BRIDGE COST CITY TOO MUCH MONEY

Despite Fact That Committees and Engineering Experts Stated Taxpayers Were Overcharged for Extras Illegally Ordered on Morrison Street Structure Executive Board Audits Bills.

GREAT PROFIT MADE ON W. C. ELLIOTT'S CONTRACTS

Construction Corporation Agreed to Have Work Done Last December, and as Forfeit Was Exacted in Case of Failure, People May Get Some of Their Money Back.

In face of the fact that the city was charged at least \$23,000 in excess of what it should have paid for extras on the Morrison street bridge, the city executive board has audited the accounts of the contractors and ordered the pairwent of \$58,000. leaving on ordered the pairwent of \$58,000. leaving on the result of the examination made the contracts. The colon-was taken after it seems to clearly shown by examination of competent civil engineering the action of the executive board in entering into the contracts for the extras that the city was mulcied of a large sum of money. The total cost of the extras amounted to \$45,2350, the contracts for which were let to the Pacific Construction company on recommendation of W. C. Elliott, who was at that time city engineer, without competitive bidding. Contracts for the extras when made in violation of the original contract, which provides that all extras should be charged for on the hasis of actual cost and 15 per cental at the paint of the contracts for the contracts in open competition, as it was stated at that time by the members of the exceutive board that its would not be right for them to let the contracts in open competition, as it was stated at that time by the members of the executive board that its would not be right for them to let the contracts in open competition, as it was stated at that time by the members of the executive board that its would not be right for them to let the contracts in open competition, as it was stated at the time by the lenge.

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other addition was made to the ad-nal contract by the executive board mber 7, on the advice of the city of the con-tion of tender houses, waiting a and tool houses, at an additional to the city of \$7.595. This brought otal cost of extras on the bridge to 86. contractor and the city. Under the original contract the contractor is liable to a forfeiture of \$50 for every day the work is not finished over the time specified in the contract dates from December 4. Before the work is entirely finished the amount the city may collect may reach \$4,000.

LAND LAWS WILL BE

CHANGED VERY SOON

In all these contracts for extras the executive board made no effort to ascertain the real nature of the contracts into which it was entering, and took the word of the city engineer in every instance; on the last contract he simply made a verbal statement to the board of the extras desired. The executive board entered into the confracts on the theory that it was not working under the charter which requires that all work costing in excess of \$250 shall be let to an lowest bidder, but it claimed the bridge was being constructed under a special act of the legislature, and that it could let the contracts as it

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Work Was Unascessary.

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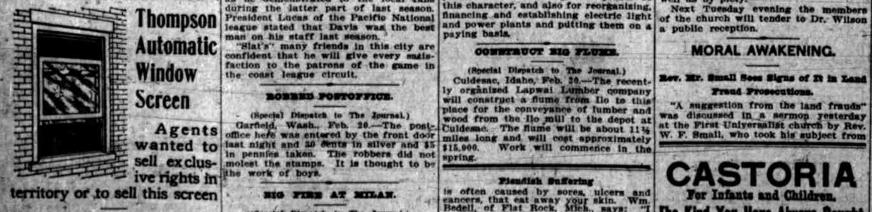
J. Ira "Slats" Davis, the well-known ball player and umpire received a letter from President Best of the Pacific Const league, offering him a position as umpire on Best's staff during the coming season.

Davis accepted the terms this afternoon, which means that the popular umpire will officiate in this league during the season of 1966.

Slats is a thoroughly capable official, as he demonstrated to the local fans during the latter part of last season.

President Lucas of the Pacific National league stated that Davis was the best man on his staff last season.

"Slat's" many friends in this city are confident that he will give every satisfaction to the patrons of the game in the coast league circuit,



(Special Dispetch to The Journal.)
Milan, Wash., Pob. 20.—A \$15,000 fire occurred in the general merchandise store owned by P. W. Murphy, and William Nelson's hotel yesterday. The cause is unknown. Small insurance.

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Edward F. Cannon Talks Interestingly on What He Noted on His Recent Trip.

DESIRE TO SEE OREGON HAS BECOME GENERAL

Physical Conditions of the State Attract Eyes of Many Men With Money.

Edward F. Cannon of the Edward F. Cannon Co., has just returned to Port-land, after making a four months' tour

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threughout "the east, as to our resources."

Mr. Cannon, having retired from the presidency and general management of the Northwest Electric Engineering Co., on November 1, to take up the more active and broader-line of electrical and hydraulic engineering, will in the future handle exclusively a full line of railway. light, power, hydraulic and electrical apparatus. Mr. Cannon has recently organized an up-to-date engineering department for installing new plants of this character, and also for reorganizing, financing and establishing electric light and power plants and putting them on a paying basis.

Plendish Suffering is often caused by sorea ulcers and cancers, that eat away your skin. Wm. Bedell, of Flat Rock, Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, for Ulcers, Sores and Cancers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found." Soothes and heals cuts, burns and scaids. The at Red Cross Pharmacy, Sixth and Oak streets on the way to the postoffice; guaranteed.

RESPECT FOR LAW

Earl C. Bronaugh Points to the Dangers That Menace the Republic.

ONLY A FOOL CAN VIEW AFFAIRS WITHOUT ALARM

Man Wanted at Head of City Government to Enforce the Statutes.

of civic life.

"One man was elected sheriff," said Mr. Bronaugh, "and demonstrated what may be done if only officials desire to enforce the laws. He is not a reformer. He simply swore to enforce the law, and then kept his oath.

"Respect for law is the one great need. Here in Oregon we offer to the world the spectacle of three of our representatives in congress indicted for offenses most flagrant. I fear we do not realize the shame of all this. It indicates that among our officials few be found who accept their offices with determination to see that the plain provisions of the law shall be carried out, or make good their oaths.

"This condition results from general laxness among the people, for the officials reflect the standard of popular morality. This is not pessimism. It is plain truth. It is not looking on the worst side and seeing only what it had. It is merely looking at things candidly and with no attempt to cover up obvious truths.

"Public sentiment, which is, after all, the real enforcer of law, may be aroused to demand higher standards of official action. We must put a stop to partnership between the city and vice, and in all departments of government from the municipality to the national capital there must be respect for law. The man who can view the situation without alarm is a fool. He would better awaken to a realization of the serious issues that press for settlement."

SOME PULPIT DON'TS.

Some weeks ago Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher of the White temple, in introducing a series of sermons on the great preachers of the world, invited his listeners to write him their ideas of what an ideal preacher should be. He received a number of responses, and at last evening's service answered them. One writer thought the preacher should live as he preaches, others thought he should not use slang in the pulpit, nor indulge wit or humor, nor "make ugly faces," nor use sensational topics, nor talk of the popular sins of the day, nor make an ass of himself. One said he should be inspired of God. Another thought the preacher should have a happy smile and wrote:

"The ideal preacher is a man with a happy face. The day of long-faced religion is past. I can remember that as a child my conception of religion was bound up in a picture of a long-faced

ing for our state and district," he said.
"Tom Richardson's work," he continued.
"Is evidently taking effect, as his line of
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the text "The Way of the Transgresson Is Hard." He declared that the country had at last a man in the president's chair who was absolutely fearless in prosecution of fraud, wherever he finds it, in high

of fraud, wherever he finds it, in high or low places.

"Politically, I have nothing to say concerning these Oregon cases, but morally the developments indicate, in my judgment, a hopeful condition of affairs," he said. "It does not mean a deprayed public sentiment, and conscience, but on the contrary shows a most healthy awakening in this country, in the direction of purification, after a long sleep of the forces of the people. It shows that honesty pays, and that the way, of the transgressor is hard."

REVIVAL SERVICES.

Rev. Mr. Mackley Begins a Processful Sold by All Newsdealers

Unusually large audiences 'attended the opening of the special revival services yesterday ist the First Christian church, corner Park and Columbia. The evening congregation was the largest in brought about by the lax methods pursued in obtaining government lands. ley's evangelistic address will be on "The Preacher and What He Should Preach." This is the first of a series of "God's Part and Man's Part in Salvation." The other addresses of the series are "The Hesere and How He Should Hear," "The Faith that Makes a Christian," "Repentance Not to be Repented Of," "Confession Unto Salvation," and "The Meaning of Baptism." Interesting charts will be used to illustrate all these subjects. Special solos, duets and quartets each evening during the week. Song service begins at 7:30.

LAX METHODS.

Low Gendition of Public Generators.

The land frauds was the subject of the sermen yesterday morning by Dr.

T. L. Eliot, who filled the Unitarian pulpit by request. He spoke particularly of the unfortunate lowering of the public standard of morsility which was

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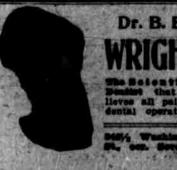
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