CHARTER VIOLATED

Mayor Lane Attacks Public Service Companies in Annual Message.

Executive Favors Revocation of Grant's Owned by 30 Big Concerns-Comments on Affairs of Municipal Departments.

LEADING FEATURES OF MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORA-TIONS—Calls attention to fact that many companies fall to comply with ports to City Auditor and declares for vigorous enforcement of law. for vigorous enforcement of law.
CITY LIGHTING SYSTEM-Mayor

ing in view the possibility of the inplant, operated by water power,

CIVIL SERVICE Recommends that no appeals be entertained where employer are discharged for reasons pends to "weed out" unfaithful serv-

CITY PARKS Blames City Council for failure of the park plane, which have been held up temporarily because of the unconstitutionality of the amendment submitted to voters last

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Recommends a warrant and ball officer for right service at police headquarters

WATER DEPARTMENT-Laments defeat of amendment, declared un-constitutional, which would have given

cheaper water rates GARBAGE PROBLEM—Deplores inadequate garbage-burner and luti-mates that Council will never purchase a new incinerator.

Power Company, the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies and the Southern Pacific Company, it is given out.

In an interview, Mayor Lane said he could not say just what can be done regarding holders of franchises who retune to make reports, but declared that he intends to wage war against all who ignore, neglection refuse to live up to the requirements of the law, in his message, Mayor Lane sets forth his position relative to franchise-holders, saying that he believes in a liberal policy toward all, but that he will demond everything to which the public is entitled in all these matters.

Forced to Undue Haste.

Mayor Lane's message deals briefly with every city department and makes numerous recommendations for improvements in the public service. He declared yesterday that the chiarter provision which requires the Mayor to file his annual report with the City Auditor on, or before January 5 is a misrake; that it does not allow sufficient time for the handling of such a mage of detail as must be furnished. Mayor Lane announces, in dealing with the city lighting department? that he has filed on all the water rights of the Buil Ron River, Portland's water supply, and that there is no further danger of trouble from encroachments on that stream by any one. He says that he took like step principally so that should the city at any future with every city department and makes on that stream by any one. He says that he took this step principally so that, should the city at any future time wish to install its own powerplant for city lighting, a source of power-Bull fun River-would be

available. The City Council comes in for sar-castle shanks whenever in course of the message the Mayor is forced to an-nounce the lemperary abandonment of any public work on account of the il-legality of the amendments that were voted at the last city election, but which are now held up in the counts because of the decision of Circuit Judge Cleinid, declaring them to be-unconstitutional by reason of a blunder made in the Council.

ade in the Council. The Mayor declares that 1907 broke all previous records for prosperity, and fredicts similar conditions for 1908. The message in full follows:

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To the Honoraide, the c'ity Council;
Gentlemen—Complying with the requirements of the city charier I herewith submit my annual enessage, together with the reports of the several loavis and departments of the viveral loavis and departments of the city government for the fiscal year, enduing December 31, 1907, Reports are submitted to me from the Auditor, City Transuter. City Attorney, City Engineer. Building Inspection, Point of the Country and Sprinkling Departments, Civil, Service commission, Plumbing Inspector, Pointmant, Superintendent of Fire Department, Superintendent of Fire Alarm and Police Chief of Police, Chief of Fire Department, Superintendent of Fire Alarm and Police. Telegraph Food Inspector, Superintendent Park Department, President Library Association and Engeliability and Englishers of the Water Board.

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Total disbursements Total balance Dec. 21, 1907.

The total amount expended by the department manife named during the year 1907, was:

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Pavors City Light Plant.

The report of the committee on lights is submitted and contains a suggestion, looking to the establishment of a plant owned and operated by the city. Inassouch as the proper lighting of the streets is an increasing burden of great cost, the suggestion is worthy of your serious consideration. With the idea in view that the city might want to engage in such an enterprise, at a time not far distant, and to secure her rights to a source of water-power in the event that sike should care to do so, acting with the Water Board, I have, in the name of the city, filed upon all of the water rights of the Bull Run River, and have recovied the same with the Fed-Pavors City Light Plant. and have recorded the same with the Federal Land Office at Oregon City. In addition to this, with your help, and acting in conjunction with the Water Board, I expect to perfect the city's title to the same by doing such work upon the property as is necessary to acquire the full title to the same.

Civil Service Commission.

1 herewith submit the report of the Civil Service Commission, and call attention to Mayor Lane, in his annual message, filed with City Auditor Barbur yesierday afternoon, soungs a cail to arms against holders of public atility franchises in Portland, aggregating to value militions of dollars, because they have ignored the provisions of the charter, which makes it obligatory upon them to report to the City Auditor grants. The Mayor proposes to demnid the revocation of every franchise, the owner of which refuses to comply with all requirements of the law.

The message is to be submitted to the City Council at next Wednesday's meeting of that body. In the message, the Mayor does not include a list of dilatory franchise-holders, but he will submit such a list to the Council as soon as he can prepare it. It will include about 30 corporations, among them the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, the Pacille States Telephone & Telegraph Company, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph.

Pelice Department Multers.

Attached hereto I submit the report of Charles Gritamacier. Chief of Police, and would respectfully call your attention to the suggestions made by him, the work of the department being healty crippled for want of adequate facilities to carry on the same.

With the present force of patrolinen allowed us, each such officer is required to tare for a beat which covers on average of 24 miles of streets. Our condition respecting fall room and our need for an emergency hospital is so great, is so well known, and has been mentioned so often, that I consider it unaccessary and perhaps useless to refer to it any further.

Personnel of Department, The pollor department as at present con-

stituted, with all vacancies filed, consists of one chief, four captains, one matroit, two detectives, three surgeints, three jailers, three desicance, three averagements, three jailers, three desicance, three desicance, three desicance, three desicance, three desicance, three desicance, the control officers, one this hall officer, two Juvenile Court officers leaving us fit patrolmen, to cover as best they can come its square miles of territory, containing 800 miles of streets. Ny adding to our force of mounted men fluring the coming year we hope to accomplish better results, it being impossible for footner to eaper the beats assigned to them.

I would respectfully advise the creation of an officer to do duty at the police station of an officer to do duty at the police station of an entire with the power of a magistrate to attend to emergency cases, many of which are now dealt with unjustly for the tack of such officer.

Water Department Affairs.

The report for this department will give the detailed facts concerning its affairs.

Dwing to the rapid growth of the city, it has been found to be impossible to provide the large number of mains which were called for in the newer outlying districts of the city. The amendment to the city charter, which would have provided for the payment of expensions to rape by the univertex where not

would have provided for the payment of extensions in part by the property-owners met the fate of all of the amendments which were submitted to the resolve at the fast election, and left the Water Board without power to act in the matter.

The rates to consumers were lowered once, third during the year 1907, yet the large increase in the number of consumers, due to the rapid growth of the city during that period, returned a revenue as great as was collected during the year 1908.

Minor City Departments.

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good showing for this city. During the past year a competent man was appointed to the position of Harbornaster under Civil Service regulations, and an active and intelligent supervision is now being kept over matters pertaining to the same.

Annexed is the report of the Health Officer. The work in this department has greatly indreased during the past year, and at no time in the history of the department his greater care or more intelligent effort been exercised in the conduct of the affairs entrusted to it. The city is to be congratulated upon its low death rate as compared with other cities throughout the land.

Garbage Crematory Plans.

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With an increasing amount of offici to be destroyed we are still working calong with the present inndequate and inefficient garbage crematory, and I presume will be sompelled to do so for an indefinite length of time to come. It is unfortunate that this state of affairs should continue to exist. A full report of this department for the year 1907 is herewith submitted for your consideration.

The report of the inspector shows by comparison a larger increase in the number of buildings erected during the year 1907 than any other year in the history of the city. This showing applies throughout every section and every character of structure from small houses for wage-carnets to large and imposing business blocks, and is a record of which the city may well be proud.

City Engineer's Department.

A giance at the report of the City Engineer will reveal the vast amount of work which is carried on in this department, and if one hears in mind the fact that this city opens a street every 200 feet the deduction will easily follow that it will forever be subject to much needless labor and expense on that account.

The composition of the mazerial which the surrounding geanity affords is of such a seft character that with the best of intentions it is well nigh impossible to make good permanent pavement from its use. The best basalite rock which comes to this market rapidly wears away, and I am of the opinion that it to worth much less than it costs to make use of it. If a basali is to be used it seems to gue that the harder type of the same, such as is to be found in the river bed, or in the old river channels, where hy process of attrition the harder material only remains, the softer having been reduced to silt, is the only proper source of supply. The boulders from these sources of supply contain a certain percentage of much harder material, such as quarts, which adds to its value as a wearing surface, and I would respectfully recommend that the city purchase one or more portable rock crushers, and where possible make use of such crushed boulders for street paving purposes.

The report of this denartment is submitted berewith. With great natural advantages and much benefit to be derived to the city from a proper use of the same. Portland as a city has been negligent of its opportunities. An amendment to be dily charter, which, in a large measure would have provided for an intelligent existent of parts, unfortunately failed of its purpose through an error in the manner is which it was submitted to a vote of the people under the initiative law governing the same.

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The amendment providing for the establishment of the free employment bureau having been held invalid by the courts, the matter must remain in absyance until it is again submitted to the people. Until such time as this is done, judging from the history of the past, many cases of cruel wrong and injustice will be visited upon the workers of this city, with no means of checking or righting the same.

In the Fire Department.

the year with a substantial balance of money upon, hand, and that this city's affairs, so far as the expenditure of the funds is concerned, have been carefully supervised, with a due regard for economy in the same. Wherein any responsibility for the same has rested upon the executive branch of the city's government, an exact observance of charter regulations and cureful business rules have been exacted.

Public Franchics Matters.

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A number of months ago I issued a call to all franchise-holders to submit to the Auditor a statement of their affairs, as is required by the city's charter. This request brought forth but meager results in the way of such reports and if anything in the way of such reports and if anything in the way of tangible results in the way of obtaining information from these sources is to be secured, it will be necessary for me to secure your active all and re-operation. In several instances I have called the attention of the City Council to flagrant violations of the terms upon which grants have been made, but up until this time I have little or nothing to report upon concerning the same.

the same.

I believe in the pursuit of a just polley toward all holders or grants made by the people and that they should at all times be treated talriy; yet as between the rights of the people and those of the holders of such gifts. I lean to the strict enforcement of the people's rights to their equity in such grants, and doem it a grave breach of trust upon the part of any of the people's representatives if they do not limits upon the exaction of all rights and benefits which are due to the public.

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In checking up the matter f find that many of the public streets have been taken over and are now heing eccupied by private persons to the exclusion of the public; in fact. I am each week discovering more and more of the streets which are thus being occupied, and is the near ruture, as soon as I can do so with equal justice to all I shall begin proceedings to take possession of the same in the iname of the city.

The Year in General. The past year has been one of unprecedented prosperity in this city and the growth of the city has been substantial; and we

SHOOTS HIMSELF BECAUSE GIRL WILL NOT SPEAK TO HIM.



Hart Rappleye, From a Photo-graph Taken Some Years Ago.

the city will continue coming year.

I wish to tender public acknowledgement for the valuable assistance which has been rendered me by my assistates in the management of the city's affairs, for all of which assistance I am fully appreciative and deeply grateful. Respectfully.

HARRY LANE, Mayor.

to de. Mr. White was afraid to jump off the car while it was in motion, and when the corner of Hawthorne and Grand "avenue was reached, seized the brake on the rear platform and turned it until the car slowed down. He then jumped off and started up the street, when to his surprise the car stopped and the motor-man and conductor came in pursuit of him.

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One of them, he says, held him while the other beat him with the controller handle. Then, he says, they threw his hat over the fence and ran back to their

KILLS HIMSELF

Hart Rappleye, Jilted by 17-Year-Old Martha Edling, Uses a Revolver.

GIRL LIVES IN ASTORIA

Tragedy Enacted at the Home of Friends She is Visiting-Mother Ordered Her to Refuse the Young Man's Attentions.

Jitted by Martha Edling, 17 years of age, to whom he had been paying attention for a year, or more, Hart Rappleye, of 295 Barton street, shot himself last night at 6:30 o'clock, firing two bullets into his brain. He died at the Good Samaritan Hospital two hours later.

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The tragedy occurred at 292% Larrabee street, in a flat occupied by Knut Nystrom, whose family Mias Ediling, whose home is in Astoria, had been visiting for the past week.

Rappleye, who was 27 years of ago, called at the Nystrom home a few minutes before he shot himself and begged that the young girl be asked to see him a moment alone in the hallway. This Miss Ediling refused to do. Thereupon, according to witnesses who were present, Rappleye, who had been drinking, forced his way into the Nystrom home, passing through the room where Miss Ediling was seated, and pleaded with Nystrom to effect a reconciliation. Nystrom told him that he ciliation. Nystrom told him that he could not interfere in any way, as the girl's mother had forbidden her to have anything more to do with Rap-

Rappieye was left alone in the room for a few minutes. Thereupon, in plain view of the people sitting in the next room, he poolly drew his revolver and without a word, placed it to his head and fired twice. Ernest Johnson, a neighbor, who was calling on the Nystrom family, saw Rappieye draw the revolver and hurried into the room to prevent a tragedy. He was followed by Nystrom and N. Nelson, Nystrom's brother-in-law, who lives with the Nystroms. They were too late. The young man fell and lay unconscious in a pool of his own blood until an ambulance came to take him to the hospital. Rappleye was left alone in the room

Beyond Surgical Aid. The Nystroms acted very quickly and

mmoned both the police and Dr. M. Marcellus, whose office is only a ock away, on Larrabee street. But Rappleye was beyond surgical aid.

Rappleye's home is only a block away from the Nystrom flat and his mother and father were called in. They were stricken dumb with grief and stood in silent agony while the story was told to the police officers who had been sent to investigate.

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The sulcide's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rappieye, and his two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Parker, and Miss Stella Rappieye, have been residents of the neighborhood for the past 15 years. Rappleye formerly was in the grocery business on the East Side, but not meeting with success, gave it up and obtained employment on the river-front as a grainhandler.

M. D. White Accuses Motorman and Conductor of Assault.

M. D. White, the secretary of the Oregon Real Estate Company, caused the arrest of J. O. Farr and J. F. Kivett, a dendurtor and motorman of a Waverly-Woodstock ear, last night, charging them with assault. Mr. White presented a badly battered appearance. The carmen were released on ball and will be tried before Judge Cameron tomorrow morning.

Mr. White says he boarded the car at First and Yambill streets. It was a through car and made no stops. When he found out this, he says he asked the conductor if he could not slow up and let him off. This the conductor refused to do. Mr. White was afraid to jump off the car while it was in motion, and when the corner of Hawther. It, and that she had another and younger man with whom she had decided to "keep company." She also returned to Rappieve a few little presents he had given her. From that time on Rappieve called at the Nystrom home frequently, seeking assistance in effecting a reconciliation,

Act Was Premeditated.

He had called on the Nystroms ear He had called on the Nystroms ear-lier yesterday afternoon for that pur-pose. Finding that he could get no opportunity to see the girl, he went home and asked his mother to give him his supper early. She prepared the meal, and remarked to her son that he looked very pale. He replied that she would very likely "see a ghost before the night was over," plainly indicating that he contemplated suicide. He then left home and procured a revolver from some unknown source in the neighbor-hood, And awent directly to the scene of The report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is submitted herewith. Many useful appliances and much material for fighting fires has been added during the past year. The growth of the city demands that this department he kept upon a tooting equal to the needs of the community and it should not be allowed to run down below a fixed standard of useful efficiency. The same pleasure to report that we closed.

The report of the Chief Engineer of the car. Church—Loss \$3000.

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BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Fire broke out shortly before 8 o'clock tonight many source in the neighborhood, And went directly to the scene of his city, have signed articles for a wrestling match. Although he made no attempt to shoot the girl, it is the theory of the early was noticed by

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police that Rappleye went to her with the intention of killing her, as well as himself. This theory is based on his sinxiety to see her in the hall alone. The Edling girl is employed in the Troy Laundry in Astoria. She came to this city last Sunday with her naother, and is to return home tomorrow. Her mother returned Thursday, leaving instructions with the Nystrom family that the girl was not to be allowed to go out with or to see Rappleye.

Makes Charge of Theft.

FREED TO SAVE MONEY

Jury Brings in Verdict Not Guilty to Save County Expense.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 4 .- (Special.) A verdict of not guilty was brought in this morning by the jury in the case of Cris Luck, who was accused of murder in the first degree for killing Hank

Rice.

The jury was out 17 hours and until within the last hour stood six for acquittal and six for conviction. At 3 o'clock they appeared before Judge Smith and asked to be discharged, stating that they could not agree, but he sent them back for further deliberations. Some of the jurors thought Luck would never be convicted and changed their vote to save the county the expense of another trial.

BAKER HOMES ARE BURNED

Fire Starts While Family Is at

Makes Charge of Theft.

Hugh, alias Homer Wilson, 25 years of ago, was arrested last night at 9:20 o'clock in the Warwick saloon, on the complaint of George A. Russell, who alieges that Wilson stofe \$25 from him while he was intoxicated. Wilson was locked up in the City Jail. He admitted having had Russell's money, but said that Russell had given it to him and offered to return it. When questioned, however, he told several conflicting stories. flicting stories.

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