ARE IN FAVOR OF PORTLAND

National Labor Leaders Answer Invitations.

Unable to Give Definite Answer as Yet, but Will Probably Meet Here.

The indications are very favorable that the executive board of the American Federation of Labor will hold its midsummer meeting in Portland. A short time ago the Federated Trades Council sent the various members of the board invitations in the form of resolutions to meet here at that time if the matter could be so arranged. Responses to the invitations are now being received by G. Y. Harry, president of the State Federation of Labor.

Favorable Answers.

Mr. Harry says that he has received replies from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; John Mitchell, second vice-president; John B. Lennon, treasurer; Max Morris, Thomas I. Kidd and James Duncan, and they all expressed a willingness to accept. They stated, however, that they will be unable to make an official announcement to that effect until the spring meeting, which is to be held at Toronto in April.

The resolutions asking the board to meet at Portland were sent to all the Central Labor bodies in Oregon, and they have been endorsed by them. Word was received from Seattle yesterday, stating that the Western Labor Union of that city had also endorsed the resolutions, and it is expected that all the other labor unions in Washington will do likewise. The result of their action will be sent to President Gompers to show how unanimous the unions of the Pacific Northwest are on the proposition of the board meeting in Portland.

Advertises Portland.

"If the board does meet here this summer," says G. Y. Harry, "and I feel satisfied that it will, it will be a great advertisement for Portland. The proceedings of the meeting will be telegraphed to every city and town of any importance in the United States and Canada. Portland will thus be thoroughly advertised. From now until the fair this city should be brought to the attention of the people of the neighboring states just as often as possible. It will materially assist in making the Centennial a success."

ASTORIA DIDN'T WANT CHARTER

Therefore the Governor Vetoed the Bill.

SALEM, Feb. 26.—Besides the bills vetoed yesterday and appearing in last evening's Journal, the Governor last night stamped with his disapproval the Astoria charter bill. This was done in response to numerous requests by telegraph from the city by the sea, some 25 telegrams, some of them signed by 50 odd citizens, being received by the Governor, urging the vetoing of the measure, among the protestants being seven of the Aldermen, while only two telegrams were received in suport of the bill. Hermann Wise and Attorney Smith of Astoria appeared before the Governor and urged action in opposition to the measure.

In his message the Governor says in part:

"The City Attorney of Astoria has called upon me in person, representing, as he claims, seven out of the nine members of the Council of Astoria, and presents to me the petition of numerous citizens, irrespective of party, requesting that a veto be interposed to the proposed amendment.

"Numerous protests against the charter as it finally passed have been filed with me by gentlemen of unquestionable standing and reputation in the City of Astoria, whilst only two members of the Council and the Mayor and one or two other citizens have insisted that the act should become law.

"In addition to this, an examination of the act discloses that it attempts to amend two very important sections of the act of incorporation, viz: sections 6 and 129, but neither of these sections is mentioned in the title of the act. The question as to the validity of the amendment of these two sections would give rise to much litigation."

A Biological Farm.

A biological farm is the somewhat unique recommendation of Dr. C. O. Whitman, professor of zoology in the University of Chicago, as a means to the study of heredity, variation and evolution; and Prof. Roswell H. Johnson of the University of Wisconsin urges the establishment of a biological experiment station for the study of evolution, citing in support of his project the opinion of Dr. David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University. Dr. Charles B. Davenport of the University of Chicago also commends the project, and suggests Cold Spring Harbor as the most advantageous site.

It is regarded as characteristic of the chemists that of all the advisory boards they alone submitted a majority and a minority report, the first urging that a number of "Carnegie research assistantships" be established, and that compensation and assistance be furnished to the appointees; the second urging the establishment of "Carnegie research professorships," by which professors now engaged in university work should be relieved of a portion of their routine work without pecuniary loss.

LIVED THROUGH WAR OF 1812

An Aged Lady Passes Away at Oregon City.

(Journal Special Service.)

OREGON CITY, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Susana Pelter, 95 years of age and the wife of a veteran of the war of 1812, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Williams of this city. She was a pensioner of that war, being one of the very few persons in the United States who had that distinction of late years. Her husband served entirely through the last war with the British. The funeral was held this morning from the home of Mrs. Williams, and the remains were interred at Mountain View Cemetery. Three children survive the deceased, two sons, the oldest being over 70 years old, living in the East, and one daughter, Mrs. Williams, living here.

Secretary Resigns.

The immediate control of the Y. M. C. A. has changed to new hands, Secretary Seth Levens having handed in his resignation at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the association held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors last evening. William E. Beach, until the present physical director, was promoted to the office of general secretary, but he will also continue with his former duties as instructor.

If Judge Ryan can gain the vote of one other member of the County Board of Commissioners Clackamas County will be allowed to spend no money for the improvement or building of roads during the next year. Forty thousand dollars will come to the county as this year's apportionment and the roads would receive what improvement that amount would provide for were it not for the fact that there is at present a debt of $25,000 against the county for expenditures already made. Judge Ryan is most emphatic in his stand against such debts, so with the idea of removing this load has determined to apply this year's apportionment toward relieving this circumstance.

Cora E. Griffith has added her name to the already long list of women who will ask Judge McBride at the next term of the Circuit Court to divorce them from their husbands. F. S. Griffith is accused by her of desertion after a long married life.

County Commissioner Benton Killen is critically ill at his home with heart trouble and pneumonia.

HAS SHAVER JILTED HULDA?

"Spendthrift" Mrs. McCoy Feels That She Is Wronged.

The petition of Lois Strache to be appointed guardian of Hulda McCoy came up before County Judge Webster this afternoon at 2 p. m.

The allegations advanced are that Mrs. McCoy is so infatuated with a young man named Millard Shaver that she neglects her children and gives her money to the youth whose age is only 26 years. Whereas, Mrs. McCoy pleads guilty to 44 strenuous summers.

This morning Mrs. McCoy's face expressed a feeble sadness.

"I don't think he's treated me right," she wailed, "and I don't think I'll have anything more to do with him."

"Certainly, he's a worthless vagrant," said her sister.

"And if he treats me this way now," pursued the jilted Mrs. McCoy, "running off and leaving me helpless among enemies, I think it would be worse when we were married."

"Married!"

"Yes," said Mrs. McCoy, bridling, "we are engaged."

This woman with five children and a young heart went on to say that she wished to go to California. It was objected that Shaver would ardently pursue her thither.

This seemed no unpleasant thought to Mrs. McCoy.

It is expected that Judge Webster will decide the case late this afternoon.

WITHDRAWN FROM ENTRY

(Journal Special Service.)

THE DALLES, Feb. 26.—A telegram was received at the United States land office here today which has caused some surprise to all the people who have filed on the land near Castle Rock under the desert act. These lands are situated on the Columbia River near the O. R. & N. track, 80 miles east of here. It is supposed the Government intends to try and irrigate the land.

The telegram was as follows:

"WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Register and Receiver, The Dalles, Or.—Suspend from all forms of disposal, except under homestead laws, per act June 17, 1902, townships three and four north, ranges 25 and 26 east. W. A. RICHARDS, "Commissioner."

Collecting Taxes.

Yesterday the County Clerk filed the assessment role for 1902 with Sheriff Sexton. Total taxable property for 1902, $4,302,535.00. The amount of taxes to be collected is $138,269.94, an increase over last year of $7,000. The amount to be collected is divided as follows: For state, county and road, $107,563.37; for poll tax, $1,122; for Dalles City and road, $29,584.37.

Activity in Real Estate.

That there is a large number of strangers in the city is shown by the unusual amount of work being done in the United States land office here, as well as activity in the real estate offices. The transfers of property have been small the past week, but there are a number of people looking for desirable locations in this city, as well as in the surrounding country.

JOHN G. MACK TALKS FRANKLY

More About Morrison Bridge Suit.

Claimed the Case Was Dropped to Conserve the Good Name of the Port.

"I believe the suit, if pressed through the courts, will give this port a very black eye; that it will injure our shipping interests and do us great damage as a city."

The above statement was made last night by ex-County Commissioner John G. Mack. The suit in question is the one recently filed by Multnomah County against the Pacific Export Lumber Company, the Willamette & Columbia River Towing Company and Pilot Eskins. The suit was brought to recover $15,000 damages, alleged to have been caused by the British ship Almond Branch two years ago at the Morrison-Street bridge.

Mack Gives Reasons.

To The Journal, Mr. Mack gave his reasons for being opposed to the damage suit. As a County Commissioner, he, with his colleagues, thought best not to bring a suit for damages. The matter was dropped by the former board of commissioners, and for the first time the reasons are now made public.

"We dropped the case for the sake of the Port of Portland," said Mr. Mack. "We looked carefully into the matter, and found that if we brought suit for damages it would create a reaction against this city as a shipping port. In the first place, we had no good basis for action, for the bridge is not constructed according to Government specifications. It is about 15 feet too short between the pivot and the ends, and we could not, according to good authority, recover damages.

"Now, there are other reasons," continued Mr. Mack, "which led us to drop the case. Portland has spent almost $1,000,000 in deepening the channel of the river. What for? Why, to make this a port where the world's ships may enter, and in order that our commerce may extend into foreign countries. I ask, in all candor, if it would be good judgment to make trouble for a foreign firm, whose business with us is worth many times the amount of the damages to the Morrison-Street bridge.

"At the time of the accident, the captain came to us and offered to attempt to settle with the county for $1,000. He said he would communicate with his firm in London and settle the matter, if possible. Well, we did not consider the proposition at all. His offer was too small, and we had determined, anyway, to drop the matter. We received commendation from the Chamber of Commerce.

"I am very sorry to see the suit brought. It cannot result in any good to the county, city or state."

COUNTY MAKES A BIG MISTAKE

Mr. Laidlaw Speaks of Morrison Street Bridge.

British Consul Laidlaw thinks the county is making a mistake in permitting a damage suit to be instituted against any one on account of a ship colliding with the Morrison street bridge. If damages are allowed he prophesies that it will be only a short time until all shipowners will refuse to allow their vessels to go through the bridge. He says:

"If the bridge is an obstruction to navigation, which is very evidently the case, it seems very poor policy on the part of the county to sue on account of any damages the structure may sustain by reason of ships colliding with it. It will end by vessels absolutely refusing to go through that bridge. I am aware of the fact that certain owners of steamers have already made strong objections to taking any risks of going through the bridge since the last accident which happened there. If the bridge is a menace to navigation, and nearly everyone seems agreed on this point, the county will never be able to collect any damages in its present suit. It is certainly a mistake to attempt to collect under the circumstances."

KARL LATZ IS IN SEATTLE

Writes a Letter to His Parents---Thought to Have Suicided.

Karl Latz, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Latz of this city, has been found. This morning a letter was received from him, stating that he was working in a Seattle store. Further than that Karl does not write anything about himself. His mother left for Seattle on receipt of the letter.

Karl Latz ran away from his home on Hoyt street about five weeks ago because of a quarrel which he had with his teacher in the Portland Academy. For two weeks he played "hookey," because he did not wish to return to school. At the end of that time his father urged him to return to school and apologize to his teacher. This young Latz refused to do. He then ran away.

Since his disappearance various rumors have been afloat regarding his whereabouts. It was thought that he might have committed suicide by jumping into the river, as some claimed that they had seen him headed toward the river. Others claimed that he was shanghied. Chief Hunt put two detectives on his track, but they could do nothing. It is understood that Mr. Ben Latz, the father of the boy, also had some private detectives at work.

The portrait of Admiral Clark provided by the state was unveiled at the state capitol, Montpelier, Vt., recently. Admiral and Mrs. Clark were present.

Captain Francis Maron Schell, the famous scout and plainsman, has just died. He took the first wagon train to California in the gold excitement of 1849.

DAVEY OF MARION IS RECEPTIVE

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on the part of the Geer followers, and if nominated would do his best to win. It was the matter of nomination that was proving the thorn in his flesh.

Asked who was the most formidable candidate in the field against him, Mr. Davey said:

"I look for Percy Kelly of Linn County to develop great strength. Speaker L. T. Harris has been mentioned, but I believe it is now conceded that he is out of the running, having personally announced his withdrawal. There are many others. I have as yet made no effort personally."

His Views on Brownell.

"What are the probabilities concerning Brownell?" was asked.

Mr. Davey spoke deliberately and with deep meaning. "No one can tell," he said. "Mr. Brownell is a man of many possibilities. It is hard to form an idea of what he may attempt and equally hard to place a limit on what he can accomplish. He has a faculty of appearing snowed under and while his opponents are piling weights upon the spot where they think he is he burrows out and comes smiling to the surface in an entirely new place. I cannot tell anything about Mr. Brownell."

Mr. Davey thinks the Governor will call a special election for early in June to choose the late Thomas H. Tongue's successor. The Marion County delegate came to Portland to attend the Fulton reception, held last evening, although he was one of the most unwavering opponents of the Clatsop man's Senatorial aspirations. Davey fought for Geer and fell fighting. At the last moment of the eleventh hour he urged the legislative members to rally about his candidate, but his pleadings were vain.

DE FALCO THE WIFE SLAYER

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on the streets of Portland. He carries a cage of canary birds, which he uses to make his living. The birds tell fortunes, past, present and future, by picking a card from a rack, and handing it by means of their beak to the patron.

Pete Parent had been a friend of the family for a long time, and recently came to live with them.

The De Falco Family.

De Falco has long been a hard drinker. Pasco De Falco, the oldest of the girls, states that her father was continually drunk, and that he was very abusive to his wife and family at such times.

Teresa De Falco was a talented Italian woman, and was a leader among her people. She was highly educated. Her husband is just the other way—poorly educated and illiterate. He can scarcely speak or understand the English language, although he has been a resident of this country for more than 12 years.

There are seven children in the family, ranging in age from 6 to 26. The De Falcos were married 30 years ago, and 13 children have been born, but only seven are living. They were all away at school yesterday when their father killed their mother, and did not know of the crime until they reached home.

The crime was most brutal. There was no eye-witness to it, but it is certain that the jealous husband struck his victim one blow in the forehead, which alone was sufficient to kill her, and that he then continued chopping her as she lay prostrate on the floor.

The Italian colony is very indignant, and De Falco seems to have few, if any friends.

Scene of Crime.

When a reporter for The Journal reached the scene of the crime yesterday the kitchen floor of the De Falco residence was a sea of blood. Like an island torn with internal earthquake shocks, the writhing body of the stricken woman lay in the center of this carmine lake.

Great bubbles of blood welled up from the mouth every time a breath was expelled from the clogged and strangling lungs. Moans of awful anguish came at intervals. No tangible sentence was uttered. The sharp axe, wielded by revengeful hands, had done its awful work. The skull was beaten in upon the brain. Blood flowed from the ears, the nose and from a dozen contusions and wounds.

A stalwart police officer stood by the door and kept the crowd in check. His polished boots were dabbled and splashed with blood.

A Catholic priest stood over the all but lifeless form of the woman and two men kneeled in the gore and strove to soothe her awful agony. The pain-wracked head rolled and rolled again from side to side, and at every movement red streams gushed forth afresh.

With the bloodstained axe with which the deed was done, carefully wrapped in tissue paper, a deputy coroner stood in the background.

"There is hair still clinging to it," he said to the reporter. "We are preserving it for evidence. You ought to see it. It's an awful looking thing," he said.

The body of the victim lay with the feet beneath a sewing machine.

H. J. Scherner told all that was known of the tragedy.

"No one saw the deed committed," he said. "We heard screams and saw De Falco running from his house toward the trestle. Someone shouted it was murder and I took after the man, catching him just as he was in the act of springing from the railing of the bridge. He was greatly excited and appeared half insane. He boasted of what he had done.

"Jealousy, he said, caused him to commit the crime. That is all I know."

ASKS GOVERNOR TO VETO.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is opposed to Senate Bill 237, which provides for the establishing of a state mining exhibit to assist in the development of the mineral resources of Oregon. This morning the following telegram was sent to Governor Chamberlain by President Livingstone of the Chamber:

"Portland Chamber of Commerce respectfully urges veto of Senate Bill 237, as it will retard and not assist the development of the mineral resources of the State."

Situation want ads are inserted in The Journal free. Those out of employment should take notice.

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COMMITTEES ARE AT WORK

One Met This Morning---Another Meets Tonight.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee of the Lewis and Clark Fair was held this morning in the office of the company on Washington street. Besides the members of the committees there were present Fred V. Holman and Oskar Huber. A general discussion regarding the kind of exhibit wanted was indulged in after which a report was read from Superintendent Huber recommending that 1,000 trees, 100 bushes and 100 honey-suckles be planted and taken care of in a nursery and then transplanted in the Exposition grounds. Mr. Holman made a verbal report on the rose exhibit, but will submit it in writing at the next meeting.

The Press and Publicity Committee of the Fair will meet this evening so as to have a general talk on matters concerning the advertising of the Exposition. This will be the first meeting this committee has had for the past few months, as I. N. Fleischner, the chairman, has been out of the city.

WILL HONOR HIS MEMORY

The appended notice, from the Brooklyn Times, speaks of the movement on foot to erect a tablet to the memory of the late Henry W. Maxwell of that city. The deceased was a first cousin of L. H. Maxwell of Portland, the well-known chief deputy assessor of Multnomah County. Henry Maxwell was named after L. H. Maxwell's father, having been born on the day that the elder Maxwell returned from a successful service in the Mexican War.

"It has been practically decided to erect near the flower garden in Prospect Park a tablet to the memory of the late Henry W. Maxwell, whose benefactions were the means of endearing him probably to more residents of this borough than any other man. Mr. Maxwell's nature was so simple and unostentatious that though many would like to show their love of him by some magnificent tribute, it is believed that something on a quiet, modest scale would be more in harmony with what Mr. Maxwell himself would have desired.

"A red granite boulder has been unearthed by workmen who have been engaged in constructing the big retaining wall around Sunset Park, and it is proposed to use this boulder on which to place the tablet that it may be permanent and conspicuous. The boulder weighs about 60 tons. The inscription to go on the boulder will be simple, in accordance with the life of Mr. Maxwell.

"Though this memorial tablet will perpetuate the memory of one of Brooklyn's greatest benefactors, it is thought that a further step might well be taken. It is proposed to name the new park, which has been authorized in the Fourth Ward, after the late philanthropist. This plan has met with universal favor. Already a commission has been appointed to condemn the property for park purposes."

COURT NOTES.

Judge Webster yesterday appointed Swedish Consul Arthur Wilson administrator of the estate of Peter Benson, deceased. There were three applicants, Thomas Garner, Axele Schwartz and Coroner J. P. Finley.

Katherine May Davis was yesterday granted a decree of divorce from C. May Davis by Judge George because of cruel treatment.

Archbishop B. Orth has petitioned for the removal of James R. Stoddard as administrator of the estate of Eleanor Richardson. The estate is valued at about $4,000, and Archbishop Orth is the residuary legatee.

Josie Brinkerhoff, guardian of Eloise and Harold Brinkerhoff, has filed her second accounting with the County Court, showing a cash balance of over $1,200.

William Reynolds was arraigned this morning on a charge of larceny from a dwelling. Judge Sears appointed B. S. Pague as his attorney and set Monday as the day for the pleading.

Charles L. Landreau pleaded guilty to a charge of simple larceny this morning and was sentenced by Judge Sears to serve 45 days in the county jail and pay the costs. Landreau took an overcoat, shoes and an umbrella from a lodging house.

IMPORTANT SPECIAL ELECTION

Portland citizens will vote on two important matters at a special election next June. The one is in regard to the rebuilding of the Morrison street bridge, the other being as to whether there will be two new ferries. Bonds to the amount of $400,000 may be issued for the bridge work, while the ferries will cost about $50,000 and $15,000 each; the larger for an additional Albina ferry, and Sellwood will have the other.

THE PASSENGER MEN MAY COME

Look Toward Portland for 1905.

Such Convention Would Be of Immense Benefit to the Northwest.

Railroad men and those interested in the progress of the Pacific Northwest States generally are vastly pleased with the prospect that the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents will hold its annual meeting in this city in 1905. For the present year its session will convene at New Orleans and from there the delegates will make a side trip to Cuba. For 1904 the convention is partially pledged to the City of Mexico and in 1905 it will come to Portland.

T. F. Fitzgerald, president of the above-named association, left Portland this morning for Los Angeles, where he makes his headquarters as Pacific Coast passenger agent for the Texas & Pacific. To a reporter for The Journal he gave out the following statement:

"There is no other class of men in the world who can do so much for any country or locality professionally as the traveling passenger agents and it will be found greatly to the benefit of the Northwest if the National gathering of those agents can be secured for Portland.

Would Do Good Work.

"Notwithstanding the advertising literature that has been and is now being distributed all over the East and Middle West there are many who know almost nothing of the actual conditions to be met with in the Pacific Northwest States. There are bound to be some who do not believe what they read, but if that same information was given them by word of mouth and from a person who had actually been brought into touch with those things of which he spoke there would be no disposition to disbelieve. Traveling passenger agents are always on the lookout for everything that will be of benefit to those whom they route toward the West and if Portland and the Northwest can place them on their staff of advertisers there will be plenty of returns apparent."

At the recent session of the Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents, held in Ashland, resolutions were adopted, requesting the traveling passenger agents to meet in Portland in 1905 and it is confidently expected this will be decided upon. The date of the gathering this year has not yet been determined, but will be announced following a meeting of the executive board next month.

The length of new railway built in the United States last year is over 6,000 miles. The states which laid the most are: Oklahoma, 570 miles; Texas, 500 miles; Arkansas, 370 miles, Indian Territory, 363 miles; Georgia, 336 miles.

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AGENT WILSON IS HEARD FROM

Has Been Ill and Undergoing Treatment at Seattle.

J. C. Wilson, one of the missing men of whom considerable mention has been made in print, has been located.

He is at Centralia, Wash., and Capt. Graham received a wire from him last evening. Mr. Wilson is local agent of the Oregon City Transportation Company, and during the latter part of January left for Gray's Harbor on a two-weeks' vacation. After the time had elapsed and he failed to put in an appearance, or write to any of his friends, the company began to fear that he had met with some accident, and made diligent inquiry concerning his whereabouts all over the country. No replies came, and his absence was still shrouded in mystery until last evening.

Mr. Wilson explains that shortly after his departure he was taken suddenly ill, and was conveyed to a hospital at Seattle for treatment. He is now just able to be out and expects to return home again in a few days. At present he is making a short visit with Centralia friends.

WILLS AND SUCCESSIONS.

By order of the County Court E. M. Sargent, administrator of the estate of William Studers, deceased, has been authorized to satisfy by the payment of $36 a judgment against D. M. Roberts and wife on foreclosure of mortgage. Studars bid in the property at the sale for $3964.50, but as the amount with costs was $4,000.50 it was necessary to satisfy judgment.

H. H. Northup was appointed guardian of Benjamin L. Mason, a minor, to receive and receipt for a legacy of $500 from the estate of Mason's grandfather. Bonds were fixed at $1,000.

The appraisers of the estate of George Cully, an incompetent, have filed a report showing that the total value of the estate is $3,698.74, of which $73.74 is personal property.

Letters of administration have been granted Maud D. Darling of the estate of Homer Darling, who died intestate. She has also been appointed guardian of her 12-year-old child, Charles V. Darling. The estate consists of real and personal property amounting to $1,000 and an insurance policy for $3,000 in the Knights and Ladies of Security.

L. H. Knapp, Silas Osburn and S. C. Spencer were appointed appraisers of the estate of Queen P. Munn, deceased.

The final account of Elvira V. H. Kimble, administratrix of the estate of E. R. Kimble, has been filed. It shows receipts amounting to $6,715.47 and disbursements of $1,809.52. The remainder, $5,405.95, is to be divided equally between the wife and her two minor children.

MEETING OF EDUCATION BOARD

Last night's meeting of the Board of Education was a busy one. The grammar school teachers petitioned for higher salaries. A new janitors' wage schedule was adopted. A South Portland delegation asked for an addition to the Homestead School Building. Additions to the North, Central and Stephens schools were recommended by City Superintendent Rigler. It was decided to seek a $35,000 loan to defray the expenses to March 1.

The grammar grade teachers' petition was read and filed for future discussion. The South Portland delegation, which consisted of William W. Gregory and John H. Middleton, was informed that the board would investigate the cause they represented. The new janitors' salary schedule was reported by Director Warren. It is: Schools of one room, $10 per month; three-room building, $22.50; buildings containing from four to 10 rooms, $5 additional for each and every room above four; High School, $100 per month.

The board approved Superintendent Rigler's selection of two more teachers for new classes organized at the Clinton Kelly and Holladay schools.

THE CITY AND THE SEWER.

There is some stew cooking on account of the rejected sewer bids. The contractors seem to think that the estimates prepared by City Engineer Elliott are by far too low. They think that he has forgotten to keep tab on the labor question and the fact that the prices of material keep flying skyward. But Mr. Elliott informed a Journal reporter this morning that the City Engineer's office receives all the latest catalogues from the factories that manufacture sewer material; the office also keeps up to snuff on the sailings of labor prices.

From this it seems that the estimates made in the Engineer's office are somewhere near right. But an increase of 10 per cent is allowed on these estimates. This would seem to about square things.

When asked if he believed there was a combine of the contractors, Mr. Elliott said, "I do not."

There will be more to be said on this matter as the days roll by.

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