

GRAND JURY URGES SERIES OF CHARGES

Stricter Regulations Govern-
ing Conduct of Election
Boards Recommended.

SESSION LASTS 90 DAYS

Most of County Institutions Win Ap-
proval of Investigators, but Con-
ditions at Frazer Home Are
Condemned Decisively.

FEATURES OF FEBRUARY GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

Method of paying county war-
rants, whereby "warrant shavers"
discount part of employees' sal-
aries, criticized.

Frazer Detention Home de-
clared in condition of neglect.
Recommended that Kelly Butte
rockpile be reopened immediately.
Stricter rules governing conduct
of election boards recommended.

Over-insurance declared cause
of many cases of arson.
County hospital operated "un-
der incredible difficulties." New
building recommended.

County Poor Farm, Baby Home,
City Jail and County Jail com-
mended as efficient institutions.
During its session of three
months the grand jury examined
615 witnesses, returned 135 true
bills and 58 not-true bills.

Stricter rules for the conduct of elec-
tion boards are strongly urged in the
final report of the February grand
jury as an outcome of the jury's long
investigation into ballot alterations in
Precinct 37, which resulted in three in-
dictments Thursday.

The jury recommends that no election
officials be allowed to work overtime
or to be transferred from the day to
the night board, and that no more than
one member of one family may serve
in any precinct.

The report contains many important
recommendations as the result of three
months' investigation into county busi-
ness and criminal matters. The jury
was impaneled February 1. Its cause
of the long investigation into the
ballot frauds, it was held over during
March and April. Its business was
concluded Friday and the jury made
its final report to Circuit Judge
Gatens yesterday and was discharged.

The jury was composed of Freder-
ick H. Strong, foreman; W. T. New-
man, secretary; H. C. Haack, James
Burns, Frederick Westendorfer, W. O.
Frager and A. W. Haines. During
the entire three months it has been
under the direction of Charles C. Hind-
man, Deputy District Attorney.

Session Lasts Three Months.

The report is as follows:
"The jury went into session on
February 1, 1915, and has been in con-
tinuous session since then, having
been duly held over by the court.
During this period the jury has ex-
amined 615 witnesses and has re-
turned 135 true bills and 58 not-true
bills. In addition, the jury has made
several investigations in matters of
import to the county and has examined
the following institutions:

"County Jail.—We found this clean,
well ventilated, well cared for and ap-
parently well officered and a credit to
the County of Multnomah.

"City Jail.—A thorough examination
of this proved to us that the city had
a most thoroughly and modern
equipped jail, a credit to the city and
county as well.

"County Poor Farm.—We found this
a thoroughly modern and well equip-
ped institution. The inmates appar-
ently well cared for and contented.
The upkeep and care of the property
excellent. A keen personal and intel-
ligent interest of those in charge,
whom we particularly commended, we
further indorse the present plan of
making this farm a model farm and
experimental station for the benefit
of the farmers of Multnomah county,
believing that it can be thus of great
service, doing for the farmers of this
county what the State Agricultural
College is doing for the farmers of
the state at large. We find the farm
supplying certain edibles to the
County Hospital, and we commend
and urge that in the planting and de-
veloping of the farm this plan should
be distinctly kept in mind of furnish-
ing the hospital with the edibles that
they require that can be raised there.

Hospital Authorities Commended.

"County Hospital.—We found this a
very clean, well-kept and efficiently
handled institution, but one being op-
erated under incredible difficulties. We
noted and commend highly the keen
personal and intelligent interest being
shown into the running of the hospital
by those in charge there. The old
building now used for a hospital en-
tails a great amount of labor and ex-
pense to keep clean and sanitary, and
we believe only the efficiency of the
management has prevented serious
spread of contagion and disease. The
effort applied to keep the hospital in
this condition it is in its present
plant, while absolutely necessary, is
wasted in the sense that a large part
of it would not be required in a mod-
ern institution planned for hospital
uses. We desire to add our recommen-
dation to a long list of those already
made, that a new hospital be
constructed at the earliest possible date.

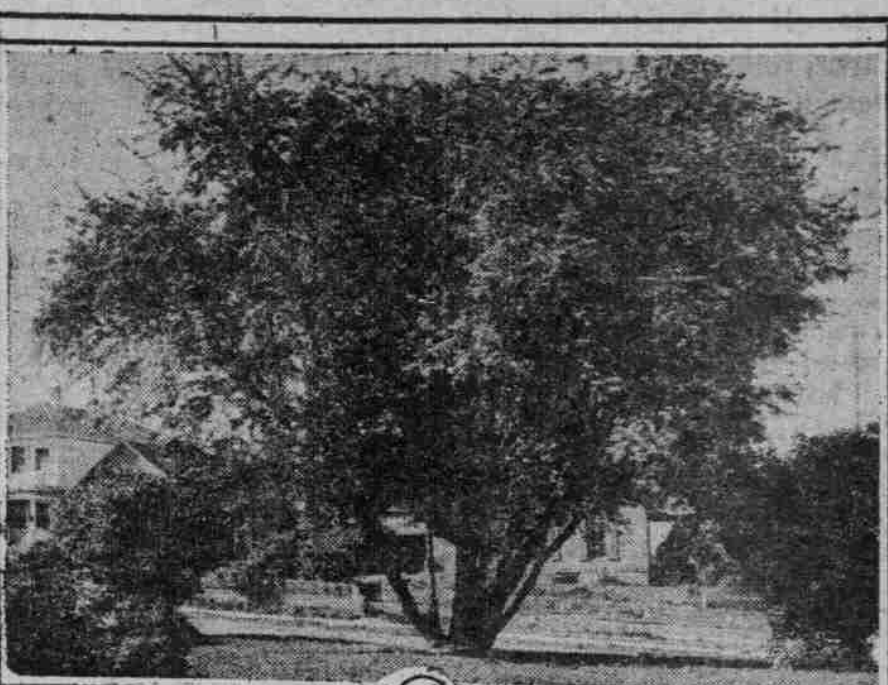
"Baby Home.—We found the Baby
Home well cared for and airy, well
equipped for the work that is entrusted
to it. We particularly noted and are
pleased to commend the carefulness
taken with the preparation and care
of the milk supply for the children. We
found a lack of fire escapes, and recom-
mend that the chief of the fire de-
partment be requested to examine the
fire escape facilities of this building,
and if his report discloses faults or
carelessness that they immediately be
rectified.

Frazer Home Condemned.

"Frazer Home.—Our examination of
this Frazer Home did not disclose to
this jury a satisfactory condition. The
whole physical condition of the home
and the building is one of neglect. The
condition that exists, we believe, has
a detrimental effect rather than an up-
lifting one upon the boys and girls
sent there for care. In this respect
we recommend the fixing up and plant-
ing of the grounds, the painting of the
building, the replacing of numerous
broken windows, the cleaning and
painting freely inside and the finish-
ing of the third floor for additional
dormitory space. We feel that the
practice of sending to the same home
dependent children and delinquent chil-
dren to be highly improper and unfair.
We recommend that steps be taken to
provide a home or school of some char-
acter to take care of the delinquents
who cannot be sent to the Reform
School and who are now sent to the
Frazer Home for lack of any other
place to send them. The question of
the care of dependent and delinquent

GIANT HAWTHORN AND PALM BLOOM IN CITY

Shrub Brought From Ireland 50 Years Ago Now 60 Feet in Height, a
Mass of Green and White.



(1) Irish Hawthorne, 50 Years Old, In Yard of J. H. Price. (2) Flowering Palm
Grows by L. O. Halston.

TWO interesting trees recently "dis-
covered" in Portland are found at
the homes of J. H. Price, 238
Caruthers street, and L. O. Halston, 608
Market street. The tree in Mr. Price's
yard is an Irish Hawthorne brought
from Ireland 50 years ago by Mr. Price's
great-grandmother and planted in the
spot where it now stands. It is now in
full bloom with great white blossoms
and makes a pretty picture as it stands
50 feet high, a solid mass of green and
white.

The tree in Mr. Halston's yard is a
flowering palm. He bought it 15 years
ago from a Portland florist. The plant
was then 4 years old and showed no
signs of being different from other
palms. Recently, however, it has
developed great yellow buds and is now
about to burst forth in bloom. Persons
who have seen the tree bloom say that
the flower is fan shaped, almost as
large as the leaf. Ordinarily the buds
grow in the top of the tree, but those
on Mr. Halston's tree have come near
the bottom, next to the leaf stalk and
are in no way interfering with the
shape of the tree as they do when they
come at the top.

California says the tree has delayed
its blossoming many years.

ment, and the Portland city officials
and urges the county officials to lend
the weight of their influence to the
crushing of this very serious menace.

Warrant Shaving Censured.

"General Conditions.—After careful
investigation the grand jury finds oc-
casion to call attention to the fact that
payments of county funds to county em-
ployees has been conducted in a man-
ner which, in the opinion of the jury,
is open to great criticism. Evidence
has been shown that many labo-
rers in the service of the county have
been paying a regular toll of 1 per
cent upon the amount due them, and
it appears to the jury that the circum-
stances under which this practice has
been carried on virtually amount to
compulsion of said laborers to make
this discount. For a long time past
certain foremen, being under financial
obligation to the broker who makes
the discounts, have regularly turned
over the time checks of their men to
a broker, who has retained them until
the time when the county officials are
about to make their payments.

"Election Measures Urged.—Our examination
of several election cases, during the
course of our duties leads us to make
the following recommendations:

"First.—That no board be permitted
to work overtime.

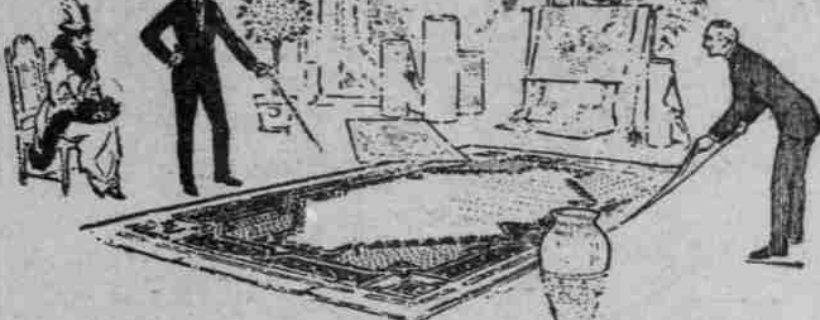
"Second.—That no member of the day
board be allowed to serve on the night
board or vice versa at the same elec-
tion.

"Third.—That only one member of any
family shall be permitted to serve on
the board of any precinct at the same
election.

"Testimony received by us in different
cases leads us to believe that there
is a common practice of irregular and
illegal methods through ignorance or
carelessness which, although done
without corrupt or fraudulent intent,
easily lend themselves to such uses,
and care should be taken by the
authorities to correct these irregulari-
ties.

"Arson.—The jury had occasion to
investigate several cases of arson and
is led to believe from testimony re-
ceived in those cases that insur-
ance is commonly practiced and
arson often committed. The jury com-
mends the stand taken by Fire Marshal
Stevens, of the Portland Fire Depart-

Jenning's Holds a Mammoth Carpet Sale All This Week!



Sixteen Thousand Yards
Axminster and Brussels Carpets
Reduced for This Week

A May sale of mammoth proportions, involving the largest
stock of carpets in the Northwest. Note the prices carefully
and compare quality with any other carpet offer:

\$1.35 Brussels Carpets \$.90

\$1.10 Brussels Carpets \$.78

\$1.60 Axminster Carpets \$1.23

We show dozens of new patterns in these fine carpets. The
special prices include sewing, lining and laying on your floors.
Measurements carefully made, and your entire satisfaction
guaranteed.

Lawn Mowers, Garden Hose, Garden Tools, White Mountain Ice Cream Freezers

Henry Jennings & Sons Fifth and Washington Streets
Second and Morrison Streets

CONTRACT IS AWAITED

AUDITORIUM PLANS EXPECTED TO
BE BEGUN SOON.

Agreement With Architect Is Due Back
Bearing His Signature This Week,
and \$10,000 Is to Be Paid.

Unless there is an unexpected hitch
in proceedings, the preliminary work
of arranging a contract with J. H.
Freedlander, official architect for the
proposed public auditorium, will be
completed this week and the prepara-
tion of the working plans for the pro-
posed structure will be started.

A contract drafted by City Attorney
LaRoche to bind the city and Architect
Freedlander was sent to Mr. Freed-
lander in New York a week ago for
Mr. Freedlander's signature. This is
expected back this week, along with
an announcement of the appointment
of a local architect to represent the New
York firm. As soon as the contract is
received it will be signed by Mayor
Allen and members of the Commission,
and the city will forward to Mr. Freed-
lander a check for \$10,000. Of this
\$10,000 will be payment for the prepara-
tion of the old plans, which were
discarded when the site for the build-
ing was changed, and \$1000 will be the
first payment for the new plans.

JOVIANS PLAN FEATURES

Sale of 9000 Tickets for Festival
Benefit May 14 Expected.

Preparations are being made by the
members of the Portland Jovian
League for the benefit at the National
Theater May 14, when the proceeds of
six performances will be donated by
Manager Winstock to the Jovians to
create a fund with which to provide
novel and spectacular features for the

"Grand Jury.—After serving three
months each member of this grand
jury is impressed with the independ-
ent position of the jury as a county
institution and its value on that ac-
count. We have found ourselves free
to act and investigate without
constraint, which has inspired us with
desire to express to the people of
Multnomah County that in the grand
jury we have conducted they have an in-
stitution that is accomplishing the free
and independent purpose for which it
was instituted.

The jury wishes particularly to
commend the work of the District At-
torney and his deputies. We have been
impressed with the efficiency, spirit of
fairness and open mindedness that ex-
ists throughout this office, and in its
dealings with all grievances, both large
and small. The handling of witnesses
by the deputies entrusted with the
work in the grand jury room is a mat-
ter which the members of this jury
are particularly pleased to make ap-
parent comment on. Each case has been
handled in a way to bring out the
most there was on both sides and the
examination of witnesses has always
been most thorough, fair and efficient.

CRATER INQUIRIES COMING
A. L. Parkhurst Says Park Will Be
Accessible Earlier Than Usual.

Superintendent Steel, of the Crater
Lake National Park, has just reported
to Alfred L. Parkhurst, president of the
Crater Lake Company that he drove
to within ten miles of Government
headquarters by motor April 22, and
walked the remainder of the distance
over the snow.

At headquarters he said the snow was
four feet deep on the level and drifted
badly in places.

The season is reported three weeks
earlier than in years when the roads
were open to Anna Spring Camp
June 25.

Mr. Parkhurst reports an unusual
number of inquiries from the East,
particularly from institutions of learn-
ing and he predicts exceptionally
heavy travel this season.

CLUB CONFERENCE CALLED

Effort Will Be Made to Have Con-
gressional Committee Come North.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 1.—(Special.)
—A call was made by the Hoqui-
am Commercial Club for a confer-
ence of delegates representing the
commercial organizations of Southwest
Washington, Tacoma and Seattle at the
Tacoma Commercial Club rooms May
15, at which the possibility of bringing
the rivers and harbor committee of
Congress to the Northwest will be dis-
cussed. Letters are being sent to the
various commercial bodies suggesting
that the conference be held at Hoqui-
am. Representative Humphrey, of Seat-
tle, and Johnson, of Hoquiam, hope to
bring the party to the Northwest after
California is visited.

TODAY

\$27.50 Axminster Rugs, \$19.85
These are full 9x12 Rugs; heavy pile, not to be con-
founded with the light-weight rugs commonly offered.
Many beautiful patterns, including the small con-
ventional designs now so popular, as well as new floral designs. Special this week **\$19.85**

**\$62.50 Quartered Oak Dining-
Room Set, \$39.95**

Fine, substantial sets in either golden or fumed quartered
oak, handsomely finished.

One Buffet, Regular \$25.00 This
One Table, Regular \$22.50 Week
Six Chairs, Regular \$15.00 Only **\$39.95**

—Second and Morrison Streets.

Mattress Special
Regular \$11.50 Layer Felt
Mattresses, 40-lb. art tick;
roll edges. Special this week **\$5.95**
—Second and Morrison Streets.

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cleans, dusts and polishes at
one operation hardwood
floors, furniture, pictures,
autos and carriages.
Mops 75c to \$1.50. Polish 25c
upward.

electric parade during the Rose Festi-
val.

Besides motion pictures and vaude-
ville, the Jovians plan to add many
original features to the regular pro-
gramme at the National. The Jovians
expect to sell 9000 tickets for the six
performances May 14. Candidates for
Queen of the Rose Festival will be in-
troduced to the patrons of the National
at the closing performance. C. E. War-
ner, president of the league, says the
advance sale of tickets is progressing
well and that all Jovians in Portland
are making every effort to sell out
the theater before the day of the bene-
fit.

Prizes are to be awarded to Jovi-
ans selling the greatest number of
benefit tickets. The Jovians will at-
tend the benefit at the National in a
body at the noon-day performance
May 14.

Wooden Leg Goes Parcel Post.
ALBANY, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—A
wooden leg passed through Albany by
parcel post yesterday. It was being
sent from Mill City to Portland and
the address indicated that it was being
sent in for repairs.

GRAVES MUSIC CO. **EVERYTHING IN MUSIC**
Slightly Used TALKERS

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Must be sold at great reductions from the origi-
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Each machine has been carefully examined and
adjusted, guaranteed to be in perfect playing
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TERMS AS LOW AS \$2.00 PER MONTH
\$25.00 styles now \$12.00 \$50.00 styles now \$27.50
\$35.00 styles now \$18.00 \$60.00 styles now \$35.00
\$40.00 styles now \$22.50 \$75.00 styles now \$37.50
\$45.00 styles now \$25.00 \$200 styles at \$135, \$150

We will also include a Fine Collection of
Music of your own choice. Come in at
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Pioneer Phonograph Dealers—Est. 1896
151 Fourth Street Near Morrison
We have a complete stock of all styles Ed-
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graphs, Victrolas and Grafonolas.

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Astoria, Seaside and Gearhart
SATURDAY, MAY 8—AND ALL SEASON
2 P. M.

Special Returns Sunday Evening

For Astoria Celebration of Celilo Canal
Opening, Friday, May 7, round trips will
be sold to Astoria from all stations, \$3
Portland to Rainier, inclusive, for \$3

Return Limit May 10

NORTH BANK STATION 10th and Hoyt
TICKETS 5th and Stark

Summer Tourist Fares East May 15. Go via Spokane or
to California via Great Northern Pacific Steamships