MAYOR FLAYS STEALTHY CORPORATIONS IN MESSAGE

Abusers of Franchises Will Be Taken in Hand-Executive Asks Council to Aid Him in Punishing Street Grabbers.

In the annual message to the city il filed with the city auditor yesafternoon Mayor Lane calls atto flagrant violations of the erms of franchises which have been ated to various corporations and councilmen to aid him in securing information from the corporations concerning their methods.

Lane states in his message but he issued a call several months ago o all franchise-holders to submit stateents of their affairs to the city audi-

o all franchise-holders to submit statements of their affairs to the city audior as required by the city charter, but hat the results obtained were meager and left him practically nothing to report upon from this source, because of he rerusal of the corporations to comply with the mayor's request. The only one filing such a statement was the cortiand Gas company.

Special relefence is made to the manarin which certain corporations have sobbled up city streets and city proporty for private use and the mayor promises to commence proceedings to must the usurpers as soon as possible. Referring to the general prosperity of the city in the past year and commenting upon the favorable prospects for 1908, Mayor Lane refers to the large number of projects contemplated for the year, all of which can be completed without endangering the city's present strong fibancial condition.

A significant statement in the measures is in reference to the great expense necessary in cleaning and sprinking streets occasioned by the small size of the city blocks. While he does not advocate enlarging the blocks in new additions in so many words, Mayor Lane intimates that a great saving department by increasing the distance between the streets.

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"To the Honorable the City Council of the city of Portland, Oregon; gentlemen: Complying with the requirements of the city charter I herewith submit my annual message, together with the reports of the several boards and departments of the city government for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1967. Reports are submitted to me from the auditor, city treasurer, city attorney, city engineer, building inspector, health officer, superintendent of crematory, superintendent of street cleaning and sprinkling department, civil service commission, plumbing inspector, poundmaster, municipal judge, harbormaster, chief of police, chief of fire department, superintendent of fire department, superintendent of fire department, superintendent of fire department, superintendent of fire alarm and police telegraph, food inspector, superintendent park department, president library association and superintendent and engineer of the water board.

water board.
From the auditor's report I submit the following statement of cash receipts and disbursements during the year 1907: RECEIPTS.

fund
Redemption fund
Bill posting badge fund
Special bridge fund
Street improvement fund
Sewer fund
Street extension fund 30,977.60 Total receipts\$3,083,108.86

\$3,809,972.27 DISBURSEMENTS.

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Total disbursements \$3,107,875.14 Total balance Dec. 31, 1907. 702,097.13

\$3,809,972,27 The total amount expended by the partments named during the year Police department 147,357.10

Street lighting 15,368.20

Street repairs 144,91.47

Park department 42,131.06

Water department 444,014.96

Special bridge fund 55,396.18

Health department 12,635.96

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The report of the committee on lights submitted and contains a suggestion, oking to the establishment of a plant sued and operated by the city. Inasuch as the proper lighting of the rects is an increasing burden of great at the suggestion is worthy of your rious consideration.

your help, and acting in conjunction with the water board, I expect to perfect the city's title to the same by doing such work upon the property as is necessary to acquire the full title to the same. Oregon City. In addition to this, with

Civil Service Commission.

I herewith submit the report of the civil service commission and call attention to the same. The work in this department is conducted free from political influence of any sert, and I quite agree with the suggestion made by the commission, so long as an employe is not discharged for reasons of a religious or political nature, that no appeal should be entertained. This would serve to increase the efficiency of the city's service, and allow of the weeding out of such employes who, while carefully refraining from doing any overt act, yet shirk their duties and by their example encourage others to do the same.

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In the future I purpose to call all heads of departments to a stricter accountability in respect to retaining such unfaithful servants in the city's employed countability in respect to retaining such unfaithful servants in the city's empley, trusting that yourselves and the commissioners will concur in the view that a person who will accept and receive pay for work perfunctorily performed or lly done is acting dishonestly by the city, and is deserving of prompt dismissal from the service.

Park Department.

The report of this department is submitted herewith. With great natural advantages and much benefit to be derived to the city from a proper use of the same, Portland as a city has been negligent of its opportunities. An amendment to the city charter, which, in a large measure, would have provided for an intelligent system of parks, unfortunately failed of its purpose through an error in the manner in which it was submitted to a vote of the people under the initiative law governing the same.

Police Department.

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Attached hereto, I submit the report of Charles Gritzmacher, chief of police; and would respectfully call your attention to the suggestions made by him, the work of the department being baily erippled for want of adequate facilities to carry on the same.

With the present force of patrolmen allowed us, each such officer is required to care for a beat which covers an average of 24 miles of streets. Our condition respecting jail room and our need for an emergency hospital is so well known and has been mentioned so often that I consider it unnecessary and perhaps useless to refer to it any further.

The city, while suffering much from crime, is, so far as I can ascertain, in a better condition in this respect than are our neighboring cities. I attribute this condition to the fact that, in this city, this department is kept free from any entanglement with any form of vice whatever and no protection is expected by or afforded to any person or class which makes gain by such methods. A free hand is allowed to the department to enforce the laws to all alike.

This policy tends to make the police officer independent and frees him from all fear of interference while in the performance of his duties, and has had a beneficial effect in the conduct of the affairs of this city.

The police department as at present constituted, with all vacancies filled, consists of one chief, four captains, one matron, two detectives, three sergents, three jailers, three desk-men, three drivers, two cierks, two juvenile officers, can city hall officer, nine men detailed to plain-clothes duty, two juvenile court officers, leaving us 95 patrolmen to cover as best they can some 45 square miles of territory, containing 800 miles of streets. By adding to our force of mounted men during the coming year we hope to accomplish better results, it being impossible for footmen to cover the beats assigned to them.

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I would respectfully advise the creation of an officer to do duty at the police station at night with the power of a magistrate to attend to emergency cases, many of which are now dealt with unjustly for the lack of such officer.

Water Department.

Owing to the rapid growth of the city it has been found to be impossible to provide the large number of mains which were called for in the newer outlying districts of the city. The amendments to tife city charter, which would have provided for the payment of extensions in part by the property owners met the fate of all of the amendments which were submitted to the people at the last election and left the water board without power to act in the matter.

The rates to consumers were lowered one third during the year 1907, vet the large increase in the number of consumers, due to the rapid growth of the city during that period, returned a revenue as great as was collected during the year 1906.

Realth Department.

The work in the health department has greatly increased during the past year, and at no time in the history of the department has greater care or more intelligent effort been exercised in the conduct of the affairs entrusted to it. The city is to be congratulated upon its low death rate as compared with other cities throughout the land.

Garbage Crematory. With an increasing amount of offat to be destroyed we are still working along with the present inadequate and inefficient plant, and I presume will be compelled to do so for an indefinite length of time to come. It is unfortunate that this state of affairs should continue to exist.

Pound Department.

The report from the poundmaster shows that with a small force of help and the large territory to cover it has been found impossible to properly care for the same. The suggestion of a sensible citizen that a lower rate of charges for license to female dogs would bring in more fees and give less incentive to the evasion of the law, seems to me to be a good one and I submit it for your consideration.

Harbornmaster. Harbormaster.

The report of the harbormaster's de-partment makes a good showing for this city. During the past year a compe-tent man was appointed to the position of harbormaster under civil service reg-ulations and an active and intelligent supervision is now being kept over matters pertaining to the same. Inspector of Buildings.

The report of the building inspector shows by comparison a larger increase in the number of buildings erected dur-ing the year 1907 than any other year in the history of the city. This showing applies through every section and every character of structure from small houses for wage earners to large and imposing business blocks and is a rec-ord of which the city may well be

City Engineer's Department. A glance at the report of the city engineer will reveal the vast amount of work which is carried on in this department, and if one bears in mind the fact that this city opens a street every 200 feet, the deduction will easily follow that it will forever be subject to much needless labor and expense on that account.

Building and Care of Streets. The composition of the material which the surrounding country affords is of such a soft character that with the best of intentions it is well nigh impossible to make good permanent pavements from its present use. The best basaltic rock which comes to this market-rapidly wears away and I am of the opinion that it is worth much less than it costs to make use of it. parilla and before I had taken one better the proper lighting of the cets is an increasing burden of great in the suggestion is worthy of your ions consideration.

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If a basalt is to be used it seems to make use of the same, such as is to be found in the river had as is to be found in the river hed, or in the old river channels, where by process of attrition the harder material only remains, the softer having been reduced to sit, is the only proper source of supply. The boulders from these sources of supply contain a certain percentage of much harder material. Such as quarts, which adds to its value as a wearing surface, and it is to be used it seems that the tired, weak feeling left me, my appetite came back and I could do my housework."—Mrs. Lucy Rogers, Parkersville, N. Y.

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Will Commence Proceedings Against Private Monopolies Which Have Stolen City's Thoroughfares-Conditions Reviewed.

the city purchase one or more portable rock crushers, and, where possible, make use of such crushed boulders for street paving purposes. Street Cleaning and Sprinkling Depart

ment.

The report from the superintendent sets forth the large amount of work done by this department. With a street 60 feet in width located every 200 feet, and some 6.000 acres of streets in the city, 300 miles of which are improved in one way or another, this city has a permanent and expensive task upon its hands in keeping the same cleaned and sprinkled.

By the use of oil or some preparation of the same it is hoped that the use of such material may prove to be more effective, than the use of water for sprinkling, which is the greatest solvent known and operates to disintegrate the surface of all streets regardless of the material used for the purposes of paving.

Public Library. ment.

Public Library. The report of the directors of the public library sets forth the increased dissemination and use of the literature now at its disposal throughout the homes of the city and speaks more than any words can do for the value of this department of the city.

The amendment providing for the establishment of this bureau having been held invalid by the courts, the matter must remain in abeyance until it is again submitted to the people. Until such time as this is done, judging by the history of the past, many cases of cruel wrong and injustice will be visited upon the workers of this city, with no means of checking or righting the same. Pres Labor Bureau.

Many useful appliances and much material for fighting fires has been added to this department during the past year. The growth of the city demands that this department be kept upon a footing equal to the needs of the community, and it should not be allowed to run down below a fixed standard of useful efficiency. efficiency. Pinancial.

It is a pleasure to report that we closed the year with a substantial balance of money upon hand, and that this city's affairs, so far as the expenditure of the fund: is concerned, has been carefully supervised, with due regard for economy in the same.

Wherein any responsibility for the same has rested upon the executive branch of the city's government, an exact observance of charter regulations and careful business rules has been exacted.

number of months ago I issued call to all franchise-holders to submi call to all franchise-holders to submit to the auditor a statement of their affairs, as is required by the city's charter. This request brought forth but meager results in the way of such reports, and if anything in the way of tangible results in the way of securing information from these sources is to be secured it will be necessary for me to secure your active aid and cooperation. In several instances I have called the attention of the city council to flagrant violations of the terms upon which grants have been made, but up until this time I have little or nothing to report upon for the same in the way of

results.

I believe in the pursuit of a just policy toward all holders of grants made by the people, and that they should at all times be treated fairly; yet, as between the rights of the people and those of the holders of such gifts, I lean to the strict enforcement of the people's rights to their equity in such grants and deem it a grave breach of trust upon deem it a grave breach of trust upon the part of any of the people's repre-sentatives if they do not insist upon the exaction of all rights and benefits which are due to the public.

In checking up the matter I find that many of the public streets have been taken over and are now being occupied by private persons to the exclusion of the public; in fact, I am each week discovering more and more of the

discovering more and more of the streets which are thus being occupied, and in the near future, as soon as I can do so with equal justice to all I shall begin proceedings to take possession of the same in the name of the city. In General,

The past year has been one of unprecedented prosperity in this city, and
the growth of the city has been substantial, and we begin a new year with
no undertakings upon our hands which
are unnecessary and which we will be
compelled to drop from lack of means
to accomplish the same, and with anything like ordinary business conditions
the city will continue to prosper during
the coming year.

the coming year. Acknowledgment. I wish to tender public acknowledgment for the valuable assistance which has been rendered me by my associates in the management of the city's affairs, for all which assistance I am Tully appreciative and deeply grateful. Respectfully, HARRY LANE, Mayor.

WOMAN KILLED BY WILD AUTO DRIVER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Catherine Delaney, a widow, 69 years old, was knocked down by an automobile last evening while she was crossing Twenty-first avenue. She was removed to the hospital, where she died at 1:30 this morning from her injuries. The automobile driver did not stop to inquire after his victim, not even slacking his terrific speed. The police are searching for the auto and driver.

WOODMEN AT BURNS SELECT OFFICERS

Burns, Or., Jan. 4.—Harney Valley camp No. 381, W. O. W., have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. E. Logan, consul commander; George Hopkins, clerk; Sam Mothershead, banker; Carey Thornburg, watchmen; Marion Wilson, sentry. Dr. L. E. Hibbard, George Sizemore, Charles Wilson, were elected managers, and Dr. J. son were elected managers, and Dr. J. son were elected managers, and Dr. J W. Geary camp physician.

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ALL OUR STOCK goes into this sale, excepting a few articles on which the factory controls the e. We cannot afford to take pages of advertising space to tell about the bargains—space is costly and there is no profit for us in this sale,

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	\$8.00 Steel Frame Springs\$5.00
	\$10.00 Steel Frame Springs\$6.00
	\$2.50 Excelsior Mattresses \$1.50
	\$3.00 Wool Top Mattresses\$2.00
	\$3.50 Cotton Top Mattresses\$2.50
	\$4.50 Wool Combination Mattresses
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	\$6.00 Cotton Combination Mattresses
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,	\$8.00 Cotton Mattresses
	\$10.00 Cotton Mattresses \$6.50
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