SHAKE-UP IN CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Mayor Lane Plans Searching Investigation of Methods in Vogue.

SYSTEM IS DECLARED LAX

Taylor Blamed for Acceptance by Inspectors of Poor Jobs on Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges-Business Methods Questioned.

A shake-up in the office of City Engineer Taylor is pending, according to relable information which is confirmed by Mayor Lane. The latter is displeased with the conduct of Mr. Taylor and, while frankly saying that Mr. Taylor is honest and his integrity unquestioned, declares that the manner in which acceptances of streets, sidewalks and bridges have been made by deputies in the office of the City Engineer is highly unsayinfactory.

Engineer is highly unsatisfactory.

The recent county grand jury's report, which scattaingly denounced the methods in vegue in the office of the City Engineer. neer, has evidently served to spur the Mayor and members of the street com-mittee of the Executive Board to make a thorough investigation of the Engineer's They have already demanddepartment. They have already demand-ed from Mr. Taylor a complete statement of the probable expenditures of his of-fice for April, and the members of the committee will not sign the estimate until the actual figures for the month

Friends of City Engineer Taylor main-tain that he is doing his work well, and that politics is largely the cause of the threatened upheaval. It is noised abroad that H. M. Esterly, the newest acquisition to the Executive Board, and a member of the street committee, is leading in the effort to discredit Mr. Taylor. "There is just this about the City En-gineer's office," said Mayor Lane yester-day morning. "I am dissatisfied with the acceptances that have been made in many instances by the inspectors under Mr. Taylor. The members of the street committee are also dissatisfied, and we are going to investigate it and find out how to remedy it. In doing so absolute fairness to all parties who may be con-cerned will be shown, but we intend to

Plan to Systematize Methods.

"Loose business methods." is, in brief, the charge that has been made for some months against the office of City Engineer. This was the chief fault found with it by the county grand jury, which indicted George F. Bodman, formerly an inspector on the East Sid., on a charge of stealing 10 sacks of coal. It is said that Mayor Lane and other officials of the administration do not believe Mr. Bodman guilty, but they realize that the system in vogue in the City ize that the system in vogue in the City Engineer's office leaves an opening for just such peculations, should any inspec-tor desire to take advantage of the op-portunity. To shut off this avenue is one object said to be in contemplation by the Mayor and members of the street

For several months there have been For several months there have been numerous complaints against the character of work accepted by various inspectors, all working under the supervision of City Engineer Taylor. Hundreds of thousands of deliars' worth of hard-surface and other improvements have been accepted by the inspectors, and afterward found to be inferior, and much of it has been rejected by the street committee until repairs were made. It committee until repairs were made. It has become a very common thing for people to send in remonstrances against pavements, sidewalks and all kinds of street improvements, after the inspectors have certified to City Engineer Taylor

It is said that the acceptance of the It is said that the acceptance of the Bast Twenty-eighth-street reinforced concrete bridge across Sullivan's guich has brought the investigation of the office of the City Engineer to a head. This bridge was certified by Deputy City Engineer Hannam as a good piece of work, and would have been accepted, had not complaints come in from private individuals, it is said at the City Hall. People living in the vicinity inspected the span, and came to the conclusion that it is a had piece of work, and so reported to the Mayor and members of the bridge committee. All of the work was done under the supervision of Mr. Hannam, who was also burdened during nearly all of the time with the same responsibility on the Union-avenue steel bridge.

One Inspector for Two Jobs.

it is said that Mayor Lane and mem-bers of the afrest and bridge committees strongly censure City Engineer Taylor for ordering one inspector to supervise both of these very important jobs, when, it is said, there should have been at least one competent man on each job every minute during the course of con-

every minute during the course of construction of the spans.

The reinforced concrete bridge, constructed by the Northwest Bridge Works,
has been rejected, and Mayor Lane
has several times told J. R. Bowles,
manager of the contracting firm, that
"the bridge is falling to pieces, and
should be torn down, carted away and
buried." The contractors, however, deny
these charges, but have accepted a proposition to make some repairs that were suggested by the bridge committee and
Mayor Lane without further cost to the
city,

Every meeting of the airest committee brings additional complaints to the street committee regarding bad curbs and sidewalks, and considerable complaint has also been made regarding hard-surface pavements. There have been many instances where inspectors under City Engineer Taylor's supervision have certified to these improvements, and an investigation by the members of the committee, urged by private persons, has developed that the work is poor.

Because of these numerous complaints, and seneral disastisfaction that is said to exist regarding the conduct of the City Engineer's office, Mayor Lane has decided to give the department a thorough investigation. Every meeting of the street committee

Kelly Back to Answer Charge.

ASTORIA, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Johr W. Kelly, former chief engineer for the Astoria Electric Company, who was indicated by the recent Circuit Court grand Jury on a charge of larceny, the allegation being that he sold a quantity of old brass belonging to the company, has returned to Astoria to answer the charge and surrendered to Sheriff Pomeroy. Kelly left this city some time before the charges were brought and has been working in the engine-room of a steamer running between Victoria, B. C., and Skagway.

Today is positively the last day for discount on West Side gas bills. Read "Gas Tips."

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REHEARSING MARSOVIAN NATIONAL DANCE FOR KIRMESS



Gets Property at Seventh and Taylor for Theater.

BUILDING TO COST \$40,000

Instrument Throws Various Safeguards Around Character of Structure to Be Put Up, Specifying Uses to Which It Is to Be Put.

The property at Seventh and Taylor streets, owned by Ashley J. Vantine and Susan G. Cosgrove, on which will be built a new theater, has been leased to Calvin Hellig and his heirs for 99 years. case was filed with County Clerk Fields at 2:10 P. M. yesterday. It is dated March 1. The lease covers lots 3 and 4. and the east half of lots 5 and '6, in block 210, Portland. It extends from April 1, 1908 to April 1, 2008.

2008, \$836.47 a month.

The lease provides that the construction of the new theater must begin not later than April 1, 1910, and that it must be finished before April 1, 1911. A bond of \$20.000, to be given by Hellig, is provided for, and in case the construction is delayed, it will be forfeited. The building must cost not less than \$40,000, and must be of brick, brick and steel or reinforced concrete, or of equally substantial or better material. The building must be kent in good order by Heilig and tial or better material. The building must be kept in good order by Heilig and bis heirs, the lease to terminate upon written notice of Vantine and Cosgrove or their heirs in case of failure. Heilig is to pay all taxes, street and sewer assessments, and to keep the building insured against loss by fire for not less than \$26,-000, the company to be designated by Cosgrove and Vantine.

In case there is a fire, Heilig must turn over the insurance money to the Lumber-mens National Bank, to which the rent is mens National Bank, to which the rent is to be paid each month, or to such other bank as the lessors may designate. The insurance money is to be applied in re-building or repairing the theater in case Hellig or his heirs neglect to do so promptly. If he deposits a \$40,000 bond, however, the money may be turned over to him for reconstruction of the building,

by the bank.

No lien of any kind is to be placed against the building, although the lease may be transferred. But this, it is provided, will not release Hellig from his responsibility as lessee. It is also pro-vided that the building must not be used for any unlawful, immoral, improper or

offensive purpose.

If the rent is in arrears for 30 days. If the rent is in arrears for 30 days, if the building is not erected within two rears, if the taxes, street or sewer assessments or insurance are not kept up, or if the building is used for immoral purposes, or even for an improper purpose, or if laborers or mechanics file a lien against the property and bring suit, the lease to be forfeited at the option of the lessors.

It is especially provided that Congrove

It is especially provided that Coegrove and Vantine are to have two tickets free of charge to every performance given in the new theater.

SIREN GIVES BACK FINERY

Repents at Seeing Man Who Spent

bought. Johnson and the police accepted the proffer but the dealers refused. "Pil take the clothes his money bought me right off my back to square the mat-ter," Miss Frazier told Detectives Hell-yer and Maloney, who arrested her. "I can't stand to see anyone suffering from ter, Miss Frazier told Detectives Hellyer and Maloney, who arrested her. "I
can't stand to see anyone suffering from
hunger. If I had any of that \$190 he
spent with us you can be sure I would
give it back. I never took a cent away
from a man in my life but I have always
let them spend as much as they liked
and this fellow seemed to have plenty of
money and no sense. We supposed he
was some millionaire farmer out for a
frolle. Yes, naturally we left him when
his \$190 was gone."

Late in the afternoon Detectives Hellyer and Maloney arrested Mrs. Emma
Jones, the other "automobile girl" in the
case. She didn't get any of the money
or finery Johnson's funds purchased, but
she was with Miss Frazier and I. L.
Dennis, their male accomplice. Mrs.
Jones will be held as a witness.

KIRMESS DANCERS TO APPEAR IN COSTUME AT ARMORY.

Participants Are Well Drilled and First Real Performance Is to Go Without Hitch.

The rent for the property, which must of the big charity kirmess to open Tuesbe paid on the first of each month on penalty of forfeiture of the lease and surrender of the theater building, is as follows: April 1, 1903, to the same time in 1910, \$350 a month; 1910 to 1920, \$550 a month; 1920 to 1930, \$632.50 a month; 1930 to 1980, \$727.39 a month; 1980 to 2008, \$336.47 a month.

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Every detail of the arrangements and Every detail of the arrangements and preparations is now well in hand, and the young women and men who have been arduously practicing terpsichorean intricacles for the past three weeks are in excellent training. The important test of the first dress rehearsal is awaited impatiently, but with perfect confidence by the participants and the large number of patronesses, chaperons, promoters and intimate friends who have been attending the previous informal fehearsals.

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Every member of every set has been relentlessly drilled by Miss Lila Agnew Stewart, who is training the small army of dancers, until they are all perfect in the movements, steps and spirit of their various picturesque dances, and tonight's formal rehearsal in full costume is expected to be most impressive. Incidentally, it is again announced that none but the chaperons, patronesses, promoters, newspaper writers and photographers and other privileged persons will be admitted at the big preliminary show. How to keep out persistent visitors has been the problem of the kirmess management ever since the rehearsals began.

The Armory is beginning to take on the carnival appearance. A corps of window decorators, whose services have been donated by Will L. Lipman, and the Heilig force of stage hands, contributed by Calvin Heilig, will work all today at the decorations and details of stage setting. Green boughs and forms are being hauled to the Armory by the wagon load and bunting and banners are being strung all through the building. By Monday night all the booth workers will be on the ground with their extensive stock and they will work hard all day Tuesday getting ready for the opening.

the opening.

The seat sale is going on steadily at the Heilig box office, where William Pangle and Scott Brooke have charge of it. Season seats were sold exclusively Thursday and Friday, and the sale of individual performance seats will open at 10 o'clock this morning. Season seats will be given preference over single night seats all through the sale, and those who desire to be sure of either season ticket or single night seats, according to Mr. Pangle, had better not do too much postponing.

His Money in Tears.

Repentant yesterday at seeing Andrew Johnson, a young farmer of Rockford, Ill., crying like a child because he had spent all his money, Miss Gladys Frazier, a young woman of the automobile variety who spent most of Johnson's money for him Thursday, offered to remove the gaudy finery he bought her and return it to the store where it was Exchange.

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HUSBAND GALLED MERCILESS BRUTE

Wife Says J. M. Calavan Beat Little Stepson Till She Feared for Life.

INJURED ANIMALS ON FARM

Testifying in Her Suit for Divorce, Former Albany Woman Tells of Mate's Cruel Acts-Ten

That her husband, John M. Calavan, beat her 9-year-old son by a former marriage until she despaired of his marriage until she despaired of his life, and while he rolled on the floor and begged for mercy, was testified to by Elizabeth Calavan before Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday morning. She said that her husband would beat her two children upon the slightest provocation. So much noise was made, she asserted, that the neighbors heard it a quarter of a mile away. Besides beating the lad, she said, her husband kicked him. This was in the Spring of 1907, she said, while the family was living on a ranch near Crabtree

According to the allegations of the complainant. Calavan was not only brutal to the children, but to the farm animals, and the children's pets also. Mrs. Calavan alleged that her husband struck his mare over the head in the Spring of 1908 with such force that he put out her eye. One of the cows. put out her eye. One of the cows, also, has a missing eye as the result of Calavan's brutality, says his wife, while other cows have missing horns. She alleges that he beat his children's dog, swung him around by the tail while he howled and the children's yelled, and that he shot the children's pet cat. Assault and battery on Mrs. Calavan's married daughter, is also alleged.

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Mrs. Calavan asserted that her hussans, Calavan asserted that her hus-band walked through the sitting room to the kitchen from the cow barn without cleaning his feet, and that when she objected and locked the door he kicked it in. She married him December 3, 1906, at Albany. The property rights were settled out of court.

Judge Morrow granted 10 divorces yesterday, five in the morning and five in the afternoon. Anna Suter said that her husband, Frank Suter, a dairyman, dealt her a blow in the face with his fist last December, that he tore her clothes, and that he threatened to kill her. She was given a divorce and the custody of their three children. She said that her mother has sent her money, and that she will return to Switzerland. The couple lived at 879 Tacoma avenue. Sellwood. John Sigrist, Suter's partner, testified as to his conduct toward his wife. The Suters married at Ingenbohl, Switzerland, July 21, 1901.

Maude Downs, the wife of Curtis

Maude Downs, the wife of Curtis H. Downs, who conducts a saloon on Sixth street, between Washington and Stark, told of her husband's cruelty, and was given a decree, with the custody of her children, and the order that Downs that Downs pay her \$30 a month for their support until they are of age. She married him at Falls City, Neb., April 23, 1890.

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A. Kiljunen said through an interpreter that his wife, Erika T. Kiljunen, delighted in going to "boardinghouse dances," leaving her husband at home to care for the children, and telling him on her return what a good time she had had with her male acquaintances. He said she was out late almost every night for three months. almost every night for three months, On Saturday and Sunday nights, he declared, the hour of her return was later, once being 7 A. M. They were married December 4, 1901, and Judge Morrow thought that Kiljunen was en-

Morrow thought that Kiljunen was en-titled to a divorce.

Columbia C. Cross, a logger, secured a divorce from Nina L. Cross, after testifying that she deserted him. He married her at Rainier, Or., he said. He was given the custody of the chil-

Husband Left, Never Returned.

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Bethine Dotzman said that the last she heard of her husband he was in Fresno. He went to Sacramento late in 1907, she said, and has never returned to her. She married Harry C. Dotzman at Fulton, Ky., December 6, 1902. She was given a divorce.

Ethyl L. Cooper secured a divorce from Arthur Ray Cooper. Her maiden name was Ethyl L. Bell, and she married Cooper April 12, 1906.

Other divorces granted, all on grounds of descriton, were as follows: Josephine Gardner McLean, from Charles Leslie McLean, married at McMinville, Or., June 18, 1902; Bertha Lacey from A. H. Lacey, married at Sturgis, S. D., April 7, 1903; F. A. Miller from Lillie Miller, married at O'Nefil, Neb., June 23, 1902.

Hanah M. Nelson has brought a divorce suit in the Circuit Court against Casper N. Nelson, alleging that he is a gambler and improvident. She says that she married him in Seattle, June 6, 1896, and that in 1909 he left for Alaska, A year ago last August, she says he told her to leave him and Alaska. A year ago last August, she says, he told her to leave him and shift for herself. She says she went to Sioux City, Ia., where she worked for awhile, afterward coming to Portland.

HOLD-UP MEN ARE SENTENCED

Trio Who Robbed City Hall Saloon Must Go to Penitentiary.

Oscar Johnson and Harry Benson, re-cently convicted in the Circuit Court of having held up and robbed the City Hall saloon, were sentenced by Judge Cleland yesterday morning to serve nine ye in the penitentlary. Chris Bunes, was also convicted, was sentenced

serve six years.

William Rueddy pleaded not guilty yesterday to the theft of 12 pounds of yeal

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"Our son, two years old, was very much afflicted with a breaking out or what looked to be a summer rash. I applied the usual remedies, such as washing with soda water and powdering with boric acid. Finally, after he suffered with the trouble several weeks I took him to the doctor. He said it was merely a rash that was quit prevalent, and that I was giving the right treatment and that I should just continue it and the baby would soon be all right. But instead of getting better it was getting worse. The tash ran together and made large blisters. The little fellow didn't want to do anything but scratch and we had to wrap his hands up to keep him from it as he would tear the flesh open till the blood would run. The litching was intense, causing loss of appetite and flesh. When it seemed to hurthim most the skin on his back became hard and rough like the bark of a tree so that rubbing or brushing would not break it. He was so feverish that I thought it a bad case of eczema. He could not wear any clothes but a little nightgown with the sleeves just fastened at the top of the shoulder. He suffered intensely for about three months. But I found a remedy in outcura Soap for bathing and Cuticura. Ointment with which I anointed the sore places. This kept the rash from spreading and in less than a week the result was almost magical. That was more than two years ago and there has not been the slightest symptom of it since he was cured. I am never very long without Cuticura Soap as my family knows the value of it and don't like a substitute. J. W. Lauck, Yukon, Okla., Aug. 28 and Sept. 17, 'Os.''

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from the Clatskanie Transportation Comfrom the Ciatskanie Transportation Com-pany. The trial will be held May I.

The case of A. F. Grant, charged with having given Jacob Kessler a deed to two lots at Twenty-third and Alberta streets, when he had no title, was set for trial May 19. He pleaded not gullty yesterday afternoon, after Jay Upton, his attorney, had filed a demurrer to the in-dictment.

Wants Title to Island.

Complaint was yesterday filed in the Federal Court in the case of John B. Switzler, of Umatilla County, Or., against F. E. Earnhart, of the same place, wherein the plaintiff asks that Earnhart be restrained from interfering with his rights in the ownership of Dave Beavert's island in the Columbia River, a tract of 80 acres. Switzler alleges that he located on the property in 1893, when it was unsurveyed land, and later leased it to John E. Hatter, who agreed to surrender possession at the expiration of the lease. Instead of doing so, according to the allegations in the complaint, Hatter entered into a conspiracy with Earnhart to defraud Switzler of the title. The present action is a result of this condition.

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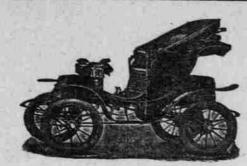
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Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.

Oregon yesterday filed suit in the Federal Court against Valentine Lauben-heimer, also of this state, asking that the latter be restrained from collecting or receiving any money or propreceiving any money or property produced under a lease by defendant of a group of quartz mining claims near the town of Cornucopia, Baker County, Oregon, which have been operated by Laubenheimer under a lease from the mining company, under the terms of which he was to have received a royalty of 10 per cent. received a royalty of 10 per cent. The complainant alleges that defendant has misappropriated more than his share of the bullion. An accounting is also demanded by the complainant.

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