

OUTLOOK FOR SETTLEMENT OF CARPENTERS' STRIKE IS SAID TO BE MUCH BETTER

Union Men Say They Believe the Difficulty Will Be Adjusted Within the Next Few Days.

Will Contend That Mayor Surprenant Is Responsible for the Strike and That Settlement Could Easily Be Brought About if City's Chief Executive Would Take the Initiative and Sign the Eight Hour Scale.

◆ "Mayor Surprenant may make his contrary statements, but just the same he is responsible for this strike. The contractors are in a union of their own, bound to stand by each other, and none will agree to our demand unless the others agree. There must be unanimity. Mayor Surprenant is now doing no contracting, but while his name is attached to the agreement he is enabled to stand in the way of settlement. If he were to agree, the strike would come to an end"—

◆ Statement of official representative of carpenters' union.

tors. Mayor Surprenant was the only one who paid less than 30 cents. After the union was formed we decided to ask \$3 a day and our demands were presented to the contractors. All agreed except the mayor. He was paying \$2.50 and \$2.25 a day to his men, and for fully a year continued to pay those wages. For a year he had just that much advantage over the other men.

"And that's not all, so far as the mayor is concerned. When the union asked the other contractors to sign the scale, the mayor went to his fellow-contractors and urged them to refuse. He showed them his books to demonstrate that he was paying his men only \$2.50 and \$2.75, and in every way tried to prevent the payment of the union scale.

"The mayor says he was not elected on an eight-hour platform, but I wonder if he forgets the platform upon which he made his canvass two years ago last December, when he defeated Mayor Bergman? The laboring men elected him then. As to his statement that the higher wage now demanded—the request for a shorter working day is equivalent to more wages, from the contractor's viewpoint—would have a deterring effect on building, I will say to you it is sheer rot. If you were to have a house built would you refuse to build it because the carpenters were going to refuse to work only eight hours daily instead of nine, and that, too, when all the other mechanics

The outlook for settlement of the strike of the carpenters of the city is, according to the statement of the press representative of the union, quite favorable. In conversation with an Astorian man last evening, the union's representative said he believed the difficulty would be adjusted to the satisfaction of the carpenters within a few days. He reiterated his former statement that Mayor Surprenant was to blame for the present trouble and said the city's chief executive could settle the strike if he only felt so inclined.

"Mayor Surprenant has always opposed our union," said the press representative of the union. "When we first organized our union here the carpenters were receiving 30 cents an hour from nearly all of the contrac-

employed in building work but eight hours? Well, I guess you wouldn't. If it is fair for the others to work eight hours, why isn't it fair for us to work eight hours?"

Mayor's Unique Position.
"The mayor occupies a decidedly unique position. At present he is not doing any contracting. But under the agreement between the contractors all must agree to any action which is taken. If the mayor refuses to sign the scale, the others are in duty bound to stand by him. He does not sign the scale now because he is not doing any work. He can afford to hold out. Let the mayor try the experiment of signing the scale, and then see how long this strike will last. We know how the mayor feels toward our union."

Outlook is Brighter.
The outlook for settlement of the strike is brighter, according to statements made yesterday. Already steps have been taken looking to adjustment of the difficulties, and, while no exact statement is made as to the overtures thus far made, it is confidently stated settlement will be brought about within a few days.

The contractors' combination is the only block in the way of immediate settlement. Contractor Palmberg, when seen yesterday and asked if he would sign the scale, replied:

"I am only one. I can not do this thing alone."

Pressed for further information, he declined to say anything, although he did not deny that the contractors had made arrangements as to policy. Other contractors are also favorable to signing the scale, and if the opposition of the mayor is overcome the men think the strike will be settled.

As yet there has been no union contracting, and the union's representative says there will be none unless the strike proves a long-drawn-out one.

Judge Releases Boys.
Chicago, April 2.—The three Polish boys, who two weeks ago set fire to the Holden public school, destroying it, have been released by Judge Tut-till. He held that none was old enough to know the extent of his wrong doing.

The mothers of the boys, unable to speak English, cried as they thanked the judge for freeing their sons.

Baseball Scores.
Fresno-Tacoma, 5; Seattle, 4.

SHOWING IS FAVORABLE

Quarterly Reports Show That City's Indebtedness is Little More Than \$150,000.

TREASURER CRITICISES CHIEF

Wants the Council to Require Him to Turn Over All Funds at the End of Each Month.

Astoria's municipal indebtedness is \$152,795.91, according to the report of Auditor Anderson for the first quarter of 1904. When city taxes are paid in the showing will be even a better one, but city officials are quite well satisfied with the showing made now.

The report of City Treasurer Dealey for the quarter was filed yesterday with the auditor, and both reports will be presented to the council at its meeting Monday night. The treasurer finds occasion in his statement to criticize the manner in which Chief of Police Hallock does business. According to a marginal note attached to the treasurer's statement, the chief did not turn over to the treasurer the sundry license receipts until 3 p. m. on April 1, by which time the treasurer's books had been closed for the quarter. As a result the treasurer was unable to include in this quarterly statement the amount of money received from this source. The treasurer recommends to the ways and means committee that hereafter the chief of police be required to turn over to him all money on hand at the end of every month.

City's Financial Condition.
The report of Auditor Anderson shows the financial condition of the city to have been as follows on March 31:

Liabilities—	
Outstanding Warrants.....	\$ 42,164 13
Municipal bonds	173,050 00
Municipal street bonds.....	5,438 17
Total	\$220,652 30
Resources—	
Outstanding taxes	\$ 30,280 52
Street and sewer assessments	25,429 46
Cash on hand	14,714 41
Total	\$ 70,424 39
Summary—	
Liabilities	\$220,652 30
Resources	70,424 39

Excess of liabilities \$153,427 91
In the statement showing the outstanding street and sewer assessment on December 31, 1903, only those accounts considered collectable are reckoned in the assets.

Receipts and Expenditures.
The report filed by Treasurer Dealey shows the receipts and expenditures for the quarter, as follows:

Receipts—	
Cash on hand January 1.....	\$18,774 26
Fines and forfeitures	2,960 00
Telephone company	250 00
A. & C. R. R.	100 00
Liquor licenses	4,400 00
Interest	102 89
Street repairs	839 38
Street improvements	9,182 96
Total	\$36,609 49
Disbursements—	
General fund warrants paid \$	9,876 98
Interest on same	630 67
Street repair warrants paid..	867 58
Street improvement warrants paid	6,820 63
Bond interest	3,699 22
Total	\$21,895 08
Balance on hand—	\$14,714.41.

It will be observed that the sundry license receipts, amounting to \$1632, statement of receipts. This is what has prompted the treasurer to file his complaint because of the failure of the chief to make his turnover March 31. The chief was unable to get in all the license money by March 31.

Sundry Licenses.
The following statement shows where the sundry license receipts come from:

Slot machines	\$ 765 00
Teams	402 00
Shooting galleries	10 00
Theaters	75 00
Pawnbrokers	25 00
Auctioneers	25 00
Wharfingers	150 00
Peddlers	10 00
Dogs	75 00
Livery stables	25 00
Total	\$1632 00

In reality, the indebtedness of the city is \$153,427.91, or \$152,795.91.

"WHAT'S BRED IN THE BONE WILL OUT IN THE FLESH"

Is true of mankind as well as lower animals. We do not expect blooded stock from common sires, physical giants from dwarfs and midgets, nor well-developed, robust children from tainted ancestors and sickly parents. It is contrary to the laws of nature and heredity, which are inviolable, unchangeable and fixed.

Children not only inherit the features, form and disposition of their parents, but the mental and physical qualities, infirmities and diseases as well. That certain diseases are transmitted from parents to children, are bred in the bone and handed down from one generation to another, can not be denied, for we see evidences of it every where and every day.

SCROFULA, a disease almost as fatal as Consumption, is a disease of the blood, is bred in the bone and will out in the flesh in the form of glandular swellings, deep abscesses and sores, boils and eruptions. It affects the eyes and ears, weakens the digestion and destroys the red corpuscles and solids of the blood, resulting in emaciation, stunted growth and poorly nourished bodies.

RHEUMATISM is handed down from gouty ancestors and rheumatic parents. The acid poisons in the blood that cause the sharp, shooting pains in muscles and joints have been there may be from birth, and exposure to bad weather, night air, or cold, easterly winds only hastens the attack by exciting the acid blood. The blood must be purified and the poisons filtered out of the system in order to get relief from this painful disease.

CATARRH is something more than a cold in the head; the poison extends into the Throat and Lungs, attacks the Stomach, Kidneys and Bladder, and every part of the system. We inherit a predisposition or tendency to Catarrh, just like other blood diseases; it is bred in the bone and can not be reached with sprays and salves, but requires constitutional treatment and a thorough cleansing of the disease-tainted blood.

CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POISON is responsible for more suffering than all other diseases combined, and none is so surely transmitted from parent to child. Fearful ulcers and sores and disgusting skin eruptions often break out in infancy, and those whose blood is tainted with this awful poison are handicapped from birth, and unless the poison is eradicated carry the taint through life.

CANCEROUS ULCERS and old sores seem to pursue some families through generations, and in spite of washes, salves and ointments, continue to spread and grow because the taint is in the blood; is bred in the bone and grounded in the flesh.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Harrison A. Lambert was down from the metropolis yesterday.

E. F. Libke, the well known resident of the Lewis and Clark, is in the city. Dr. Matthew Patton has resumed his practice, after an illness of some time. Mrs. E. O. Curran is in Seattle, for a two weeks' visit with Mrs. James Hare.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lelnenweber are down from Portland for a short visit with friends.

Mrs. A. A. Finch and Miss Elmore will go to Portland tomorrow to attend the Assembly party to be given there tomorrow evening.

J. E. Ferguson was out yesterday, for the first time in three months. He was for a time seriously ill with typhoid fever and his life was despaired of.

THE AMES FILE SUIT.

Lady Passenger of the Alliance Asks Heavy Damages.

San Francisco, April 2.—In the United States district court today A. H. Ames filed suit on behalf of himself and wife against the Oregon Coast

Steamship Company to recover \$25,000 for personal injuries alleged to have been inflicted upon Mrs. Ames. According to the complaint Mrs. Ames was a passenger on the steamer Alliance running between this city and Marshfield. On October 16, 1903, she asserts, when a few days out from this port, she was criminally attacked by Thomas Davis, the porter on the boat. Davis is under indictment and his case came up in the United States district court Monday.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident is related by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed at Charles Rogers', druggist.

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