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LANE APPLIES LASH TO CITY COUNCIL

GIFTS FROM A PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

Vetoes Lighting Contract Because City Is Not Getting Rebates That Would Mean Thousands a Year to Taxpayers—Corners Oskar Huber in Office and Swears Him

Mayor Lane applied the lash to the city council today in a manner that carried more than a sting with it.

That the city is entitled to rebates from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company on its lighting bill is the contention of Mayor Lane, who did some investigating of his own this morning when he put Oskar Huber, consulting engineer of the company, under oath and examined him in regard to the light the company is furnishing the city.

Mayor Lane tried to bring out in his examination of Huber that the company has been saving about 25 per cent on the lights since it installed a new kind of lamp more than a year ago.

In his veto message, Mayor Lane scored the councilmen for accepting rebates from the railway company.

"It seems a pitifully small and helpless position for a city to occupy and attempt to do its public business when the overwhelming majority of its representatives are so far from their self-respect and humiliate themselves by regularly applying for petty stipends granted from the profit and loss ac-

count of a corporation, which is the largest dealer in, and the only possible bidder for the supply of its most important utility, and it is to be hoped that at some time and some day in the future it may be freed from such misfortunes."

Mayor Lane said that all but three of the councilmen accept rebates from the company, "and I do not know what else," he added significantly.

Huber testified that the company installed a different type of lamp since the city and the company entered into its contract of 1903, more than a year ago, and that these lamps do not require as much current as those for which the city contracted for at the rate of \$5.30 a month.

Mayor Lane contends that the company saves about 25 per cent. If this is true and Huber admitted it when he was not under oath according to Mayor Lane, the city is paying about 4 1/2 cents a kilowatt hour for its current. This is considered a high rate for a purchaser that buys so much current as the city. It is claimed that a number of individuals and corporations in the city are getting the current at a less rate, while it is a well-known fact that in Chicago and other eastern cities where the current is generated by steam, involving an extra expense in the cost of generating, the current is sold to private buyers for less amounts than Portland buys at a smaller rate.

For this reason and others Mayor Lane contends that the city is at least entitled to rebates for the current the company has been saving for the time the change in lamps was made. Inasmuch as the city pays annually about \$100,000 for its lights, the city is entitled to between \$25,000 and \$35,000 in rebates according to Mayor Lane's figures, although he himself has not stated the amount. His veto message follows:

"I herewith return ordinance No. 17, 669 not approved. This is an ordinance (Continued on Page Three.)

PERKINS ADMITS HIS ERROR

Erroneous Statements Made by California Senator Regarding Portland Harbor Brings Out Fact That Navigable Channel Is Deep Enough for Squadron.

Erroneous statements made by Senator George C. Perkins of California in the United States senate, in connection with the Pacific coast cruise of the Pacific squadron, have resulted in bringing out some highly favorable news of the navigable depth of the ship channel from Portland to the sea.

Senator Perkins' assertions made before the United States senate were in a subsequent letter written by him to the Portland Commercial club admitted to have been carelessly made, and erroneous as to the alleged depth of water.

J. P. MORGAN SICK AT ROME

Formal Denial Given Out at Office to Prevent Stock Market Panic.

London, April 6.—Cable dispatches stating that J. Pierpont Morgan has been taken seriously ill in Rome, created quite a flurry in the financial district this morning, and great anxiety was manifest.

Tom Richardson wrote a strong letter to him, asking that a complete correction be made in such a manner as would place the Port of Portland right in the estimation of all who had been misled by his statement.

CONFESION CLEARS WOMAN OF SUSPICION OF BURNING HOUSE

San Francisco, April 6.—After three years of suffering, during which time the finger of unjust suspicion drove her to an invalid's bed and closed the homes of her friends to her, Miss Helen Clough of Berkeley, has been vindicated on an ugly charge of arson by the settlement of a man whose name is unknown to her.

Miss Clough, who was a protégé of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, was prominent in settlement work and had just returned from a trip to Europe for study, when she was given a position as teacher in domestic science at the New Century club. When the club closed for the summer vacation in 1905 Miss Clough

MINISTER IS WHIPPED BY WOMEN

Rev. W. N. Coffey of Portland Accuses Mrs. Nettie Rhodes and Miss Lulu Goode of Salem of Applying Horsewhip.

Jaspar Goode, Roy Phillips and Mrs. Mina Phillips Charged With Assisting Relatives Break Up Religious Meeting.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salem, Or., April 6.—Mrs. Nettie Rhodes and Miss Lulu Goode were arrested this morning and brought before Judge Webster on a charge of horsewhipping Rev. W. N. Coffey of Portland, presiding elder for this district of the Free Methodist church.

The women who are accused of horsewhipping the minister declare Coffey had slandered them time after time, both in the pulpit and outside the church, because they were not in accord with his ideas of church duties.

The minister accused the young women of lying in wait for him at the door of his church and assaulting him with horsewhips in the presence of his congregation as he was taking his departure after the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Coffey has prepared a statement for the press which is as follows: "This trouble grows out of the charges having been preferred against J. F. Goode, upon which he was expelled from the church. At the meeting Saturday night, which was a quarterly conference, Goode had claimed his seat as a member, but as presiding elder, I had decided that he could not be seated, as he had no membership. With no other provocation I was assaulted as I left the church. They broke my glasses, hurt one of my eyes, and beat me over the head. I made no offensive resistance, but merely fenced against my assailants. The same parties also assaulted Rev. Mr. Cook and Frank Schute, and struck Mrs. Roper, wife of the pastor of the church, in the face. We went for the officers and the assaulting party left. This is the fourth assault they have attempted since November."

J. F. Goode, father of the three young women, accused by the minister, is a prominent man and until recently was a member of the city council. Miss Lulu Goode is cashier of the Grand opera-house, of which her brother-in-law, Roy Phillips, is stage manager.

NINE LIVES LOST IN LONDON EXPLOSION

London, April 6.—Nine persons were killed today, five were probably fatally injured and 50 were buried under ruins when an explosion occurred in the York hotel annex, which was an old structure. The building completely collapsed. Of the 50 guests who were buried nine were killed outright. Quick work on the part of the rescuers saved the others from a similar fate.

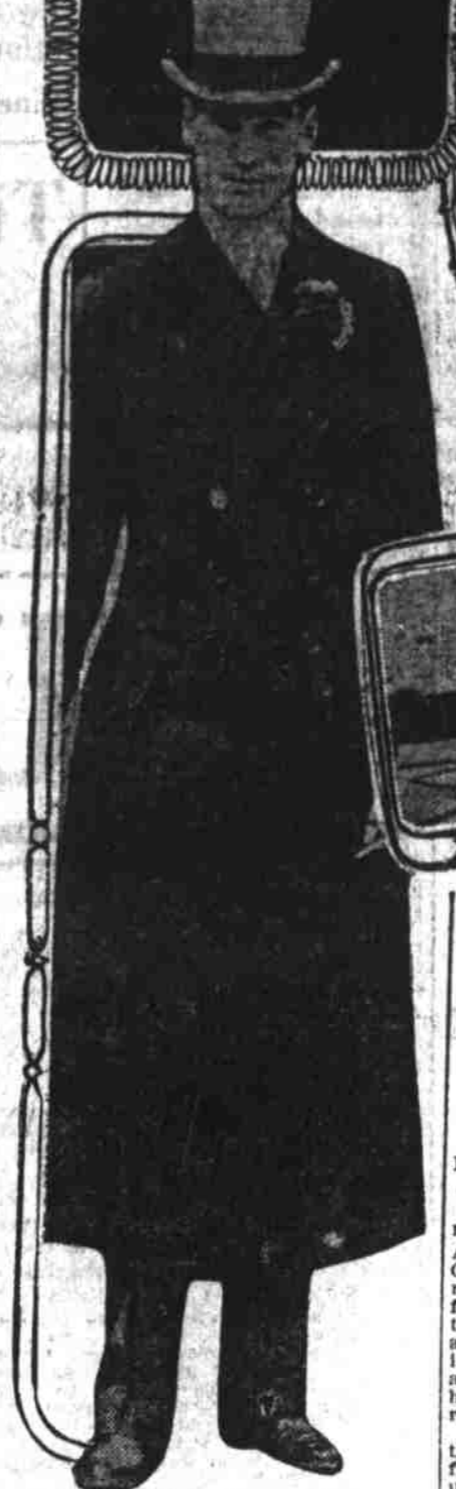
VANDERBILT RECONCILIATION NOT YET ACCOMPLISHED, SAYS REPORT

WIFE ILL FROM PROSTRATION

Neither Side Will Give Information Regarding Rumors of Peacemaking.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, April 6.—Another effort was made today by the Vanderbilts to bring about a reconciliation between Alfred Vanderbilt and his wife. There were several early conferences of the attorneys of the contestants, but just what was accomplished in the name of peace cannot be forecasted, as neither side will give any information to the press.

Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt is reported to be suffering from nervous prostration.



Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and his wife have separated, owing to domestic differences of long standing. In the picture Mr. Vanderbilt is shown in coaching costume. The picture of Mrs. Vanderbilt is from a recent photograph of that lady. Below is a photograph showing the entrance to training ring at Oakland farm, Alfred G. Vanderbilt's home at Newport.

S. P. MAY NOT BE PUNISHED

Two California Railroad Commissioners Oppose Rebating Fines.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, April 6.—A split between members of the state board of railroad commissioners, which recently heard charges of rebating in San Francisco against the Southern Pacific railroad, has occurred on the question of a verdict in the case.



CONNECTICUT MAKES RECORD RUN ON TRIP FROM MAGDALENA BAY

By H. L. Clotworthy, United States representative with the fleet. Magdalena Bay, April 6.—The magnificent condition of the ships of the Atlantic fleet is shown by the flagship Connecticut, which broke her trial speed record in the run to rejoin the fleet from San Diego, to Magdalena Bay. On the long sustained run she made an average of 15.45 knots an hour. Taken in connection with the 16,000-mile voyage through tropical waters and with her bottom foul, the speed is considered remarkable.

The torpedo boat flotilla arrived in the harbor last night after a speedy run from Acapulco, one day ahead of schedule.

The big ships of the fleet are putting on their snow white dress for the parade up the coast. The prospective receptions at coast cities and a view of "God's country" is the sole topic of conversation among officers and men.

Chicago, April 6.—"He is always ready for sea duty, but he is afraid of social festivities."

That was the little character sketch of Admiral Robert D. Evans, given today by the person who knows him best—his wife.

Mrs. Evans was in Chicago four hours on her way to join the admiral in California. She was accompanied by her daughter.

"You see," continued Mrs. Evans, "my husband always responds with alacrity to the demands of duty which call him to the bridge, but he is far less enthusiastic in answering the demands of that other duty, which calls him to the banquet hall or the ballroom."

"He finds dinners and dances and receptions very trying after a hard period of duty on the bridge. He has been subject to these rheumatic attacks for many years, and so I am not so anxious about him as though they were something new."

"I have had recent word from him, and I am thankful, indeed, to be able to say that he now is feeling a great deal better. The rheumatism is rapidly disappearing, and he is generally in much better condition than he was a short time ago."

Officers of Apple Show. Spokane, Wash., April 6.—Temporary officers for the national apple show have been elected, as follows: L. P. Williams president and W. D. Vincent secretary and treasurer. E. E. Goodall, I. MacLean and Floyd L. Daggett were made a committee to draw up by-laws for the corporation.

LIST WILL BREAK ALL RECORDS

Expected Registration Will Total 30,000 When Books Close Tomorrow Night—Approximately 29,000 Now on Clerk's Books.

Two Years Ago Total Registration at This Time Was 18,039—Hundreds Crowd Into Line at the Last Minute.

All registration records in Multnomah county will have been broken when the books are close by County Clerk Fields tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. This morning 25,893 voters had complied with the registration law and throughout the day a long line of men stood waiting for a chance to get their names on the books before they were closed.

Already there have been 4,000 and more Republicans registered with the county clerk than there were voters of all political faiths together in 1906. This morning when the books were opened there were 22,577 Republican, 4,350 Democratic and 1,466 other voters registered. As being the totals figured as a result of the registration up to the time the books closed Saturday night. At this time in 1906 the total registration of all parties and beliefs totaled 18,039.

Today and tomorrow the registration clerks in the county clerk's office will have a strenuous time. All that usual large number of procrastinators who have put off their registration until the last minute are now beginning to clamor for places in the line. This afternoon there was a long line of men waiting their turn.

County Clerk Fields, however, says he is able to handle all the voters who desire to register. On March 15, 1904, he registered 1,334 men and he is now able to handle even a larger number than that.

The clerk's office will be kept open to-night just as long as any one is there to be registered. Past experience has shown says Mr. Fields, that the last of the applicants show up by 9 o'clock. His clerks have instructions to register every one who comes this evening and to keep going as long as there is a man in the office who desires to put his name in the voting list.

Tomorrow afternoon the books will be closed at 5 o'clock and will not be opened again until after the primary election. It is estimated by Mr. Fields that there will be upward of 2,000 registrations before the books are closed. For last year there were 2,096 registrations in the last two days before the primaries and at that time there was not the great interest taken by the mass of the voters that is being manifested at the present time.

Any those who fail to register by tomorrow afternoon will be practically shut out of the primaries, for the method of swearing in voters is tedious, cumbersome and productive of much delay. Under the law it will be necessary for all those swearing in their votes to secure six freeholders known to them and take the six men to the voting booth, where they may make their affidavits before the judges of election.

There will be little disposition on the part of the judges to delay the registered voters while the affidavits of those

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THINK O'BRIEN THREW CONTEST

Society Sports Dubious of Amateur Boxing Match With Biddle.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—In the prominent clubs of this city today, the one topic of conversation was the "fight" Saturday night between Jack O'Brien, professional, and Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, society leader and amateur boxer. The fight was a professional fight with his accustomed speed and cleverness, he would have laid Biddle cold in the first minute of the first round.

Vote for No Legislative Candidate Who Fails to Sign This Pledge:

Do you believe that the people of Oregon are intelligent enough to elect a United States senator? Do you wish to have a vote yourself in the election of the senator? If so, do not vote for any legislative candidate who has not subscribed to Statement No. 1. This is the pledge which ensures to the people the right to elect the senator.