BOARD STANDS PAT

Schedule Fixing Cost for 1913 Sent Back to Council Without Change.

LAUNDRY PRICES INVOLVED

Establishment of 16 2-3 Flat Scale Clothes Up, Says R. C. Warinner, and Fight Is Expected.

By unanimous vote the City Water Board decided yesterday to stand pat Board decided yesterday to stand pat on the 1913 water rates for Portland as fixed at a recent meeting of the Board, which rates were opposed at the last meeting of the City Council on the ground that they discriminate in favor of companies using water for commer-cial purposes. The entire water rate situation was discussed in detail and the rate ordinance which was referred the rate ordinance which was referred to the Board by the Council was sent back to the Council with recommendations that there be no change in the measure as it was originally arranged

Objection was made in the Counci Objection was made in the Council against the failure of the city to pay interest on deposits for water meters. It is the contention of the Water Board that there are no meter deposits, the so-called deposits merely being payment of water rental in advance. This is required by the city charter. Another objection was made to the slidest content of the slidest council was made to t ing scale of meter rates, which gives large consumers lower rates than the users. Councilman Maguire declared that this was requiring the small property-owner to pay for water at a much higher rate than the large consumers, such as laundries and browerles. The rate for the small consumer is 16 2-3 cents per 1000 gallons up to 4500 gallons. Reductions follow in to 4500 gallons. Reductions follow in amounts over 4500 gallons running as low as 10 2-3 cents per 1000 gallons where 200,000 gallons per month are

Laundry Rates Involved.

Councilman Maguire urged that the rate of 16 2-3 cents per 1000 gallons

"Unmerging" With Union.

Plans for reorganizing the traffic department of the Southern Pacific Railway to conform with the recent orders of the United States Supreme Court declaring the Union-Southern Pacific merger illegal, will be outlined at a meeting to be held in San Francisco this week and to attend which John M. Scott, general passenger agent, and H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent, left Portland last night.

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Contemplated changes, it is under-stood, do not provide for any changes among officials of the company but rather for changes in the routing of

It is certain that the Southern Pacific will do all it can to move business over its "Sunset" route, via El Paso and Galveston, or via El Paso and New Ordeans to New York. This route will be worked in preference to the Ogden route and above ail, in preference to the Portland route. No business from the Willamette Valley to points on the Atlantic seaboard will come through Portland unless the shipper elects so to route it. The Southern Pacific will prefer, quite naturally, to send this traffic over its own rails to one of the Gulf ports, thence on its own steamers to New York. Such commodities as hops, dried fruits and certain other products of the Valley in which time is not the prime essential in transportation, will move that way as the Southern Pacific will not be required to divide the revenues with any juired to divide the revenues with any

other questions pertaining to the Other questions pertaining to the "unmerging" of the Harriman roads also will be taken up at the San Fran-

PERSONAL MENTION.

r. W. Noble, a Boise merchant, is the Oregon.
Robert Koontz and Mrs. Koontz are P. L. Derby, a Shaniko merchant, is

at the Perkins Captain C. W. Ames, of Seattle, is at

J. H. Tucker, a Seattle lumberman, is at the Portland. M. E. Colby, a Hood River orchardist, is at the Multnomah.

A. B. Wood, a contractor of Cottage Grove, is at the Portland. Charles Cheney, a Pendleton mer-chant is at the Perkins.

C. F. Stone, a Klamath Falls attor-ney, is at the Imperial

F. McIntosh, an Aberdeen lumber-man, is at the Cornelius. W. Pollak, an Albany merchant, is registered at the Oregon. W. H. Eccles, an Ogden capitalist, is registered at the Oregon.

C. J. Shedd, a merchant of Shedd, is egistered at the Perkins. Colonel William Hanley, of Burns, is gistered at the Portland Fred A. Young, of Collins Springs, is egistered at the Cornellus.

F. B. Waite, a banker of Sutherlin, is registered at the Imperial.
G. W. Burrow, a Ridgefield merchant, is registered at the Cornelius.

Thomas Clohessy, a Chicago capital-ist, is registered at the Bowers. Dexter Rice, an attorney of Rose-burg, is registered at the Imperial. Thomas Bennett, a Marshfield bank-er, is registered at the Multnomah.

August Hilderbrand, an Astoria mer-Sheriff James Osburn, of Benton County, is registered at the Perkins. W. E. King, an aplegrower of Hood River, and Mrs. King are at the Ore-

James Nicoll, a Boise stockman, and Mrs. Nicoll are registered at the Per-

R. S. Hand, a Kellogg stockmar at the Perkins, accompanied by Mrs.

W. S. Scammell, a prominent San Francisco shipowner, is registered at the Multnomah.

Mrs. W. A. Ritz, a prominent society matron of Walla Walla, is registered at the Multnomah. George T. Myers, a salmon cannery-man of Seattle, is at the Portland, ac-companied by Mrs. Myers.

V. Dunham, industrial agent of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, is registered at the Bowers. H. B. Rathbone, prominent in the au-comobile busines of San Francisco, is egistered at the Portland.

C. R. Peck, formerly Attorney-Gen-eral of Oklahoma and now practicing law at Coos Bay, is at the Imperial. Rev. Sam Small, who was a boyhood friend of Gainor Thigpin, asistant manager of the Multnomah, was his guest during his stay in Portland, during which they talked over the Georgia of today.

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were issued yesterday for increased vigilance to enforce better conduct in

MASHERS HAVE BAD DAY

Three Penalized for Forcing Attentions on Women

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Mashers faired badiy in Municipal Court yesterday, when three of them drew penalties. First up was A. Wilson, who was convicted of accosting Marie Erickson on one of the bridges. The girl is 16 years old. Wilson pleaded that he though he knew her.

More flagrant was the offense of the convertible of attending moving picture shows and affronting women in the darkened theaters, the defendant was fined \$15 though no overt act was proven against him.

F. Stone, a Klamath Falls attoris at the Imperial.

D. Harradon, manager of S. El
E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 2.4

Thoughtful Christmas Buyers Can Lighten Burdens of Deliverymen.

MESSENGERS HAVE WOES

Storekeepers and Florists Urge Early Purchases to Make Possible Better Service in Last Hours Before Big Holiday.

"Pity the deliveryman in the last seek before Christmas," is the sentiment expressed by managers of the stores of Portland. The same sentiment is echoed from the stations of the

ment is echoed from the stations of the messenger boys. Of those who minister to the public in its preparations for Christmas, those two are among the hardest driven in the closing days of the shopping season, notwithstanding the fact that the forces are materially increased in both lines to deal with the Christmas rush.

"During the last 48 hours before Christmas morning," said one of the merchants of Portiand yesterday, "there is neither day nor night, nor bedtime, nor lunchtime, for many of the workers in the delivery departments. The demands upon them are bound to be exceptionally heavy in spite of anything that may be done. There are, however, some ways in There are, however, some ways in which the general public may lighten their burden and at the same time improve the quality of the delivery service as well.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Following Portland persons registered at Chicago hotels today:

At the La Saile, George B. Van a Waters; at the Great Northern, George H. Green, F. E. Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Prince.

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ORIENTAL TRADE COMMITTEE HAS NEW LIFE.

Sufficient Traffic in Sight to Warrant Continuance of Effort, Declares S. M. Mears.

Members of the Oriental trades committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will continue thair efforts to secure the establishment of regular steamship service between Portland and Oriental ports. A meeting of the committee to consider the situation was held at the Chamber of Commerce yessheld at the C Carry Small Parcels Is Ples.

and President Young, of the Spokane, Portiand & Seattle Road, has offered a file,000 minimum, or more on the basis of tonnage interchanged between the steamship line and the railroad.

Those who attended the committee meeting were; S. M. Mears, O. M. Clark, W. J. Burns, T. B. Wilcox, Petar Kerr and F. A. Freeman.

**KEEP TO RIGHT," IS PLEA

Police Will Attempt to Make Walking in Crowded Streets Easy.

Sidewalk manners are to be made a part of the education of Portland people, the police having been instructed to see what moral suasion will do in creaming and inducing pedestrians to regard a few of the principal rules of the road.

Portland is criticised by visitors as a being notably disregardful of the ordinance, soon to go into effect, gives officers some control over the sidewalk movement, the policemen are bidden to go farther and strive to impress upon pedestrians the other rules that exist only in courtesy.

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Asserting he is the son of a prominent family in Kansas City and with wealthy relatives in the Middle West a young man giving his name as Charles C. Courtney, is under arrest by Federal officials on a charge of having forged a postoffice money order. Making a small purchase from Bowman Brothers, on Burnside street, he presented a postoffice order for \$80 made out to the or-



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'Bacmo' Mocha Gloves \$1.25 'Dents' Cape Gloves Pr. \$2.00

Women's "Baemo" Mocha | Famous "Dent" two-clasp Gloves for women. P. X. M. Gloves, one-clasp style, pique sewn, Paris point backs, black, sewn with spear backs; assorted tan, gray and in \$1.25 shades of tan. All \$2.00 cream. All sizes, The pair \$2.00

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Heavy Oxford cloth Pajamas, in plain colors and stripes. Military collar, frog trimmings. \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

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