and Blake Shaw have brought suit in the Circuit Court for damages. They seek to recover \$508, a portion of which is for their work upon the well, and the balance for the loss of the Jrill. They accuse Richelderfer with having interfered with their work from the starts compelling them to remove the starts compelling them to remove their machinery frequently that he might ascertain the amount of water which was flowing into the well

REBUILD BRIDGE

City Has Not Realized on Bonds Sold Here Last January.

MAY DELAY CONSTRUCTION

Old Structure Has Been Condemned but There Is Not a Cent on Hand to Build New Span Across River.

While the Executive Board has ordered ondemnation proceedings in the case of the Madison-street bridge, City Attorney Kavanaugh having been for some time preparing for such action in the courts, as a matter of fact there is no fund on hand to be used in the construction of the proposed new span across the Willamette River at that point. The bond issue of \$450,000, sold January 27, 1909, to O'Connor & Kahler, of New York, has not yet been paid for. The City Council, at its session yesterday af-ternoon, passed certain resolutions, asked for by the attorney for the purchasers, and consent was granted for payment of principal and interest at New York, principal and interest at New York, without additional cost to the municipality. It is said that everything is regu-lar, but that the city has no fund with which to build the proposed new bridge

There is said to be no doubt that the money will be forthcoming soon, but it is said that never before has just such a situation as this presented itself. The city, through the Executive Board, is proceeding as rapidly as posisble under the charter to build the proposed new bridge, but without a cent on hand with which to do the actual work. City At-torney Kavanaugh has been directed to institute condemnation proceedings, to condemn the rights of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company thereon; City Engineer Taylor has been instruct-ed to prepare plans and specifications for the new structure, and has also been ordered to cause a minute examination of the piers by expert divers, which he will do at once, the Council having granted the necessary funds for the

After having taken all of this procedure and having closed the old Madison-street structure to all kinds of traffic, the city now finds itself without a penny the city now finds itself without a penny with which to build the proposed span. As a contrast, it may be said that the same firm that purchased the bridge bonds also took over the \$500,000 of parks and boulevards bonds, and paid cash for the entire issue the following day. City Auditor Barbur, however, states he is consident that everything is now all right and that the funds will be available within a brief time. He states, also, that the city is saving quite a sum in interest by not baving the large sum of money on hand while the procedure is in operation for the new bridge.

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The Council yesterday afternoon passed an ordinance, at the request of the purchasers of the bonds, ratifying the sale as made by the committee on ways and means, and also approved the request for the payment of interest and principal at New York.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the members of the City Council to use their influence to have the Madison street bridge respend to street car and pedestrian traffic. Autornsy George W. Joseph appeared before the Council yesterday afternoon and pleaded earnestly for reopening the structure on behalf of Front street and First street merchants. Front street and First street merchants. who, he declared, are being rulned finan-cially by the closing of the bridge. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company officials are also using every en-deavor to have the bridge reopened. The Council passed an ordinance appropriating \$200 with which to pay divers, who are immediately to be put at work making an investigation of the condition of the passes.

Board Makes Costly Mistake.

The Council administered a rebuke to the members of the City Water Board for their manner of purchasing property ing to a mistake in the purchase of one tract it was declared by City Attorney tract it was declared by City Attorney Kavanaugh the city lost \$2500. The plees was supposed to contain more than it actually did, and the owner refused to accept any reduction in the lump sum asked for it, refusing to return any portion of the money paid after the mistake was discovered. It was only after a survey was made by the City Engineer that the error was learned.

"In order to prevent any more such costly mistakes as that," said Councilman Menefee, "I move that the proposed ordinance for the purchase of a one-

ordinance for the purchase of a one-acre plece in that district be laid over until such time as Mayor Lane can name a board of appraisers and bring in a re-port to us as to what price should be paid for the property."

The motion carried, and it seems that all property desired to be bought by the Water Board in future will be appraised and fully inspected by the Council before the ordinance is passed authorizing it. Councilmen Vaughn and Concannon engaged in a heated verbal clash during the morning session over the proposed im-provement of Division street, from Bast Tenth to East Forty-third streets. The first petition from the property owners along the street was for macadam, but by some mysterious process a second peti-tion, asking for bitulithic, was filed. Mr. Concannon wished to rescind the proceedings for macadam and to grant the petition for bitulithic. Councilman Vaugin became very caustic in his re-marks, and Mr. Concannon was in a fighting mood for a time.

Vaughn Waxes Sarcastic.

"Why does Mr. Concannon wish to have bitulithic instead of macadam in this ter-ritory, which is far from his own ward?" sneeringly asked Councilman Vaughn who is regarded as an enemy of the Warren Construction Company, which is concerned in this affair. "There may be a reason. I recall Mr. Concannon's re-marks in the street committee when this matter was up for discussion. He would refer to the question as 'We want this bituitthic.' Why? No pavement concern in the city is so dear to me that I con-

in the city is so dear to me that I consider myself a part of it, but with Mr. Concannon it may be different."

Mr. Concannon immediately arose and virtually told Mr. Vaughn to mind his own business or expect to take the consequences. His attitude was very menacing for a few moments, but he soon calmed down and the Council adjourned for the noon hour. When the Council reconvened the question was again called up by Mr. Concannon, who won his fight for the bitulithic pavement.

The Council refused to revoke the saloon license of M. Matosin, who permitted his 4-year-old son to play in the saloon, and who was charged with per-

saloon, and who was charged with permitting disorderly women to enter his establishment. Councilmen s Wills and Vaughn made an effort to secure revocation, but without avail.

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GEVURTZ BROTHERS



ordinance, regulating the sale of milk and providing for inspection and a license system, was referred to the committee on health and police.

An ordinance fixing the limit for the ordinance regulating overhead wiring at June 1, 1909, was passed. The district where wires will be placed underground was exempted from the measure. Councilman Cottel introduced a resolu-

tion providing for the removal of wires of the National Automatic Fire Alarm Company from the city's poles. It was referred to the street committee. This is the most aggressive action to be taken against the company thus far. Hunt Club Plans Saturday Ride.

The Portland Hunt Club will hold a cross country ride next Saturday, at which is expected an unusually large turnout of the club members. The route over which the riders will travel will be selected by Mr. and Mrs. James Nicol. Who have been selected as bares for the

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