

# FIRE DEPARTMENT L. BE PROBED

### Seattle Firm Charges That Bids of A. G. Long Are Only Ones Given Consideration.

## WRITTEN PROTEST FILED

### Gamevell Company Alleges Combines to Buy Apparatus of Local Dealer to Exclusion of Others—Campbell Makes Strong Denial.

Mayor Lane and members of the fire committee of the City Executive Board have received written charges of a serious nature, preferred by Fred A. Wood, representing the Gamevell Fire Alarm Company, with headquarters at Seattle. His communication, addressed to the Mayor, was filed with the City Auditor yesterday and was read at the committee meeting, held in the afternoon.

Mr. Wood alleges that there exists in Portland a combination, whereby it is impossible for any fire apparatus dealer except A. G. Long, to receive contracts for supplies for the local fire department. The Mayor announced, after the reading of the charges, that an investigation will be commenced within a few days.

Fire Chief Campbell, who is indirectly concerned, but whose name is not mentioned by Mr. Wood, declared last night that there is no combination, so far as he knows, and that all bidders are treated alike, to the best of his knowledge. He denied the existence of such a combine as Mr. Wood charges is here and said that he is trying to conduct the department in a perfectly fair and impartial manner.

### Lane Believes Charges.

That Mayor Lane believes the charges are true is known. He has been informed, it is said, from various sources that such a combination exists, and he admits that he has frequently questioned certain transactions and dealings of the fire department and that he has wondered why it is that there is so little competitive bidding for fire apparatus. He has demanded that the matter be settled to the bottom, to the end that the charges be proven or disproven and the good name of the city cleared of the allegations of collusion.

Among other charges Mr. Wood makes is that no company bids against the American La France Engine Company, represented by A. G. Long at Portland. Mr. Wood declares that no other companies expect any business from this city and, if they bid at all, bid so high that the Portland firm gets the contract. The reason for this, Mr. Wood states, is that Portland is on the lists of the various manufacturing companies in this line of trade and that none of them wish to sell any of their goods here while this condition continues, as alleged.

Mr. Wood further alleges that the city is "held up" on fire apparatus and says that, years ago, when with the Knott Fire Engine Company, he always bid high on Portland advertisements, never expecting any of the business. He states that, long ago, he sold for \$5000 third-sized engines, such as A. G. Long sold here two weeks ago for \$6000, "and made a good profit on them." He states that, if Mr. Long could thus make such a margin of profit on two engines, he could well afford to put in a very low bid on fire alarm boxes, and the mention of this item is said to be somewhat of a disclosure as to why Mr. Wood preferred the charges.

### Firms Are Rivals.

The Gamevell Company and the Star Fire Alarm Company, the latter being represented by Mayor Lane, have been engaged for several months in a heated contest for business in the Northwest, and there is the keenest of rivalry between them. At the meeting of the fire committee, when bids have been opened for these boxes, the hottest kind of words have been passed by Messrs. Lane and Wood, each accusing the other of trickery of all kinds. Two months ago the Executive Board awarded the Gamevell Company a contract for boxes, after a test of the Star and Gamevell instruments was made. Mr. Long charged trickery, saying that the Star boxes were not given a fair trial, as the Gamevell box was so adjusted that the Star would not operate correctly in unison with it.

There has been much criticism of the fire department by Mayor Lane, and he announced yesterday afternoon, while the routine business of the fire committee was in progress, that the matter of fire hydrants about which there was much ado several months ago, will be resumed in the near future. Hydrant Inspector Phillips and Chief Campbell are involved in that, and it is alleged that they "stood in" with an arrangement whereby the Portland Pounding Company was the only firm that got any business in the hydrant line.

### OLD-TIME STAG SOCIAL

Portland Elks Boosting Their Excursion to Los Angeles.

Portland Lodge, No. 142, B. P. O. Elks, has completed arrangements for an old-time stag social which will be held in the lodge room next Thursday night. G. C. Moser, excited ruler of the lodge, will be the presiding genius. Provision has been made for the entertainment of 1000 persons. After the refreshments have been served, copious pipes will be passed around and those who enjoy a smoke of that kind will be invited to fill their pipes from a large bowl of the very best quality of mixture which will be placed upon a stand in the center of the hall. At all previous stag socials cigars have been served but this time pipes have been introduced to emphasize the old style feature.

## TRAVELERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION WILL PRODUCE MUSICAL COMEDY AT HELLIG TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT.



D. H. QUIMBY AND MISS SHERMA DANA, TWO OF PRINCIPALS IN "TOODLES IN HOLLAND."

"Toodles in Holland," a musical comedy, will be given at the Hellig Theater tonight and tomorrow night, by the Travelers' Protective Association. The cast will include about 50 well-known traveling men. The piece contains a number of catchy songs and choruses, and several of the scenes are extremely funny. Sherma Dana and D. H. Quimby, both well-known in Portland, will give some interesting specialties. The cast is as follows: Toodles, a little girl, Baby Patsy; Bessie, her sister (alias Lady Hamilton); Sherma Dana; Miss Riley; Toodles' aunt, Floy Mann; Samantha Pycash, of Pycash's Seminary; Mary Cardiff; the Merry Widow, Margrete Colligan; General Cranston (alias Foxy Grandpa); J. W. Shaw; Dr. Ferdinand Schapskopf, of the Pink Home for Pale Drummers; Charlie Ringler; A. Knight Stand, a stranded actor; Dr. Ashbury; Micalovitch; on the bum, too; Ed die Weinsteine; Van Dyke Brown, the artist; D. Homan Quimby; Officer Harrigan, one of the finest; Z. L. Martin; Pussie Pumpkin; H. Tedgar Minor; Sis Perkins; Bessie Wickie; and the following: Ione Morrison; Helen Patzer; Floyd Mann; Phierne Miller; E. W. Ingles; Albert S. Rodda; A. E. Hansolin; Nye Kern; Jack Brinkley; E. C. Jahn; Bob Adams; E. W. Dingman; Lela Sprague; Ida Belle Holmes; Laura Pennington; Robert Huffschmidt; L. M. Groshong; Vernon Schibach; Genevieve Jameson; Hallie Dalziel; Bessie Wickie; Florence Dana; Bessie Bowles; Alice Warner; Frances Rutherford; Lillian Carpenter; Agnes Glenn; Dorothy Nash; Ivy Carter; Emma R. Muck; Lena Beckett; Lila Beckett; Dorothy Malcheester; Sylvia Bagley.

## COST IS OBSTACLE

### Law Is Silent on Expense of Recall Election.

### LEGAL TEST MAY BE HAD

### Attempt to Oust Portland Councilmen Will Be Carried to Court

### Agitation for the proposed recall of members of the Portland City Council has raised the question of how the expenses incident to such a special election shall be paid.

Such additional legislation as may aid the operation of this section shall be provided by the Legislative Assembly, including provision for payment by the public treasury of the reasonable special election campaign expenses of such officer.

### Several Portland lawyers agree with Attorney-General Crawford and contend that it is compulsory on the Legislature to enact further legislation before the recall provision can be carried into operation.

### Portland, May 12.—(To the Editor.)—Please answer the following questions: First—What is the amount of school fund in the State of Oregon derived from the sale of school lands? Second—What is the corresponding amount in the State of Washington? Third—What were the earnings of the Wells-Fargo Company in Oregon last year?

### Democrats Frame Advisory Board.

Details of the municipal campaign to be conducted by the Democrats will be directed by an advisory board of five members, of which George H. Thomas, chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee, is chairman. The other members include such staunch Democratic stalwarts as Jefferson Myers, D. M. Watson, Mark O'Neill and John Kontag. Chairman Thomas said yesterday that Democrats would labor earnestly, not only to elect Judge M. G. Mundy for Mayor, but for the success of the Democratic nominees for places in the City Council—D. Chambers, Councilman-at-large; C. A. Proutford, from the Fifth; B. Versteeg, from the Ninth; and W. T. Vaughn, from the Tenth.

## ANSWER COURT CURTLY

### DEFENDANTS FLIPPANT WHEN BROUGHT BEFORE JUDGE.

### Hert Ward, Dan O'Day, Otto Hartman and Tony Patricio Are Arraigned on Various Charges.

Accustomed as he is to hear attorneys at the bar address him as "my dear friend," Judge Bronaugh's indignation was aroused yesterday afternoon when four alleged criminals were arraigned. They dismissed the questions of the court with scant ceremony.

### PETITION'S FATE KNOWN TODAY

### Bronaugh Will Pass on Light and Excise Board Measures.

Presiding Judge Bronaugh will decide at 2:30 o'clock this morning whether or not City Auditor Barber must place the excise board petition and the \$2,000,000 light and power plant petition on the ballot.

### SCHOOL FUNDS IN TWO STATES.

Oregon's irreducible school fund amounts to \$5,500,918.52. In addition \$156,288.25 is the Agricultural College fund; \$104,206.25 is the State University fund. Of the school fund the sum of \$5,221,886.20 is drawing 6 and 3/8 per cent interest.

### WITNESS GIVES LAME EXCUSE

### Disregarded Bench Warrant Nearly Places Him in Contempt.

Art Schroeder, of 319 Powell street, came very near being declared in contempt of court yesterday afternoon. Robert T. Stewart, who is suing the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for \$5000 damages on account of a collision at East Twelfth and East Morris-

# TUMOR OF FOULLEADS GROWTH

### Removed by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

South Bend, Ind.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound removed a cyst tumor of four years' growth, which three of the best physicians declared I had. They said that only an operation could help me. I am very glad that I followed your advice and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, for it has made me a strong and well woman, and I shall recommend it as long as I live."—MRS. MAY FRAY, Lindley, Ind.

One of the greatest triumphs of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the conquering of woman's dread enemy—tumor. If you have mysterious pains, inflammation, ulceration or displacement, don't wait for time to conquer your fears and go through the horrors of a hospital operation, but try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and such unquestionable testimony as the above proves the value of this famous remedy, and should give confidence and hope to every sick woman.

If you would like special advice about your case write a confidential letter to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and always helpful.

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Special Shoe Sale

Our entire new Spring stock

\$2.85 \$2.45 \$3.35

Values to \$4.00 Values to \$3.50 Values to \$5.00

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Immense Sale of Women's and Misses' Tailor-Made Suits

Portland's Largest Specialty Suit House

# GRAND-LEADER

Corner Fifth and Alder Streets  
S. E. WERTHEIMER - President and Gen. Manager

Don't Miss This Sale. Half Saved on Every Garment

## Extraordinary Sale of Women's Suits

### BOUGHT AT FIFTY CENTS ON THE DOLLAR

We purchased at this remarkable price the entire stock of BLOOM & STURMAN, 33 West 17th St., New York City, manufacturers of Women's and Misses' Suits. 500 suits comprise the purchase, and we have divided them into four lots for Friday's selling.

### Lot 1--At \$11.95

100 Suits of all-wool novelty mixtures, Panama cloths or serges, in light colors and navy blues; Coats lined with guaranteed satin. Some trimmed with silk braid; others are plainly tailored; values to \$30.00.

### Friday \$11.95

### Lot 3--At \$18.75

145 Suits finest quality satin stripe Prunella cloths, fancy mixed worsteds, elegantly tailored, lined either with messaline silk or Skinner satins. Some 40-inch strictly tailored effects in this lot; values to \$40.00.

### Friday \$18.75

### Lot 2--At \$14.95

155 Suits in Shepherd checks and stripe worsteds, plain color serges, including white, fine quality satin stripe Panama cloths. Coat lined with taffeta or satin; values to \$35.00.

### Friday \$14.95

### Lot 4--At \$24.75

100 Suits in fancy stripe worsteds and plain color or satin finished Prunella cloths, also plain gray worsteds, strictly tailored, lined with taffeta or guaranteed satin; values in this lot range up to \$50.

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son streets, told Judge Gatens from the witness stand, that he subpoenaed Schroeder last Friday. A bench warrant for Schroeder's arrest has been out for two days, and Deputy Sheriffs Bird and Proebstel were sent to arrest him. He could not be found, but his sister was told to send him to the Courthouse. "I thought they could get along without me," was the only excuse Schroeder had to offer when Judge Gatens asked him why he did not come when his sister told him about the Deputy Sheriffs' visit. Schroeder has been ordered to re-appear to Judge Gatens this morning, although he testified yesterday that he was standing on the street corner at the time of the accident.

## Duty you owe Yourself

You are not doing the best you know how unless you test all things and "hold fast" to that which is good.

The Spring season is here—and with it the smartest clothing of the season—labeled

### Michaels-Stern Clothes

They fill many a lack. They are tailored after the custom manner and the fabrics and patterns are the best and most exclusive to be had.

Michaels-Stern Clothes are as handsome as they can be, as smart as they dare be and much more reasonable in price than others of like quality.

If you are unable to procure them in your City kindly advise us. Write to-day for the MICHAELS-STERNS Fashion Portfolio of Spring styles—it is free on request.

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