

CHARTER VIOLATED BY CORPORATIONS

Mayor Lane Attacks Public Service Companies in Annual Message.

FAIL TO FILE REPORTS

Executive Favors Revocation of Grants Owned by 30 Big Concerns—Comments on Affairs of Municipal Departments.

LEADING FEATURES OF MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS—Calls attention to fact that many companies fail to comply with charter provision requiring annual reports to city auditor and declares for vigorous enforcement of law.

CITY LIGHTING SYSTEM—Mayor announces that he has filed on all water rights on Bull Run River, having in view the possibility of the installation of a municipal lighting plant, operated by water power.

CIVIL SERVICE—Recommends that no appeals be entertained where employees are discharged for reasons other than religious or political.

CITY PARKS—Blames City Council for failure of the park plan, which has been held up temporarily because of the unconstitutionality of the amendment submitted to voters last June.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—Recommends a warrant and bail officer for night service at police headquarters and an emergency hospital and new jail.

WATER DEPARTMENT—Laments defeat of amendment, declared unconstitutional, which would have given cheaper water rates.

GARBAGE PROBLEM—Deplores inadequate garbage-burner and intimates that Council will never purchase a new incinerator.

Mayor Lane, in his annual message, filed with City Auditor yesterday afternoon, sounds a call to arms against holders of public utility franchises in Portland, assailing their value millions of dollars, because they have ignored the provisions of the charter, which makes it obligatory upon them to report to the city annually on the condition of their grants.

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 delinquent franchise-holders, but he will submit such a list to the Council as soon as he can prepare it. Among them the Portland Railway, Light & 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 refuse to make reports, but declared that his intention is to sue against all who ignore, neglect or refuse to live up to the requirements of the law. In his message, Mayor Lane sets forth his position toward franchise-holders, saying that he believes in a liberal policy toward all, but that he will demand 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 charter provision which requires the Mayor to submit an annual report with the City Auditor on or before January 5 is a mistake; that it does not allow sufficient time for the Mayor to prepare a message 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 on the Bull Run River, Portland's water supply, and that there is no further danger of trouble from encroachment on that stream by any one. He says that he took this step principally so that he should be able to file at any future time wish to install his own power-plant for city lighting, a source of power—Bull Run River—would be available.

The City Council comes in for sarcastic thanks wherever in course of the message the Mayor is forced to announce the temporary abandonment of any public work on account of the illegality of the amendments that were voted at the last city election, but which are now held up in the courts because of the decision of Circuit Judge Clark in declaring them to be unconstitutional by reason of a blunder made in the Council.

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

Text of the Message.

To the Honorable the City Council, Gentlemen—Complying with the requirements of the city charter I herewith submit my annual message, together with the reports of the several boards and departments of the city government for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1907. Reports are submitted to me from the Auditor, City Treasurer, City Attorney, City Engineer, Building Inspector, Health Officer, Superintendent of Creanators, Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Sprinkling Departments, Civil Service Commission, Plumbing Inspector, Fire Department, Police Department, Harbor Master, Chief of Police, Chief of Fire Department, Superintendent of Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, Road Inspector, Superintendent Park Department, President Library Association and Superintendent and Engineer of the Water Board.

City Treasurer's Receipts.

Table with 2 columns: Receipts, Total balance January 1, 1907, \$ 726,802.41

Table with 2 columns: Disbursements of the City, General fund, \$ 350,822.25; Police Department fund, \$ 255,811.94

Disbursements by Departments.

Table with 2 columns: The total amount expended by the departments named during the year 1907, was: Police Department, \$ 255,811.94; Street Lighting, \$ 147,372.10

Favors 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. Inasmuch as the proper lighting of the streets is an increasing burden of great cost, the suggestion is worthy of your serious consideration.

Civil Service Commission.

I herewith submit the report of the Civil Service Commission, and call attention to the same. The work in this department has been conducted free from political influence of any sort, and I quite agree with the suggestion made by the City Engineer, that the city employe is not discharged for reasons of a religious or political nature, that no appeal should be entertained.

Park Department's Work.

The report of this department is submitted herewith. With great natural advantages and much benefit to be derived to the city from the proper use of the same, Portland has been negligent of its opportunities.

Police Department Matters.

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

Personnel Department.

The police department as at present com-

stituted, with all vacancies filled, consists of one chief, four captains, six sergeants, two lieutenants, three sergeants, three patrolmen, three desk-men, three drivers, two clerks, two juvenile officers, one city hall officer, nine men detailed to plain clothes duty, two juvenile court officers, leaving us 35 patrolmen, to cover as best they can some 45 square miles of territory, containing 800 miles of streets.

Water Department Affairs.

The report for this department will give the detailed facts concerning its affairs. Owing to the rapid growth of the city, it has been found to be impossible to provide for the large number of mains which were called for in the newer outlying districts of the city.

Minor City Departments.

The report from the Boardmaster is submitted. With a small force of men and a large territory to cover it has been found impossible to properly care for the payment of taxes, the suggestion of a few more men would be of great value.

Garbage Crematory Plans.

With an increasing amount of effort to be destroyed we are still working along with the present inadequate and inefficient garbage crematory, and I presume will be compelled to do so for some time to come.

City Engineer's Department.

A glance at the report of the City Engineer will reveal the vast amount of work which is carried on in this department, and if one bears in mind that this city occupies a street every 200 feet the decision will easily be reached that it is never subject to much needless labor and expense on that account.

Street Cleaning and Sprinkling.

The report from the Superintendent of Streets sets forth the large amount of work done by this department. With a street 90 feet in width allowed every 200 feet and some 6000 acres of streets in the city, 300 miles of wheels are engaged in one way or another, this city has a permanent and expensive task upon its hands in keeping the same clean and sprinkled.

Free Employment Bureau.

The amendment providing for the establishment of the free employment bureau having been held invalid by the courts, the matter must remain in abeyance until it is again submitted to the people.

In the Fire Department.

The report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is submitted herewith. Many useful appliances and much material for fighting fires have been added during the past year.

REJECTED LOVER 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 Attention.

SHOOTS HIMSELF BECAUSE GIRL WILL NOT SPEAK TO HIM.

Hart Rappleye, 37 years of age, to whom he had been paying attention for a year or more, Hart Rappleye, of 235 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.

BEYOND SURGICAL AID.

The Nystroms acted very quickly and summoned both the police and Dr. M. E. Macdonald, whose office is only a block away, on Larrabee street. But Rappleye was beyond surgical aid.

BADLY BEATEN BY CARMEN

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 conductor and motorman of a Waverly-woodstock car, last night, charging them with assault. Mr. White presented a badly battered appearance.

Act Was Premeditated.

He had called on the Nystroms earlier yesterday afternoon for that purpose. Finding that he could get no opportunity to see the girl, he went home and asked his mother to give him his revolver 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.

Wrestling Match at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Claude Skillman, of Elma, and William Rutschaw, of this city, have signed articles for a wrestling match, here January 10.

The Entire Suit Stock Divided Into Two Groups

Every suit except the blacks and blues included in this mighty CLEARANCE SALE to reduce the stock, and to carry out our rule, to dispose of every dollar's worth of goods during the season for which they were bought.

\$20.00 SALE PRICE \$14.50

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Black and Blue Suits 25% Off Regular Market Price

OVERCOATS AND CRAVENETTES \$20.00, sale price, \$15.50

\$25.00, sale price, \$18.75

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\$35.00, sale price, \$26.50

\$40.00, sale price, \$30.00

PARAGON TROUSERS

\$ 5.00, sale price, \$4.25

\$ 6.00, sale price, \$5.00

\$ 7.00, sale price, \$5.75

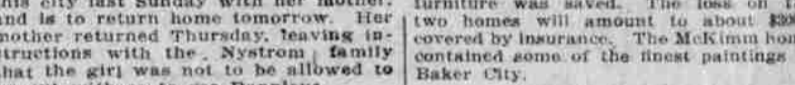
\$ 8.00, sale price, \$6.50

\$10.00, sale price, \$7.25

\$12.00, sale price, \$8.50

Big Reduction on All Men's Furnishings

All goods purchased during the sale absolutely cash.



289-291 Washington St., Perkins Hotel

FREE 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 Chris 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 9 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 Church—Loss \$3000.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Fire broke out shortly before 8 o'clock tonight in the home of E. M. McKinn and completely destroyed the house and the furniture. The family were all at church at the time and the fire gained considerable headway before it was noticed by

Neighbors.

William Thompson, 25 years of age, was arrested last night at 9:30 o'clock in the Warwick saloon, on the complaint of George A. Russell, who alleges that Wilson stole \$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.

Metzger, Jeweler, optician, 342 Wash.

“88” NOTES

THE ENTIRE KEYBOARD OF THE PIANO CAN BE PLAYED BY MEANS OF THE PERFORATED ROLL ON A MELVILLE CLARK APOLLO PLAYER PIANO

NO OTHER STORE IN THE CITY CARRIES THIS WONDERFUL INSTRUMENT. WE ARE EXCLUSIVE AGENTS

No other store in this city carries a player-piano of more than 65-note range, when played by means of a perforated roll, which is 23 notes less than the "Apollo" Player-Piano.

These are facts that no one can dispute, and if it were not the truth we would not dare to make these statements in the papers.

What is the use of having a piano with 88 keys, if you can only use 65 of them?

Your piano at home has 88 keys—count them. Your neighbor's piano has 88 keys.

You certainly make use of all the 88 keys when you play in the ordinary way. Why, then, should a 65-note player be thrust into an 88-note piano? All others are.

The "Apollo" Player Piano operates all the keys (88) when played either way. We invite your inspection.

Hovenden-Soule Piano Company

Cor. Morrison and W. Park Sts.



LARGEST CASTING EVER MADE IN OREGON IS TURNED OUT FROM WILLAMETTE IRON AND STEEL WORKS.

The largest casting ever made in Oregon was turned out from the foundry of the Willamette Iron and Steel Works a short time ago and was a huge flywheel weighing approximately 30,000 pounds. The diameter of the wheel is 14 feet, with a face of five feet. The wheel was made for the Anderson & Middleton sawmill of Aberdeen, Wash., and will be used in the Corliss engine that will be installed on the Corliss engine in the Willamette foundry. Its size is shown in comparison with the men on the derrick and its weight is evidenced by the eight-horse team required to move it away from the shop.