## NEW CITY CHARTER TO BE PUT IN FORCE BY SPECIAL SESSION THE ONLY POSSIBLE RELIEF FROM ROTTEN BRIDGE SITUATION

Proposals That Commercial Organizations of the City DAVID B. HILL THE LOGICAL MAN Guarantee Funds for Immediate Use Meets With But Small Favor.

The Crying Need of the City Immensely Increases Sentiment in Favor of a Special Session---Harry Has a New Plan---South Portland to Be Isolated-Many Interviews From Prominent People.

### SPECIAL SESSION ONLY CHANCE FOR RELIEF

proposal that the commercial organizations of Portland guarantee the funds necessary to repair the rotten bridges of the city, is, in the opinion of many prominent citizens, impracticable. The only hope for the speedy betterment of the intolerable conditions which now prevail is in the calling of a special session of the Legislature to put in force the new charter of the City of Portland by which means alone the people can be saved from the

dangers which daily threaten them from this cause.

The danger of fire, too, is causing much uneasiness. Under orders from the chief of the Fire Department the drivers of East Side fire teams will in future not attempt to cross any of the tottering bridges of that populous section faster than a walk. What this delay might mean in the event of a serious fire requires no explanation. If such a case should arise as arise it may at any time—the lost time from this reason might mean the destruction of as much property as would suffice to rebuild half the bridges in the whole city.

These matters are daily being pressed home on the minds of the citizens of Portland and daily the sentiment is growing that RELIEF MUST BE HAD, AND IF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE IS NECES-

Unless a special session of the Legislature is called, the people of Portland will have to get along with the present system of tottering decayed and decaye gerous bridges until next spring. There is no other relief in sight. The city has

no money to repair them with. None of the commercial bodies of the city, such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association or the Taxpayers' League, will advance the necessary funds, because, for one resson, they cannot get any guarantee that the money would ever ba repaid.

The city cannot pledge itself to return any funds raised in this manner, and can procure no funds of its own until the new charter is passed.

In yesterday's Journal, G. Y. Harry, president of the Federated Trades, suggested that one or all of the semi-public commercial bodies of the city raise the money necessary to repair the bridges by voluntary subscription trusting to othe city to repay them after it should be in legal position to procure the funds. similar idea was broached later by Sen-

NOT PRACTICABLE.

Investigation proves that the suggestions are impracticable, the main stacle being that no citizen could be found whose zeal for the public welfare carried him to the point where he would loan the city money without some satisfactory security. Regarding the matter, a prominent

member of the Taxpayers' League said this morning:

There is an easy way out of the difficulty and the League has already done all that it can in furtherance of it. The special session for which we have petitioned would enable the new city charter to be passed and Portland could then obtain money to repair the bridges, which are in a startlingly dangerous condition. Barring the special session, I can see no practical method of securing the It is quite certain that no individual taxpayers nor commercial organizations will advance the money. Why should they?"

SEES NO LIGHT. Mr. A. L. Mills, of the Security Savings & Trust Company, could see little hope of relief, and none except that af-

forded by a special session. "It would pay the City of Portland to defray the entire expense of a special session," said Mr. Mills. "The reason that the bridges are in such a dilapidated condition is that under the present new charter and give it immediate effect. bridges, in the same way that they are charter the city has not had more than There is no money to speak of for bridge taxed to provide for a sidewalk or the

street repair work, which includes the bridges. This sum is ridiculously inadequate, and merely goes to show the imperative need of the new charter. The pian of raising money by public subscription is all right, providing that enough subscriptions can be procured, but this is doubtful. The idea is that city should later assess the abutting property for the sum expended, and then return it to the original subscribers. It sounds well enough, but the abutting property owners might protest. I don't believe the banks would care to loan any money on this security."

MAYOR WILLIAMS.

He Says "Our Hands Are Tled."
"We have no money at the present time to make repairs on bridges and under the charter there is no way to borrow any for bridge or for any other pur-poses. The people will simply have to wart until the new charter is adopted and goes into effect. Had there been a special session of the Legislature and the proposed new charter adopted with an emergency clause, we could have borrowed the money and repaired all of them at once. As it is, the people will simply have to wait.

"The Council is powerless to act. All this talk about repairing bridges at the present time is useless. I am bored nigh unto death about this bridge proposition, and I wish you would make it pisin in The Journal today that nothing can be done in the matter at present. The situa-

tion is deplorable and no one regrets it more than I do, but our hands are tied."

The Mayor took down the city charter and read section No. 217, which says that the money is not available, nor can it borrow money, and to do so shall be deemed malfeasance in office and the officers shall be removed from office and punished.

"You see the charter is very sweeping and conclusive," continued the Mayor. "If the people want the bridges repaired they will have to subscribe the money, for there is no other way. If there had been a special session—but I have said that

AUDITOR DEVLIN.

Wishes Every Bridge Was Closed. "I wish every bridge in the city was "I wish every bridge in the city was ment Association is probably the proper closed," said Auditor Devlin this morn-body to look after the improvement of ing, "and then the people would more streets. It seems to me that the prop-fully appreciate how necessary is a spefully appreciate how necessary is a special session of the Legislature to adopt the

W. W. MORROW President' Manufacturers' Association. "I think the best plan for us to follow to have the bridges rebuilt is for a special session of the Legislature to be called for the purpose of passing the new charter, in which shall be incorporated an article providing for the rebuilding of bridges in the City of Portland."

C. H. M'ISAAC, Secretary Manufacturers' Association

"It is not the business of this associ-ation to rebuild bridges; the city should do that. I know that there is no money for that purpose in the treasury, but it should be forthcoming somehow. There is one thing, though, and that is that the business men should not be expected to furnish a fund for that purpose They are called upon every five minutes during business hours to contribute money for some parpose and they are about drained all the time. I do not see why commercial organizations should be called upon to rebuild these bridges. It is clearly the duty of the city to provide the funds to rebuild them.

"A good idea would be to call a special session of the Legislature to pass the new charter and incorporated in that should be a provision for the rebuilding of the bridges of this city. While I am speaking about a special session I wish to say that I am in favor of a special session snyway for the following purposes: To provide for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark Fair, to elect a United States Senator, besides for the new char-ter, as I stated before, so that when the business will be attended to."

S. H. MEARS.

President Chamber of Commerce. "It is not the business of the Chamber of Commerce to rebuild bridges; this is a commercial organization and we keep strictly within commercial bounds."

> JAMES M. MOORE, Secretary Board of Trade.

"The Board of Trade cannot look after the pringing of business, the attraction of immigration and capital and also the improvement of streets. The Civic Improve-\$5,000 to \$8,000 annually available for work and all this talk about repairing improvement of the street."



the results of the recent guberna orial election in New York are eminently pleasing to David B. Hill. That famous Democratic leader, who is known to have an eye on the Democratic Presidential nomination of 1984 was more anxious to have his party make a good showing and thus place New York within the doubtful states than he was to see his candidate, Coler

### Two Candidates from New York State AN AMENDMENT Would Insure Victory Over

perhaps the most prominent Democratic that there is little hope for election, politician of the day, has conceded the election of Odel, but considers that the Democratic gains have been remarkable in this state. A majority of less than 12,000 for the Republican candidate for governor leaves but a slight margin to overcome, and it is fully believed that New York can safely be counted in the

Democratic ranks for 1904. In the event a New York candidate should be chosen for the presidential race it is believed the state could be carried by the Democrats, more especially should as popular a man as Mr. Hill be made the choice. The personal popularity of Roosevelt and the fact that ne is a New Yorker might be sufficient to put the state in the Republican column in 1904 if the Democratic nominee should come from any other state. This is considered as a strong card in favor of Hill for the nomination. Two candidates from New York would leave the voters of the state unbiased to choose for themselves and to vote according to

Mr. Hill remains reticent on this subject. He is an active campaigner, while there is a campaign to be waged, but retires from the fight after the ballots have been counted.

TURNER WILL FIGHT. SEATTLE Nov. 7 .- Political friends of Senator George Turner deny the claim that he will not make the race for Senator. It is declared he will go before the Legislature at its next session and make the best fight possible with the support

TO RELEASE PRISONERS.

Senator Turner cannot be classed as a

quitter, and he will do all that his sup-

porters claimed for him when instruc-

tions were given in his favor at Demo-

cratic conventions earlier in the year. There is always a possibility that the

factional fight in the Republican party

in this state may so distort the vote that

As the matter stands it would appear that Levi Ankeny controls the situation

and will go into the convention with bet-

ter than 60 votes in his train. Sixty-nine will elect, and it is claimed that

many of the Preston adherents will switch after giving a complimentary

vote to the man for whom they are

However, the opposition of the McBride-

Preston forces will be sharp and strong

Democrats, who will have in the neigh-

borhood of 20 votes, they would be in

control, and if the Wilson weight of

or 10 were secured it would help Turner

sible, but there appears to be little chance

WANT TO BE SPEAKER.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.-Candidates for Speaker of the House are coming

rapidly into prominence. This morning Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, announced his

candidacy to succeed Henderson. There

are those who claim that J. G. Cannon.

of Illinois, will be the Republican choice

but Dalzell has the support of Quay

and is certain to make a hard fight

Combinations are always pos-

If the Preston strength went to

Turner may win out.

of Democratic victory.

for the position.

It looks like Ankeny.

pledged.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.-Report has been received here from the English authorities that the prisoners of war detained in Ceylon as a result of the South African War, and claiming to be American citizens, will be sent to the United States within a short time.

### A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Close figurers carry their insurance in the Equitable Life in preference to any other company. Because they figure close enough to knew that it pays to have the

## "WHIRLWIND" JIMMY MAKES READY FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE IN 1904 FOR COMING BATTLE WITH FRANK ERNE

Clever Little Boxer Who Is Also a Careful Clerk and Business Manager.

Something About the Approaching Fistic Event That Will Be One of the Biggest Ring Contests of the Year.

(Journal Special Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7 .- Jimmy Britt, the California whirlwind, is now preparing himself for his battle with Frank Erne, the ex-lightweight champion of the world, which takes place in this city before the Yosemite Club on the evening of November 26. Britt left today for Hollister, where he will spend a week in absaute rest. He realizes that in Erne he will meet the premier lightweight of the world, and he intends to condition himself properly for the contest. Unlike the ordinary run of fighters in the ring today Britt is daily employed as a bookkeeper in his father's big plumbing establishment. He often claims that his daily work at the figures is more than equal to a hard training.

WILL TRAIN SOME.

After his short rest Britt will go to 'roll's Clardens, Alameda, where he will to his training for the contest. The local lovers of boxing seem to regard the coming contest as the best event of the year. The Yosemite Club, which has been fortunate enough to secure the attraction, is making preparations to seat a large out-of-lown crowd and it is expected that the bout will draw people from Portland. Scattle, and all of the principal cities of

Erne is well thought of here owing to his handy defeat of Dal Hawkins and other good men he has benten in this city. The betting, however, will be slightly in tayor of Britt, as local judges pronounce him to be by far the best lightweight that has been produced in years. He is a clean two-handed fighter who has the respect of everybody in the community be-cause they know that he always enters a contest to win and gives a splendid "go."
MAY MEET YOUNG CORBETT.

Willie Britt, brother and manager of the local champion, has been trying hard to get on a match with Young Corbett at 130 pounds, which is a very low weight for Britt to make, As that weight is nearer Corbett's natural figuting weight than most people imagine, Willie Britt is willing to wager that his brother can stop Corbett in terr rounds or forfeit \$2,000. Fifteen bundred dollars of this amount was posted yesterday at Harry Corbett's sporting resort by Willie Britt to guaran-tee the sincerity of the offer. If Britt deett will in all probability accept the \$15,000 purse to meet Britt by the Yose-mite Athletic Club, of which Harry Cor-

ended by Corbett's refusal to agree to the stipulated weight of 130 pounds.

MANAGER BRITT'S TERMS. Willie Britt announced today that he would match his brother against the featherweight champion, winner to take all, if Corbett would consent to the match. "I will let Corbett make his own terms, select his own referee and let him designate how the purse shall be divided. if he will meet Jimmy at 130 pounds, said he when seen today.

"Corbett cannot do better than 128 of 129 pounds if he tries, and he knows it better than anybody else. I will bring Jimmy down to 130 pounds to fight him, winner to take all, and agree to forfeit \$5,000 if Jim don't knock him out in ten rounds if Corbett will make the match. Now that is a gilt-edge offer and my money is up in Harry Corbett's hands to guarantee it. McGovern is open to the same offer.

McGovern says he can make 122 pounds. but everybody who knows anything about boxers knows that he can not come any-where near making that weight. He agreed to forfeit \$5,000 the other day in Chicago if he could not make that weight, and the same day at the Glisey House in New York his manager, Sam Harris, refused to meet Pedlar Palmer, the Eng-lish champion, at that weight. Jimmy boxed with McGovern and Terry knows that Jimmy will beat him if ever they get into the ring. A MATTER OF WEIGHT.

Britt is considered by many here to be the lightweight champion of the world feats Erne in the coming contest, Cor- Joe Gans, the Baltimore boxer who holds will in all probability accept the the title, can not make less than 138 Corbett was recently offered a pounds while Britt can enter the ring strong at 130. He is the only lightweight in the world, it is said, today of any prominence who can fight at 130 pounds.

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## IS SUGGESTED

There has been more or less discussion respecting the advisability amending the act passed by the last session of the Legislature to provide a more efficient method for the assessment of all collection of taxes. The discushas been confined largely to the amount that should be allowed as rebate for the prompt payment of taxes and to the amount of penalty which should be charged for non-payment. Under the act as amended, one half of the taxes can be paid on or before the first Monday in April and one half on or before the first Monday of October. If all of the taxes are paid by any party on or before the 15th day of March, a rebate is allowed of 3 per cent, and if the taxes are not paid on or before the first Monday of October there is collected on the amount delinquent interest from the time the tax becomes due at the rate of 12 per cent per annum and in addition thereto a penalty of 10 per cent. Fortunately we are able to ascertain just how this portion of the law has operated, and it must be apparent from an examination of the statement set out below that it is working satisfactorily and there is no occasion for an amendment of this feature at this time. The members of the Legislature and taxpayers should carefully study the following table, showing the collection of taxes this year for Multnomah County: Total tax roll......\$1,\$16,101.06

Sheriffs' assessments ..... Collected and paid to Treasurer, from real and personal 1.350,4834 Errors and double assessments.....

Penalties collected ..... Sheriff's assessments 469.71 - 253,187.85%
Delinquent on personal roll \$5,569.19 1-20
An examination of the foregoing figures shows that more than one million

Delinquent .....

dollars of taxes were paid on or before March 15, and while the rebate on its face looks somewhat large it must be borne in mind that if a rebate is to be face looks somewhat large it must be borne in mind that if a redate is to de allowed it must be sufficient to induce payment of the taxes. On the other hand, it is a matter of common knowledge that in former years, owing to the fact that there was no penalty or interest charged, that many of the largest taxpayers allowed their taxes to go delinquent and not pay them until just before the time for advertising sale of property, thereby casting upon the county the payment of a very large amount of interest on warrants, whereas under the present method not only are the taxes promptly paid, but an immense saving in interest is effected. In former years the delinquencies were always figured at never less than 5 per Cant and only often at 10 per cent, whereways figured at never less than 5 per cent and quite often at 10 per cent, where-as under the present law the delinquency at the present time is about 2 per cent, and it is altogether probable that before sale is made it will be less than

14 per cent. Last year the delinquent tax advertised amounted to \$185,175.66. This year Last year the delinquent tax advertised amounted to \$185,175.66. This year it will be under \$20,000. An investigation of the collections of the taxes on the personal roll shows that the sheriff has been very diligent in collecting this tax and after deducting the taxes levied against those who are out of business and who have left the city, the delinquency on the personal roll will probably not exceed \$3,500, which is a splendid showing. In this connection a slight amendment in the law regarding the Collection of the tax against personal property could be made by making the tax a lien on the property, by which the delinquency, could be still further reduced. Moreover, the law now in effect provides that certificates of sale are issued by the Sheriff to purchasers, guaranteeing the purchaser against loss by Tenson of any act or omission of any officer. The effect of this will be to practically leave no delinquent tax on real estate so far as the county is concerned.

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If would seem from a study of the above figures that the law respecting the amount of retate allowed and penalties and interest charged should be allowed to stand for at least a further trial of two years. An amendment should be made fixing a definite time for closing the roll. This, with the me surgested of making the tax a lien on personal property, would place the law in second cellent shape.

## HER STORY OF THE ALLEGED JILTING IS ONLY HALF TOLD

### Miss Devereaux Claims to Have in Her Possession Letters From Her Erstwhile Admirer.

"Nothing to say."

Defendant and complainant rest upon their legal rights and refuse to discuss the suit that has brought Miss Lois Eidora Devereaux and Thomas J. B. Nicholson into the public eye. It is the very stances, nearly everybody says. Those who know Mr. Nicholson feel sure that he has a good and direct answer to make. They are sure that there must be some mistake about it all, for he is a manly man and one who stands well in the community. Miss .Devergaux, on the other hand, is determined. She says that she had been promised the gentleman's hand in marriage and that the pledge was broken-hence the suit that was flied yesterday afternoon in the state circuit court for \$10,000 against Mr. Nicholson by the young lady.

Mr. Nichoison is the secretary of the Pacific Coast Elevator Company. The complaint alleges that in August, 1894. the gentleman agreed to marry Miss Devereaux, but in June, 1900, his graent admiration for his first love cooled and he broke off the engagement. Last June Mr. Nicholson was married to a lady who he declared was the real person of his choice, and Miss Devereaux was forgotten until the filing of the suit.

A STORY OF COURTSHIP. According to the story that is told, by

This is the brief aftermath of a local story, the sequel of which will be told in peared in Portland. The widow, who was the 14th day of June, 1902, said defendant a Mrs. Strahn, was more to Nicholson's liking than Miss Devereaux. Gradually the attention paid Miss Devereaux by Nicholson ceased and the young woman commenced to discern that all was not to marry, as aforesaid, was continued and as it should be between herself and the held in abeyance at the request of said gentleman. Nicholson ended by marryng Mrs. Strahn and Miss Devercaux was left In the lurch.

THE COMPLAINT IS FILED. Attorney J. H. Woodward, who represents Miss Devereaux, made the complaint brief and to the point. In full it reads

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, County of Multnomah.

Lois Eldora Devereaux, plaintiff, vs.

Thomas J. B. Nicholson, defendant.

Plaintiff above named, complaining of

defendant Thomas J. B. Nicholson, cause of action against said defendant al-

leges: That at the solicitation of said defendant, plaintiff, on or about the month of August 1894, engaged herself to marry said defendant, and it was then and there agreed by and between said defendant and plaintiff that they would marry each

That such engagement and agreement marry as aforesaid has continued in force and effect until on or about the

month of June, 1900. was filted That on or about the date last afore- judgment.

Miss Devereaux and Mr. Nicholson were said said defendant refused and still remarried another woman, and has put it beyond his power to carry out and perform said agreement to marry That such agreement and engagement to marry, as aforesaid, was continued and

> defendant from said year 1894 to the said year 1900. That by reason of such agreement and engagement and the violation thereof by said defendant, as aforesaid, said plaintiff has been damaged in health, in peace of mind and in worldly prospects in the full sum of ten thousand dollars.

Wherefore plaintiff demands judgment against defendant for ten thousand dollars and for costs and disbursements herein.

J. H. WOODWARD. Attorney for Plaintiff.

"I think the young lady has ample evidence that the engagement between her and Mr. Nicholson existed," said the at-"We will go into court with letters and Miss Devereaux will also give her personal narrative of her acquaintance with and engagement to him. I am sure that we have a good case."
Miss Deversaux, who is at present em-

ployed at the office of James Lindsey, the mining engineer, as a stenographer, has no reply to make to questions concerning the case. She only repeats the words of her lawyer that she has proof that she was filted, and she expects to secure

# Roosevelt Is Claimed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 .- David B. Hill, | at his command. While it is realized

party convictions which, Democratic leaders believe, have been proven to trend

### MURDER CHARGED.

OKLAHOMA, Nov. 7 .- Another murder has been added to the long list of crimes growing out of the cattlemen and homesteader war that has been going on here for years. John Jay has been arrested for murdering G. W. Lane, a home-steader, who was called to his door in the night and shot dead.

### RATES TOO LOW.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7 .- Before the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday, A. C. Bird, third vice-president of the St. Paul Railroad, declared that rates