TORRID SUN PLAYS PRANKS AT BRIDGE

Crowds Crossing Hawthorne Structure Delayed by Expansion of Steel.

CAR TRACKS ARE USELESS

Hot Rays of "Old Sol" Force Whole Span Westward, Necessitating Calling of Firemen to Contract With Water.

Hawthorne bridge, only recently completed, was out of commission for an hour and 22 minutes yesterday afternoon. The hot sun expanded the steel framework and the streetcar tracks until the lift span overlapped the west approach, making it impossible to lower the lift into place. Several members of the fire department were called for, and, attaching a hose to the nearest hydrant on the west approach, sprayed the cold water over the steel for a hour before it had contracted sufficiently to allow the draw to settle into

In the meantime streetcars loaded with passengers lined the bridge approaches on each side. C. J. Franklin, general superintendent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, was notified of the situation, and went at once to the bridge in his auto-

When it was seen that the bridge could not be lowered into place for some time, passengers on the cars were given transfers, and allowed to cross the bridge on foot, the cars at either end turning back as soon as they received a load. As all the cars routed over this bridge are of the broad guage construction, it was impossible to route them over any other bridge, as would have been done had any one of the other bridges been out of commission. It is estimated that during the time the bridge was useless about 5000 per-sons were inconvenienced. Cars to the suburban districts carried exceptionally suburban districts carried exceptionally heavy loads yesterday afternoon, as the weather was fine, and many took the opportunity to spend the day in

the open air. Steamer Squeezes Through

It was 2:30 o'clock when the steamer Wentworth, with a tow of logs for one of the mills above the Hawthorne bridge whistled for the draw. Bridge Foreman Harry Stutzman had expected trouble with the bridge if the day continued warm and about noon, no steamera having passed through for several hours, raised the draw to see if it was operating properly. He found it to work freely. But when he started to raise the lift span at 2:30, he says the strain upon the two 120-horsepower motors was severe. He found the lift span to be tightly wedged between the two towers. There was no delay, however, to the steamer, although in pulling the lift span out of the saddle Foreman Stutzman says either the flooring or the steel of the west approach was raised about an inch.

At 3:50 the span was lifted again for the steamer Wentworth on her return trip down stream. After she had passed through it was found that the cold water thrown upon the bridge by sufficiently so that the lift went into the saddle. The firemen continued to pour water on the bridge for about half

Bridge Man Suggests Fire Plugs.

"If we are to have this sort of thing every hot day this Summer," said Su-perintendent Franklin, "I believe it would be a good idea to have fireplugs put in on the approaches at each end of the lift span. It might be a good idea anyway, for they had to call out the fireboat while the bridge was being constructed to quench a fire burn-ing in the woodwork. A fireplug would

This is the third time this year we have been held up this way, and noth-ing seems to have been done about it The first time was about two weeks ago. A week ago yesterday the bridge was out of commission for 15

Foreman Stutzman lays the blame for the trouble with the bridge upon Waddell & Harrington, the engineers who drafted the plans. Drake C. O'Reilly, president of the United Engineering & Construction Company, With about 200 passengers and a With about 200 passengers and a likewise lays the blame upon the engineers. We allowed the amount of space in the expansion joints that the plans called for," he said, "and if this is not sufficient it is the fault of the engineers. However, it is a matter which can be easily remedied in a few which can be easily remedied. hours. It simply means that the plates at the expansion joints must be cut to

allow more room,"
Mr. Stutzman said that the ordinary rule is to allow two inches for expan-sion where seven hours of heat at 80 degrees are to be counted upon. This two inches, he said, must be allowed upon every 250-foot span. He says not more than three-fourths of an inch was allowed upon each of the east side spans and that one and one-fourth inches was allowed for expansion at each end of the draw.

Car Tracks Snap Out.

"With only three-fourths of an inch allowed on each side of the six 250-foot spans of the east approach," he one span crowds upon another, until the whole bridge is forced west-ward. The hot sun beating upon the west approach this afternoon forced that over too, so that I had difficulty in lifting the draw out of the saddle when the Wentworth whistled for the draw at 2:36. I found the lift span to be jammed between the two towers. "The pressure relieved, the car tracks on the west side snapped out past the span as it went up, so that it was im-possible to lower it again. Before the fremen commenced playing the water the streetcar tracks overlapped each other about an inch. If the 78-degree weather of today prevented the operation of the bridge we shall probably have this difficulty throughout the Summer, unless the expansion joints are attended to."

Mr. O'Reilly seemed to think it would not be necessary to cut away more than a half inch at the joining of the lift span with the west approach, al-though he said he did not make a careful inspection of the entire bridge yes terday to determine what the condition of all the expansion joints was.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson of Medford are at the Portland.

Dr. and Mrs. W. & Cusick of Salem
were in Portland over Sunday.

N. J. Sinnott, of The Dalles, State bark.

Senator for Wasco County, is at the

C. W. Dewey, an orchardist of Whit Salmon, is in the city. Judge McBride, of the State Suprem Court, was in Portland yesterday. Leo Wise, a merchant and interested in the Centennial project of Astoria, was in Portland yesterday.

J. L. Cox, of Seattle, connected with the livestock business of Oregon and Washington, is at the Imperial for a

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pearson of Rose-burg came to Portland to spend their honeymoon. They occupied a suite at the Imperial.

W. W. Wheeler, of Des Moines, Ia., who is interested heavily in lumber mills at Chehalis and Centralia, Wash., is in the city on business. C. L. Fitch, of Independence, a hop

buyer, is in the city on his way to Utica, N. Y., where he will visit rela-tives. Mr. Fitch came to Oregon 20 tives. Mr. Fitch came to Oregon 20 years ago without a dollar. He now owns 1000 acres and is wealthy.

William K. Lowrie, attorney for the Willow River Land & Irrigation Company, 23 miles west of Vale, is at the Portland. Mr. Lowrie for years was a prominent attorney in Chicago and may decide to make Portland his home.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 23 .- (Special.)-Northwest travelers at hotels here are: W. C. Stay, at the Congress; G. H. Car-nahan, at the Grand Pacific; E. N. May, at the Welington; E. Jacobson, at the

LINER ATTRACTS MANY

PASSENGERS BOOK ON LUCERIC FOR TRIP TO ORIENT.

Steamer and Four Others to Enter Far East Trade-Chinese Crew Mans Big Craft.

Applications are already being made for berths on the steamer Luceric, which will take the first direct passengers in several years from this port to the Orient.

Captain James Mathie, commanding the Luceric, said yesterday that it was the intention of the Waterhouse Com-pany, which will operate the Luceric and four other vessels from Portland to the Orient, to enlarge their passen-

ger accommodations if it is found that the traffic demands it. Nearly all day yesterday the Lucerto Nearly all day yesterday the Luceric was visited by persons who had heard of the new steamer. They were shown the salon and many inspected the well-equipped staterooms. While the Luceric is able to accommedate only 20 first class passengers, the vessel can take 400 in the steerage. The state-rooms are large and comfortable and the salon is of the most modern arrangement, having a modern fireplace among other unusual things for a steamer salon.

The Luceric will be loaded and ready

The Luceric will be leaded and ready to sail for Puget Sound, where she will call on her way to the Orient, by Thursday evening. She will take a large load of flour and grain as well as lumber.

The Luceric is manned by Chinese Captain Mathle said yesterday that in many respects Chinese sailors are to be preferred to Caucasians. They are be preferred to Caucasians. They are willing, he said, and will accomplish more than the average white sailor. The only difficulty he experiences is his inability to talk directly to them. When the Chinese boatswain or some other Chinese who can interpret orders is not present it is not possible to tell the Chinese what is expected of them.

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The Luceric will shift today from Monigomery dock No. 2 to the Oceanic dock. To hurry the work of loading the lumber the vessel is to take will be brought on barges and loaded from the

LEAK FORCES BARGE BACK

Carondelet on Way Here Returns to San Francisco.

In a dispatch received yesterday by the Merchants' Exchange, the reason for the return of the barge Carondelet San Francisco Saturday, soon after had salled for Portland, was ex-lined. The barge had sprung a leak, and was forced to put back to escape sinking with a heavy cargo of cement.

The Carondelet was only five miles from shore when forced to turn back. Had it been farther from shore, it is believed it would have been impossible to save the barge, as it had five feet of water in the hold upon arriving at

Marine Notes.

The steamer Casco arrived yesterday from San Francisco with freight. She

After discharging her load of co-ment, consisting of 12,000 sacks, the steam schooner Yellowstone sailed last night for St. Helens to load lumber for

San Francisco. The steamer Breakwater will leave the Oregon Drydock, where she has been undergoing a general overhaul-ing, and return to her berth at the Alaska dock today.

The schooners King Cyrus and Ethel Vane are on their way from San Pedro to the Columbia River. The King Cyrus sailed Thursday and the Ethel Vane sailed Friday.

Movements of Vessels,

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PORTLAND, April 22.—Arrived—Steamer Beaver, from San Francisco; steamer Casco, from San Francisco; steamer Casco, from San Francisco. Salied—Steamer Rose City, for San Francisco. Salied—Steamer Rose City, for San Francisco. Salied—Steamer Rose Astoria. Or., April 22.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 5 P. M., amooth; wind, morthwest; weather, clear. Arrived at 4 and left up at 5 A. M.—Steamer Casco, from San Francisco. Salied at 7 A. M.—Steamer Temple E. Dorr, for San Francisco. Salied at 7 P. M.—Steamer Temple E. Dorr, for San Francisco. Salied at 1 P. M.—Steamer Temple E. Dorr, for San Francisco. Salied at 1 P. M.—and left up at 4:30 P. M.—Steamer Beaver, from San Francisco.

Sun Francisco. April 22.—Salied at 7 last night—Steamer Rearole, for San Pedro; barge Carontielet, which returned last evening had Eve feet of water in hild.

Ban Pedro, April 22.—Salied—Schooner Alvena, for Portland.

Astoria, April 22.—Arrived at 5 and left up at 4-Steamer Yosemite, from San Francisco. Salied at 7:20.—Steamers Dispatch. Rose City and W. S. Porter, for San Francisco. Salied at 7:20.—British steamship Inverting, for Australia.

Los Angeles, April 22.—Arrived—Bear, from Portland, Salied—C. H. Holmes, for Puret Sound.

Seattle, April 23.—Arrived—Steamer Cot. P. Uprake, from Bear, from Portland, Salied—C. H. Holmes, for Puret Sound.

Puget Sound.
Seattle. April 28.—Arrived—Steamer Col.
E. L. Drake, from San Francisco; steamer Argoll. from San Francisco; steamer Prince Rupert. from Prince Rupert: steamer Watson. from Tacoma.
San Francisco. April 23.—Arrived—Steamer James L. Higgins, from Fort Braggins of President from Coos Bay; Helen P. Drew, from Greenwood. Salled—Steamer Dalay, for Willapa; President, for Seattle; Tamalpais, for Astoria.

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Style Lecture by Linda Ross Wade Tuesday at 3 P. M., Auditorium, 4th Flr. Adm'n Free Standard Sewing Machines Sold on the Club Plan \$1 a Week-"Vudor" Porch Shades

Greater Olds, Wortman & King Store

For Today's Great Bargains in Women's Apparel See Sunday Papers Great Sale of Pure Food Groceries Today-See the Sunday Papers



THE BUILT-IN, PORCELAIN LINED WATER COOLER OF THE

Automatic Refrigerator

arates the food and ice chambers Food flavors cannot reach the water it contains. Filth cannot collect around it. It requires no extra consumption of ice, nor does it take up extra room. It is filled from the outside at the top of the Automatic Re-frigerator. The nickel-plated fancet is in front, out of the way of all harm. The ice chamber nor food chambers need not be exposed when either filling the cooler or drawing the water from it. It is absolutely sanitary and economical and its convenience is suggested by the illustration of the child procuring a glass of ice-cold water. Prices \$18.60 to \$54.

Silk Sale Begins This Morning \$1 Fancy Silks 59c | \$250 Foulards \$1.59 \$2 Fancy Silks \$1.19

25,000 yards, comprising practically our entire stock of fancy Silks, at prices never before offered in Pertland. All this season's purchases, in stripes, checks, printed warps, plaids; beautiful fancy jacquards in all the new colorings. The sale begins at 8 o'cleck this morning. The prices are so follows: 8 o'clock this morning. The prices are as follows: \$1.00 Silks, yard, 59c-\$1.50 Silks, yard, 89c \$1.25 Silks, yard, 69c-\$2.00 Silks, yard, \$1.19

Silks for June Brides

In this sale we will feature the fabrics best suited for the bride-to-be in June. Dainty sheer crepe-dechines, crystal crepes, Princess crepes, chiffon failles, etc., in dainty evening shades. The prices: 24-in. \$1.00 Silks, 71c-36-in. \$2.50 Silks, \$1.69 24-in. \$1.25 Silks, 89c-36-in. \$3.00 Silks, \$2.19 36-inch \$3.50 Silks, special during sale, yd., \$2.59

Garden Necessities

75c Long-Handled Shovels on sale for 59c 75c Long-Handled Spades price dat only 59c 75c Short-Handled Shovels priced only 59c 75c Long-Handled Shovels priced at only 59¢ 35c Lawn Rakes specially priced at only 22¢ 25c Garden Hoe at special low price of 20¢ \$3.50 Lawn Mower, specially priced \$2.90 \$1.00 Garden Hose Reel during this sale 85¢ \$6.85 Garden Hose, Nozzle, Couplings \$5.25

\$1.75 Foulards 98c

Our entire stock of bordered Foulards, the swellest silks shown this season. Patterns absolutely exclusive with us; not more than two patterns \$1.59 of any kind; our regular \$2.50 values at DOUBLE BORDERED FOULARDS, 36 ins. wide, very rich pattern effects. The reigning fabric for Summer wear. Have been sold right along 98c at \$1.50 and \$1.75 a yard; special today at

\$1.25 Foulards 69c

In the silk store today, a sale of 9000 yards of our best patterns in Foulards and fancy Silks, suitable for your good street or evening dresses, waists, trimming, lining, etc. The best offering of the day. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, during this 69c sale special at the low price of only, the yd. 69c

Great Saving Sale Household Needs

Johnson's 50c Floor Wax now priced at 35¢ 50c Liquid Veneer specially priced at 35c 35c Fancy Waste Baskets on sale at only 19c 75c Enameled Tea Kettles at low price 55¢ \$1.00 Long-Handled Axe at the low price 79¢ 90c Mail Boxes specially priced at only 65¢ 20c Rug Beaters special for this sale at 15¢ \$2.75 Garbage Cans on sale for only \$2.25 \$1.20 Stepladders during this sale only 98¢



PORCH SHADES

There is more solid comfort to be derived from a "Vudor" Porch Shade than from any investment you can make. They look neat, are handily adjusted and last a long time. With two or three of these shades you can transform your lower porch into a Summer parlor, or your upper porches into bedrooms. We have them in all sizes. Priced very reasonable. See these shades.

POLITICIANS ARE

Press Club's Breakfast for Officials and Candidates Big Success.

MENU HIGHLY SEASONED

Rigid Inquisition by Newspaper Men Furnishes Many Laughs for Merry Throng-"Uxtry" Frying Pan Makes Hit.

Municipal officeholders, present and respective, received a thorough wellne-on-both-sides grilling at the breakfast given by the Portland Press Club at the Portland Hotel yesterday. The affair was limited to the members of the club and men prominent in Portland municipal life. It was a complete suc-

Costumed as a chef. D. O. Lively, assisted by C. B. Merrick and Sydney B. Vincent, president of the club, presided as master of ceremonies and saw to it that the menu was properly broiled and

highly seasoned.
"Today we are hosts to a group of gentlemen who, perhaps, have not yet attained Nation-wide reputations, but I am told some of them at least have hopes," said President Vincent. "At any rate, they have considerable local prom-inence, either by reason of what they already have done to the dear people. With about 200 passengers the large consignment of freight, the large consignment of freight, the steamer Rose City sailed yesterday if given the opportunity. Mr. Dannello of Connell Liv-ely will be the great Tyee.

> well as candidates for office were subjected to severe questioning in one case as to their official acts, and in the other as to what they would do if they were given a chance. Following these inquisitions, each candidate was allowed two minutes in which to speak and tell something of his official work and why he desired to serve the public. But in no case did a candidate get very far. He was repeatedly inter-rupted with pertinent questions from the newspapermen.

Ellis Is Joshed.

Joseph T. Ellis, Councilman from the Tenth Ward, was assigned to a table by himself. Over his head was suspended a banner bearing the inscription "King of the Ananias Club." Ellis bore his full share of the good-natured jokes and criticisms of the newspapermen.
Introducing Arthur A. Schell as a seer
of superior ability, Mr. Lively, Tyee of
the "jinks," and Schell indulged in the

following dialogue at the expense of "Who discovered the North Pole?" "Dr. Cook and Councilman Ellis."
"How is it you associate Mr. Ellis with Dr. Cook in the discovery of the.

Pole?" "Because Ellis is a bigger liar than Dr. Cook."
"Who told you so?"

"Seneca Fouts."
Observed in the hotel corridors, W. T.
Vaughn, ex-Councilman from the Tenth
Ward, was haled into the dining-room. where he explained his presence by saying "he heard a noise and dropped in to see what was going on." He was then given the same prescription other victims had received and in a moment of seriousness declared that he had no declared that he had no doubt of his ability again to be elected to the Council if he so desired.

"Uxtry" Is Issued.

When the guests had seated them-Tamaipais, for Astoria

When the guests had seated themselves, several newsboys entered the dining-room with an "uxtry" edition of "The Prying Pan," a miniature newsboys entered the dining-room with an "uxtry" edition of "The Prying Pan," a miniature newsboys entered the dining-room with an "uxtry" edition of "The Prying Pan," a miniature newsboys entered the dining-room with an "uxtry" edition of "The Prying Pan," a miniature newsboys entered the dining-room with an "uxtry" edition of the candidates. Counts will be made at intervals.

Land in Hohemia is becoming too dear fast. "Graft (not) in Council" was the display line of the first page. The paper was filled with bright paragraphs of a for agriculture.

muckraking nature, directly involving the invited guests and their relation to municipal affairs. It also included an alleged interview with Lincoln Steffens.

alleged interview with Lincoln Steffens, the muckraker, who was quoted as refusing to make any investigation of municipal conditions in Portland for the reason there was nothing left to muckrake and conserve to the people.

During the festivities, Tyee Lively introduced George H. Thomas, candidate for Chief of Police. He proved to be a large negro. Postmaster Merrick refused to talk, explaining that the people of Portland had recently decreed that he should not work on Sunday.

A. L. Barbur and Edward M. Lance, rival Republican candidates for City Auditor, each told how highly he regarded the qualities of the other, which called for the remark from Chef Lively that both had qualified for membership in the Ananias Club.

in the Ananias Club.

During the breakfast the guests were entertained by a violin solo by Wilbur S. Schumacher, accompanied by Profes-

Many Candidates Present.

dates present. Councilman Rushlight being confined to his home by fliness, while Gay Lombard was called out of the city by the death of Mrs. Rebecca Tongue, mother of the late ex-Representative

A touch of sadness was given by the absence of John W. Kelly, a newspaper man who edited "The Frying Pan." Mr. Kelly's father, W. J. Kelly, died Satur-day, and the gathering extended a rising

vote of sympathy to the son.

Those present included: George L.
Baker, K. K. Kubli, M. J. Driscoll, James McCool, O. C. Merrick, Paul R. Kelty, Claude L. Simpson, George H. Thomas, J. Francis Drake, J. E. Werlein, Major J. P. Kennedy, George B. Cellars, E. L. J. P. Kennedy, George B. Ceitars, E. L.
Mills, A. L. Barbur, L. Samuel, J. J.
Jennings, Fred J. Brady, Edward M.
Lance, A. C. Callan, H. C. McAillister,
Dan P. Smythe, F. W. Bell, W. A. Robb,
Dr. Edward A. Marshali, Monroe Goldstein, John D. Mann, R. B. White, Frank
B. Berry, D. M. McDade, J. E. Reavis, Edward D. Williams, Frank M. Kelly, George K. McCord, J. Hennessy Murphy, W. T. Vaughn, C. R. Fones, James Cunningham, O. N. Ford. Louis A. Colton, Roscoe Fawcett, E. E. Brodle. Dr. Fred J. Ziegler, Dr. Calvin S. White, Frank J. Ziegler, Dr. Calvin S. White, Frank F. Toevs, George W. Kleiser, R. G. Callvert, Horace E. Thomas, C. H. Williams, Thomas Bilyeu, G. L. Bliven, D. O. Lively, C. B. Merrick, S. B. Vincent, Arthur A. Schell, W. T. Buchanan, William H. Galvani, Judge R. G. Morrow, C. C. Craig, J. T. Ellis, A. M. Wright, Lewis M. Head, Frank Coffinberry, Mark Woodruff, R. G. Turner, M. A. Aldrich, Will King, Ben T. Dillon, Max Michel, J. J. Folen, J. W. Branin, C. U. Michel, James V. Sayre, Louis Sandheim, Elwood Wiles, Hy Ellers, William H. Daly, wood Wites, Hy Ellers, William H. Daly, G. S. Allen, A. C. Wagner, William R. Lake, Willis M. Baum, J. W. Yarnall, John J. Harrison, G. B. Hovenden, G. E. John J. Harrison, G. B. Hovenden, G. E. Bradnack, Harry H. Pearce, LeRoy Park, Charles E. Chenery, A. C. Jackson, Wilbur S. Schumacher, George W. Hazen, Edward A. Beals, Arthur von Jessen, Clement W. Aseman, F. D. Morrison, George C. Cowing, E. J. Daly, Fred W. Vincent, J. C. Good and P. E. Sullivan. At the Press Club rooms, in the afternoon, Lew Dockstader's minstrel band rays a concert. gave a concert.

STUDENTS' AID DESIRED Principals to Be Consulted About

Help for Rose Show.

Secretary Osborne, of the Peninsula Rose Association, has sent invitations to the principals of the St. Johns schools, Portsmouth, Peninsula, Ockley Green, Thompson and Jefferson High School to meet with the association next School to meet with the association next Tuesday night in the fire hall in North Albina to consider organization of the children to assist in the collection of roses for the depot booths and for the rose shower. Prizes will be given the three schools which collect the largest number of roses. The committee on queen contest will

number of roses.

The committee on queen contest will start the voting in a few days. Boxes will be placed with business houses at the centers along the line of the St. Johns carline and at Kenton. No nominations will be made, but the candidates will be placed in the field by the several communities. The first ballots cast will

COREY MAY RESIGN

Chief Clerk and Secretary of State May Be Rivals for Nomination.

FRIENDS SUGGEST

Over a score of city officials or candidates for municipal office attended the breakfast. J. E. Werlein and George H. Thomas were the only Mayoralty candidates. The control of Minor Place Would Tend to Exclude Baker County Man From Race-Chance of Success Thought Good.

> It will not be surprising if H. H Corey, chief clerk in the Secretary of State's office, resigns that position as soon as Governor West's appointee as Secretary of State, Ben W. Olcott, becomes familiar with the office.

> There are good reasons for believing that Corey will quit his present position, although it pays about \$250 a month. It is known that both Governor West and Secretary of State Olcott would like to have Corey remain as chief clerk in that department during Olcott's administration. Olcott want Corey to remain, not alone because he is an efficient man, intimately acquainted with the duties of the office; there are also political rea-

> It is no secret that Olcott is playing the game to become the Republican nominee for Secretary of State next year to succeed himself. Corey's friends desire him to become a candidate for the same nomination. They argue that if Corey remains in the office as chief deputy, it will virtually put him out of the running as a candidate to succeed

Corey is 36 years old and before accepting his present position under Sec-retary of State Benson lived 25 years in Baker County. He was at one time a member of the Council of Baker and later served as deputy County Recorder. For the past two years he has vir-tually had charge of the office of Secretary of State. By reason of his long residence in Baker, Corey is a bona fide Eastern Oregon man, while Olcott's claim to a residence in that section of the state lies in the fact that he has extensive interests in the vicinity of Bend and Prineville, Crook County. Corey's friends say he has not reached a decision. He wants to be Secretary of State and believes he has a good chance to win the Republican nomination is next year's primary elec-tion. His friends contend that if he will quit the job he is now holding

PETITION FRAUDS CHARGED

and announces his candidacy for the office, he will not have any trouble

landing the nomination.

Paving Company's Men Pick Flaws

in Ellis' Signatures. Until the clerks in the City Auditor's office officially check over the Ellis street paving and billboard initiative petitions, it will not be known whether these measures will go on the ballot.
This work was begun Saturday and probably will be concluded this week.
Representatives of the paving companies have completed an examination of the measure providing for competition in street naving improvements. They in street paving improvements. charge that fully 50 per cent of the signatures are fraudulent. If this con-dition is found to be the fact from the official checking, there will not remain

the grand jury and probably will result

Rushlight, Ill, May Not Talk. Because of the illness of Councilman Rushlight, who was confined to his home yesterday, the prospect for a three-cornered discussion by the three Republican candidates for Mayor be-fore the streetcar employes at the Oaks tonight is not good. However, Mr. Lom-bard and Mr. Werlein expect to take advantage of the invitation of B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and

define their position on municipal ques-tions to the company's employes. Lance Holds Street Meetings.

Candidates for Mayor in this campaign no means exercise a monopoly over the right to address the voters. On the contrary the desire of candidates to tell the electors what they stand for has become epidemic, Edward M. Lance, who will contest with A. L. Barbur for the Republican nomination as City Auditor, has begun holding meetings on the street corners. Mr. Lance will continue this plan of urging his candidacy hroughout the campaign. Associated with Mr. Lance are warm personal friends who are conducting an aggres-sive campaign throughout the city.

CHANGE NOT DEMANDED

METHODISTS NOT TO FOLLOW NEW YORK LAYMEN.

Some in Oregon Favor Diocesan Bishops, but Would Not Abolish Superintendents. The action of the Methodist Lavmen's

Association of New York, a body without authority to enforce its opinions and purely of a social character, in proposing radical changes in the government of the Methodist Church is regarded in Portland as of no special significance. John Corkish, a well-known member of the Methodist Church in Portland, said yesterday that he thought it "amounted to nothing."
W. M. Owen, also a prominent member
of the church in Portland, agreed with
Mr. Corkish and said that there was about one chance in a thousand that the subject would be considered at the next conference.

The New York suggestion, as indorsed by the New York laymen, provided for a diocesan bishop, abolition of the district superintendents, personal supervision of appointments and laymen's representation at the annual district conferences. There has been considerable discussion of plans to secure closer relationship between the resident bishop and the church mem-bers of his own district. Bishop Smith, for example, is permitted only 30 days in Portland, because of his other du-ties. Some churchmen profess to re-gard the district superintendents as an unnecessary expense, but it is believed they will not be abolished for many

Mr. Owen and Mr. Corkish predicted that nothing would come of the New York resolutions. Dr. Benjamin Young said there was no such general move-ment in the church and he attached little importance to the resolutions. T. S. McDaniel, of 686 East Stark street, a leading Methodist, said that Oregon Methodists were inclined to favor the establishment of diocesan bishops. He did not understand, however, that there was a desire to abolish district superintendents, though there might be a wish to reduce their number and give them more authority.

Ridgefield Students Are Actors.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., April 23,-(Special.)—The Ridgefield High School presented the play "Mr. Bob" in the High School assembly room Friday. The house was crowded and about \$50 was cleared. The proceeds will be paid on a piano the school has recently purchased.

Clark County's Business Grows. VANCOUVER. Wash., April 23.— (Special.)—Court business in Clark official checking, there will not remain enough bona fide signatures to entitle the measure to go on the ballot.

Much evidence of irregularity in the signatures on this petition, including several apparent forgeries, has been found by the paving people. These facts will be presented to the attention of County is increasing at a rapid rate. The fees collected by W. S. T. Derr. County Clerk, from January 1 to April

PRUNE CROP IS BIG

Danger Point Is Passed and Much Fruit Is Setting.

GOOD PRICES PREDICTED

Owner of 160-Acre Orchard in Willamette Valley Thinks Growers Will Experience Best Scason in Many Years.

That prunegrowers this year will harvest the best crop and get the best price they have in many years was the rediction made yesterday by Robert Johnson, of Corvallis, Because his Italian prune orchard of 160 acres 's the largest in the country devoted to that single fruit under the ownership of a single individual, Mr. Johnson is known as the "Prune King." His or-chard is between Albany and Corvallis, the railway station Granger being on the property. The trees this year were pruned severely for the purpose of im-

proving the fruit. "The recent frost," said Mr. Johnson yesterday at the Imperial Hotel, "did no damage. The blossom period hus no damage. The blossom period has passed and the fruit is now being formed. The Oregon pruneralser, while not so numerous as he was a short time back, knows a great deal more than when the craze for prune planting struck the state. He has had some hard years of experience. The price has been low and the fruit has not always been of a superior grade, owing to lack of proper packing, as well as technical knowledge of the right kinds of trees to plant. There is as much science in the handling of a prune orchard as there is in promoting the apple, which Hood River has exploited so successfully. It has taken years to learn what to do. As a result. it is my prediction that Oregon prune growers will come into their own an will be foremost in profits in Oregon's fruit-growing industry. I expect to see the prune take precedence over the

the prune take precede apple within two years.

Poorest Are Weeded Out. "Fifteen or twenty years ago every-one in the Willamette Valley went stark crazy over prunes. It has taken a good share of that period to weed out the poorest of the raisers as well as orchards. As a result we have several

fine prune groves in the state.
"In consequence of the large number of people going to prune growing without proper training or knowledge, many orchards have been grubbed up and either converted into apple orchards or returned to general farming. Now there is a greater demand for prunes, while the supply is growing less. The supply this Fall will not begin to equal the Gemand. The Italian prunes of the Willamette Valley were sold last Fall of between 4 and 4½ cents, and this year I look for an advance of half a cent, to from 416 to 5 cents, and this means a good profit to

the grower.
"The crop is already assured, and I am confident the quality will be good. It happened that we had few cold rains this Spring, as we usually do. This fact, together with the warm weather we have had lately, has led to the rapid development of the fruit buds.

This is almost half the battle Green Fruit Market Widens.

"There is a feature of the marketing of the Italian prune that may have escaped general notice, and that is the sale of green prunes for shipment in refrigerator cars. There is a growing demand for this kind of fruit to be used in the East by the large preserv-ing houses. Orders have been given al-ready for several carloads, and it is apparent that there will be large ship-ments of green prunes. They are picked just as the color begins to show. They are delicious eating and are adapted to preserving of the highest type."