CHANGES IN PORT BOARD SUGGESTED

Committee of 50 Will Heer New Rules Urged by Legislative Group.

COLLUSIVE BIDDING

Proposed Amendments to Charter Give People Right to Elect Commisioners and Define Who Shall Be Ineligible.

No person engaged in contracting for public improvements may here-after become a member of the Port of

Portland Commission. The duties of the Port of Portland Commission shall be strictly limited to a supervision of dredging, towage and the operation of the public dry-

No member of the Port of Portland Commission shall be allowed to enter into a contract with the City of Port-

The Port Commissioners shall be elective, three from the East Side, three from the West Side and one from the territory outside the city limits comprised within the municipality of the Port of Portland.

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These are among the amendments to the charter of the Port of Portland which have been prepared by the legislative sub-committee of the committee of 56, appointed at a mass meeting in the Armory to delve into the efficial acts of the Port Commission. They will come up for discussion at a meeting of the whole committee to be held at the offices of M. G. Munly in the Wells-Pargo building, tenight.

Collusion Is Hit At.

The sub-committee has also drafted a separate measure providing that any person or firm found guilty of collustre of the person or firm found guilty of collustre of the person or firm found guilty of collustre of the person of firm for the firm of the firm of the public work within the state. This bill was suggested by the findings of Judge Cieland, in which he declared that Robert Wakefield & Co. and other bidding on the public drydock in 1905 and that as a result, the municipality of the Port of Portland had been defrauded of upwards of \$50,000.

The amendment relating to public contractors was suggested by the fact that C. F. Swigert, a member of the Port Commission, is in the contracting huminess, and is now engaged in work for the tity of Portland.

The proposed amended draft of the Port charter will also provide for the handling of Port funds as those of the kily are handled and for the selection by the Commission upon organization, of a treasurer, who shall receive a salsub-committee has also drafted

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Bankers Not Eligible.

It is probable that there will be also added to this a provision that no banker or member of a banking firm shall be eligible to the office of treasurer. The city charter provides that bids stating what rate of interest will be paid on balances must be submit-ted before April I of each year and, in suggesting the adoption of the city system of handling funds, the com-mittee wishes to obviate as far as possible the chance of collusion. The city charter provides that in event no bids are received, funds shall remain with the City Treasuror, that official being allowed the right to deposit the

oney as he sees fit. This was suggested by the fact that F. Adams, of the Security Savings Trust Company, is at present a mem-er of the Port Commission. Members of the committee declars, however, that there is no intention to particularly reflect on Mr. Adams or any of his official acts.

Among the amendments is one delegaing to the City Auditor the task of making a monthly audit of the books of the Port Commission. At present, the auditing is done by unofficial experts specially employed by the Coin-

Citizens Given Right.

Another amendment which is pro-posed gives to any citizen the right to institute legal action to recover for the Port of Portland any money which may have been Elegally expended. Section 23 of the present charter of the Port states, that suit may be brought on behalf of the Port by any Commis-stoner thereof and does not specifically delegate the right to bring such suit

to any other person.

It has not yet been clearly determined at what time the Commissioners should come up for election, but sentiment is in favor of the selection of the dates of the general city elections. The legislature, which convenes next menth, will be asked to relieve all the present members of the Port of Portland Commission of their duties and appoint successors to hold office until such time as an election has been held.

Affidavit Will Be Read.

An affidavit of Capiain Peterson, master of the ship Jane L. Stanford in which it is declared that C. F. Biain, manager of the Oregon Drydock Company, took the job of repairing that ship away from the public deck by offering to do the work at 15 per cent less, will be read at tonight's meeting. Appended to the sworn statement is the original contract signed by Captain

In his affidavit, Captain Peterson says In his aftidavit, Captain Peterson says that his ship had been partially unbeaded at the Public drydock when Captain Blain offered to do the work at the reduced rates and in addition, assume all transportation charges to and from the public dock, prepare the keelblocks to fit the vessel and allow the free use of traveling cranes in handling the material used in the repair work. These statements are confirmed by the agreement bearing what firmed by the agreement bearing what is said to be the signature of Captain

DEATH PIT NOT DAMPENED

Survivors of Mine Disaster Say Sprinkling Was Unknown.

TRINIDAD, Coio., Dec. 14 .- Six Slav TRINIDAD, Coio., Dec. 14.—Six Slav miners, all of whom were employed at the Delagus mine of the Victor American Fuel Company at the time the explosion which killed 19 men occurred, today instiffed at the Coroner's inquest that they had never seen any sprinkling done in the mine and that great quantities of dust had accumulated prior to the explosion.

This testimony was at variance with that of other witnesses who testified

that of other witnesses who testified that the mine had been kept well

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OREGON ELECTRIC SECURES RIGHTS TO STREETS.

Connection Will Be Made With United Railways, Giving Two Lines Through Connections.

Granting of a franchise to the Oregon Electric Railway for a line on Salmon street from Front to Tenth and along Tenth street to Flanders was one of the more important acts of the Council at its meeting yesterday morning. The road, it is understood, will be constructed immediately and will connect with the United Railways and afford through service over both roads. Both the Oregon Electric and the United Railways

ong to the Hill interests. When asking for the franchise the Ore-Electric wanted to run its cars along the new route without stopping along the new route without stopping to ta je on or let off passengers. This aroused the opposition of property owners on Salmon and Tenth excets and before the Council committee having the franchise in charse would approve the ordinance it was necessary for the company to compromise with the residents of the two atreets. It was finally agreed that stops should be made at certain claces and thus the franchise as amended was passed by the Council yesterday atthout a negative vote.

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portunce which was brought before the Council yesterday was the request of City Attorney Grant for an additional clerk for the Municipal Court. Mr. Grant's request was referred to the committee on judiciary and elections.

It was explained by Mr. Grant in his communication on the matter to the Council that his deputy at the Municipal Court could not find time to prepare each day complaints against prisoners held for trial, owing to the amount of work on his hands. This fallure on his part to get the necessary complaints prepared each day often kept people in jail an extra day before their cases were heard. The work of the deputy clerk will be largely the preparation of these complaints. Last year, Mr. Grant stated, there was an average of 26 cases a day heard in the Municipal Court.

\$1000 GIVEN OLD VARSITY "Owl of Wall Street" Sends Willamette Check for Maintenance Fund.

SALEM. Or., Dec. 14.-(Special.)-President Homan, of Willamette University, is recipient of a check for \$1000 from Henry Clews, "The Owl of Wall Street," to be used toward the maintenance fund of

the University. Plans are underway to beautify the University campus and improve the athle-The following men have been named to take that work in charge: A. F. Flegel, president; Paul Blanchard, rhos-president; Errol Gilkie, secretary, and Wesley Beckley, treasurer.

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SHURTLEFF COLLECTING IDEAS FOR BIG CONFERENCE.

Secretary of National Organization Says Object Is to Plan Big Cities and to Stop Congestion.

Flavel Shurtleff, Jr., of Boston, secretary of the National Conference on City Planning, has been in the city several days, conferring with the city officials regarding legal procedure of acquiring property and making public improvements. Information gathered here and in other cities in the United States by Mr. Shurtleff will be presented at the next conference, to be held in Philadelphia, for the enlightenment of delegates attending the meeting. "The National Conference on City Planning," said Mr. Shurtleff, last night, "is the outgrowth of a meeting of the committee on congestion of pop-ulation of New York, in Washington, D. C. in 1403.

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"The annual conference is intended to be a clearing-house, so to speak, of ideas concerning civic improvement. It is a meeting where civic experts may be heard.

"My special mission on this trip is to get information about the legal process of acquiring property, although I am much interested in street improvement. To relieve congestion it has been found necessary in many cities to

widen business thoroughfares at great widen business thoroughfares at great expense, and our idea is to build cities with an eye to the future. Many cities have also undertaken the establishment of a civic center, a very important matter in civic affairs. Portland will have its share of problems to contend with, as well other cities, and to give each city the benefit of a general plan of improvement is the purpose of the organization."

LOGGERS CLOSING CAMPS

Many Sawmills Near Columbia River Are Running on Short Time.

Logging campa tributary to the Columbia River are generally shutting down for the Winter, and a number of sawmills are running on short time. The Twin Falls Logging Company, which has its camp at Yacolt, Wash, will shute down today and will not resume until early in March of later. Operations cannot be started until the snow is gone, and after last Winter's suspension, work was not commenced until April.

Among the camps that already have closed for the Winter are the Wisconsin Logging & Timber Company, at Oak Point, Wash.; the Benson Logging Company, near Clatekanie, Or.: the Deep River Logging Company, across the river from Astoria, and Jennings & McRae, at Marshfield, Or.

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Other camps either have shut down or will do so soon. The demand for logs is small, as most of the mills are cleaning up surplus stocks and are cutting little new lumber. In some of the log-ging camps it is a physical impossibility

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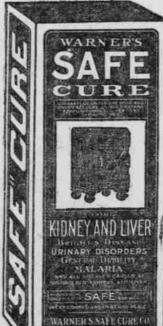
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