

SAYS CITY LIGHTS COST TOO MUCH

Mayor Lane Deplores Condition Governing Illumination of Portland Streets.

WRITES LETTER TO PEOPLE

Says Power Company Has Monopoly and Lighting is Only Half-Way Adequate—Favors Municipal Ownership of the Plant.

MAYOR LANE ON CITY LIGHTING.

Those who seek grants or favorable contracts with the city keep sleek and well-fed agents in close attendance at the ears and elbows of a majority of your (the people's) representatives during the sessions when their interests are at stake, and the air within the Council chamber goes thin and heavily laden with the smoke from fragrant Havanas. I have failed, however, to note any such concern on the part of you, in your advice, yet your interests are many and important, and I opine that it might be well worth your while to know closely what is being done, in good words, quite well worth your while, indeed.

Mayor Lane yesterday addressed "to the people of the City of Portland" a lengthy letter, in which he gives expression of his views on the subject of lighting the city. In it he deplores the present situation, which he characterizes as an unfortunate, which precludes bids by the gas company and which, he says, leaves only one bidder for the contract. He says the prevailing price of electric arc lights is too high, and also declares that the streets are poorly lighted. Whereas the municipal lighting now costs about \$100,000 yearly, he states, twice that sum should be expended for the purpose, under existing circumstances. If proper illumination is to be had, by this, he means that two times the arc lights now installed should be put in service, which would double the cost.

The Mayor appeals to the people to take an interest in their affairs, and says that those who seek grants or favorable contracts from the city keep sleek and well-fed agents in close attendance at the ears and elbows of a majority of your representatives, and further states that he has failed to note any such activity on the part of the public when important matters are pending. He urges the push clubs and similar organizations all over the city to investigate and ascertain what is best to do with regard to the lighting problem, now up for consideration.

Favors Municipal Ownership.

Mayor Lane favors the municipal ownership of the lighting plant, and says that he has frequently stated in public. He is opposed to a long-term contract with any corporation, as he believes that the city should own the producing light should work for the betterment of the city's business, and make it possible to decrease the cost and to install a greater number of arc lights. He gives expression to his fear that the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company intends to encroach upon the Bull Run water supply, and earnestly asks the people to look into the whole subject of lighting, and to endeavor to form some kind of plan to be submitted to the people at the polls.

Josselyn Shows Good Faith.

"I have no fight with Mayor Lane. What he says in his letter is characteristic of him. As he makes some statements to the public that would lead to the belief that our company is trying to coerce the city into paying extortionate rates for lights, I want to make it clear that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is acting fairly. Last January, after learning that our contract with the city expires December 31, 1908, I personally took up the matter with Mayor Lane, and we have a fair deal. I wanted to show that we did not wish to wait until the last minute and then force the city into another contract. And although I took action in January, nothing has been done as yet by the city, with nearly three months gone by.

Heavy Expense for New Lights.

"It is not true that the cost of production of power is decreasing, as stated by Mayor Lane; but at the same price per lamp, we are giving a much improved light. Neither is his statement true that the situation here is unfortunate; it would be so were we inclined to take advantage of the circumstances, but we are not. We do not intend to charge more than our cost per lamp, as now, although we ought to have more, because we are giving a better light.

SEEDS, SEEDS, SEEDS.

Seeds for the Portland parks, J. J. Butner, the popular seedman of the city, has been awarded the contract for supplying seed for the several parks. This is certainly a fine compliment to Butner's seeds that grow. Now watch them grow.

GET FIRST PICK

Of the beautiful white waists now on sale at Le Palais Royal, 355 Washington street.

Dr. Dammasch Withdraws.

Dr. F. H. Dammasch yesterday announced his withdrawal as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor. Dr. Dammasch feels that he cannot give the time that would be required weekly to contest for the nomination, and for that reason believes that should he be nominated and elected he would not be able to give the attention to the office that a candidate should give. He has no objection to the nomination of Dr. Ben L. Norden. Aside from Dr. Norden, there are four other candidates for the Republican nomination to this office. They are J. C. Still, E. E. Ericson, Dr. J. C. Twitchell and Dr. J. S. Stott.

Automobiles at Your Own Price—new and 2d hand. H. E. Wegman, Front and Burnside.

Metzger's big glasses for \$1.00.

PLAN FAST SERVICE

Southern Pacific Will Put on a New Train to South.

CUT TIME NINE HOURS

Passengers Between Puget Sound Points and Bay City Will Be Forced to Spend Only One Night on the Road.

Fast limited passenger service between Portland and San Francisco is probable on the Southern Pacific within the next few weeks. Plans are being made to put on an additional train that will cut the present running time of about 24 hours to 21 hours.

NEW SECRETARY PORTLAND REALTY BOARD



James O. Rountree.

At the recent election of officers of the Portland Realty Board, James O. Rountree was chosen secretary. Mr. Rountree is probably one of the best known men engaged in the real estate business in the city, as his aggressiveness in advocating reforms and arousing enthusiasm has made him a prominent figure in affairs where the best interests of the city are involved.

Would Invoke Initiative.

It would seem to me that some steps should be taken to relieve the situation, and taken soon, or it will be too late. I believe that the different improvement clubs and other public bodies invoke the initiative at the coming election to provide the sale of bonds sufficient to cover the cost of the remedy needed upon the city's water supply. Its legitimate needs increase in a proportionate ratio and preparation for the future should be made, with this end in view, it should secure ample water power of its own, which is becoming more difficult to obtain each year. The time to do this has come.

At this time a certain corporation seeks a permit from the City Council to cross the lands of the Bull Run water supply of the city to a point convenient to that water supply, every drop of which over and above that which the city needs has already been staked and filed upon by the corporation, which asks for the permit, yet the city will soon need another pipe-line from Bull Run River in order to supply its ordinary demands. Those who seek grants or favorable contracts with the city keep sleek and well-fed agents in close attendance at the ears and elbows of a majority of your representatives during the sessions when their interests are at stake, and the air within the Council chamber goes thin and heavily laden with the smoke from fragrant Havanas. I have failed, however, to note any such concern on the part of you, in your advice, yet your interests are many and important, and I opine that it might be well worth your while to know closely what is being done, in good words, quite well worth your while, indeed. Respectfully,
HARRY LANE, Mayor.

NEW APARTMENT FLATS

Nob Hill—Close In.

A modern home for quiet, fastidious people, in beautiful new colonial building, with front and rear porches, perfect fire protection, six large steam-heated outside rooms, with hot and cold water; the woodwork weathered oak; the walls artistically tinted; well equipped for easy house-keeping; best gas range, Janitor service. Low rent. Main 6257.

ALLEGES RATES TO BE JUST

Street Railway Company Protests Against Reduction of Fare.

Members of the Oregon Railroad Commission have been at work for the past week on the examination of statements to be introduced for the defense before Judge Galloway of the State Circuit Court tomorrow in the trial of the rate case being defended by the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company. The statements show the earnings of the O. W. P. lines and are designed to show that the

Spring Is Coming

And why not select your clothes NOW and be ready when SHE appears in her Spring Hat?

Chalk and pencil stripes, moss tans and wood browns are very modish this Spring.

The most desirable patterns are sure to be picked up early—why don't you be the one that secures the cream of the showing?

We have plenty of time now to devote to every detail of your clothes. Come in and talk over the Spring Styles. Let us show you the new weaves and colorings, whether you are ready to buy or not.

PRICES: Business Suits . . \$25 to \$50 Overcoats \$25 to \$60

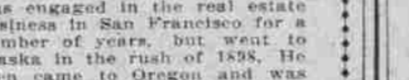
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Portland, San Francisco, Seattle.



KNO-US

Owing to the large number of clever responses as to the best reason why you should KNO-US, we will be unable to make the award of \$50 in merchandise until Monday. The announcement of the winner will be made in "Tuesday's" papers. We are much gratified to have received so many answers and to know that so many recognized "Lennon's Kids."

Lennon's

FOR SUITS AND UNDERWEAR

300 Morrison St.

This service will make one night between Puget Sound and San Francisco and will be maintained throughout the Summer, at any rate, and possibly next Winter as well, although the Winter season is not favorable to fast running through this state.

The train that will be put in service will leave Portland about 8 P. M. daily, arriving in San Francisco early the next night. It will consist of mail and baggage cars, a day coach, a diner and four Pullmans. Made up of eight cars, handled by a heavy Southern Pacific engine of the Pacific type, there is said to be no reason why the train cannot make the time.

The fast train to the South will be strictly limited in every way. No passes will be accepted by its conductor and no private cars will be permitted to be attached to it. It will make very few stops between Portland and San Francisco and will have the right of way over everything on the coast. The train will be similar to the one operated by the Southern Pacific between San Francisco and Los Angeles and it is expected it will equal the popularity of that train.

This train will provide excellent service between Puget Sound points and California. When it is put on, passengers may leave Tacoma and Seattle in the morning and arrive in San Francisco early the next night. Spokane, too, would be benefited greatly by the new train, for it would shorten the time from the Inland Empire capital to the Bay City. Leaving Spokane at night, the traveler could spend the next day in Portland and reach San Francisco the following night.

Fast trains over the Siesta route of the Southern Pacific have been talked of ever since the road secured heavier equipment some time ago and started to expend a large sum of money in relaying its main line in this state with the heavier rails needed to carry the heavier equipment. At the same time wooden bridges were replaced with heavier steel structures, across which the big locomotives now in use can charge at full speed.

The plan for fast passenger service has never been so near realization as now, when track conditions are favorable for fast running. It is expected that the new train will be put on April 1.

Want Railway Bonds.

CHICAGO, March 21.—The elimination

Many Have Taken Advantage

of our special sale and low prices during the week. This sale will continue through the coming week. Bargain-hunters who could not be suited elsewhere, last week, found complete satisfaction here. We can do as well for YOU, if you will investigate. Remember the place; early-comers have first choice. We carry a complete stock of Phonographs and Records.

HOVENDEN-SOULE

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HEALTH--BEAUTY--COMFORT

Every woman's desire in corset perfection is gratified by wearing "LA GENOIRE" ELASTIC CORSET. Kept in repair at our own expense. This feature makes "LA GENOIRE" the most inexpensive corset. "LA GENOIRE" is an indispensable adjunct to your new Easter gown; it will add tone to any ordinary street costume.

When combined with an expensive gown the result is highest perfection in form and style. "LA GENOIRE" does not betray its outlines by showing bold or unbecomely lines through the dress. On the contrary, it softens the outline of any overgarment and perfects the figure.

It will cause you no trouble or inconvenience to summon our Corsetiers to your home at once.

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to use their influence to the end that Congress in legislating on the currency question should not discriminate against the use of any good bonds as security for circulation.

The attitude of the manufacturers is that railroad bonds are the most readily obtainable security and that the prejudice

against the railroads should not be allowed to operate in the framing of a permanent currency measure.

Metzger, jeweler, optician, 342 Wash.

Hanan shoes fit the feet. Rosenthal's.

Business Good in the North

Canadian Passenger Agent Says Col- onist Travel Is Heavy.

C. E. McPherson, general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific's Western lines, with headquarters at Winnipeg, and E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent, with offices at Vancouver, B. C., were in Portland yesterday, looking over passenger traffic conditions. Mr. McPherson says business is good on his lines and the movement into the Canadian Northwest has not been heavy. He believes there will be a big immigration into that country during the coming season.

"Portland's Rose Festival will attract a good deal of attention from people up our way," said Mr. Coyle. "We expect to send down a good many visitors from British Columbia for this event, as well as bring many tourists around this way in June."

Beautiful Blue Suits

All shades of the ever popular, up-to-date Copenhagen blue. A shipment just in from Eastern fashion centers—arrived Friday last. See these. Nothing better shown anywhere, and prices far lower.

Allow Us to Fit You

Out For Easter

Better choose early while stocks are large and sizes complete. You do not need a full purse to trade here. A small payment down, then

A DOLLAR A WEEK

Will soon pay for any suit in the house. You are welcome to credit—and will find our easy-payment plan a great convenience.

Suits at \$22.50

Of fine Spring-weight Panama in green, brown, tan, red, navy and black, satin-lined college coat, 4-button cutaway front, also file striped chevot and fancy mixtures, all nicely trimmed and deep plated skirts with bias fold on bottom.

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Of two-wool fancy stripes and checks, two and three-toned effects; others of fine French serge in black, brown, navy and green; also file-striped serges and shadow-striped chiffon Panama, hair-lined Panama, etc.; silk taffeta lined in plain or striped, deep plated skirts with bottom fold; many silk and braid trimmed.

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Of black and white checks, shadow striped Panama in blue and brown; wide wale diagonals in black, rajah Panama, fine serges, and novelty stripes, Prince Chap style, nicely tailored; Merry Widow model, with butterfly sleeve, neatly trimmed, silk or satin lined, and skirt gored or plaited, with foot fold.

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