

COMES TOO HIGH

Council Committee to Investigate.

PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE

Oil Tanks Scheme Passed Up—Some New Railway Franchises.

By a resolution of the Common Council yesterday the office of the City Physician is to be investigated.

Perfect peace and quietude characterized the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen yesterday afternoon. Just before the close Alderman Bentley handed the following statement to City Auditor Devlin, which was read:

Expense of the Health Department of the City of Portland, Or., since the year 1882:

1882.....	\$1,001.44
1883.....	1,117.63
1884.....	1,399.85
1885.....	1,824.00
1886.....	2,705.20
1887.....	3,981.90
1888.....	4,287.55
1889.....	6,061.26
1890.....	5,821.06
1891.....	7,988.76
1892.....	8,767.20
Nine months expended.....	117.50
Bills audited.....	117.50
Total, 1902.....	\$8,884.70

In addition to the above expenditures for 1902 there are other outstanding bills for about \$200, not yet approved, and which make the total expenditure in excess of \$9000 for the nine months of the current year ended September 30.

At the conclusion of the reading Alderman Bentley moved that it be "referred to the committee on health and police to investigate the conduct of the office," which was seconded by Alderman Flegel and unanimously carried.

SLIP OF MACHINES.
Alderman Bentley offered two other resolutions of interest. One directed the license committee to investigate slot machines in cigar and confectionery stores and if found not to be gambling machines to put them on the license list. The other resolution instructed the Chief of Police to enforce the law prohibiting the throwing of posters, bills, doggers and other advertising matter in the streets.

RAILWAY FRANCHISES.
Two ordinances in reference to railway franchises were introduced, both by Alderman Flegel. The first was to regulate freight traffic on street railways and providing a license on freight cars. The ordinance prohibits the hauling of freight in open cars on Third, Washington or Morrison streets between the hours of 7 a. m. and 7 p. m., excepting cars used by a company in carrying material used for construction work.

The ordinance provides a license as follows: For each freight car with power or motor attachment, \$100 per annum; for cars without such attachment, \$80; and for every car with or without such attachment used in hauling construction material, \$3. The license is to be paid quarterly and tags are to be issued the same as are issued to expressmen. Violations of the ordinance are punishable by fines of from \$50 to \$300 or imprisonment in the county jail of from 10 to 30 days. Cars used exclusively for transporting material for filling bridges or any bridges in streets are exempt. The ordinance was put on its second reading and then referred to the committee on streets.

FOR A NEW LINE.
The second was introduced by request of the City & Suburban Railway Company and provides for a franchise from Morrison street to Madison, to Seventeenth and thence to Market; from Grand avenue on East Davis to the Sandy road, and on East Tenth street from East Morrison to East Ankeny. The line is to be completed within one year and the track to be single or double. It requires a 10-minute service between 6 a. m. and 8 p. m., and a 20-minute service between 8 a. m. and 11 p. m. It provides a license of \$2 per year on each car operated. The ordinance was referred to the street committee.

TO REPAIR BRIDGE.
Alderman Zimmerman introduced a resolution appropriating \$500 for repairing the first street bridge across Marquam's gulch. The ordinance was passed and the Board of Public Works was authorized to make the repairs at once at a cost not to exceed \$500.

ORDINANCES FOR IMPROVEMENT.
Ordinances were passed for the improvement of portions of Hawthorne avenue, Hancock street, East Eighteenth street, Quimby street, East Twenty-second street, and East Tenth street, and also providing for the time and manner of making improvements on the following streets: Thurman, East Harrison, East Nineteenth, Twentieth, East Taylor and Felling, and for laying a sewer on East Thirtieth street.

For establishing street and sidewalk grades on a number of streets on the East Side, and Portland Heights.

The Ways and Means Committee was authorized to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,100,000 to pay for street and sewer improvements.

THE OIL DISTRICT.
The oil proposition which has been before the Council for some time, was brought up by Alderman Flegel in an ordinance introduced limiting the storage of oil on the East Side to a district bounded by East Water street, East Madison, Union avenue and East Taylor street. It was referred to the street committee.

The Northern Pacific Terminal Company was granted the right to extend its track from Front and Thurman streets to a point 350 feet north of Front street, referred to street committee.

TO IMPROVE STREETS.
A number of resolutions to improve streets were filed.

A permit was granted to Glebsch & Poplin to blast gravel on the river front, subject to an indemnity bond.

The South Portland Improvement Company asked for a franchise for the Port-

land Railway Company to South Portland which was referred.

All reports of committees were adopted without a dissenting vote except the report of the street committee on the ordinance of Alderman Merrill, regulating automobiles.

MORE UNDER BAN

City Physician's Office Not Only One Being Watched.

The City Physician is not the only city officer who is under the watchful eye of the members of the Board of Aldermen and other surprises may be sprung soon. Old Bentley was the center of a crowd as soon as the Council adjourned yesterday afternoon. The statement he sent up to the clerk's desk at the Council meeting concerning the expense of the City Physician's office which was read and referred to the committee on health and police was a surprise to many of the Aldermen.

When seen after the Council meeting and asked what it meant, he said: "It speaks for itself. You heard it read. I have been spending a few odd hours lately."

BITTER FIGHT

Against East Side Oil District.

FLEGEL IS OPPOSED

Business Men Say Warehouse District Would Be Ruined.

Probably Councilman Flegel did not know that he was stirring up a hornet's nest when he introduced his ordinance for setting off of a certain number of

district as proposed by Councilman Flegel would certainly be the means of driving the wholesale houses out of that district. In my opinion the oil tanks should be located in the vicinity of St. Johns on the West Side of the river. Down there they would not be likely to do any immense amount of damage. With the tanks located between the two bridges there is always danger. No one can say that it is impossible for the tanks to explode. If they should—well, I wouldn't give much for Portland's water front. Of course if the oil companies would erect a stone or brick wall 20 inches thick entirely around and over the tanks I think that they would be much safer."

GET THEM OUT.
O. M. Scott, manager Moline-Bain Co., "Get them out of the district by all means is what I would say about the location of the oil tanks. There is no other part of the city that is as cheap and suitable for the wholesale warehouses as between East Water, Union avenue, Hawthorne avenue and East Morrison street. It is the most accessible of any other location in regard to the railroad tracks and I do not think that it should be ruined for that purpose by creating an oil district in its midst. The district is not only now used as a warehouse site, but is devoted to manufacturing purposes. The city should take some measures to protect the location from dis-

GRAND AFFAIR

Guests Banqueted by Morris & Whitehead

AT THE PORTLAND

Many Prominent Local Bankers and Officials Present—Left This Morning.

One of the grandest affairs ever given in this city was held at the Portland last

NOW IS THE TIME

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PROSPEROUS PENDLETON

Farmers of Umatilla County Have Money.

PRICE OF WHEAT IS 53 CENTS

The Crop Is Selling Lively and Times Are Flush.

B. E. Kennedy of the Pendleton Tribune was a visitor in the city yesterday. He reports that times are prosperous east of the mountains, more money being in circulation in that section of the country than there has been in recent years. "The reason for this," explained Mr. Kennedy, "is owing to the fact that farmers are getting a good price for their wheat and a big portion of the new crop is sold. Wheat is now selling at 53 cents per bushel this year, while last season it brought but 43 cents.

"The crop in Umatilla County is perhaps 1,000,000 bushels short of the yield last year, but the difference in price will almost, if not altogether, make up for the deficiency in production. The shortage was due to the heavy frozes of last January, a large acreage of wheat being killed. The land was all sown, however, but the crop got a backward start, owing to the late spring, and it did not yield so heavily as the winter variety would have done.

GOOD TIMES.
"Yes, times are good in Pendleton and Umatilla County. As a usual thing money is scarce at this time of year because farmers are inclined to hold their crops for higher prices. The quotations are satisfactory this year and they are disposing of their holdings at a lively rate. As a result a larger volume of money is in circulation than usual. The stockmasters are also realizing good prices for their wool, and taking it all around the conditions were very seldom better than at present."

B. F. OSLEY SAYS THE SAME.
B. F. Osley, agent for Kerr, Gifford & Co., the grain commission merchants, speaking of the crop conditions in Eastern Washington and Oregon, said to a Journal representative today: "I find most of the crops below expectation in yield but excellent in quality. Many farmers are holding their wheat for better prices. The acreage of fall grain was 15 per cent below the average, but there seems to be a determination on the part of farmers to sow a large acreage next year. Most of the brewing barley is contracted, but there is plenty of feed barley and oats yet on the market. I find smut in wheat much less frequent than in former seasons. Farmers are learning to combat it rightly and it will soon disappear."

RELIGION HIS HOBBY

Belding Believes His Soul Will Go to Heaven.

A. L. Belding, the convicted murderer, now in the county jail awaiting execution, spends his time reading religious books and periodicals. He professes to have embraced Christianity and finds great solace in the belief that his soul will go to Heaven when his earthly career has been ended. He finds great comfort in the visits of his spiritual advisers who talk and pray with him frequently. He is a model prisoner, giving his watchers no trouble whatever. His appetite is good and is in an excellent condition. He apparently is indifferent as to the outcome of the proceedings to secure for him a new trial and takes but little interest in current events.

CATTLE COST MONEY.

The auction sale of cattle held at the Spokane Interstate Fair last week brought forth some strong prices for Oregon stock. Chas. E. Ladd's Oak Hill farm disposed of 25 head through Manager Frank Brown. Of these Elgitha XXV, an aristocratic cow, brought the highest price, being purchased for \$1000, by C. B. Wade, of Pendleton. Lord Derby No. 157,119, a bull of high degree, cost the buyer \$225, while the entire lot realized \$12,860. The prices as a whole showed a healthy advance over the results of previous sales.

MANY NOVICES ARE INITIATED

Knights of Pythias and Affiliated Orders Hold Closing Session.

Two hundred and twenty-five unsophisticated and awe-struck novices were last night initiated into the solemn mysteries of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan, which instituted a local temple with much enthusiasm. The officers are: C. H. Fox, venerable shah; J. R. Tompkinson, royal vizier; J. H. Olsen, grand emir; E. J. Jaeger, mahdi; John H. Mann, secretary; C. T. Roberts, treasurer; C. Rittschpacher, satrap; Carl Brandes, shah; John Annan, imperial nawab.

After the dark and fearsome ceremony of initiation was completed, the members sat down to an elaborate banquet at Kruse's restaurant. The convention of the Knights of Pythias closed yesterday. At the final session of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Chancellor J. H. Aitkin asked that a collection be taken up for the children of Mrs. Sadio J. Caylor, of La Grande, formerly grand protector of the Rathbone Sisters. Nearly \$40 was raised from this impromptu charity. The \$5 prize for the largest percentage of membership present at the convention was awarded to the O. H. Irvin company of McMinnville. Past Grand Chancellor J. H. Aitkin was presented with a solid gold emblem of the order by the Grand Lodge of the state.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.
The Grand Temple of the Rathbone Sisters also held its closing session yesterday, and elected the following officers for the coming term: Mrs. Eliza Imbrin, Hillsboro; grand chief; Mrs. Ellen Long, Portland; grand senior; Mrs. Mabel Nelson Chastain, Milton; grand junior; Miss Ethel Cooley, Brownsville; grand manager; Mrs. M. R. Hogue, Albany; grand mistress of records and correspondence; Miss Nora Barnett, Athens; grand mistress of finance; Miss M. H. Bright, Wasco; grand protector; Mrs. Letitia Holden, Eugene; grand guard of outer temple; Mrs. S. E. Hochstetler, Albany; grand trustee.

The temple subscribed \$16.65 for the children of the late grand chancellor, Mrs. S. J. Caylor. The ladies of Orpha Temple No. 18 entertained the Grand Temple at luncheon.

DR. W. A. WISE
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MORRIS & WHITEHEAD'S EXCURSION OF EASTERN BANKERS AT THEIR SPECIAL CAR.

ly compiling a few figures on my own account and there are other matters besides the one I reported which need attention. I do not care to say anything more at present."

A member of the committee on health and police was seen but he was very reticent. "We have been appalled at some of the bills which have been presented from the City Physician's office, and have refused to allow some of them. The matter has been referred to us and I can assure you that it will be fully investigated."

RUMMELIN INSISTS

That Something Must Be Done at Once in Bridge Repairs.

"The bridge problem is one which is worrying the members of the Board of Aldermen these days. Each realizes that it is imperative that decisive action be taken at once. Nearly every bridge in the city is in a dangerous condition. At the Council meeting yesterday \$500 was appropriated to repair the Corbett street bridge, but this is only a poor beginning. The board is handicapped by a lack of funds. How to secure the money to properly prosecute the work is the problem which is worrying them.

Alderman Rummelin was very much in earnest on the subject yesterday. "It is bordering almost on criminal negligence to allow them to remain in their present condition much longer," he said. "If we have not the money available for that purpose let us borrow it, do something, that will put them in a safe condition. We paid a bill today for the loss of two horses that were killed by reason of a defective bridge and soon we will be called upon to pay for the loss of a man's life."

The Mayor is giving the matter careful attention and he hopes to be able soon to find some way to provide the necessary money out of city funds.

MORE BUSINESS MEN COMING.

A party of distinguished capitalists from the East consisting of H. C. Royce, of Vermont; Wm. J. Brewer, of New York; Eli Miron, Frank C. Anger, John E. Gaede and John Tyler, of New Jersey, accompanied by a staff correspondent of the New York Journal, Frank J. Barrie, is now visiting the points of importance about Seattle, en route to this city. The party has visited every conceivable point of interest from New York City westward, through Canada and the United States, and will return home by the southern route, after visiting the Coast cities and some of the mining sections of the Inland Empire.

blocks on the East Side as an oil district. Property owners and business men in the vicinity of the proposed oil site are a unit in opposition to the scheme and say that the matter will be bitterly fought to the end.

Different suggestions are made by various people as to the manner of getting the oil companies to store their product outside of the city limits—or at least outside of the crowded centers. A location down the river on the West Side, north of the proposed World's Fair site, is the most generally suggested. This location is rather distant from residences and business houses and if any trouble should occur with the oil tanks, the great part of the city would be in no danger whatever.

FLEGEL MODIFIES PLAN.
The ordinance introduced by Councilman Flegel was examined by the City Council at the last meeting and a majority of those present were of the opinion that it should be changed in a number of places. Flegel introduced the new ordinance yesterday and it was referred to the street committee.

A number of prominent East Siders, being interviewed, said: J. L. Wells, real estate, corner Grand avenue and East Washington—"This oil district proposition is rather serious and complicated and I think that the matter should be considered seriously. It is a very hard thing to say whether the tanks would be dangerous to adjoining property or not. In my home in Wood County, West Virginia, the oil companies have all of their tanks underground. They were inclosed in a large cemented basin and were considered perfectly safe. To settle the whole matter, for all time, I think the best thing the oil companies can do is to move a short distance out of the city and have a pipe line to connect with a small reservoir in town. This would be the safest plan."

OUT OF CITY, SAYS SARGENT.
E. M. Sargent, of Lambert & Sargent, Citizens Bank—"I have not changed my opinion in regard to the location of the oil tanks in the past three years. I think now as I did then that the tanks should be entirely removed from the town's limits. The making of an oil district as proposed, would injure all district property to a vast extent—East West Side property along the water front being depreciated in value on account of the tanks. Insurance rates are high now but they would be much more so if the oil district was created."

George W. Weatherly, wholesale creamery—"I really don't think that you will find one business man on the East Side favorable to the locating of an oil district between the Morrison and Madison street bridges. We don't want the tanks in our midst at all. Take them away. I don't care where you locate them, just so they are removed from our vicinity."

WOULD RUIN WHOLESALE DISTRICT.
F. S. Dunning—"The creating of the oil

ter. The location of the oil tanks here would not only be a menace to the immediate vicinity but to the entire East and West Side. The tanks should be put in some isolated locality where they would not harm other business interests."

CHARTER SITUATION

Only One Disengaged Vessel in the Harbor.

Several ships have been offered during the past few days to load wheat for the United Kingdom at 25 shillings, but they had no takers. Shippers place the figures at about 25s. 8d., but owners are in no hurry to accept such low rates.

The Euphrosyne is the only ship in port not chartered, but there are a good many vessels on route here which are yet disengaged. Some of them are close at hand and their owners are becoming anxious to close deals to avoid unnecessary delays.

The ships in the harbor are handling all the wheat coming to the warehouses, and the exporters are not worrying any in the least over the situation. They state that they have all the ships they need, and other tonnage can be procured at a moment's notice.

ERWIN WAS HERE.

J. W. Erwin, assistant superintendent free delivery system, U. S. Postoffice Department, has been spending the last two days in Portland, attending the Good Roads Convention, where he delivered an address yesterday.

He is on his way to Honolulu to inspect the carrier system, which he instituted there a year ago. He will also try to put up a rural service in Hawaii. Hawaii is a peculiar place for mail delivery as mail comes there on an average of only once in five or six days, so Mr. Erwin will have a hard task.

Mr. Erwin is an old and trusted employee of the government, and was sent on a special mission to Manila two years ago.

W. F. M. S. MEETING.

The Columbia branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will open its annual meeting tonight at the Taylor Street Church. A reception will be tendered to Miss May M. Lilly, a well-known missionary who has recently returned from a five-years' service in Singapore, Straits Settlements. The society will hold sessions on Friday and Saturday and Miss Lilly will deliver an address at the meeting on Friday evening.

night, when the local representatives of Morris & Whitehead banqueted their party of bankers and many Portlanders. Just 80 were seated at the table, which was arranged in a hollow square. At the head of the table sat Fred S. Morris, on whose right sat Governor T. T. Geer, and on his left Mayor Geo. H. Williams. Directly across sat W. H. Huriburt, on whose right sat Senator John H. Mitchell, and on the left Julius Christensen, manager of the firm of Morris & Whitehead, at Philadelphia.

The dining hall was profusely decorated with American Beauty roses, chrysanthemums and smilax. In the center of the hollow square a fountain spouted picturesquely, and the whole distance between the tables was covered with the sweet-smelling flowers—money could buy. The little lake in the center was made to appear even more natural by the swans which were swimming around incessantly. The pillars of the room were adorned with clusters of grapes and strings of smilax, which also swung gracefully between the electrolights. The tables were very artistically decorated with ferns and sweet peas, in the midst of which tiny electric lights in various colors twinkled among china and silver.

On seating himself at the table each guest was confronted with a spherical orange skin, with his name painted on it, inside of which an electric light was arranged, thus showing it up very brightly. Autumn leaves and chrysanthemums adorned the sideboards and mantels and many gold horns were seen on every side. Many other beautiful arrangements were displayed with unusual taste and harmony.

GOV. GEER INTRODUCED.
At the conclusion of the menu, which lasted till about 11:30, Fred S. Morris, the toastmaster, welcomed the guests in a few appropriate remarks. He then introduced Governor Geer to address those present on "The State of Oregon," which he did in a most pleasing and instructive manner. The next speaker was Mayor Williams, who delivered a very eloquent address on the City of Portland. He compared the growth of Chicago to that of the future of the Pacific Coast, stating that when he was in Chicago in 1867, "bullfrogs made the night melodious with their cheerful music."

Dr. Charles Eberle, of Germantown, then followed in a witty talk on "Impressions of the Pacific Coast." He, in turn, was followed by Governor-elect George E. Chamberlain, who spoke on "The Pacific Coast."

Dr. Joseph Thomas was the next speaker introduced and responded to the toast of "What I Saw in Oregon." The doctor was followed by Senator Mitchell, who gave a few remarks on being pleased to be present and hoping to meet the Eastern bankers again in Portland in the near future.

General Chas. F. Beebe then gave an interesting talk on the Columbia River and was followed by an instructive ad-