## SELECTING BOARD ON CITY CHARTER

Council Committee Awaits Suggestions Before Naming Commission of 15.

#### MAKE ONLY FEW CHANGES

Mayor Declares Revision Is Necessary in Several Particulars, but That Extensive Alteration Will Be Opposed.

The special committee, appointed by the City Council two weeks ago, will not be prepared for several days to name the proposed Charter Revision name the proposed Charter Revision Commission of 15 members. The voglous labor and commercial organizations of the city have been asked to submit to the committee the names of representative citizens for appointment on the Commission, and until these recommendations have been received the committee will not make its selections. It is proposed, if possible, that the Commission shall conclude its work early in the Fall so that the different amendments that are agreed upon may be submitted to a vote of the people at the

ments that are agreed upon may be submitted to a vote of the people at the Presidential election in November.

The initial step towards revising the charter was taken by the City Council at its meeting two weeks ago. At that time Mayor Lane and Councilmen Baker and Celiars were appointed a committee of three to select another committee of three to select another committee of fifteen representative citizens. It will be the function of this larger committee to pass on the advisability of the different amendments that may be proposed and to prepare in proper form for submission to the vote of the people such amendments as may be approved by the committee. In authorizing the appointment of a committee of fifteen the City Council provided that two of its members should be City Attorney Kavanaugh and Chief Deputy Auditor Grutze.

#### Clubs Suggesting Members.

Before selecting the committee of fif-teen Mayor Lane and Councilmen Baker and Cellars decided first to receive sug-gestions from the different organizations in the city. Accordingly letters were mailed to all of the push clubs and vari-ous commercial organizations including the central body of the labor unions, with the request that each recommend to the committee the name of one or more prominent citizen for the general com-mittee. A few names have been received from this source, but Mayor Lane and his associates will not undertake to ap-point the members of the important com-mittee until after these different organimittee until after these different organi-

mittee until after these different organi-sations have been heard from.

When the general committee has been appointed, it is proposed that it shall hold frequent meetings. The official heads of the different departments of the city government, representatives of the differ-ent commercial organizations labor so-cieties and individuals will be asked to what before the committee any amendsubmit before the committee any amend-ments they may desire to propose to the charter. When the proposed changes have been drafted in proper form they will be submitted to a vote of the electors of the city for their approval or rejection.

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"There is no general demand for a revision of the charter," said Mayor Lane, yesterday. "The people of Portland as a rule are satisfied with the charter as it stands and will consent only to such changes as investigation may disclose are demanded by the best interests of the municipality. It is essential, however, that the charter be amended in some minor respects, relating particularly to the laying of additional water mains and the making of tional water mains and the making of street improvements. There is no oc-casion for a wholesale tampering with it on an extensive basis will be dis-couraged by the Commission and re-jected by the people in the election."

#### Approve Only Few Changes.

There prevails a very general opinion among members of the Council, city officials and the general public that the charter, with the exception of a few minor particulars, is entirely satisfactory in its present form as protecting the interests both of the city and the public. For that reason any at-tempt to inroduce extensive changes at this time will be resisted by the large majority of citizens. There is every majority of citizens. There is every indication that only such amendments will be approved as will simplify and expedite the administration of city business without encroaching on the necessary safeguards with which this business is now surrounded.

It is not improbable that the existing provisions of the charter governing street improvements will be modified slightly so that contractors may receive their money from the city when the

street improvements will be modified slightly so that contractors may receive their money from the city when the City Engineer approves and accepts an improvement. Contractors are demanding an amendment of the charter granting them this concession and members of the Council recognize the justice of the complaint of the contractors and probably will not oppose such an amendment. Under the present system of making street improvements, from six weeks to five months clapse from the time the improvement has been accepted by the city until the contractor receives his pay.

This is all made possible by reason of the round-about way contracts for such improvements must go before the work is finally approved and paid for. After the City Engineer has accepted an improvement of a street, the matter is considered at the next meeting of the Executive Board, where it is referred to, the street committee of that body. When the subcommittee has reported back to the Executive Board, the ordinance assessing the cost of the improvement is ordered and all these proceedings, including the disposition of all objections and protests against the improvement, must be acted on before the contractor can get his money.

#### Held Up by Flimsy Excuse.

In one instance, involving a street improvement contract for \$36,000, the contractor was prevented from drawing his money from the city for two weeks while some of the different boards or committees considered an objection that had tees considered an objection that had been filed by a woman whose property was affected. In this case it developed that the only excuse she had to offer for resisting the payment of her assessment was that she could not afford to pay it because she "needed the money to build a chicken coop." It is because of such filmsy and immaterial excuses as these which are allowed longer to defer a settlement between the city and contractors for public improvements, that contract

accepted by the City Engineer, whose particular duty it is to supervise such improvements as the official representa-tive of the city.

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The Interest of the city in arranging for the more prompt payment of street improvement contracts lies in the saving to the city that would follow in the cost of these improvements. Under the present tardy system of paying for this work, it is known by the city officials that contractors include in their bids an interest charge covering what they may expect to lose by reason of the deferred payment by the city. to lose by re by the city.

#### EAST STARK IMPROVEMENT

Another Attempt to Be Made to Get Street in Order.

Another effort is being made to improve East Stark street between East Twentieth and Forty-first by grading and graveling at an estimated cost of \$53,000. It is the second attempt to get this street improved, the former movement having been defeated by the Lone Fir Cemetery Association on the grounds that the cost cannot be asscounds that the cost cannot be as-sessed the association or the lot own-ers of the cemetery. However, Council-man Kellaher is sure that the associa-tion, and that property in the cemetery sufficient, outside of the lot owners, can be found on which to levy and make collection. He insists that East Stark street shall no longer be held up, for collection. He insists that East Stark street shall no longer be held up, for it is one of the great thoroughfares of

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Between East Twentieth street and the Willamette River the property-owners will have paid out over \$150,000 when the fills and other improvements under way are finished. For nine full blocks a solid fill is being completed on East Stark street and yet the street blocks a solid fill is being completed on East Stark street, and yet the street will not be opened. At East Twentieth street there is a bank about 10 feet high and the incline is so steep that teams cannot pull a loaded wagon up. The cut will start at East Twentieth street at the corner of the cemetery. East Stark is important, for it is a continuation of the Base Line road, which connects with all the principal roads in nects with all the principal roads in the county, and there is a general de-sire that the improvement shall be con-tinued out to Mount Tabor.

#### PUBLISH COLLEGE ANNUAL

Juniors at Agricultural College Get Out "The Orange, '09."

The junior class of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvailis has issued the class annual, "The Orange, '99." The title in black appears on the front cover, and the book is bound in fine, silk-dressed calf, dyed orange. The dedication is to Dr. Margaret Comstock Snell, who from 1888 until recently occupied the chair of domestic science and hygiene. Fifteen juniors composed the editorial and business staffs, with E. C. Callaway editor in chief and R. H. Rodgers business manager. The result of their work is a publication far in advance of class annuals in most colleges of the country, for the reading matter is dignified and instructive and the art work in keeping with the character of the work. Beside half-tone pictures of the students, grouped in classes, the volume contains views of the college buildings, nearby resorts in wood or riverside where students are wont to spend a leisure hour, members of the faculty, with of course the inevitable "grinds." These are free from grossness, but at the same time take off foblies of students and professors in good-natured fun. There is a large amount of valuable matter in the volume and in future years it will be referred to by graduales of Oregon Agri-The junior class of the Oregon Agri-

#### DEMOCRATS WILL RATIFY All Local Organizations to Unite in

Rally July 15.

volume and in future years it will be referred to by graduates of Oregon Agri-cultural-College and re-read with added interest and pleasure.

Multnomah county Democrats, assisted by prominent members of the party from throughout the state, will hold an open air ratification of the nomination of Bryan and Kern on the party's standard bearers on the Plaza block next Wednesday night, July 15. By that time the delegates and alternates from this state to the Denver convention will have returned and in giving the demonstration they will unite with the Democratic Presidential electors, the Democratic County Central Committee, the Bryan State and County Club, the Multnomah and the Young Men's Democratic Clubs and in Young Men's Democratic Clubs and in

Young Men's Democratic Clubs and in fact leading members of the party an over the state.

Short addresses will be given by a number of prominent Democrats, among the speakers being John M. Gearin, ex-United State Senator; E. S. J. McAllister, presidential elector; George L. Hutchin, president Bryan Club; John H. Smith of Astoria; State Ienator M. A. Miller and S. M. Garland of Lebanon; Dr. Bernard Daly, of Lakeview, and C. K. Henry, delegate to the National convention.

#### GIRL GIVES OFFICER TIP

Tacoma Police Believe They Have Counterfeiting Gang.

TACOMA. Wash., July 11.—(Special.)— Through the partial confession of Gladys Wilson, a girl about 17 years old, the arrest of R. M. Ellis and wife and Will G. Gillman, who, it is alleged, have been using the girl to pass counterfeit bills in Tacoma and Olympia, was made possible last night.

According to the story told to Officer Turner, of Olympia, who areated Gladys Wilson in that city, she had been sent to swindle a young man out of his money. The proceeds were to be used in starting a small show troupe on the road, Mrs. Ellis being the star performer. She also alleged that Ellis and Gillman were guilty of passing Confederate bills.

#### CLOSING-OUT SALE.

Women's and misses' ready-to-wear apparel, men's furnishings, muslin underwear, walsts, parasols, gloves, notions, hosiery, corsets, embroideries, laces, household supplies, dress goods, silks, etc. The greatest bargain event of the year. McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Morrison.

#### BANFF HOT SPRINGS.

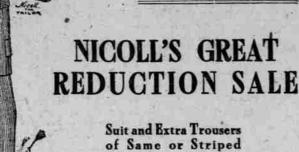
The Canadian Pacific will sell you a ticket to Banff Hot Springs and return for \$35. Situated in the very heart of the Rocky Mountains, it is an ideal spot for a Summer's outing. Excellent hotel accommodation. Unparalleled scenic attractions, Apply at local office, 142 Third street for full particulars.

Falls Down Stairs; Badly Hurt.

Mike Harrigan, stable foreman of the Mike Harrigan, stable foreman of the Ice Delivery Company, at the foot of North Fourteenth street, was seriously injured about 7 o'clock last night by accidentally falling down stairs. He sustained a broken rib and a severe gash in his head. He fell from the second floor of the stable to the first floor, a distance of about 15 feet. His fall was caused by a misstep on the stairway, which had no guard rail, and he fell over backward. He was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital in a Red Cross ambulance. thement between the city and contractors for public improvements, that contractors demand some amendment by which a more prompt settlement can be had with the city.

It is contended by the men engaged at this class of labor for the city that it is only a matter of justice that they should receive their money for contract work when the improvement is approved and





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frequently given. Those who have attended previous outlings will recall the campfire meetings as the most distinctive feature of Mazama Club life.

BAD FIRE NEAR HOOD RIVER

Force of Men Saves Residence and Electric Power-House.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 11 .- (Special.)

-A forest fire which got started this

norning a short distance from the city threatened for a time to destroy the

also the powerhouse of the Hood River Electric Light Company. Only through the efforts of a large number of men, who worked falthfully for several bours.

was serious loss avoided, and the fire gotten under control. The section where the fire took place is being patrolled to-night and unless a high wind should come up it is thought that all danger is

BOY OF 12 STEALS \$500

Old Man Had Confessed to Crime but Court Sets Him Free.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 11 .- Charles

SPOKANE, Wash., July 11.—Charles Wheeler, an old man who confessed that he stole a sack containing \$500 from the express company at Elk, Wash., was set free by the court today. A 12-year-old boy named Harry Russell confessed the theft of the same sack and was committed to the State Training School. The officers think Wheeler was drunk and merely imagined that he stole the money.

### MAZAMAS' LARGEST OUTING

MORE MEMBERS IN PARTY THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE

Ascent of Mount St. Helens Will Be Made From North Side-Camp at Spirit Lake.

Interest in the Mazama Club outing to Mount St. Helens, July 31, increases and it is announced that the party this year will be the largest the club has ever had. Names are daily being added to the register.

The main camp for the ascent is to be located at Spirit Lake, on the north side of the mountain. This can be reached by wagon-road from Castle Rock, Wash. The lake is three miles long and one and one-naif miles wide. Trout are said to be abundant and hungry in the lake this season. They are, for the most part, of the Dolly Varden species and are caught only by trolling. It is, there-fore, recommended that those members of the party who desire to fish take trolling ones along. A number of boats are on the lake, also a gasoline launch, which will be at the disposal of the camp-ers. The Toutle River, below the lake, is filled with small trout, which are easily caught with balt or files. There are excellent bathing places along the shore of the lake.

Mount St. Helens can be climbed almost any approach, although it is said the easiest ascent is from the south and east. The height of the mountain, as ascer-

The height of the mountain, as ascertained by the Mazama hypometric party, on July 19, 1895, is 9739 feet.

From the camp at Spirit Lake a number of interesting side trips can be made, american Lake lies one and one-half miles north of Spirit Lake. To the southwest of the camp lies Echo Lake and a visit to Cathedral Canyon, about half way between these two lakes, is most interesting. A basaltic dike, resembling a cathedral spire, supplies the name for the canyon. The lava beds on the south side of the mountain, showing in the lava the remains of a giant forest, are among the most wonderful features are among the most wonderful features

are among the most wonderful features of the entire region.

As the camp at Spirit Lake will be located on a United States Forest Reserve, every possible precaution must be taken to prevent the spread of forest fires. A general campfire under the direction of the outing committee will be a special feature each night. These campfire meetings are the occasion to unique entertainments. Lectures are also



Here will be found bargains which should interest every one. Big values and little prices. Some of these instruments have been out on rent or turned in on a Player Plano or a high-grade grand—many of them can hardly be told from new—in fact, some of them probably are preferable to new ones, as they have been used just about long enough to sweeten the tone. Those which need overhauling are thoroughly repaired and polished in our up-to-date repair shop and are in perfect condition.

The following are but a few of the many rare plano opportunities awaiting you at our waterooms:

A Sohmer Plano, New York's greatest, absolutely new, but slightly scratched on one side from display purpoxes; regular price, \$575, but goes now for \$430.

A splendid Smith & Barnes, which has been out on rent for seven months, can now be had at a great reduction, although in fine condition. Don't miss seeing this one.

Kohler & Campbell, nearly new, rosewood case, modern design, full 71-3 octaves, but not as large as the ordinary piano. This goes at \$184, and will no doubt go quickly. An old, reliable Hinze, excellent practice plano, full 71-3 octaves, loury keys, chomized case. While not a fancy-cased instrument, the action and tone are fine, and at the price—\$160-it is a rare bargain for any one. Easy-terms.

A Balley, wainut case and of modern design. Former owner used it about a year and then turned it in on a Player Plano—\$181 buys this instrument. Such a bargain should be, and probably will be, snapped up quickly. Don't delay.

As stated above, these are but a few of the many bargains which will go on sale tomorrow and Tuesday—but you would better come down carly to secure best choice, as at the prices we have marked these instruments. they are almost sure to go in a hurry. Remember the time—Monday and Tuesday—and the place—

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## MOYER Third and Oak 1st and Yamhill

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—According to a wireless received by the Weather Bureau from the United States ship Nebraska, the battleship today was 700 miles from this port.

England's Great Steel Bear.

A huge engine just installed in service on the Great Western Railway of England is by far the largest in size and weight of any in that country. It is gaudily painted, the body, tender and wheels being green and the bumpers red. Its name is carried over the center driving-wheels in gilt letters. The tender carries 3500 gallons is of the Pacific type, and is called "The A huge engine just installed in serv-

Great Bear." Unlike locomotives in this country, it is gaudily painted, the body,

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