

Creation of Office of Superintendent of Properties Is Considered.

\$3600 SALARY SUGGESTED

Purchase of East Side Ground Pro posed-Three Teachers Resign. Armory to Be Engaged for Taxpayers' Meeting.

The office of Superintendent of Froperties to supervise the work of architects employed by the Board of Fouriers in purposed of the construc-tion of all new school buildings in Forliand, to see that repairs are made properly, and incidentally to relieve the School Board of the responsibility of countersigning requisitions, may be created scented.

created. The question was discussed at a meeting of the Board in the Tilford building resterday afternoon. The an-mal salary suggested for the proposed superintendent was \$3500, but as mem-bers of the Board did not think a com-petent man could be engaged at that figure. It is probable the salary will be fixed higher, if the office is created. H. C. Campbell, a momber of the Board, suggested that it is by eigning requisitions that the Board members keep in touch with work being done, and that it might be wise to continue doing this work. M. G. Munity and S. C. Beach sald they thought a \$3600 sal-ary inadequate.

Land Purchase Discussed.

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the chaspest. Mary Ward, first grade teacher at Shattuck School, resigned and Cather-ine Ridgley, of Arleta, was appointed to fill her place. Other resignations and appointments were: Eva Mulkey, fourth grade Ladd School, resigned; Elsis Koerber, of Brookiyn School, steetied to fill her place: Lois Yager, teacher of English at Stephens School, resigned; Mias Rose B, Fouts, of Walla Walla, elected to fill her place. F. E. Harrigan, teacher of mathematics, has been transferred from the Jefferson High School to the Lincoln High Nebool, O. E. Carr, a graduate of Al-legneny College, was elected to fill the place at Jefferson High School tem-porarity. Miss Maud Laughead will fill the place of Miss Ridgley at Arleta, and Miss Josephine O'Leary will take the fifth grade at Brookiyn School. Tor fear that it will be necessary to adjourn the tangayers' meeting Friday night to a larger place because of the heaved standards. Ward, first grade teacher at Mary

night to a larger place because of the heavy attendance, the Board decided to eugage the Armory. Although all the taxpayers in the district have the right to vote on the tax levy fixed by the School Board, from 20 to 200 usually use their vote

CIVIC COUNCIL WANTS CUT

ast their votes

sander of the Department of the Coumbia, with headquarters here, is not in command of the Western division in command of the western dramoto, with headquarters in San Francisco, during the temporary absence of the permanent commander, Major-General Murray. All officers of field artillery in the

Murray. Murray. All officers of field artillery in the Western division, including those in this post, whose services can be spared from their usual work, have been or-dered to attend service practice with heir organizations and during this practice leaves of absence will not be granted, except in cases of the great-service regiment, but who are attached to regiments to which the effect that all officers not regular-ty asigned to any regiment, but who are attached to regiments, will wear the insigned the regiments to which the model of the regiments of the free the free that all officers not regular-ty asigned to any regiment, but who are attached to regiments to which the insigned the regiments to which the free that all officers not regular-ty asigned to any regiments of the from the Philippine Islands to San From the Philippine, sare ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The First and Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The First at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The First at Fort Leavenworth for San Fran-cisco from the Philippines, are ordered to Fort Douglas. Utah, for station. Sergeant Frederick G. Oliver, of the for a month, will not be posted as ad-derester for a few days, during which time a streamous effort is being made to locate him or find his body. Ev-and bundred dollars reward has been afformed by different organizations for information leading to his return.

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GRAND JURY GETS CASE

SHERIFF TO TURN OVER EVI-DENCE IN HARVEY ACTION.

Clackamas County Official Confident That Slayer of Hill Family Will Be Captured in Time.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 27 .- (Spetot 1.-Sheriff Mass announced today that he would turn over what evidence he had in the case of Nathan E. Har-vey, the Milwaukle nurseryman, acquitted of having any connection with the slaying of the Hill family in Justice of

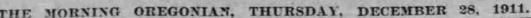
It is argued that the Sheriff has done all possible for any human being to do in trying to solve the case. "I am confident that the slayer of the Hills will yet be captured," con-tinued Sheriff Mass, "and I have by no means given up the fight. If Mr. Harvey is innocent I want that fact to be clearly shown. But as certain as the crime was committed the guilty person will be found, and I believe pun-ished." Ne complaint was filed today against

No complaint was filed today against T. F. Cowing, Jr., brother of Mrs. Hill, who fired two shots at Mr. Harvey in an altercation between them Decem-ber 1.

RELIGIOUS WORKER HERE John Dean, of Men's Forward Campaign, Has Conference.

John M. Dean, of San Jose, a mem-ber of the committee of 40 which is in charge of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, arrived in Portland yesterday from Seattle, and left last night for San Francisco. He was in conference neurly all day with church and Y. M. C. A. workers, arrangements

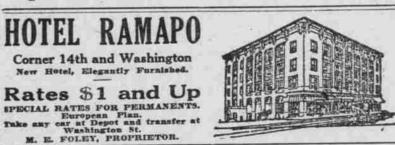
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Insuing been made for him by R. R. Perkins, religious work director of the Yerkins, religious work dis the Yerkins, religio lasuance of bonds and to have much of the work outlined for the future cared for by bonds as a means of re-leasing taxpayers from liquidating heavily at one time, representatives of the Civic Council will attend the an-nual meeting of the School Board Fri-day evening at & clock at the Lincoln High School

day evening at & a'clock at the Lincoln High School. The Council's committee on school resolutions, consisting of E. L. Mills, L. E. Latourette, J. II. Haak, Dr. Hamil-ton Meade, R. D. Merchant, O. G. Hughson and H. A. Ruble, will present three resolutions to the Board. One resolution provides that expenditures for buildings and property be raised through future taxation and that the Board provide for the payment of at least one-half of the projects by bond bewes and create a sinking fund for their redemption. Another resolution will provide for the reduction of the tax beys and that bonds not to exceed \$100,000 he issued to make up the de-ficiency in the estimate. The third ap-proves the school bill introduced at Releases in the estimate. The third ap-proves the school bill introduced at the last session of the Legislature, which provides, among other things, for the appointment of a commissioner of school property who is to be re-

et school property who is to be to seensible for the care and preserva-tion of holdings and the expenditure of funds for maintenance. Members of the committee complain that in the past they have been given no consideration at annual sessions, that the Board members have disre-garded earliamentary rules by moving to adopt a report and couple with it a motion to adjourn so the committee could not be heard at length. This, they say, has prompted them to draft resolutions in the hope of gaining consideration.

consideration. "As there is considerable money speet annually for school purposes, we want a business system," say the com-mitteemen. "The Board can negotiate in the interest of the school district for funds to carry on work without making it a drain on the taxpayers all are time, and interest would be from maarng it a drain on the taxpayers it one time, and interest would be from 415 to 5 per cent, while if amail prop-erty owners have to borrow to make up their tax payments they drive pay as high as 8 per cent. The assessed valuation of property in School Dis-trict No. 1 is 1280,000,000. The Board has estimated that from the tax levy as to will at 840 000 would be available. valuation of property in School Dis-trict No. 1 is \$1280,000,009. The Board has estimated that from the tax levy at \$ solls \$1.860,000 would be available. Now, on a tax levy of \$45 mills there would he \$1.305,000 accruing and on a bend issue of \$355,000 accruing and on a bend issue of \$355,000 the funds avail-able would be the same. "We do not care to conduct a lone-handed campaign. We have no greater interest than thousands of

greater interest than thousands of other taxpayers and for that reason ask that all who can attend the meet-ing, as it is highly important and we will have but one concentrat and we will have but one opportunity this

Army Orders Are Issued.

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VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., ro. 27.--(Special.)-Brigadier-General Den. 27.--(Special.)-Brigadier-General for rent or sale. Call at once. Sherman, Daniel H. Brush, not long ago com- Ciay & Co., Morrison at Sixth.

iam A. Brown. Dean is a member of the team. With them will be a guar-tet composed of Paul Gibbert. W. H. Metcalf, F. H. Keeler and Ed Peck.

FEE REDUCTION IS ASKED ONLY TWO ARE

Seaside Lumber Firm's Bondholder

Says Attorney's Pay Too Much

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 17.-(Special)-While no objections have been pre-sented to the recent foreclosure sale C. E. S. Wood's Short Form May Go on Ballot Despite Consolidation. of the plant and timber holdings of the defunct Seaside Lumber and Manufacdefined Seasing Lumper and Standing turing Company, a petition has been filed in the Circuit Court by A. Judson Sayre, one of the holders of bonds is-sued by the company, asking that the attorney's fees be reduced to 5 per cont of the sale price and that the compensation of the trustee be re-duced to \$500.

duced to \$500. Accompanying the pelition is an af-indavit from Robert Treat Platt, at-torney for the petitioner. In which Mr. Platt mays the attorney's fee of \$2000 for foreclosing the mortgage and the receiver's fee of \$2000 were fixed when it was supposed the company's prop-erty was worth \$180,000. The prop-erty sold for \$75,000, says the affi-davit, and 8 per cent of that amount or about \$1000, it is said, would be a reasonable fee. It adds that if the full amount of the fees asked is allowed nothing will remain from the sale for the benefit of the bondholders.

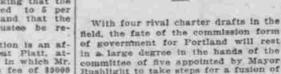
Only Fees Specifically Named in

Code Held Collectible.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27 .- (Special)-

fees" is a nullity, inasmuch as no pro-vision is made for them to collect such fees for the benefit of the county. The Supreme Court held in the Dunbar case along this line and the opinion of the Attorney-General's office is largely based on the opinion of that court.

A Steinway Piano



of government for Fortland will rea-in a large degree in the hands of the committee of five appointed by Mayor Rushlight to take steps for a fusion of the different charier drafts, to limit the number to be put to a vote. This committee will meet next Wednesday to consider plans for consideration of the define

SHERIFFS' RULING MADE

to consider plans for consideration of the drafts. A present there are but two drafts in the hands of the Council, the short form drawn up by C. E. 8. Wood, and the draft of the official charter com-mission, and the latter is the only one the consideration of the Council. When the people's commission, appointed by the East Side Business Men's League disgreed and dissolved at its final meeting Tuesday night, it was suggest-ed that the draft if had completed might be submitted informally under he aignatures of the Individual mem-best fororing it. W. C. Benbow, whose short draft brought about the disrup-tion of the commission, said he intend-ed to submit his charter yesterday in-formally, under his own signature and formally, under his own signature and to complete de the committee of five all yesterday, but will be filed in time to consideration next week. Mayor Urges Consolidation.

With Committee Named to

Try to Merge Plans.

Mayor Urges Unity-Wednes-

day Meeting Called.

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CHARTER DRAFTS' FUSION NEXTHOPE completed their work. Mr. Wood also filed a copy informally with the City Council. The Wood charter provides generally for the mere essentials of commission form of government, plac-ing the executive and administrative power with the Mayor and the legis-lative power with the Council. Fate of Proposed Laws Rests

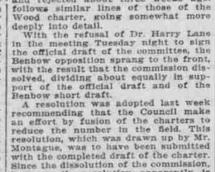
Initiative May Be Tried.

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cill is able to agree on fusion of the different charter drafts, it is still pos-sible for the supporters of the Wood draft in its original form to have it placed on the ballot as an initiative measure, as more than 7500 have al-ready signed for it. A. D. Cridge, a member of the people's commission, who came out last Tuesday night with the insurgents in favor of Benbow's draft, has been a strong supporter of the Wood charter and has been active in placing it before the people. It has also been indersed and backed by all the labor organizations of the city. Mr. Wood himself has not been taking an active part in the campaign to bring his draft into popular favor and said last night that he intended to take no active part in the future. The official draft filed by the com-mission spoonted by Mayor Simon is the only one that has been submitted formally to the Council. On the date that had bees set for the completion of the draft the bands of the City Auditor. The official charter consists of an adaptation of the existing char-ter to the commission form and pro-vides for fav new features aside from of an adaptation of the existing char-ter to the commission form and pro-vides for few new features aside from those absolutely required to harmonize it with government by five commis-sions instead of Mayor and Council.

Second Draft Ready.

The people's commission announced when it first began its labors that it intended to have its draft completed at an earlier date than the official com-mission. Before the time had expired, however, an extension until December 17 was asked and granted. Not ready



with the completent data of the commission, however, the resolution, apparently, is not considered. Both the Benbow doc-ument and the official East Side draft will go into the committee from the Council as submitted by individuals.

St. Johns Ferry Bids Opened.

Bids for building of the St. Johns ferry, to operate between that city and Clare mont, were yesterday opened by the County Court. They were as follows: Hull and cabin-St. Johns Shipbuilding Hull and cabin-St. Johns Shipbuilding Company, \$17,375; Portland Shipbuild-ing Company, \$13,350; Boller-Portland Boller Works, \$4150; Standard Boller Works, \$4455; Machinery and equip-ment-St. Johns Iron Works, \$8550; Ai-bina Engine & Machine Works, \$8153; Phoenix Iron Company, \$3560; Portland Iron Works, \$7900; Western Poundry & Machine Works, \$5955; Nelson & Unden Company, \$8155; The bids ware referred to W. R. Phillips, engineer, and Mat-thew Welch, county inspector of boats. They will report as to the responsibility of the bidders. The county refused to purchase the present ferry, owned by the St. Johns Transportation Company. It was reported upon adversely by Mr. Welch.

When Mayor Rushlight's office at When Mayor Rushlight's office at the City Hall became crowded yester-day afternoon with workingmen ask-ing for food for their children the Mayor decided that immediate action in furnishing city work to the unem-ployed was necessary and according-ty signed the ordinance passed by the City Council yesterday morning ap-propriating \$10,000 to the cause. He then took up the task of arranging a system whereby the needy can be given employment tomorrow morning at wages of \$2 a day. The needy are requested to appear af the office of Park Superintendent Mische in the City Hall, when deserv-ing men of families will be engaged and taken to the Mount Tabor district where a road is to be built. The scene in the Mayor's office yes-terday was pliful. Honest-appearing laborers, skilled and unskilled, ap-peared with their children and told tearful stories of destitution and asked for food and fuel. Secretary McCord the City Hall became crowded yester-

Betas Are Hosts.

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A Steinway Plano

\$10,000 SET ASIDE

BY CITY FOR POOR

Provide Work for Needy

Fathers of Families.

Rushlight Signs Act Immediately.

County Also to Appropriate Fund

for Relief-Road Builders

to Get \$2 a Day.

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"and get the men busy. There is ac-tual need. I want the needy to have two days' work this week and continue the labor next week and as long after that as possible. The men who have been in my office are all worthy. When a man with five or six children appears in my office and asks for work at small wages. I do not con-sider that he is an idler or unwilling to work. If there are any hobos and tramps who are trying to get work they have not been in my office. I do not believe in extending charity to any able-bodied man, but there is a big difference when a man with a large family proves to you he cannot get work and is willing to do any-thing to give his family food, clothing and warmth." The ordinance passed by the Countinue the labor next week and as long Council Passes Ordinance to

thing to give his family food, ciothing and warmth." The ordinance passed by the Coun-cli appropriating \$10,000 was passed without a dissenting vota. It curried the emergency clause and became ef-fective as soon as the Mayor signed it. The signature was affixed within two hours after the ordinance was passed. The county will be able to take care of more than 50 men, according to the statement given out last night. The decision of the officials to give more than 50 men work was reached when the office of the Board of Rellef re-ceived several hundred applications for work. The men were sent to the office by the Municipal Free Employ-ment Bureau. Many men were en gaged, while others refused to work for \$1 a day and board. DESTITUTE STORM MAYOR for \$1 a day and board.

for \$1 a day and board. The county will be able to take care of about 75 men, according to present arrangements. Temporary camps are to be established at the Multhomah Farm at Rocky Point. At these mar-ried men will be engaged in rough labor. They will be well fed by the county and their families will receive their wages.

County Outlines Work.

County Outlines Work. Work, as outlined by the County Court, is as follows: 15 men near the Idnation quarry, srubbing and break-ing rock at \$1 a day and board; eight men at the rock quarry in the Taylor Ferry district removing dirt from the rock above the rock face at \$1.54 a day and carfare; 25 men at the Mult-nomah Farm clearing land at \$1 a day and board; 30 men at Rocky Point breaking rock at \$1 s day and board. The county appropriation probably will amount to as much or more than the city appropriation. It is figured that the city and county will both get value received for the money expended value received for the money expended and will furnish relief to hundreds of families.

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 Mayor to Rush Aid.
 The Mayor said there was no need of delaying the beginning of work.
 "I intend to cut out as much of the red-tape as possible," said the Mayor,