## FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROBED

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

WRITTEN PROTEST FILED

Gamewell Company Alleges Combine 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 serious nature, preferred by Fred A. Wood, representing the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company, with headquarters at His communication, addressed to the Mayor, was filed with the City Auditor yesterday and was read at the committee meeting, held in the after-

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

a few days.
Fire Chief Campbell, who is indirectly concerned, but whose name is not men-tioned 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 cortain transactions and dealings of the fire department and that he has wondered why it is that there is so little

dered why it is that there is so little competitive hidding for fire apparatus. He has demanded that the matter be sifted 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 colusion.

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 rious manufacturing companies in this line of trade as unfair and that none of them wish to sell any of their goods here white this condition continues, as

Mr. Wood further alleges that the city s "held up" on fire apparatus and says is "held up on me apparatus and says that, years ago, when with the Knott Fire Engine Company, he always bid high on Fortland advertisements, never expecting any of the business here. He states that, long ago, he sold for \$4900 third-sized engines, such as A. G. Long sold here two weeks ago for \$6000, "and made a good profit on them at that." He states that, if Mr. Long could thus make such a margin of profit on two engines. such a margin of profit on two engines, he could well afford to put in a very low bid on tre-alarm boxes, and the mention of this item is said to be somewhat of a disclosure as to why Mr. Wood preferred

#### Firms Are Rivals.

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

There has been much criticism of the fire department by Mayor Lane, and he announced yesterday afternoon, while the routine business of the fire commit-

#### OLD - TIME STAG SOCIAL

Portland Elks Boosting Their Excursion to Los Angeles.

Portland Lodge, No. 142, B. P. O. Fiks, has completed arrangements for an old time stag social which will be held in the ledge room next Thursday hight. G. C. Moser, exulted ruler of the ledge, will be the presiding genius. Pro-vision has been made for the entertain-ment of 1999 persons. After the refreshments have been served cob pipes will be passed around and those who enjoy a smoke of that kind will be in-

time pipes have been introduced to emphasize the old style feature.

Next Thursday's stag has been authorized by the lodge in order to stimulate the interest of Portland Elks in their excursion to Los Angeles at the time of the grand lodge session in July. Portland hopes to send not less than 100 to Los Angeles and the time is near when the members who intend going must have their uniforms and provide for their transportation. A feature of the programme will be a series of views showing that portion of the Pacific Cohst besing that portland and Los Angeles. William McMurray, general passenger agent of R. & N., will supply the views.

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It is important the councilment would be taken into the courts for a legal interpretation of the disputed points that have been raised. tween Portland and Los Angeles. William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N., will supply the views. This presentation will occupy about one hour and a half in installments of 20 minutes each, interspersed with music numbers, congs, dances, farces and other numbers.

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



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"Toodles in Holland," a musical comedy, will be given at the Heilig Theater tonight and tomorrow night, by the Travelers' Protective Association. The cast will include about 50 well-known traveling inen. 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; Bessle, her sister (alias Lady Bountiful). Sherma Dana; Miss Riley, Toodles' aunt, Floy Mann; Samantha Flycash, of Flycash's Seminary, Mary Cardiff: the Merry Widow, Margrete Colligan; General Cranston (alias Foxy Grandpa), J. W.Shaw; Dr. Fardinand Schapskoff, of the Pink Home for Pale Drummers, Clarlie Ringler; A. Knight Stand, a stranded actor, V. Ashbury; Macalovitch Levy, on the bum, too, Eddie 'Weinstein; Van Dyke Brown, the artist, D. Homan Quimby; Officer Harrigan, one of the finest, Z. L.Martin; Pussy Pumpkin, H. Tedgnar Minor; Sis Perkins, Bessle Wicke. And the following: Ione Morrison, Helan Patges, Floyd Mann, Pherne Miller, E. W. Ingles, Albert S. Rodda, A. E. Hansohn, Nye Kern, Jack Brinkley, E. C. Jahn, Bob Adams, E. W. Dingman, Lela Sprague, Ida Belle Holmes, Laura Penedergrass, Rofert Huffschmidt, L. M. Grosohong, Vernon Schibach, Genevieve Jameson, Hallie Dalziel, Bessie Wicke, Florence Dana, Bessie Bowles, Alice Warner, Frances Rutherford, Lillian Carpenter, Agnes Glenn, Dorothy Nash, Ivy Carter, Emma R. Muck, Lena Beckett, Lila Beckett, Dorothy Malchester, Sylvia Bagley. Beckett, Dorothy Malchester, Sylvia Bagley.

Law Is Silent on Expense of Recall Election.

LEGAL TEST MAY BE HAD

Attempt to Oust Portland Councilmen Will Be Carried to Court if It Materializes -- Candidates Are Shy.

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. The constitutional amendment emeting the recall is silent on this question, and it is for that rea-son lawyers are unable to agree in their interpretation of the measure and its operation. The only reference to expenses contained in the amendment is in the concluding words of the section, which says:

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

When requested yesterday for an opinion on the subject, Attorney-General Crawford, of Salem, said that he knew of no way for holding a special recall election in Portland or elsewhere in the state unless those desirthe routine business of the fire commit-ties 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 In-spector Phillips and Chief Campbell are Involved in that investigation, it being alleged that they "stood in" with an strangement whereby the Portland Foun-dry Company was the only fire that or it must be held under the provisions of the constitution and state laws, so far as they apply. The Attorney-General further said that he knows of nothing in the state laws covering the contin-

> 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 op-eration. Other equally prominent mem-bers of the legal profession maintain that the recall amendment is operative In itself and that without any specific provision being made relative to ex-penses it is an established principle of law that existing statutes apply to the situation and that the expenses of such elections shall be paid out of the public treasury in the same manner as are the expenses of all other legally authorized elections.

The Legislature having failed to proenjoy a smoke of that kind will be invited to fill their pipes from a large bowl of the very best quality of inixture which will be placed upon a stand in the center of the hall. At all previous stag socials elgars have been served but this time pipes have been introduced to emphasize the old style feature.

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directed by an advisory board of five 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 Montag. Chairman Thomas said yesterday that the Democrats would labor earnestly, not only to elect Judge M. G. Munly for Mayor, but for the success of the four Democratic nominees for places in the City Council—D. Chambers, Councilman-atlarge; C. A. Proudfoot, from the Fifth H. Versteeg, from the Ninta and W. T. Vaughn, from the Tenth.

#### OPEN LIGHT BIDS TODAY

Power Company Probably Will Get Contract for Lighting Streets.

The lighting committee of the City Executive Board will open bids at 2 o'clock this afternoon for three and five-year contracts for public lighting, and expected that the Portland Rallway, Light & Power Company will this time submit a bid for the shorter period. In case this develops, it is believed that the committee will recommend to the Board that a three-year contract be let. However, this is problematical.

Mayor Lane and the members of the

Executive Board have refused to the long-term contract previously held be the power company, alleging extortionat rates, and failure on the part of the com-pany to furnish the amount of current called for in the contract. This contentio led to a deadlock between the city led to a deadlock between the city and the corporation, and this situation has existed for several months. The lighting has been furnished by the month, and payment therefor made monthly. There is a back bill cialmed by the company, aggregating \$39,000, which was deducted by the Executive Board from month to month, during the latter part of the old contract, and the company has taken the ground the light insist.

taken the ground that it will insist upon the payment of this sum before making a reduction in rates. a reduction in rates.

The lighting committee will open the bids at 2 o'clock, and will submit its report, in all probability, to the Executive Board, which will meet at 4 o'clock. If the bid of the company is not accepted and a contract for three or five years authorized, it will probably mean that Mayor Lane intends to continue the present system of paying for lights by the month until his term expires, July 1. In that case, his successor in office will be that case, his successor in office will be confronted with the problem of straight-

#### School Funds in Two States.

PORTLAND, May 13.—(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?

Becond—What is the corresponding
amount in the State of Washington?

Third—What were the earnings of the
Wells-Fargo Company in Oregon last year?

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Oregon's irreducible school fund amounts to \$5.560,916.82. In addition \$196,-358.83 is the Agricultural College fund; \$104,206.26 is the State University fund. Of the school fund the sum of \$5.221,886.29 is

drawing 6 and 8 per cent interest.

The irreducible school fund of the State of Washington is about \$6,000,000. The bulk of this fund is invested in interestbearing bonds and the interest is used to help support the schools. Money from rentals of school lands and interest on contracts of sales of school lands since statehood aggregating several million dollars have gone into the current school dollars have gone into the current school fund and have been spent in meeting the needs of the common schools. This fund for Washington does not include moneys derived from sale of lands for universities, Agricultural College and other institutions. Land Commissioner Ross estimates that if the remaining common school lands were sold today at the average prices he has secured in the past two years they would bring about \$75,000,000.

processing the Wells-Fargo Company in Oregon last year, because the report of Details of the municipal campaign to the company does not seargate the Ore-ce conducted by the Democrats will be gon business; that is, it does not at-

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tempt to say what part of its interstate business belongs to Oregon.

The total net corporate income from the whole system last year was \$4,180,-615.74. The gross income last year for husiness wholly within the Stute of Oregon was \$238,184.65. This does not include Oregon's share of interstate business.

### ANSWER COURT CURTLY

DEFENDANTS FLIPPANT WHEN BROUGHT BEFORE JUDGE.

Bert Ward, Dan O'Day, Otto Hartman and Tony Patrico Are Arriagned on Various Charges.

Accustomed as he is to hear attorneys at the bar address him as "Your Honor," Judge Bronaugh's dignity received a hard joit yesterday afternoon when four slleged criminals were arraigned. They dismissed the questions of the court with reant commont.

dismissed the questions of the court with scant ceremony.

"Are you ready to plead at this time?" asked Judge Bronaugh of Bert Ward, who, with Pan O'Day, was arraigned by Deputy District Attorney Page on a charge of having stolen \$2.65 from Hardi Singh last month. "I'll let you know to-morrow," was the curt reply.

"And are you ready to enter your plea?" asked the court of Otto Hartman, accused of larceny. "H-m-m?" "Do you want to plead now?" called the judge, loud enough to be heard a half block. "I am guilty, no," was the answer. "You are not guilty?" came the next question. "No." "Well, then you are guilty?" "No." "No." "Well, then you are guilty?" "No."
"Let the plea of not guilty be entered, "Have you an attorney?" Hartman

was asked. "No." "Do you want one?"
"No, I don't need any."
Tony Patrico was the next. "I don't
know if I am going to have one," he
said when the court asked him if he desired the court to appoint an attorney for him. Patrico is accused of holding He and Bert Ward are

PETITION'S FATE KNOWN TODAY Bronaugh Will Pass on Light and Excise Board Measures.

Presiding Judge Bronaugh will de-cide at 5:30 o'clock this morning wheth-er or not City Auditor Barbur must place the excise board petition and the \$2,000,000 light and power plant pe-tion on the ballot. Nearly the entire afternoon yesterday

was spent by the judge hearing the arguments over the excise board petition. Attorney Seneca Smith, appearing for Paul Rader, the plaintiff, said that he does not question the validity of the registration law, but does ques-tion the validity of the city ordinance tion the validity of the city ordinance relative to the filing of petitions if the term "legal voters" means registered voters.

"You cannot tell by an examination of the registration books whether a man is a legal voter or not," continued Mr. Smith, "for the law does not provide that a man shall not vote if he is not on the book. Hundreds of men vote at every election who are not registered.

"It is only the people who are afraid to have laws like this submitted to the "It is only the people who are afraid to have laws like this submitted to the people who are making this hard fight to keep this petition off the bailot. You can't commit fraud in having a question submitted to the voters. This court is bound to hold that if the people pass the law it is a good law, and that if it is not passed, nobody is harmed except that a few cents have been lost through the printing of the petition on the ballot. The punishment provided for people who swear falsely about signatures is enough to protect the city sgainst fraud."

Attorney C. K. Adams argued for the city that elections are but a travesty, if every treesponsible hoodium is permited to vote. In order to carry on the election without repeaters, and fraud, it is necessary, he said, to provide in the law that voters shall qualify. He contended that there is no way of distinguishing legal voters from illegal ones except by registration.

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WITNESS GIVES LAME EXCUSE Disregarded Bench Warrant Nearly

Places Him in Contempt. Art Schroeder, of 319 Powell street, very near being declared in con-t of court yesterday afternoon. Rob-T. Stewart, who is suing the Port-Railway, Light & Power Company

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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 satin finished Prunella cloths, also plain gray worsteds, strictly tailored, lined with taffeta or guaranteed satin; values in this lot range up to \$50,

Friday \$24.75



son streets, told Judge Gatens from the witness stand that he subpensed Schroeder last Friday. A bench warrant for Schroeder's street has been out for two days, and Deputy Sheriffs' Blrd and Proebstel were sent to arrest him. He him why he did not come when his sister was told him about the Deputy Sheriffs' visit. Schroeder has been ordered to report to Judge Gatens this morning, all though he testified yesterday that he was standing on the street corner at the time of the accident.



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