REPORT CRITICISES **COUNTY OFFICIALS**

Investigators Aver Business Methods Are Lacking and Taxpayers Are Mulcted.

NO DISHONESTY IS FOUND

Lightner Clings to Old Ways, Holman Is Not Diplomatic and Hart Follows Vacillating Course, Committee Charges.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF JOINT INVESTIGATING COM-MITTEE INTO CONDUCT OF COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Excessive prices paid for "bug juice": more purchased before supply was exhausted. County Commissioners fail to put administrative code, an efficlency system, into effect. Need declared for better accounting

methods. More personal investigation needed in work of County Board of Relief, more comprehensive records, and exclusion from office of outside persons is recom-

mended.
Investigation of courthouse construction fails because of refusal of persons having informa-tion to give statements and sub-

mit records.

Lack of business methods by County Commissioners declared to be lamentable. No dishonesty found, but inefficiency disclosed. Differences between Commissioners such that county business suffers. Commissioner Lightner prefers to follow old methods; Commissioner Holman has worked for betterment, but is not diplomatic; Commissioner Hart's attitude has been vacil-

Budget is not followed by number of department heads; lia-bilities incurred are not shown in statement; inventories of coun-ty property inadequate.

Combination between city and country advisable, simplifying work of separate administrations and lessening cost to taxpayers. Road work of county is commended, and John B. Yeon and Amos Benson found to be rendering valuable services on Columbia highway. bia highway.

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Sins of commission and omission are charged to Multnomah County officials in the report of the joint investigating committee made yesterday. The re-port followed weeks of inquiry. Records were examined and a series of public hearings conducted.

The committee is a joint one repre-nting the Tax-payers' and Non-artisan Leagues. Representing the former body on the inquiry board are: Dr. A. J. Giesy, Leo Friede, Paul S. Seeley and Charles D. Mahaffie. The latter league appointed the following to the committee: George C. Mason, Amedee Smith, D. A. Patullo and George Lawrence, Jr. Dr. A. J. Giesy

was elected chairman.

The report says that businesslike methods have not been followed and the best interests of the taxpayers are

the contrary it is stated no evidence of graft has been disclosed. Emphasis is laid upon ineffective methods of doing business, failure to keep careful accounting and reporting systems, and generally loose means of transact.

All Commissioners Criticised.

All three Commissioners are charged with shortcomings. W. L. Lightner is said to cling to old methods, while Rufus G. Holman, chairman, is credited is said to have sought to better conditions. Daniel V. Hart is said to have followed an uncertain and vacillating

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This joint committee, appointed by the Taxpayers' League and by the Non-Partisan League, came into existence at the request of Commissioner Rufus C. Holman, made in his letter of July 6, 1914, to these organizations, asking that an investigation be made of the efficiency of the officials and methods of the County of Multinomah. Our attention was called particularly to the purchase of certain "insect exterminator," as illustrative of irregularities which Commissioner Holman stated existed. In order to make a study of the situation, the work was divided into four parts: First, investigation of the purchase of this insect exterminator; second, determination to what extent an administrative code was in force; third, study relative to handling of charity by the relief department; fourth construction of the Courthouse.

We have held open meetings at which County Commissioners and other interested parties have appeared and submitted to questions in regard to county business, and voluntarily made statements as to what they knew about the same. We have also conducted investigations in regard to the matters so brought up and other matters connected with county affairs. The object which this committee has kept in mind from the start was to find out if the affairs of the county are being handled in business, like manner, with a careful regard for the economic expenditure of the people's money and in such a way as to secure the best results for that expenditure.

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Insect Exterminator.

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In the investigation relative to the purchase of this insect exterminator we found that a considerable quantity of it had been purchased between 1999 and 1913, aggregating in cost more than \$3000; that the price paid by the county was \$2 per gallon, plus treight from St. Louis in some instances. The same material was offered to us at a cost of \$1.75 per gallon f. o. b. St. Louis and we found it had recently been offered to the purchasing agent of the county for \$1.80 per gallon f. o. b. Portland. We found that anether insect exterminator had been offered to the county at a cost of \$1.25 per gallon cellvered, and upon investigation we found that this insect exterminator had been declared more efficient by the United States Government than the one that was purchased at a higher price. We found that an additional amount of the insect exterminator was purchased by the county when there was a considerable quantity in the basement of the Courthouse leaking through the barrels and evaporating.

We could find no evidence that anyhody in the employ of the county had made any effort to find out whether the purchase of additional exterminator was necessary; nor did we find that any effort had been made to determine whether the price paid was the beet price to be obtained; nor to check the amount received. We did have evidence that the cheaper exterminator, above referred to, had been offered to the county officials, but that they refused to buy it. Since this investigation has started the cheaper material has been put in use by at least two of the county departments and was selected by the heads of those departments because it was found to do the work better.

Administrative Code.

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The investigation made by this committee relative of the administrative code has brought forth the following facts: In June, 1913, experts ware employed by the Taxpayers' League and a survey of the county business methods made at an expense to them of \$2000. The county then paid the same experts \$1000 to draw up a code of procedure for the administration of county business, together with a system of reporting and auditing for the various county departments. Meanwhile the Legislature of 1913 passed a law which requires the State Insurance Commissioner to establish a uniform system of accounting in each of

the several counties of the state. The County Commissioners, by vote, decided to adopt the administrative code. Commissioner Lightner dissented and claimed the county had no authority to adopt this code, but that Mr. Ferguson, the State Insurance Commissioner, should furnish a system which was to be followed. Here we find two divergent forces—the one headed by Commissioner Holman, endeavoring to have the administrative code put into effect, and the other headed by Commissioner Lightner, refusing to have anything to do with it. The result has been fairly complete reports are made out by certain departments, incomplete reports made out by others and no reports at all made out by still other departments. Under such a conflict of ideas and desires it is, of course, utterly impossible to get the best results for the county. We took up with the State Insurance Commissioner the matter of his intentions in regard to an accounting and reporting system for county institutions, and were advised that he did not intend to install any further: system, and that the County Board its at liberty, so far as his office is concerned, to make any requirements in this regard it likes. In our opinion there is no longer any reason why an adequate accounting and reporting system should not be installed and insisted on by the County Board, and we accordingly most strongly recommend that such a system, either the present administrative code or any other that will develop the information, be installed and used without further delay.

Board of Relief.

Our investigation of the methods pursued

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Our investigation of the methods pursued by the office of the board of relief, which is composed of the County Commissioners assisted by a clerk of relief, indicates to us assisted by a clerk of relief, indicates to us that reasonable care is exercised in the giving of relief to applicants insofar as it is possible to determine their worthiness by an office interview, or conference with the one recommending them. We do not feel, however, that proper care is used in following up cases to which relief is extended. An investigation of several cases where relief had been extended for a considerable period, failed to show in the majority of cases, that any attempt, by way of personal investigation, had been made on the part of anyone representing the county to see whether or not a continuance of the relief was really needed. The clerk, it seems to to us, might properly divide his time between the office work and outside investigation. The necessity for such investigation is emphasized by the fact that the county's expenditure in this department amounts to \$15,000 per annum.

We believe that more care could well be exercised in the keeping of the office records of the cases to which relief is given. The present records not infrequently fall to give more than meager information concerning the one receiving relief and the reasons for its allowance. An improvement might also be made in the recording system. Under the present method, it is necessary to go through several volumes of records to learn of the comparatively few current cases that are receiving relief. This is due to the fact that the record sheat of each case is kept in the volume of the year in which the case began to receive aid.

We believe that the relief board should instruct the clerk to prevent the use of his office by persons not in the employ of the county and having no official connection with it. On several visits to the office we found one there having no business with the County and making free use of the office-room for his own personal business.

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Construction of Courthouse.

When we came to the investigation of the When we came to the investigation of the construction of the courthouse, we were handicapped by the difficulty in getting the information we wanted. Commissioner Hart attended none of our meetings; Commissioner Holman was not on the board at that time and knew nothing about this matter; Commissioner Lightner refused to answer any questions relative to this subject and referred us to Mr. Whidden, of the firm of Whidden & Lewis, architects; Mr. Whidden declined to give us plans and specifications, delined to recognize our committee in any way or to appear before it. Working under such a handican it was impossible for us to get the facts without the employment of export accountants and the power to subpoens winesses, which we did not have. We restret this difficulty in securing the facts in connection with the expenditure of \$1,500,000 of the people's money. Our inability to get the facts prevents us from making a more complete report on this matter.

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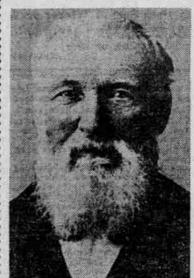
So far as we could ascertain there is no evidence in the county records indicating that extra work on this contract was ever authorized. We assume that the architects would not go shead and spend a net increase of more than \$122,000 without authority so to do, but from the lack of information on file at the Courthouse we are led to believe that if this authorization was ever given, it is in the possession of the architects and not among the county records. We do not consider it good business for the County Commissioners to be placed in a position that they have to rely on interested parties for information relative to the expenditure of public money, and for which the Commissioners are responsible.

General.

methods have not been followed and the best interests of the taxpayers are disregarded as county affairs are administered.

No charge of dishonesty is made; on the contrary it is stated to make the contrary it General. nade in Mr. Holman's letter of "dishonesty practiced the grossest incompetency." It is only fair to state that our investgation did not disclose any dishonesty, but did show that incompetent and inefficient methods of dollar business hand inefficient methods of dollar business. that incompetent and inefficient methods of doing business have been very generally fol-lowed. We find the Commissioners pulling in opposite directions, an absolute lack of co-operation producing a condition anything but beneficial to the taxpayers. We find an evident desire to prove someone else at fault instead of a willingness to work together for the common good. As an illustration: Commissioner Lightner stated that "the commissioner Lightner stated that "the bad department was never so badly disoranized as it is today." Our investigation oes not indicate any such condition, but
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> OREGON PIONEER WHO DIED IN PORTLAND AS RESULT OF FALL ON SIDEWALK.



James Wilson Cook. James Wilson Cook, an Oregon pioneer of 1852 and for many years a prominent farmer of Mc Minnville, died Monday at the home of L. L. Cook in Portland as a result of injuries sustained in a fall on the cement sidewalk

Mr. Cook was 87 years of age. He was born in New York in 1827, and, while a child, moved with his parents to Michigan. In April, 1852, he left with a pioneer train of about 50 wagons for a trip across the plains to Portland. trip across the plains to Portland. He reached here in November of the same year. Soon after his arrival here he moved to Mc-Minnville, where he engaged in farming. He remained there until a few years ago, when he retired. He is succeeded by five children. They are: Meldora R. Parker, of Oakland, Cal.; W. Manley Cook, of Portland; A. Manley Cook, of Portland; A. Deane Cook, of Parker Or.; L. L. Cook, of Portland, and Bessie E. Gowan, of Eastport, Idaho. Fu-neral services were held Thursday at McMinnville.

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successful in his efforts if he had been more diplomatic.

At the present time the work of the County of Multnomah is in the hands of three men, Mr. Holman, chairman, who has been on the board since June, 1913, and who has tried to handle the county affairs in a business-like manner. Mr. Lightner, who has been a County Commissioner for 10 years and who seems to believe the details of the present vast organization, employing hundreds of men and handling more than \$1,000,000 a year, can be carried out in the same way as it was 10 years ago when Multnomah County was much smaller. He has refused to co-operate in the adoption and enforcement of what we consider a better system. The third member is Mr. Hart, whose attitude as a member of the County Board appears to have been uncertain and vacillating. His term expires in January next.

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We find that under the provisions of a state statute an advisory budget committee was appointed in 1913, which went over county matters, considered the estimates of officials and department heads, and submitted a budget for the year 1914 to the County Commissioners: that this budget, with such changes as the Commissioners deemed expedient, was adopted. We find that for the first six months of the current year no apparent attempt has been made to follow the budget by a member of the department heads and employes of the county, and that up to this time the County Commissioners have done nothing to compel its

observance.
We find that no account is taken of a We find that no accounty until the warrant liability of the county until the warrant therefor is actually drawn; that the county statement is, therefore, at all times inadequate, in that liabilities incurred are not

We find no adequate inventories of county property. It is impossible to tell from the county books what property the county ac-

tually owns. New System Held Needed.

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From our examination of the county method of doing business, the need of a more systematic and complete system is very apparent. The departments do not make reports sufficient to show what they are actually doing. It is impossible, for instance, to determine whether a county institution is being run economically or not, and whether the cost is greater or less in proportion to the amount of work done from year to year. County business has become too great to be carried on in the way it now is and has heretofore been done. It is imperative that a comprehensive business system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system be adopted and lived up to, and by system of accounty, reporting and lived up to, and the county's business is being run, what the county's business is being run, what the county's business indicate that the tax-payers are being mulcted severely by reason of the double system and consequent duplications existing in county and city government. The same taxpayers, of course, very largely supporting both. We find county departments duplicating work done by the city. There appears to be no adequate reason for maintaining separate administrations and in our opinion, accombination is advisable. Even in the county business, as now conducted, there appears expensive duplications which might well be eliminated. For instance, From our examination of the county method of doing business, the need of a

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An investigation of this character, by its very nature, is apt to bring out the unpleasant things and one is apt to become pessimistic in the reading of such reports, because he forgets the good work that is being accomplished, but to which reference is not made. In this connection we wish to take this opportunity of stating that in our investigation of the road work of the County of Multnomah, as evidenced in the construction of the Columbia highway, we found it well organized, following systematic method and in charge of men whose chief objects are to secure the very best possible results at the least expenditure of money. We believe that John B. Yeon and Amos Benson are particularly deserving of commendation in this regard, as they are not only devoting their time to this work without compensation, but are contributing money to its cost. This highway, we believe, will be a great benefit to the City of Fortland, Multnomah County and the State of Oregon.

The scope of our investigation was limited to the matters directly noted in this report, and no investigation vas made of the conduct of county affairs generally, therefore, this report and its conclusions must be read and understood secondingly. Yeon and Benson Commended,

Women's Press Club to Meet. The Woman's Press Club will hold the first meeting of the year Wednes-day night at 7:30 in room G of the Cenday night at 7:30 in room G of the Cen-tral Library. An unusually interesting programme has been arranged. Mrs. Eva Emory Dye, Oregon's noted authoress, will address the club on "The Author as an Asset to a State," and Miss Anne Shannon Monroe will speak on the subject "Beginning a Literary Career."

572 CHILDREN BENEFITED

Fund Reaches Total of \$2545.35, New Cities Join Movement and Ten-Day Outings in Country Are Given to 465.

The Fresh Air season under the auspices of the Associated Charities will end this week with a record of service nearly twice as extensive as that of the Summer of 1913, when the movement was inaugurated. Last year half a dozen cities participated in the work and about 300 children received vaca-

tions in the country.

This year the total number of children who had ten-day outings at the seashore or on farms was 465 and the total of all who had some of the ben-efits of the season's work was 572. The Fresh Air fund has reached a total of \$2542.33, the last contributions received being from William Fleming, of Salem, \$1: "H. A. E.", \$10: The Emportum, \$3, and Miss L. E. Petersen, \$3. This fund represents donations averaging more than \$300 a week, while

the Fresh Air season was on. New Towns Join Movement. Silverton, Dallas, Newberg, McMinnville and Forest Grove, which participated in the work a year ago, all took parties of Fresh Air children again this year, and besides these six other cities joined in the movement and received large parties. These new other cities joined in the movement and received large parties. These new towns were liwaco, which took the first party organized in Pertland this season; Lebanon, which was repre-sented by the Lyons Camp; Nehalem, Tillamook, Cariton and Turner. Small parties were sent to nearly a score of other places.

other places.
Secretary V. R. Manning, of the Associated Charities, announced the following list of the towns and cities that had helped in the movement and the number of children they had entertained: Ilwaco 21, Silverton 54, Rectating Laure Camp 12, Lyons Camp reation League Camp 12, Lyons Camp at Lebanon 12, Lebanon 3, Tigard 3, McMinnville 42, Nehalem 35, Tillamook 75. Sherwood 1. Everett 3, Salem 3. Chemeketa 5, Corbett 2, Seaside 4, Newberg 22, Wheeler 3, Dallas 14, Forest Grove 79, Corvallis 4, Albany 2, Norton 1, Carlton 25. Newport 1, Turner 22. Oregon City 2, Wall 1, Canby 1, Bull Run 4, Willamette 2, Spokane 1, Gervals 1. Everett 3, farms and suburban

places 24. 0.-W. R. & N. Entertains 70.

The O.-W. R. & N. excursion provided day's entertainment for 70 of the Fresh Air children, 12 were entertained in excursions by Miss Lena Graham and 25 in excursions by Edward Wort-

Tillamook took the largest party, the Chilamook took the largest party, the entertainment of the little visitors being shared by all organizations of the city. The United Artisans arranged for the transportation of the children with them to Tillamook by special with them to Tillamook by special train on the annual excursion of the

Artisans.

The remainder of the fund that is available after the expenses of the sea-son are attended to will be applied to procuring a permanent Fresh Air farm near Portland, which may be equipped and used in the Fresh Air work next season if possible.

Greater Success Expected.

"The public has been so generous with the Fresh Air movement this sea-son in spite of the fact that it has not been what one might call a good year." said Secretary Manning, "that we look forward for a still greater success in the next Summer, for the Fresh Air movement has now apparently become an established thing in Portland's

charitable activities.
"The assistance of the Junior League committees this season has been invaluable in handling the work and members of the league have been most generous not only of their time and afforts, but have cheerfully loaned their

cars to transport the children to the depots and have given personal assist-ance in a hundred different ways."

Madras Resident Jailed.

R. G. Alexander, of Madras, was rought to Portland yesterday by brought to Portland yesterday by United States Deputy Marshal Dave Fuller to await action by the Federal grand jury on the charge against him of having transported liquor to the In-dians of the Warm Springs Reserva-tion. Charles Larguharson was arrest-ed at the same time with Alexander on the same charge, but gave bail of \$250. Alexander did not furnish bail and was brought to Portland for detention in

...... UNUSUAL EPITAPH TO MARK GRAVE OF ECCENTRIC MEDFORD BACHELOR



Monument Made at Singular Request.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 29.— (Special.)—To an independent, good-looking old bachelor, who in his younger days preferred to live a single life rather than get married and be ruled by a petti-coat boss through this life and perhaps in eternity.

This unusual epitaph is chis-eled in the granite monument just completed by F. B. Waite, of this city, to mark the last resting place of William Hart-ley, of Myrtle Point, Or., the ec-centric bachelor, who died there last Spring.
Above the inscription is the

figure of the "good-looking old bachelor" on one side of the River Jordan and on the other are three old maids beckening him to cross. The figures and the inscription were both made at the direction of Mr. Hartley in his will, which was carried out by his executor, J. R. Benson, of Myrtle Point. Although Mr. Hartley did not

believe in marriage as an insti-tution, he was not a woman hater. He left an estate of \$3500 and, directed that a children's park be laid out at Myrtle Point park be laid out at anythe rome to be known as the Bill Hartley park, in which there should be no religious or political restric-tions. Five hundred dollars also was left to a maiden friend in that city, and the remainder, that city, and the remainder, which happened to be \$500, was used for this singular purpose
The monument is made entirely of Oregon granite, quarried

five miles northwest from Med-ford, and will be shipped to the Coos County town in a few days.

Articles of incorporation, which were adopted at the meeting of the Irvington Park Club Friday night at the club quarters. East Thirtieth and Holman streets, were sent to Salem yesterday for filing. The capital stock is placed at \$2000. The value of each share of stock is \$5. I. O. E. Rauh, Joseph R. Gerber and Joseph A. Addleman are the incorporators. The objects of the club are set forth as "the social improvement of the community, to secure street improvements, electric light, water mains, school facilities and to acquire such property as the club may need to carry out its objects."

As soon as the officers are elected the club plans to buy a site for a clubhouse and take steps to erect the building. The old Irvington Park Club is to be merged into the incorporated organization. It has 125 active members, about one-half of whom are women. The old club has \$400, which will be available toward buying the site for the clubhouse.

Tentative plans for the clubhouse

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Tentative plans for the clubhouse have been submitted. A site also has been selected, but its location has not been announced.
The clubhouse plans provide for

social hall about 40x50 feet, with a stage, reception room, kitchen and men's and women's lockers. Before adopting the plans the entire membership will be consulted.

A special meeting of the newly incorporated club has been called for next Friday night to elect officers and

The club will be made a community affair and every family in the Irvington Park district will be asked to take
one or more shares of the stock. In
the erection of the clubhouse the club
plans to favor the residents of the
community as far as possible and
the expenditures of primary candidates
take work on the clubhouse in navement take work on the clubhouse in payment should be made public.

One of the club's officers asserts that members this year in Irvington Park a committee has been employed since and to have work under way on the new clubbouse early this Fall.

PISGAH MOTHER REPLIES Purpose of Home Is Told in Letter to The Oregonian.

PISGAH HOME, Aug. 29.—(To the Editor.)—In the news columns of yesterday is a statement that the removal of Pisgah Home is asked, and that the Compulsioner is requested to act. of Pisgah Home is asked, and that the City Commissioner is requested to act at once. I wish to use your columns to inform the public of the purpose of the Pisgah Home. It has been a great blessing to be permitted to dwell in a community like Lents, because it is a

dry district.

It is an impossibility to conduct such a place with any results in a saloon locality. The people of that vicinity as a mass have been most considerate and forbearing when there has been any offenses. They have come to me and we have removed the cause invariably. I have recognized the improving hallty of have removed the cause invariably. I have recognized the impracticability of a residence district, and since last Winter have been making ter have been making every effort to for a place in the country.

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CLUB ASKS CHARTER

physical wart, and that it depreciates the value of property.

Now, these things cannot be avoided, and if they become unbearable, all we can do is to remove them. I am quite sure the mass of the people in Lents do not recognize even this defect. It is a fact that Grays Croasing has been a sufferer to a greater extent by these men coming from the city and getting off there in a besotted condition. This only thing that can be done is bring them on over to the home. This the citizens have most kindly done. Why they get off there I do not know, only that it is an older station and these old men know the locality better by that name. Before these men get to our home we are not responsible for their conduct, and know no way to prevent it. We can only regret that our social system is such that these things are

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I hope soon to get our people out among the hills and valleys where we can hide our outcasts; where the outward appearance will offend none; where we can worship God in his own appointed temples. "The groves were God's first temples."

Just yesterday a lady called me to the city and placed a deed to a tract of land in my hands, saying, "Use this, in Jesus' name, for the Pisgah mission work." This land is not tributary to Portland, but is of sufficient value to

CLUB MAY MAKE EXPOSE

BARING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF ASPIRANTS TO BE TAKEN UP.

Iroquots Member Avers Committee Finds Sums Spent in Some Cases More Than Candidates Report.

last June gathering affidavits, state-ments and information, showing the amounts primary candidates expended. and that the amounts in some stances are greatly at variance with the sums reported to the Secretary of the sums reported to the Secretary of State in compliance with the corrupt practices act. It is said that one can-didate for a state office expended up-wards of \$11,000, and several thousand dollars in addition, for which no cer-tified affidavits have yet been pro-

This report was prepared for use in the coming campaign by club members and they decline to make it public until and they decline to make the property of the members. The club, which has headquarters in the Commonwealth building, is an incorporated social and political organization and votes and acts as a unit. A majority of the members pick the candidates and measures, and all members are pledged to support them or retire from the club. At present the club's rell contains 1160 names, including an active political worker in each of the 326 precincts of the county.

Fire Fighters Are Dismissed.

The petition referred to was circulated some weeks ago, and I talked with the party who circulated it and gained his consent to a delay, that I might have time to complete my arrangements. I respect the fact that rangements. I respect the fact that the community has a right to decide this matter. I only ask them to wait a little longer. I am grateful that they do not object to it because of being dis-Of the 200 men engaged in fighting this matter. I only ask them to wait raging in the little longer. I am grateful that they under control, and according to the a little longer. I am grateful that they under control, and according to the do not object to it because of being disdo not object to it because of being dis-orderly, or in any way a nuisance; but that these men dress poorly, and sitting on the porches are looked upon as a the fighting there.