

ASSERTS ITS RIGHT TO STREETS

Inman-Poulsen Company Says It Must Close if Injunction Is Enforced.

LEGAL STATUS REVIEWED

Contention Is That Throughfares in East Portland Never Were Dedicated—City's Good Faith Is Attacked.

If the city succeeds in forcing the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company to stop using the streets in the vicinity of its mill, as it is now trying to do, the plant must close, at a loss of \$2500 to \$3000 a day, throwing out of employment a large number of men, according to an affidavit that Johan Poulsen, one of the members of the firm, filed yesterday in the Circuit Court.

Temporary Truce Declared.

It was determined yesterday by consent of the city that the company may continue to operate its mill until the case is settled, on condition that no fences shall be placed so as to enclose the city's streets.

Since November 24, 1908, the city has been endeavoring to force the company to remove its lumber from the streets surrounding the mills and at present there are 11 complaints against the company in this regard. Mr. Poulsen, in his affidavit, gives the history of the use of the streets and contends that his company is legally entitled to them.

Place Once Ball Park.

Before the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company became the owner of the land the place, including the streets in the present controversy, was used as a baseball park and was enclosed by a fence.

When the company took possession of the land, it was assumed by Mayor Stewart, of the city, that the city would never want the streets, and Councilman Hardy was sent by the Mayor to Mr. Poulsen to ask that the street mill planned to be constructed be placed on the east side of the river. It was only with the assurance made to the company at that time by the officials of East Portland, Mr. Poulsen says, that the company was induced to place the mill in its present situation.

Good Faith Assailed.

The chief plea made by Mr. Poulsen to the court is that no restraining order be issued to prevent the use of the street for the piling of mill products.

In one paragraph Mr. Poulsen attacks the city's good faith by declaring that it garbled the wording of a petition filed by the company for vacation of the streets and supposed to be copied into the city's complaint. Mr. Poulsen declares that the petition was not like that presented by the city and that it was simply in the form of a compromise.

Courthouse Notes.

Patrick Twohey filed suit yesterday against the United Railway Company for \$5000 for damages he alleges he received February 9, when a handcar, on which he was riding while being employed by the company, was overturned by a second handcar and both were thrown from the track.

ELIGIBLE LIST WANTED

Municipal Service Commission to Order Examinations Soon.

Secretary Tupper, of the Municipal Service Commission, was instructed yesterday afternoon to prepare a list of all necessary examinations and of positions now being filled by temporary appointment. When this is completed the commission will order examinations and will endeavor to furnish lists of eligibles for all places in the classified service.

SEATTLE HALTS FIGHTS

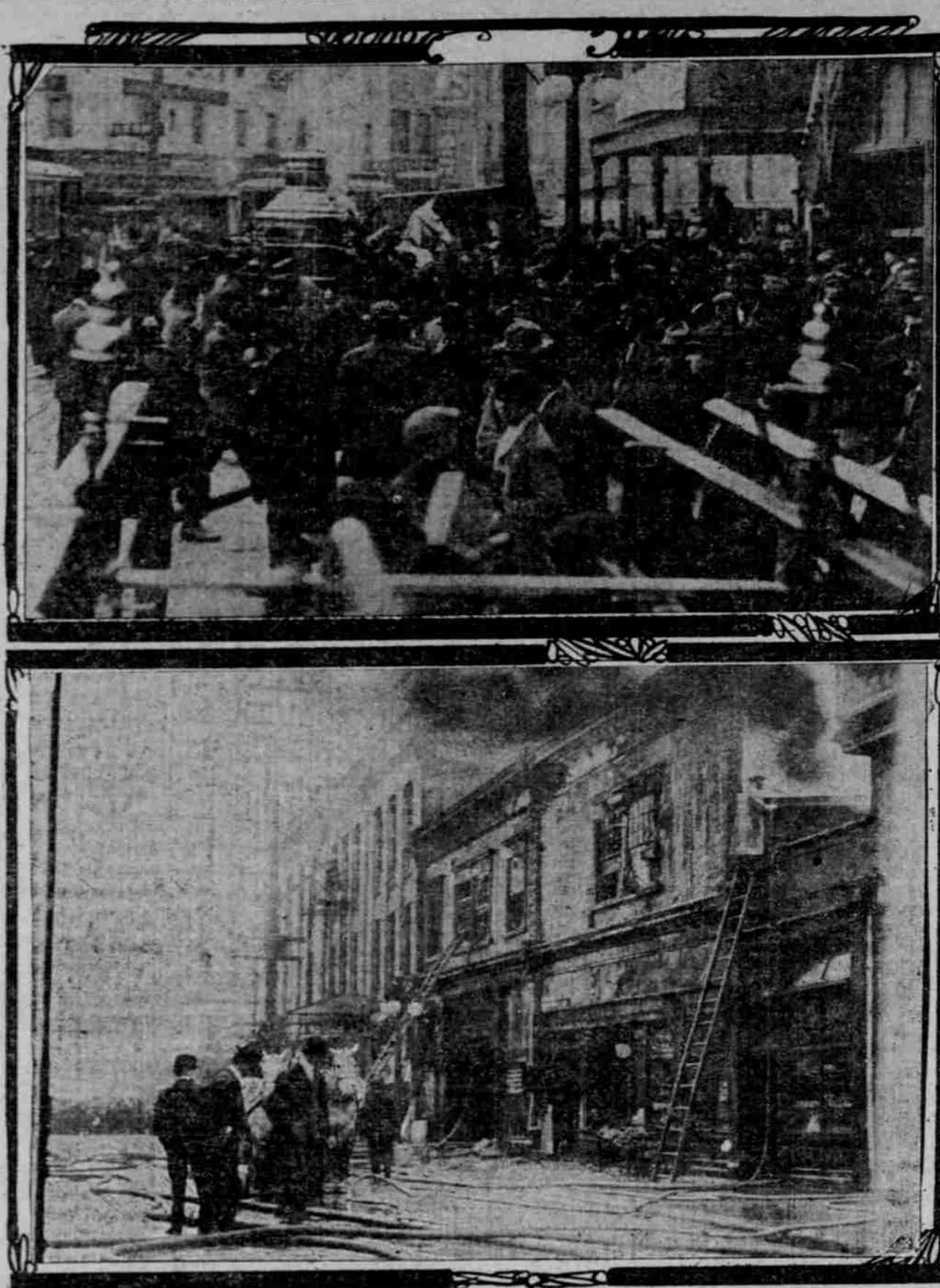
New Chief Blocks Athletic Clubs' Advertised Contests.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—Chief of Police Bannick today forbade the holding of two widely advertised prize-fights by so-called athletic clubs. A policeman at the head of one of the clubs was told to leave the boxing business of the police force.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. R. Bryson, an attorney of Eugene, is at the Cornells. Rev. George F. Hopkins, of Dallas, is at the Lenox. B. E. Carrier, a merchant of Salem,

SCENES AT BURNSIDE-STREET FIRE, WHICH STARTED FROM ACT OF CARELESSNESS.



ABOVE, PART OF CROWD THAT GATHERED ABOUT FIRE—BELOW, SINNOTT ESTATE BUILDING, WITH CORNER OF HISTORIC BUILDING, ONCE USED AS CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN RIGHT FOREGROUND.

MATCH STARTS FIRE

Act of Carelessness Causes Damage of \$20,000.

SINNOTT BUILDING GOES

Noon Patrons of Restaurant Flee, Leaving Food on Counter—Damage Beyond Amount Law Allows for Repairs.

Damage estimated at \$20,000 was done by the careless dropping of a match in the cleaning establishment of Richman & Company, 253 Burnside street, shortly after noon yesterday, causing an explosion of gasoline, and starting a conflagration which involved half a dozen business houses before it was extinguished. Most serious damage, all from water and smoke, was done to the clothing establishment of Bowman Bros. at the corner of Third and Burnside streets, while the old Blazer saloon, 23 Burnside street, was flooded and several smaller shops were gutted.

A man unknown to the management, entering the cleaning establishment with some clothing, is supposed to have started the fire by dropping a match after lighting a cigarette. Puffs of gasoline at once caught fire and the blaze ran with great rapidity to the upper part of the building. Direct damage from the flames was confined to the room in which it started, the Blazo Restaurant at 23 Burnside street, the pawnshop of J. Keller at 29 Burnside street, and the rooms overhead. The blaze for a time threatened the whole block.

Bowman Brothers carried a stock inventory at \$20,000, all of which is destroyed and damaged. The Minnesota second-hand store at 12 Third street, was flooded and its stock was badly damaged. Noon patrons were at the counter in the Blazo Restaurant and fled, leaving their half-eaten meals on the counter. In the Blazer saloon and the rooms overhead, once a notorious gambling-house, the water ruined everything and it stood deep on the saloon floor.

North End loungers, of whom hundreds are always to be seen in the vicinity, turned to with a will and assisted the firemen in getting hose to the top of the adjoining buildings. Several hundred bystanders were well soaked.

All the real property affected by the fire is owned by the Sennott estate and the building probably will be set down as a total loss, as it is believed to have been damaged beyond the limit of repairs allowed within the fire limits. It is well insured.

The block, occupied by Bowman Brothers, at the southeast corner of Third and Burnside streets, formerly was a Catholic Church and is one of the oldest structures in the city. For many years it stood at the northeast corner of Third and Stark streets, facing the Chamber of Commerce. It was removed to the present site 25 years ago and was fitted up as a store building. It is not materially damaged by the flames.

INFORMER SHIFTS BLAME

Member of Auto Party Accuses Companion, Who Is Held.

By assisting the officers in finding John Whitley, his companion in a late night raid on a North End resort, in which a revolver was stolen, Arthur West, son of an East Side saloonkeeper, escaped prosecution in Municipal Court yesterday morning, while Whitley was held to answer to the grand jury on a charge of attempting to commit larceny.

West, Whitley and several others entered the house of Freda York, on Davis street, demanding something to drink. The woman alleged that one of them stole the revolver from a bureau drawer. Sergeant Wanless chased the marauders in an automobile and overtook West, who was arrested. He denied knowledge of the theft, and the blame was transferred to Whitley.

and Mrs. Carrier, are staying at the Lenox.

J. M. Skrable, of Pendleton, is registered at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Manning, of Newberg, are at the Perkins.

S. J. Peck, a merchant of Lexington, Wash., is at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wood, of Elma, Wash., are staying at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hurley, of Baker, are staying at the Portland.

Fred Stimmington, a merchant of Astoria, is registered at the Cornwell.

John E. Grabe, editor and publisher of the Astoria Daily Budget, is at the Imperial.

G. W. Johnston, a banker of Dufur, and Mrs. Johnston are staying at the Cornwell.

C. H. Grunwald, proprietor of the McCallen Hotel at Roseburg, is registered at the Oregon.

J. S. Schenk, a business man of the Dalles, and Mrs. Schenk are staying at the Portland.

L. G. Wilson, who is engaged in the coal mining business at Centralia, Wash., is at the Oregon.

J. D. Burke, president of the Boston Savings & Trust Company, and his family are staying at the Seward.

G. J. Gedding, secretary and treasurer of the Hood River Milling Company, of the Columbia River, is registered at the Portland.

J. L. Smiley, a salmon packer of Blaine, Wash., who formerly operated on the Columbia River, is registered at the Imperial.

R. N. Stanfield, who converted his sheep ranch in Umatilla County into a driving townsite by that name, is at the Imperial.

Fred Parrett, a prominent young man of Newberg, came to Portland for a bride, Miss Myrtle Young. Mr. and Mrs. Parrett are staying at the Lenox.

Phil Gevurtz, of I. Gevurtz & Sons, has returned from a four weeks' trip through the East, where he visited the big furniture factories in Chicago and Grand Rapids, Mich., and the carpet mills in Philadelphia.

William B. Hampton, of Los Angeles, president of the Pacific Coast Planning Mill Company, the Mercantile Box Company and of the Pacific Tank & Pipe Company at Kenton, is at the Seward.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Portland arrivals at the Palace Hotel today were: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mack, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nicolls, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Burns and Miss Anita Burns.

WOMAN IN AUTO ARRESTED

Motorcycle Patrolman Says Miss Albee Went 30 Miles an Hour.

First of women to be arrested in Portland for auto-speeding, Miss Irene Albee, daughter of State Senator Albee, living at 672 Hancock street, will appear in Municipal Court this morning to answer a charge of speeding down Hawthorne avenue Tuesday afternoon at the rate of more than 30 miles an hour. Miss Albee was intercepted by Patrolman Sims of the motorcycle squad, who, as gallantly as possible, told the young woman she was under arrest.

MAN MAKES CONFESSION

Prisoner Says He Didn't Intend to Shoot Conductor Reader.

COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Sheriff G. B. Carter arrived in Colfax with John W. Burns, who made a confession of the shooting of Dining Car Conductor D. L. Reader at Lewiston Junction, in Western Whitman County, Monday night. Burns gives his age as 23 and says he was worked at La Grande, Or., and has been in the West six years. His father and mother live on a farm in Marshall County, Indiana, near Werten and Tyler. He says he was drunk and very hungry. He crossed Snake River and saw the dining-car on a siding. He broke a window and was in the act of getting something to eat when Reader pushed the door against him and said, "What are you doing here?"

WOMAN SAVES HUSBAND

Chinese Wife Deflects Revolver While Spouse Seeks Safety.

A lively little Chinese woman prevented the murder of her husband at St. John's yesterday morning, when Charles Moy, another Chinese, pointed a big 44-caliber revolver at the head of W. Jower, a Chinese merchant, and told him he was no longer his friend and that he was going to kill him. Mrs. Jower jumped in and pushed the revolver away, while Jower ran out the back door. When Jower was in the Peninsula Bank later, Moy again attempted to shoot him, but was arrested. The trouble arose over money, Jower having indorsed Moy's note.

KLAMATH GRAND JURY BUSY

True Bills Returned Against Alleged Forgers in Hour.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Two true bills were filed against alleged forgers by the Klamath County grand jury within less than an hour when it convened the first of this week. These were against F. E. Stanford, charged with forging a check for a small amount on a local business man, and the other was against Will Wilson for a similar offense. Several other cases, one of obtaining

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BILL FOR LIGHT STRIKING

Health and Building Departments of Washington Town Are Many Times as Expensive—Simon to Continue Economy.

It will cost about \$1,000,000 to operate the City of Portland for 1911 and figures just received by Mayor Simon show that Seattle is spending \$3,451,000. There are more departments in Seattle and all are operated with about twice as many employees as in Portland and salaries are considerably higher on the average.

A striking feature is that, while Seattle owns its lighting plant, it pays more than \$200,000 for its electric illumination, while Portland's bill for light furnished by private corporation is \$121,000, in round numbers. Portland's police force is costing \$250,000 this year, while in Seattle the appropriation for the peace department is \$425,645, the outlay for salaries being \$230,000 and the cost of supplies \$35,965. The number of employees is nearly double that of the local force.

Fire Protection Costly.

That fire departments are expensive everywhere is shown by the fact that Seattle's fire protection is costing that city this year \$666,307, while Portland's fire department has an appropriation of \$221,200. This is the most active time in the history of Portland in the extension of this branch of the service.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the bill is that the health department of Seattle has this year a total of \$469,500 as against Portland's \$11,000. Seattle's building department has an allowance of \$149,253, while Portland's building department has an appropriation of \$7,068, and Portland is undergoing great activity in this line of industry just now.

The Seattle street and sewer department has an appropriation of \$49,289, while Portland's makes up the sum along this year with a total of \$34,000 for the operation of the departments corresponding to these, which are all under the City Engineer's jurisdiction. Seattle's City Engineering department has an allowance of \$27,188. Incidentally, City Engineer Thomson, of Seattle, receives \$100 a year, while Portland's engineer receives \$200.

In Seattle the corporation counsel corresponds to Portland's City Attorney, and his salary is \$4800 a year—the sum Portland pays the Mayor. The total payroll of the legal department in Seattle is \$23,000; Portland's is \$19,663. Mayor Simon declares that the policy of holding down expenses and in curtailing every item consistent with good management is the only one to pursue if the taxpayers are to receive due consideration.

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Between Fifth and Sixth

St. Louis Gets Convention. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 15.—St. Louis will be the next meeting place of the Religious Education Association, the directors decided today. The new president of the Association is Chancellor James H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University.

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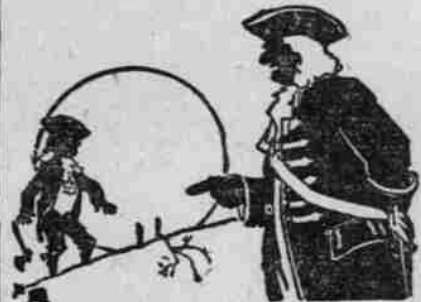
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