

# YOUR FLAS S SEALTHY CORPORATIONS 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 council filed with the city auditor yesterday afternoon Mayor Lane calls attention to flagrant violations of the terms of franchises which have been granted to various corporations and asks the councilmen to aid him in securing information from the corporations concerning their methods.

Mayor Lane states in his message that he issued a call several months ago to all franchise-holders to submit statements of their affairs to the city auditor as required by the city charter, but that the results obtained were meager and left him practically nothing to report upon from this source because the majority of the corporations refused to comply with the mayor's request. The only one filing such a statement was the Portland Gas company.

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 financial condition. In the message a significant statement in the message is in reference to the great expense necessary in cleaning up the small streets 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 could be made in the street cleaning department by increasing the distance between the streets.

City Auditor Barbur's report embodied in the mayor's message for 1907 was \$3,809,972.27. The message follows:

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Portland, Oregon:

Submitting my annual message to you with the reports of the several boards and departments of the city government for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1907. Reports are submitted from the auditor, chief 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 alarm and police, telegraph, food inspector, superintendent of parks, president of the library association and superintendent and engineer of the water board.

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

RECEIPTS.	
Total balance Jan. 1, 1907	\$ 726,863.41
General fund	\$ 894,955.25
Fire department fund	380,531.53
Police department fund	1,209,282.87
Bonded ind. int. fund	117,269.45
Lighting fund	80,048.82
Street repair fund	73,874.64
Public library fund	25,807.27
Park fund	48,231.16
Water fund	628,931.69
Water board sinking fund	25,330.00
Improvement fund	127,798.21
Improvement fund	15,758.72
Improvement fund	25,807.27
Street and sewer int. fund	5,574.20
Police and fire dept. relief fund	9.02
Redemption fund	3,589.22
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Bill posting badge fund	32.00
Special bridge fund	80,027.41
Street improvement fund	18,772.73
Severe fund	30,977.80
Street extension fund	30,977.80
Total receipts	\$3,809,972.27
Total disbursements	\$3,809,972.27

The total amount expended by the departments named during the year 1907 was:

Police department	\$348,608.93
Fire department	147,357.10
Street lighting	15,808.30
Street repairs	42,131.06
Park department	44,014.96
Water department	55,525.96
Health department	15,578.87
Crematory department	79,707.12
City engineer's department	107,147.15
Department of public works	5,440.17
Plumbing inspector's dept.	2,764.92
Harbormaster's department	1,644.17
Building inspector's dept.	6,377.40
1908, remaining in the following funds after payment of all outstanding warrants were:	
General fund	\$137,955.56
Police department fund	23,271.85
Bonded ind. interest fund	2,623.24
Lighting fund	8,980.05
Street repair fund	1,604.92
Park fund	2,324.34
Water fund	5,080.38

**Public Lighting.**  
The report of the committee on lights is submitted and contains a suggestion looking to the establishment of a plant owned and operated by the city. Inasmuch as the proper lighting of the streets is an increasing source of street cost, the suggestion is worthy of your serious consideration.

## Will Commence Proceedings Against Private Monopolies Which Have Stolen City's Thoroughfares—Conditions Resiewed.

The city purchase one or more portable rock crushers, and, where possible, make use of such crushed boulders for street paving purposes.

The report from the superintendent sets forth the large amount of work done by this department. With a street 60 feet in width, it is necessary to excavate 300,000 cubic feet of earth in the city, 300 miles of which are improved in one way or another. This work is permanent and expensive, and it is the duty of the city to keep 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 is the greatest amount of water. This is the greatest solvent known and operates to disintegrate the surface of all streets regardless of its opportunities for the purposes of paving.

**Public Library.**  
The report of the directors of the public library sets forth the increased amount and use of the literature now at its disposal throughout the homes of the city and speaks of the value of this department of the value of this department of the city.

**Free Labor Bureau.**  
The amendment providing for the establishment of this bureau has been added to the city charter. The matter has been referred to the court, and it is again submitted to the people. Until such time as the court has rendered its decision, the bureau will be operated as it has been in the past, many cases of cruelty and injustice will be visited upon the workers of this city by no means of checking or righting the same.

**Fire Department.**  
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. It should be allowed to run down below a fixed standard of useful efficiency.

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

**Public Franchises.**  
A number of months ago I issued a call to all franchise-holders to submit to the auditor a statement of their affairs. This request brought forth but meager results in the way of reports, and if anything in the way of tangible results in the way of securing information from these sources, it was secured by the necessity 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 holder of a grant, the latter is to be strictly enforced of the people's rights to their equity in such grants and deem it a grave breach of trust upon the part of the holder of a grant to representatives if they do not insist upon the exactation 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 an extent which is a disgrace to the city and to the public; in fact, I am each week discovering more and more of the streets of the city 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. Effort has been exerted with no undertakings upon our hands which are unnecessary and which we will be compelled to drop from lack of means to accomplish them. In the future, everything like ordinary business conditions the city will continue to prosper during 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 deeply and gratefully indebted.

**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. 241, W. O. W., have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. E. Logan, consul commander; George Hopkins, clerk; Sam Mothershead, barkeeper; Carey Thornburg, watchman; Marion Wilson, secretary. Dr. L. E. Hibbard, George Sizemore, Charles Wilson were elected managers, and Dr. J. W. Geary camp physician.

**What It Has Done**  
For others it will do for you. This is the reasonable promise for Hood's Sarsaparilla to all victims of the grip. It rids the blood of the grip poison, creates an appetite, aids digestion and builds up the whole system.

"After the Grip I was all run down and felt so tired I could hardly get about the house. I tried Hood's Sarsaparilla and before I had taken one bottle, the tired, weak feeling left me, my appetite came back and I could do my housework."—Mrs. Lucy Rogers, Parkersville, N. Y.

"Four Weeks of Grip was my sad experience. I was very weak and unable to work. Being urged to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, I did so and in ten days I could work, sleep well, had a good appetite and gained in health and strength."—H. H. Hunter, Cuba, Ohio.

# CRASH IN PRICES

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By a combination of remarkable circumstances there comes the greatest crash in prices ever heard of in Portland. The recent financial crisis came upon us unexpectedly and found us with thousands of dollars' worth of goods in the store and on the road. The year's end finds us like every other big store, with hundreds of odds and ends left over. A clearance sale is customary at this time of year to dispose of these odds and ends—but this year we know that no clearance sale or ordinary reduction will move the amount of goods which we must sell.

**ALL OUR STOCK** goes into this sale, excepting a few articles on which the factory controls the price. 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.

**COME AT ONCE—**You cannot afford to overlook this opportunity.

## Spring Mattresses

\$2.25 Wire Springs	\$1.35
\$3.00 Yum Yum Springs	\$1.95
\$3.00 Supported Springs	\$1.95
\$4.75 Edwards' Special Springs	\$3.95
\$6.00 Steel Frame Springs	\$3.95
\$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	\$2.50
\$3.50 Cotton Top Mattresses	\$2.50
\$4.50 Wool Combination Mattresses	\$3.00
\$6.00 Cotton Combination Mattresses	\$4.00
\$8.00 Cotton Mattresses	\$5.00
\$10.00 Cotton Mattresses	\$6.50
\$12.00 Hair Mattresses	\$8.75
\$15.00 Floss Mattresses	\$11.00

Our Mattresses are made in our own shop

## Challenge Sale of Brass Beds

No. 430—Polished Brass Bed, 14-inch post, similar to the picture, reduced from \$27.50 to	\$25.00
No. 1010—Similar to the above, only square corners, reduced from \$38.00 to	\$33.00
No. 125—Satin-finish Brass Bed, with 14-inch post, reduced from \$50.00 to	\$34.00
No. 692—Polished Brass Bed, 2-inch posts, reduced from \$55.00 to	\$37.50
No. 556—Polished Brass Bed, 2-inch posts, reduced from \$57.50 to	\$37.75

## Challenge Sale of Center Tables

No. 632—Solid Oak Polished Flat-top Desk, 30x48, 8 sets of drawers, regular price \$15, now	\$17.50
No. 0515—Flat-top Desk, quarter sawed oak, size 32x55, regular price \$35.50, now	\$23.00
No. 643—Polished Oak Rolltop Desk, 27x55, two tiers of drawers and one large center drawer, reduced from \$35.00 to	\$29.75
No. 501—Quartered, Polished Oak Rolltop, a High-grade Desk, fitted with pigeon holes, paneled sides and back; \$55 value, for	\$39.90
No. 714—Oak Rolltop, Typewriter Desk, quarter-sawed writing bed, double pedestal, regular \$45.00 value, for	\$34.50

## Secretaries

No. 110—L. M. French plate mirror 10x12, 68 in. high, 36 in. wide, adjustable shelves, reduced from \$2.00 to	\$1.50
No. 600—G. O. Secretary French bevel mirror, 36 x10, case 84 in. wide, 68 in. high, \$25.00 value, for	\$18.50
No. 574—G. O. Secretary, swell glass door, 10x10 bevel French mirror, 34 in. wide and 68 in. high, \$27.50 value	\$19.25
No. 0191—Combination Secretary, large French mirrors, swell door bookcase, a very fine article, \$35.00 value, for	\$22.00

## Rayo Lamps \$1.50

This is a nickel lamp with white shade and round Rochester burner.

## Mission Desks at Cut Prices

No. 2050—Mission Desk, weather, with leather top, reduced from \$21.50 to	\$15.00
No. 907—Desk and Chair, like the picture, two pieces, reduced from \$50 to	\$18.00
No. 908—Desk and Chair, included in the picture, two pieces, reduced from \$35 to	\$19.00

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