STREET VACATION TO ROAD OPPOSED

Chamber of Commerce Holds O. R. & N. Should Condemn by Process of Law.

DEPOT SITE IS SOUGHT

menting on Action, Mr. Mo-Master Says Body Is Opposed to Trades Between Municipality and Corporations.

Suggesting, in the form of resolution Suggesting, in the form of resolutions, a general policy to be followed in granting street franchises for railway purposes, the trustees of the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday opposed the petition of the O. R. & N. Company, requesting the city to vacate certain streets upon the East Side, which they desire for the establishment of freight yards and a freight depot. The session consumed one hour and a half. Those present were William MacMaster, Charles T. Whitney, Harvey Beckwith, H. M. Haller, F. C. Knapp, Ben Selling and Redney L. Glisan.

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The resolutions were unanimously adopted and voiced the sentiment of the trustees, that, if the railroad desires these streets, it should secure them through the ordinary process of law prothe exercise of the right of eminent do-

Law Should Be Followed.

"The trustees in adopting these resolutions," said Mr. MacMaster, "took for their position that if a railway corporation is desirous of securing property ewned by the city, it should follow the process provided in the law and exercise the right of eminent domain. We do not in the resolution express any opinion as to the merits or demerits of the proposition, for we believe that trades between municipal and railway corporations are municipal and railway corporations are not good policy or advisable. Both are institutions of great wealth, and they are emply able to provide the necessary re-muneration for anything they may desire to possess for their respective develop-

Pertiand will follow the lines suggested in all matters pertaining to corporations that much of the friction involved in the public agitation of these questions will be avoided. It will eliminate what too frequently occurs, the doubts likely to arise that the negotiations are being made to serve personal ends.

No Defense Scen.

If the O. R. & N. is in earnest about "If the O. R. & N. is in earnest about the construction of its warehouses on the East Side, it strikes me that the difference between 200 and 250 feet is not of any serious consequence. It is said by Mr. O'Brien that in building the depot on the blocks owned by the road on the streets they desire to have vacated, the blocks are too short and they wish to build a depot 250 feet in length. It would be easy to build two depots with a street running between them.

"To vacate important streets to pro-ride an extra 10-foot space for a depot is not of sufficient importance to appeal to my mind. At the meeting Mr. O'Brien isclined to consent to a comment to ining between them to my mind. At the meeting Mr. O'Brien declined to consent to a common usor clause in the vacation franchize and, of course, with such a condition existing, it seems to me important that we keep the room open for the construction of a line from the south end to line north end. If the O. R. & N. Company should gain its point, it would possibly block all further construction of an independent line."

Resolutions Are Given.

The resolutions adopted yesterday fol-

The resolutions adopted yenierday follow:

We are strongly opposed at the present fine in the vacating of any streets between the west end of Holladay avenue and the west end of Holladay avenue and the west end of Holladay avenue and the west end of Rest Oak street, and we are size opposed to the vacating of any streets at any study time for the sole use of any single corporation, and should it be deemed advended in the future to vacate streets, or marie of streets, that such vacation be made with the common-user clause and that the City of Portiand have like rights with the corporations for about the rights with the corporations for about the rights with the corporations for about the city in connection with vacation of streets for railreads or other purpose, and the vacation of property routed by the city for any public purpose whatsoever; that they are usentimesty of the opinion that if a corporation requires preperty owned or controlled by the city, that it are under proper legal condemnation proceedings and that in the event of the city requiring any property that it should exercise its right of eminent demain and in the manner proceed to condemnate and be decided under the statutes provided for such cases.

MAN SEEKS OWN ARREST

Startender Tired of Jibes and Wants His Name Cleared of Odium.

At his own request, and in order that his good name might be cleared of a shadow of circumstantial evi-dence, Henry Abmeyer, a bartender, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives riellyer and Moloney, upon a charge of larceny, and is held at the City Jall under 1500 cash ball. No one interested in the matter wished to Interested in the matter wished to place Abmeyer under arrest, but he was insistent that the suspicion upon him should be cleared away by a court

Abmeyer was in the employ of C. F. Klaustermeler, in a saloon at 222 First street. One night recently, after closing the saloon at the usual hour, and having imbubed too freely. Abmeyer returned to the saloon, let himself in with the key he always carried, and sat down in a chair to sleep off his potations. When he awoke in the morning, two empty money sacks were lying by his chair, and 325 was missing from the cash register.

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The employer believed Abmeyer's
protestations of innocence, especially
as the meney was not found on him,
and allowed him to continue at work,
but patrons of the bar heard of the
loss and "jeshed" the bariender until
he could no longer stand their insinuations, and begged to be arrested and
tried. It is believed that the real
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all night, or slipped in when the bibulous and unobserving Abmeyer opened
the door after closing hours.

eral hundred loyal Oregon Democrats at the Commercial Club Monday, January 2, in celebration of Jackson Day is the sincere ambition of members of the Portland Jackson Club, who are arranging for one of the most notable gatherings of prominent members of their party ever held in the Northwest. At the meeting Thursday night the committee consisting of H. B. Van Duser, Dr. A. G. Bettman, George I. Smith and R. E. McKay was named to arrange the feast. Invitations were sent to the eight men chosen at the last election to govern in as many states heretofore hopelessiy Republican, the list including Harmon of Ohio, Dix of New York, Marshall of Indiana, Wilson of New Jersey, Baldwin of Connecticut, Poss of Massachusetts, Hawley of Oregon.

Idaho, Plaisted of Manhe and treat Coregon.

As the oracle of Democratic doctrine the presence of the Nebraskan was considered essential.

Senator Chamberiain and other adherents to the party faith in Oregon will complete the list of honored guests. The rest of the banquet party will be made up of Democrats willing to huy tickets. to buy tickets.

Jackson Day properly comes January 8, but as, that date falls Sunday, the Monday following b

SIMON INTERPRETS LAW

MAYOR EXPLAINS NEW STATUTE RELATIVE TO WATER MAINS.

Refunding of Money Depends Upon Annual Income From Mains Based on Original Cost.

Numerous inquiries concerning the refund of money to be made for water mains, in accordance with the charter amendment passed at the November election, caused Mayor Simon to pre-pare a statement outlining the workings of the law. His statement, in part, fol-

'There seems to be a misapprehension about the refunding of moneys paid by abutting property owners on account of the installation of water mains, during abutting property owners on account of the installation of water mains, during the past two years, and as to the proper course to be pursued by property owners whose property has been assessed and payments not yet made, as well as property owners whose property is yet to be assessed on account of mains already authorized and only partially completed. "In my judgment, the charter amendment adopted by the people November & 1919, contemplates refunding to property owners the moneys that may hereafter be paid as well as the moneys already paid during the last two years, on account of laying water mains, provided only that the annual income from such mains equals 6 per cent of the original cost thereof.

"In short, it was intended by the amendment of 1919 that all water mains that have been laid, or are in process of being laid, under the act of 1907, shall be made a charge against the water fund of the city, and where property owners have paid or shall hereafter pay assessments for laying such water mains the money shall be refunded if the income from such water mains equals 5 per cent of the original cost.

"It was not intended to refund the money where there is no substantial income, and where there is no substantial income, and where the mains have been laid simply to enable the owner to sell the property, and to guard against this contingency a provision inserted in the charter restricted the refund to such water mains as pay an income of 5 per cent per annum of the original cost.

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"The matter of refunding moneys so paid is under consideration by the Water Board, and data are being obtained to enable the board to ascertain the names of owners entitled to refunds. The board has also recommended the sale of \$500,000 of water bonds to provide moneys to make this refund and for other purposes. It will require some time to work out the problem.

"Meanwhile it is suggested that all property owners assessed on account of

property owners assessed on account of the laying of water mains should bond

await the refund. Their only loss will be the interest for the brief period they will be out the money.

CREMATORY SEEMS O. K.

CITY OFFICIALS INSPECT PLANT WITH PLEASING RESULTS.

Mayor Simon Describes It in Terms Favorable to the

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DEMOCRATS TO CELEBRATE

Invited Guests at Jackson Day Banquet Include W. J. Bryan.

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ESTATE IS FIRM

Government Inspector Leaves Town Valuable Information. Condemnation Proceedings May Be Brought at Once.

With the departure from Portland yes-terday of Joseph W. Roberts, superin-tendent of public buildings on the Pa-cific Coast, it became known that his mission to this city was to ascertain how much cheaper than Dr. J. W. Hill he could buy a site for the new Postoffice.
Dr. Hill was appointed a special agent
by President Taft, the two being former
schoolmaten and was allowed to per
day for his work.

Mr. Roberts conducted a thorough in-Mr. Roberts conducted a thorough investigation, and consulted with representatives of all the properties whose owners desire to sell to the Government. Mr. Roberts is said to have gone to the Gounty Courthouse and ascertained the sale price recorded against every piece of property which has changed hands in the neighborhoods of the offered sites during the past two years, and where the hooks have recorded "it." the laying of water mains should bond assessments.

"Under the bonding act, the property owners need not make any payment before one year, and long before the expiration of this period ample provision will be made for refunding moneys paid or cancelling assessments."

Property owners who prefer not to bond are advised to pay assessments and await the refund. Their only loss will be the interest for the brief period they

ceedings unless prices were materially reduced. Discounts of from 25,000 to 500,000 are said to have been secured. Representatives of the Espey Estate Company are said to have "stood pat" on their holdings, refusing to make prices lower than those named in their bids. They have properly in every district from which a site was tendered. They refused to make lower offers than quoted to Dr. Hill.

Superintendent Roberts carried with him copies of the taxrolis of Multnomah County showing the assessed valuations of all of the properties about which

tions of all of the properties about which the Government is concerned.

Good Things in Markets

Freiminary tests of the new garbago crematory proved satisfactory to several city officials who inspected the plant unsofficially yesterday. The tests have no bearing on those which will determine whether the plant fulfills the contract.

"I dm pleased with what I asw," said Mayor Simon. "It is a nice looking place, cleanly and without door, and it it answers the regulrements when it is officially tested in regard to its garbage place, cleanly and without door, and it it answers the regulrements when it is officially tested in regard to its garbage burning capacity, I will be highly pleased."

Testerday, for the first time, the new crematory attempted to take in all gard to some commaning considerable sarbage for sand tests and geess 20 to 25 cents; turkeys 28 to 30 cents; turkeys 28 to

more usual white kind. Green peppers cost 15 cents and green beans 20 cents a pound. Both hothouse cucumbers and hothouse tomatoes are seen at 25 cents and 40 cents respectively.

Chicory is at its best just now, and good watercress is also to be had. Spinach costs 5 cents, and Brussels sprouts 10 cents a pound. Sweet-potatoes are slightly higher in price. Several kinds of squash and "the usual roots," including good celeriac and oyster plant, complete the list.

DEADLY WIRES ARE FEARED

Residents of Barr Road, Petition Council for Protection

High voltage electric wires placed along the Barr Road caused 25 residents to file a protest with the City Council, who referred it to the City Electrician for investigation. The protest follows: "We, the undersigned residents and

"We, the undersigned residents and property-owners, hereby complain that the Portland Rallway, Light & Power Company is maintaining a high voltage line on poles down the Barr Road and on Broadway and other streets through Irvington. These wires are charged with about the same voltage that they with about the same voltage that they use for criminal executions in New York State, and they are a danger to the lives and property of all people in that district, especially during wind storms, fires and such sleet storms as we had two years ago.

"We respectfully petition that the said company be required to remove said high voltage wires, or to reduce

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the voltage to an ordinary city basis at some outlined point where residences are fewer, where there will not be so much danger."

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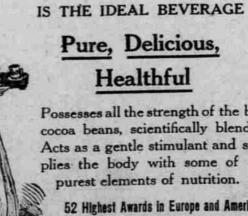
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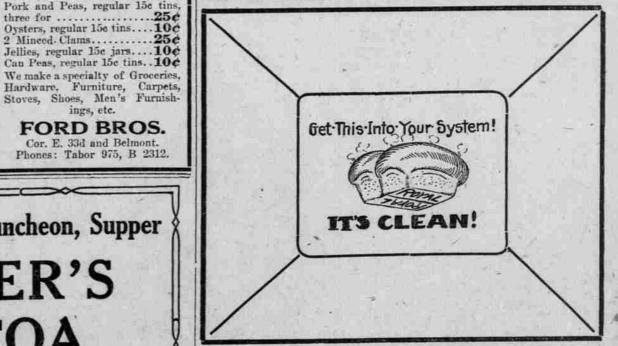
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