Portlanders Forced to Pay Exorbitant Rates for Coal and Wood That Is Garnered Nearby.

More indignation and protest is caused by prevailing fuel prices than from any other problem that Portland householders have to contend with. Easterners who come from a prairie country and are called upon to pay more for fir wood in Portland than they have been paying for seasoned oak and hickory in Iowa and Illinois, and per ton for coal that is inferior to the coal they have been buying for 63, usually wrestle with the case awhile and then set it down as an impenetrable

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"Here is a city surrounded by hills-covered with trees that await the axeman, and where sawmills every week turn out enough slab waste to supply an ordinary town a year—yet the problem of getting enough firewood to keep the kitchen range running is a harder proposition than it is anywhere else that I know of," declared a newcomer who is spending his first winter in Portland. He admitted that the weather this winter has also caused less demand for firewood than in any part of the east that he knew of.

Prices Unreasonable.

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Whether or not the alleged fuel trust exists, the fact is indisputable that wood and coal are costing Portland people 40 per cent more than they should cost. It is believed that everyone connected with the production and marketing of fuel products is making exorbitant profits, and that when these various profit units are consolidated on a cord of wood or a load of slabwood, or a ton of coal, the result is of a nature to make the helpless buyer utter a loud howl and try to kick the bill collector.

An ordinary cartload of seasoned slabwood is now costing the Portland consumer \$5, if the wood is delivered in East Portland beyond Twentieth street. If it is green slabwood with the bark on, it costs \$3.50 per cartload. Green block wood, that is, the inside trimmings from the timbers that come from the saw, cost \$3.25.

These varieties if delivered within the East Twentieth street limit, or similar distances on the west side, come two bits less per load. Most of this class of wood is at the present time from the Inman-Poulsen lumber mill at the east end of Madison street bridge.

How Profits Are Made. A mill man analyzing these prices said that the dealer pays the mill 60 to 75 cents per cord for the slabs, about 75 cents for hauling it from the mill and piling it in the yard, 50 cents for sawing into stove lengths, and 75 cents to \$1.25 for delivery to the consumer. If these prices prevail the dealer is making a very handsome profit from his business at present retail

dealer is making a very handsome profit from his business at present retail prices of slabwood.

Plenty of available laboring men to chop wood since the cessation of general work last October was expected to bring down the prices of fuel in Portland this winter, but the opposite effect has been experienced. Fuel has gone higher. The fact remains that wood can be delivered at Portland's water front at about \$3.00 per full cord.

bargeload of the best seasoned fir cordwood is at the present tied to the giver bank at Ridge-a few miles from Portland. It fine tied to the giver bank at Ridge-field, a few miles from Portland. It is the property of E. A. Blackmore. He solicited Portland dealers during the last week to buy the wood on board barge at Ridgefield at a cash price of \$2.75 per cord. There were no tak-ers among the wood dealers in Portland who are charging consumers \$6\$ to \$7 per cord for dry fir wood. The enigma has been solved by local consumers who declare the local dealers and teamsters are not satisfied with a profit of \$3 to \$4 per cord divided between them.

Fortune in Coal.

Local prices of coal delivered to residences range from \$7 to \$12.50 per ton according to quality. Cheap grades of Australian coal delivered in Portland cost \$10 to \$12.50 per ton. This is the Richmond coal, which Australians do not regard as valuable for domestic use. A Portland resident recently from Australian said:

"The Australian coal we get here at \$12.50 per ton, is Richmond coal, that costs \$2.50 on board ship at Australian ports. This coal is not much used by Australians. They get the Newcastle coal delivered at their houses for \$4.50 per ton, and it is far superior to the Richmond variety. Newcastle coal delivered at Melbourne, \$600 miles by rail from the mines, at \$7.50 per ton. It is the finest Australian coal.

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Local dealers in Pacific coast coal and you make my denial any too on rates. A mine located in Washington, 90 miles from Portland, pays the Northern Pacific railroad \$1.50 per ton or \$4.250 and never get coal delivered at their coal pays the new coal from the mine to this city. The local teamster charges \$1.25 per ton for delivering the coal beyond East Twentieth street, and he is not looking very industriously for the story. He said it was a lie of a kind that is not put the kibosh on Mr. Manning's political hopes and he expressed his sentiments in a manner as follows:

"There is absolutely no truth in the reported rumors that I have any kind of a deal with Mr. Manning," he said. "You cannot make my denial any too emphatic, or too strong. I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for district attorney of all the old factions.

Makes Promises.

Local dealers in Pacific coast coal cay the railroad companies gouge them on rates. A mine located in Washington, 90 miles from Portland, pays the Northern Pacific railroad \$1.50 per ton or \$42 for an average carload, for hauling the coal from the mine to this city. The local teamster charges \$1.25 per ton for delivering the coal beyond East Twentieth street, and he is not looking very industriously for the job at that price, it is alleged by the dealer. In the upper Mississippi river region the railroads get 20 cents per ton for hauling coal from the Peoria district mines to Mississippi river cities, including Burlington, Keokuk, Davenport and Rock Island, 90

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### A House Divided Against Itself

Civil War in the Stomach Spells Ruin

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miles from the mines. Iowa coal dealers make a profit of 25 cents per ton on bituminous coal, and 50 cents per ton on anthracite. These dealers pay teamsters 56 cents per ton or 75 cents per load of two tons for delivering within the mile limit. The coal is delivered loosely in the wagon, and shoveled into a chute at the residence. In Portland it is delivered in sacks.

Big Profits.

Big Profits. It is alleged that there are Portland coal dealers who are making as high as \$4 per ten profit on coal delivered to residences. One dealer who is selling

to residences. One dealer who is selling coal around \$7 per ton said:
"If you think I am making big profits what do you think of a dealer that I know who is selling coal at a profit of \$4 per ton, besides making the rake-off from the long ton measurement allowed by the railroad. The Northern Pacific rafiroad is holding up the freight rates from the north, the O. R. & N. company is controlling the price of Rock Springs coal through its freight charges and holding back development of eastern Oregon coal mines, and the Southern Pacific company with its subsidiary water line is shutting and the Southern Pacific company with its subsidiary water line is shutting Coos bay coal out of Portland."

It is declared that transportation charges lie at the bottom of the high-priced fuel sold in Portland, and that so long as these charges prevail the high prices of slabwood and Australian coal will remain undisturbed.

Will Carve and Then Eat Manning Alive in Coming Struggle.

He says he is out after the Republican nomination for district attorney in earnest and that he intends to eat, John Manning alive, politicaly speaking, or words to that effect. All of Mr. Moser's expressions were caused by the circulated story that he had entered into a lated story that he had entered into a deal with John Manning whereby the hatchet was to be buried between the two and both were to go their political ways in amity and perfect peace.

According to the story the two candidates, the one announced and the other expected, had entered into a deal by which Manning was to receive the reelection he, wants and Moser was to get the chief deputyship and half of the emoluments of the office. It had been planned, so the story went, that Manning was to help Moser get the Republican nomination. Manning himself expects that he will have no trouble in securing the Democratic nomination.

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Makes Promises.

"If nominated I have no fear of the result, whether Mr. Manning or some one else is the Democratic nominee. I shall conduct an honest, vigorous campaign, and will either be the next district attorney or be out of politics, so far as seeking office is concerned.

"If elected, neither Mr. Manning, nor any other Democrat will have any interest in the office, and every deputy will be a Republican. Neither will I divide the office with any one else. I will assume all the responsibilities and receive all the emoluments provided by law. "If nominated I have no fear of the

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"On the other hand, if by some wholly impossible chance, Mr. Manning should be elected, I would have nothing whatever to do with the office, either as deputy or otherwise. But whether I get the Republican nomination, or not, Mr. Manning will be defeated by the Republican nominee, and I shall do my part to accomplish that result."

Thus it will be seen that the old time Moser-Manning alliance is a thing of the past. Further than that it is intimated that Mr. Moser has been approached with the proposition to divide the spoils but that he spurned the offer. According to this story which chronologically comes first, Mr. Manning gave his firm and oft repeated promise that he would not be a candidate for reslection, but on the other hand would keep out of the fight at the coming election and would do what he could to aid Moser, his deputy.

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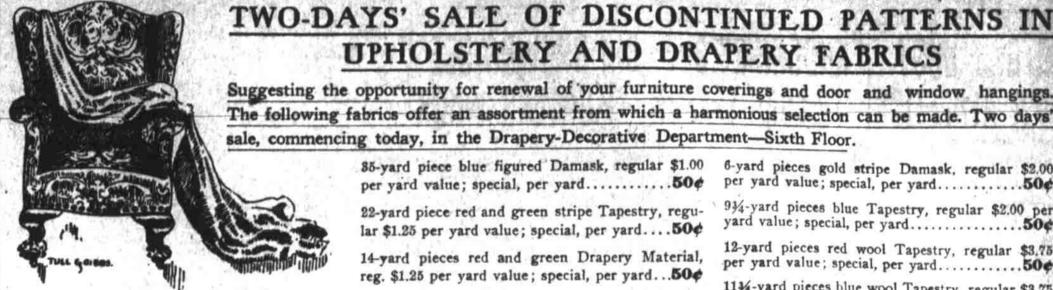
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Moser relied on this promise and laid his plans accordingly and believed that Manning would not be a candidate until a short time before his resignation as deputy district attorney. When it began to be rumored that Manning was to be a candidate for reelection Moser again asked whether Manning intended to run and was assured that the rumors were simply newspaper talk. Then the deputy found out differently and handed in his resignation.

At about this time, so the story goes, Manning went to Moser and proposed to him that Moser back out of his race and assist Manning in his erforts for reelection. As a reward Moser was to be given the chief deputyship and half the income of the office. Moser refused to negotiate and no deal was made.

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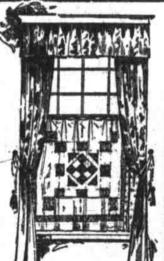
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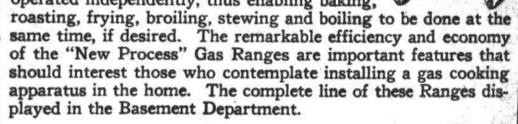
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serve Washington's birthday at Grand Army hall with a similar program and dinner next Saturday.

WOODLAND DEBATERS WIN AT CASTLEROCK

(Special Dispetch to The Journal.) Castlerock, Wash., Feb. 17.-The first debates of the series of inter-high school debates of Cowiits county was held in the opera house here last Friday evening. Castlerock high school supported the affirmative and Woodland High school the negative side of the question;

"Resolved, That the state of Washington should adopt the system of initiative and referendum, as set forth in was presented.

article four, section one, state constitution of Oregon."

The arguments were set forth in a way that plainly showed that each speaker had spent much time in careful study of the subject under discussion. The judges were: Superintendent Thompson of the state training school at Chehalis, Superintendent Hall of Vancouver and Principal Gardner of the Winlock public schools. They gave a unanimous decision in favor of the negative.

Aberdeen Elks' Orchestra. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 17.—The local B. P. O. E. has formed an orchestra composed of members of the order who contribute their services. The orchestra is composed of the following: J. P. Warren, first violin; Sam Kaufman, second violin; Emil Pfund, viola; J. P. Richards, violincello; W. R. Macfarlane, contrabass; D. C. Urie, clarinet; N. D. Coons, cornet; C. E. Drake, trombone; C. F. Cork, C. W. Hutton, drums; A. A. Scott, plane and director. The orchestra plays for initiations and for the social sessions of the order. Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 17 .- The lo

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