

## AUDITOR SUPPORTS OREGONIAN FIGURES

Mr. Barbur Says Published Cost of City Government Is From Official Records.

## CRITICISM IS REFUTED

Statistics Prove Commission Rule Has Been Increasingly Expensive—Several Municipal Failures Are Cited.

In an attempt to bolster up the economical side of commission government in Portland, an afternoon newspaper yesterday refuted criticisms made in last Sunday's Oregonian between the cost of conducting the last full year of Councilmanic government in 1912 and the cost of the first full year of commission government in 1914. The figures in the table as published by The Oregonian were furnished upon request by City Auditor Barbur and were compiled from official records by expert accountants in his department. They showed a total of \$441,000 increase in 1912 and the cost of the first full year of commission government in 1914. The figures in the table as published by The Oregonian were furnished upon request by City Auditor Barbur and were compiled from official records by expert accountants in his department. They showed a total of \$441,000 increase in 1912 and the cost of the first full year of commission government in 1914. The figures in the table as published by The Oregonian were furnished upon request by City Auditor Barbur and were compiled from official records by expert accountants in his department. They showed a total of \$441,000 increase in 1912 and the cost of the first full year of commission government in 1914.

## Commission Failures Cited.

Following are facts which are not contradicted: There were 136 more employees in 1914 than in 1912 and 59 more this year than in 1914. The Commission established a municipal shop at large expenses, and after getting the shop fitted, sent the work out to private shops and caused the municipal shop to become a complete financial failure. The Commission established a garbage dumping place in Marquam gulch at a considerable expense and found in a week's experience that the plan was a failure. The Commission still maintains an inefficient system at considerable monthly expense, although the majority of establishments ignore it as a failure. The Commission still keeps a lousy inspector at work at a good salary, although there is no lousy regulation and very little prospect of action. The Commission, or the majority of the Commission at least, tried to get the tax levy within reason for this year and the result has placed the city so that it will be in financial distress after the end of the year. The Commission government expense has increased by hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, although street and sewer work in the city decreased in 1914 to about half of what it was in 1912 and has decreased still more this year. The Commission has undertaken nothing in the way of large public improvements except the building of a barn costing \$45,000. The Commission has voted to increase the city's water investment and thereby the annual expense by installing meters in spite of the people's recent vote against meters. The Commission perpetuates the useless extravagance of extra bills to the rate payers who have received no bills and need none, because of knowing the amount of the bill and the date it was due. The Commission had 10,000 cords of wood cut by the unemployed near Linton, and instead of delivering direct to purchasers, are hauling it to the city and storing it in a reloading and delivered later at an additional cost of 75 cents a cord, or a total of \$7500 for the 10,000 cords in addition to the like loss in the cost of production. The Commission established a purchasing bureau and a purchasing system and then continued to buy largely at retail instead of at wholesale, as originally proposed. The Commission cut weeds on thousands of lots, planning to get this back from assessments against the city and only to give a large part of the assessments through faulty records and paid the amounts from the general fund. The Commission paid out \$263,850.65 more in salaries in 1914 than in 1912. Of interest in the Commission's present financial workings is a statement of what has been done this year. The Council started out with \$257,000 figured in its 1913 budget as a surplus for the end of the year. Instead of maintaining this surplus, the city was appropriated up to July 1 to be \$257,000 and \$30,000 in addition. In other words, up to July 1 it appropriated over \$30,000 more than the total estimated receipts for the year. The only way of getting around this deficit is to cancel some of the appropriations. This means that improvements and other work planned for this year will have to be dropped.

## SWEDISH BAPTISTS ELECT

South Bend, Wash., Minister Is Secretary of Conference.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 1.—Assembled here from every section of the United States and Canada, 500 delegates and visitors are in attendance at the Swedish Baptist General Conference of America.

At the meeting of the ministers' conference, Rev. A. E. Lindberg, of San Francisco, was elected president and Rev. Hyland, of South Bend, Wash., secretary.

## NUSHAGAK PACK IS SHORT

First Ship From Alaskan River Fishery at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Bringing the first definite news of the salmon pack of Nushagak River, Alaska, the Alaska-Portland Packers' Association steamer Akutan arrived today. She reports an exceptionally rough trip, with heavy rains nearly all the way.

The ships Berlin and Levi G. Burgess sailed from Nushagak August 3, bringing the company's salmon pack, and came through Unimak Pass 40 hours later.

The Alaska Packers' Association ship Star of Iceland sailed on the same day and was the last cannery vessel to leave the river. Superintendent Daly, who returned on the Akutan, says the pack on Nushagak River is about 10 per cent short of last season. On Ugashak River a full pack was put up, but on the Gogling and Naknek rivers the output is

approximately 50 per cent short. The weather during the entire season was exceptionally pleasant, with westerly winds blowing the greater portion of the time, and the schools of fish stayed in Bristol Bay instead of entering the river, and the fishermen were compelled to do a goodly portion of the fishing outside.

Five fishermen belonging to the different canneries were drowned by being caught in squalls. One of them was Edward Walden, of Portland, who was employed by the Alaska-Portland Packers' Association. The number of full cases put up by the individual companies on Nushagak River is estimated as follows: Alaska-Portland Packers' Association, 25,000; Columbia River Packers' Association, 55,000; North Alaska Salmon Company, 34,000; Libby, McNeil & Libby, 65,000; Northwestern Fisheries Company, 67,000; Alaska Salmon Company, 31,000; Alaska Packers' Association, two canneries, 18,000. Total, 259,000.

## PEACH COOKS WILL VIE

CONTESTS OF HOUSEWIVES FOR PRIZES OPENS SATURDAY.

Aim of O-W-R. & N. Is to Increase Home Demand for Northwestern Fruits and Extend Market.

To create a domestic demand for Northwestern peaches is the object of officials of the O-W-R. & N. Company who have inaugurated a series of peach-cooking contests, the first of which will be held in Portland next Saturday.

Substantial cash prizes will be awarded to the housewives excelling in the various departments of preparing peaches for preservation and consumption. Separate prizes will be offered for peach pie, peach cobbler, peach pudding, peach cake, pickled peaches, peach preserves, peach jam, canned peaches, candied peaches and each of the numerous other forms of preparing peaches for the table.

A committee of competent judges has been selected to pass on the exhibits. This contest will be similar to the apple-cooking contest conducted by the company last year and which resulted in an increased demand and consumption of Northwestern apples. Supplemental to this activity, the company has had, for the last several months, Mrs. E. M. King, an expert in domestic science, on a tour of the territory served by the company, instructing women in the manner and method of canning and cooking various fruits and vegetables produced in the Northwest.

"Our aim," said R. E. Miller, traffic manager of the company, yesterday, "is to increase the home demand for Northwestern fruits and thereby extend the market for the growers."

## FLAG RACES NEAR END

MAJOR CONTESTS MAY BE DECIDED NEXT WEEK.

Contenders in National League Keep Respective Standings—American Chances Narrow Down.

The pennant races in both the National and American Leagues entered the last stage yesterday. By the middle of next week the contests in both leagues virtually will have been decided, and baseball enthusiasts may be able to make their plans to follow the world's series.

The three remaining contenders for the flag in the National League retained their respective standings yesterday, although Philadelphia's lead was reduced by losing the first game of a series with New York. Boston, which lost to Cincinnati, failed to take advantage of an opportunity to displace Brooklyn from second place. Only eight points now separate the two teams. Moran's men, with a lead of two and a half games over Brooklyn, will have an opportunity to strengthen their position in the series with the Giants, while the Brooklyn are playing a three-game series at Boston.

The fight in the American League became more of a contest between Boston and Detroit, when the "Tigers" victory over Chicago more firmly established the White Sox in third place. The Red Sox continued their consistent winning by defeating Philadelphia and now seem to have a firm grasp on the flag.

## VERDICT SAVES OFFICERS

Hotel Where Policemen Reside Declared Not Disorderly.

Police Sergeant and Patrolman Cullen were granted yesterday to the jury that rendered a verdict of not guilty in the case of Libby Kelly, charged with conducting the Antlers Hotel as a disorderly house. It is in this house that the two officers have their rooms, and Chief of Police Clark was reported yesterday as declaring that the hotel was not a disorderly house. The officers were present at the trial and their names were mentioned at the times during the cross-examinations.

## MARQUIS INOUE IS DEAD

Aged Leader One of Most Progressive of Japan's Statesmen.

TOKIO, Sept. 1.—Marquis Inouye, one of the elder statesmen of Japan, died today of nephritis, aged 86.

The death of Marquis Kaoru Inouye leaves only three surviving members of the powerful group of "genro," or elder statesmen, whose work and influence have had so much to do with the upbuilding of modern Japan. At first possessed of anti-foreign ideas, he became a convert to the doctrine that Western civilization should be welcomed to Japan and was active in the establishment of cordial relations with foreign powers.

## SECOND POISON SUCCEEDS

Handsome Collie Is Victim of Two Attempts on His Life.

But a few hours after his life had been saved from an attempted poisoning, a handsome collie dog owned by E. G. Harris, 432 East Thirty-fourth street, succumbed yesterday to a second dose of arsenic. The dog had been thrown in the yard of his master's home. The perpetrator of the poisoning has not been ascertained.

At 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the first attempt was made. The dog was saved by a veterinarian. Yesterday a second piece of meat in the yard was eaten and the dog died at 10:30.

The disbursements on account of the civil war totaled \$4,417,974.49 at the last figuring.

## WONDERSTORE OPEN

Old Millinery Concern in Handsome New Home.

## ARTISTIC QUARTERS ROOMY

Two Lower Stories Used for Display of Goods and Comfort of Patrons, While Third Floor Is for Employees' Benefit.

The formal opening of the Wonder Millinery, at Sixth and Alder, today, marks a new advance in the development of the oldest established millinery institution in Portland, and gives the Portland the distinction of having now the largest millinery establishment among all the cities of the Pacific Coast.

For two months the preparations for the opening in the new quarters have been under way, and last night the show windows were lighted long enough to give an idea of the store, in readiness for the reception of the public today.

Within the windows of the arched corner of the building blazed the magnificent "cathedral purple" display, and the windows leading off on either hand were dressed in the colors that are to prevail this season—Russian green, nigger brown, corbeau blue, taupe gray and black.

F. Solomon is proprietor of the Wonder Millinery, and has watched over its growth from the small establishment of years ago to the luxurious institution of today.

Roominess is the characteristic feature of the new establishment—a roominess that gives a broad tone of luxury. The broadness of the aisles is supplemented to bring out this effect by the delicate cream and tan tones of the woodwork finish and the careful arrangement of tables and mirrors.

On the second floor is a rest room furnished in ivory, with telephone, writing desk and all accommodations. The third floor is devoted to an additional lunch, rest and cloak room for the women employed in the establishment.

The first and second floors, offering in all 15,000 feet of space, are devoted to the display of stock. Besides the great exclusive lines of women's and children's millinery, a fur department is conducted carrying the most exclusive novelties and admirably equipped to furnish sets suitable to correspond with the millinery. The lighting system is devised to give a pure white light to facilitate the judging of colors even for night shoppers.

The interest of Portland's femininity in the move to the new building has been manifested by the persistence with which women have gathered around its windows of late, like bees to a clover blossom, and every preparation is being made by Mr. Solomon to make their reception on this, the opening day, one that will fulfill all of their expectations.

## PRINTERS ARE IN PLAY

MEMBERS OF BEN FRANKLIN CLUB APPEAR AT BAKER TONIGHT.

Correction of Modern Business Failures Is Moral Conveyed in Stage Performance.

Twenty-seven printers on the stage will be the rather unique spectacle at the Baker Theater tonight.

The 27 printers are members of the Ben Franklin Club, who will present "The Tapping at the Door," the business play, written by Walter A. Wilkins, of Seattle. Every night for more than two weeks the printers have been rehearsing their parts.

The play is supposed to bring out clearly the many ills to which modern "business" is supposed to be heir. It is intended to correct all the faults under which business men labor and to show success where failure grew before.

In Mr. Wilkins' play a man by the name of Watson delivers a number of epigrams, which point out the moral the whole story is intended to convey. "The man that destroys and never creates—that man is the knacker," he says.

At another juncture he tells Mrs. Brown:

"Your husband has a common failing; he is a mechanical genius, not a business man."

Also, he says: "To form a successful organization among business men you must first instill confidence among its members."

And: "I consider conservatism the most essential qualification for the success of a salesman."

One night only the play will be staged. Before putting it on the stage in Portland Mr. Wilkins showed it under the auspices of the Seattle Press Club. Before the Press Club it was in Victoria, B. C., and in numerous other Western cities. After the debut of "The Tapping at the Door" in Portland, the author will take it to the Eastern seaboard, where he intends to present it in the largest cities.

## SIGN-FREE ROADS LAUDED

Oregon Architects Send Letter of Congratulation to Commissioners.

"Visitors from everywhere already have begun to notice our comparative freedom from the bill poster nuisance, and some are inquiring into our ability to prevent this despoiling of the landscape and are congratulating us," declares the American Institute of Architects in a letter to the County Commissioners.

The letter was written by Folger Johnson, head of the Oregon chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and congratulates the commissioners on their firm stand against glaring signs along the county roads.

## COURT'S POWERS IN DOUBT

Military Inquiry in Colorado Is Restricted Pending Opinion.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 1.—In the absence of an expected opinion from the Attorney-General defining its power to deal with released prisoners, the Colorado military court of inquiry today confined its investigations to charges of financial irregularities against Major-George Lee and Captain A. H. Dahlene. These are among the charges presented to Governor George A. Carlson by a committee of officers against the two military men.

The hearings consisted mainly of the examination of documentary evidence.

# THE PEACH COOKERY CONTEST

To Be Held by the  
**OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.**  
ON  
**Saturday, Sept. 4th**  
Will take place in the store on the northeast corner of Broadway and Oak Sts., Portland, diagonally opposite the Hotel Benson

## Cash Prizes Will Be Awarded the Winners in the Following Classes:

STAPLES—	1st	2nd	3rd	NOVELTIES—	GROUPS—Five to ten dishes—
Peach Pie	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	First	\$10.00
Peach Cobbler	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	Second	7.50
Peach Dumplings	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	Third	5.00
Dutch Peach Cake	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	Fourth	3.00
Sweet Pickled Peaches	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	Fifth	2.00
Preserved Peaches	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00		
Peach Jam	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00		
Canned Peaches	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00		

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## Rules and Instructions Governing the Contest:

All exhibits are to be installed between the hours of 8:30 and 10:30 A. M. on Saturday, September 4. The exhibitors may remove their exhibits after 10:30 P. M. same day.

Application blanks may be obtained at the City Ticket Office of the Company, Third and Washington streets, or will be mailed upon request. Application blanks must be filed with the Contest Secretary on or before 10 A. M., Saturday, September 4, and must be accompanied by written recipe for each dish entered by the applicant.

Contestants must declare at the time of entry the class in which they wish to compete, that is, whether for Staples, Novelties or Groups. If for Staples or Novelties a separate blank should be prepared for each dish.

When filing application a contest number will be given the contestant. If more than one dish is entered, each will bear a letter in addition to contestant's number, as, for instance, 15-A, 15-B, 15-C, etc. Contestant's name will not appear on the exhibit until after the judging has been done.

The exhibit tables will be divided into spaces three feet square, each contestant having a three-foot square space, numbered to correspond with her contest number. Contestants may arrange and decorate their respective spaces in any manner desired, and arrangement of exhibit in an attractive manner, and clearness of recipes will be taken into consideration when awarding prizes.

Groups entered are to consist of not less than five dishes and not more than ten dishes, and individual dishes of a group will be considered when awarding the Staple and Novelty Prizes.

The Company will provide labels for marking dishes with contestant's number, and blank cards on which the contestants may write the title of their entries.

The judging, which will be by a committee of ladies representing different commercial organizations, will be done immediately after the installation of exhibits. Cards indicating the prize winners will be placed, and a list of the winners posted in a prominent place.

For more complete particulars inquire of William McMurray, General Passenger Agent. Phone Broadway 4500 or A 6121.

### BUREAU CHANGE URGED

MR. BAKER SAYS CITY EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IS USELESS.

Commissioner Introduces Ordinance to Reorganize Department by First of October.

Following out a plan announced some time ago, Commissioner Baker yesterday introduced an ordinance before the City Council abolishing the municipal free employment bureau on October 1. The purpose is to replace the bureau with a municipal agency of a broader scope, taking in the seasonal unemployment problem along with the business of furnishing employment on the present basis.

The ordinance went over until the Council has time to look it over. It will be considered either tomorrow or next Wednesday.

Commissioner Baker says he expects by October 1 to have the new bureau organized with a new head, so that the work for the winter can be taken up and formulated. He says he does not know yet who will get the position, that question being under consideration at present. He expects to get "a man with a punch who will be able to conduct the bureau on a thoroughly efficient system."

"I am convinced," said Mr. Baker yesterday, "that the present bureau is of no use. It is accomplishing nothing. I expect to get busy right away in lining up the new organization and getting it into working order. I do not think the Council will have any hesitancy in backing me up on a proposition of abolishing something that is of no use."

**Woman Attempts Suicide.**

Mrs. Effie Thomas, aged 26, of 429 1/2 Washington street, swallowed five tablets of bichloride of mercury yesterday in an attempt to kill herself. She is at the Good Samaritan Hospital and has but a small chance of living. "I was just tired of living," was all the young woman would say, when questioned at the hospital.

**'CRAP SHOOTING' CHARGED**

Two Men Arrested for Alleged Gambling in Sightseeing Bus.

Charles Drake and Arthur Hittman were arrested by Patrolman Vessey, who charged that he caught them playing dice in a sightseeing bus at the Union Station yesterday.

This practice of "shooting craps" in the big buses has been common, reported the officer. Several times he interrupted a group in suspicious circumstances, but nothing could be proved. In the instance yesterday the two men did not notice the officer peering over the side of the car until it was too late.

