STRIKE SPARK ON $20,900 ACCOUNT

Majority Party Begins to Whet Appetite to Eat Up Mayor.

War has been started again between the majority part of the city council and Mayor Lane, or rather has been rekindled, and will flare up to a brilliant blaze when the committee on judiciary and elections commences taking testimony at a special meeting Thursday night to determine who is responsible for the expenditure of $20,900 for cables for the fire department which the councilmen contend should have been supplied by the telephone companies according to the provisions of their franchises.

This fight was started by the council some weeks ago but died out after Mayor Lane administered a drubbing to the councilmen. The majority party had found out in some mysterious manner that the Home Telephone company should have purchased the cable. They immediately placed the blame for the expenditure upon the mayor and the city executive board, although the council voted the appropriation for the cables.

After the councilmen sprung their opening gun Mayor Lane showed that not only the Home Telephone company was liable for cables and conductors for the fire department but that the franchise of the Pacific States Telephone company passed several years earlier than the franchise of the Home Telephone company was even more specific in imposing such conditions on the company. Mayor Lane at once proceeded to "go to" the councilmen on the proposition and as a result succeeded in squelching them. Now the fight has been renewed and what new ammunition the majority party has dug up that leads them to believe they will succeed in foisting the responsibility from their shoulders to the mayor's is a mystery.

War has been declared, however, and interesting developments are expected. The committee is composed of Councilmen Cellars and Bennett of the majority party and Councilman Vaughn of the minority. They will subpoena witnesses and conduct a grand jury sort of an investigation at which Mayor Lane, members of the council, members of the city executive board, Chief Campbell of the fire department, City Electrician Savarian and others who may know anything pertaining to the question will be examined.

KEEP QUACKS UNDER BAN OF NEW LAW

Illegal Practitioners Will Feel Nervous If Proposed Ordinance Passes.

Police regulation of physicians will result in the event of the city council approving the report of the license committee recommending the passage of an ordinance providing that a physician keep on display in his office his certificate from the state board of health. The object of the measure is to prevent quacks and fake doctors from practicing without a license.

While there is a state law requiring the certificate there have been so many abuses of the statute by the quacks in Portland recently that the medical profession of the city favored some regulation of the fake doctors. In their opinion the best way to accomplish this was an ordinance compelling all licensed physicians to keep their certificates on display where they can be seen by any person entering their offices. The ordinance provides a fee of $2 a year for a license.

Several physicians were present yesterday representing the city and county medical society in support of the measure. The original draft of the ordinance carried a provision for druggists but this was opposed by Councilman Menefee.

NEW BRAKES ON AIRBRAKE LAW

Members of the health and police committee of the city council held a special meeting yesterday afternoon and voted to submit a new ordinance in place of Councilman Vaughn's celebrated airbrakes' ordinance. The new measure provides that all cars operated in the city within one year after the passage or approval of the ordinance must be equipped with airbrakes, providing the cars are more than 35 feet in length. The ordinance also carries a provision that all cars must slow down to four miles an hour when passing another car that is receiving or discharging passengers. The new measure will come up for passage at Wednesday's meeting and will undoubtedly pass.

COMMITEEMEN SLIP INTO SEATS

County Clerk Fields Finishes Count of Vote for Precinct Workers.

County Clerk Fields completed the canvass of the vote on precinct committeemen for both the Republican and Democratic parties yesterday afternoon. The new committeemen will meet and organize on or before April 22. When they are organized the old committees will cease to have power, and the politics of the county will be under the general supervision of the new committees. It is expected that the two committees will take prominent places in the coming senatorial struggle between H. M. Cake and George E. Chamberlain.

The Republican central committees, according to the official canvass, will be composed of the following men:

Precinct 1, Sanderson Reed; 2, D. D. Day; 3, R. B. Lasseil; 4, Charles Couray; 5, J. J. Brown; 6, A. W. Allen; 7, Frank F. Freeman; 8, L. W. Whiting; 9, M. S. Monteith; 10, Wesley H. Shatten; 11, E. J. Rothbun; 12, John F. Cahalin; 13, George Otten; 14, W. B. Fechheimer; 15, J. J. Dunning; 16, Charles E. Lockwood; 17, John F. O'Connor; 18, H. W. Hinch; 19, Frank C. Middleton; 20, D. M. Stevens; 21, W. L. Murray; 22, H. Daniel; 23, Louis Ebeling; 24, A. L. Finley; 25, McKinley Mitchell; 26, J. P. Kennedy; 27, James A. Kelly; 28, Charles Leiner; 29, W. M. Cake; 30, Charles E. Sawyer; 31, Clarence H. Gilbert; 32, C. C. Newcastle; 33, J. F. Singer; 34, A. J. Panno; 35, F. E. Watkins; 36, F. E. Beach; 37, I. B. Beard; 38, Michael J. Brennan; 39, E. J. Finley; 40, C. H. Feldmann; 41, B. C. McCarthy; 42, E. A. Austin; 43, J. F. Kertchem; 44, T. P. Holmes; 45, T. H. Compton; 46, H. W. Strong; 47, Tom Swennes; 48, Sig Berren; 49, A. C. Cook; 50, Phil Metschan Jr.; 51, James Kepoha; 52, P. O. Breslin; 53, George K. McCord; 54, W. E. Williams; 55, Charles B. Merrick; 56, L. W. Hardman; 57, D. J. Quimby; 58, R. M. Tuttle; 59, T. F. Pierce; 60, John Miller; 61, H. B. Dickinson; 62, R. L. Wilson; 63, C. M. Peterson; 64, O. S. Hutchinson; 65, A. D. Keenan; 66, Richard Deisch; 67, C. V. Howard; 68, A. S. Briggs; 69, C. H. Meusdorffer Jr.; 70, E. L. Pettis; 71, J. F. Sinnott; 72, J. H. Kelly; 73, R. L. Darrow; 73½, O. W. Taylor; 74, C. J. Bush; 75, Andy V. Weinberger; 76, A. B. Manley; 77, J. F. Wilson; 78, Joe M. Meyer; 79, F. E. Reed; 80, Charles F. Patton; 81, R. P. McDonald; 82, J. J. Noonan Sr.; 83, Lewis L. Lindsay; 84, E. L. Shaffer; 85, Isaac Butcher; 86, J. T. Gregg; 87, C. B. Olmstead; 88, F. C. Malcolm; 89, J. L. Tindall; 90, W. W. Windle; 91, H. E. Collier; 92, W. E. Marshall; 94, C. F. Spaulding; 95, H. T. Page; 96, George T. Howard; 97, E. L. Rayburn; 98, H. Chapman; 99, D. S. Dunbar, 1; Colonel Shepard, 1; 100, W. A. Herrin; 101, E. C. Lindsay; 102, Thomas W. Corder; 103, H. P. Christensen; 104, E. Kelly; 105, Alexander Barr; 106, W. W. Sharp; 108, J. F. McDonough; 109, W. F. Harris; 110, D. D. Jackson; 111, Thomas Streiff; 112, John P. Hoffman; 113, H. T. Page; 114, W. H. Burke.

The members of the Democratic county central commitee, as found by the official canvass are as follows: 1, E. L. Hutchin; 2, William G. Helber; 3, M. L. Nicholas; 4, W. S. Carter; 5, M. P. Cannon; 6, J. W. McGinn; 7, Robert W. Peterson; 8, D. M. Watson; 9, J. H. Velle; 10, R. A. Wade; 11, David A. Houston; 12, J. P. Gorry; 13, Ed F. Joost; 14, L. C. Thompson; 15, Frank T. Berry; 16, George I. Smith; 17, J. B. Ryan; 18, H. J. Hobart; 19, A. J. McCabe; 20, A. E. Modwick; 21, James Foley; 22, C. E. S. Wood; 23, W. B. Daggett; 24, Fred C. King; 25, Alex Sweet; 26, James P. Kennedy; 27, H. C. Woodward; 28, T. J. Craig; 7; Phil Harris, 7; 29, William J. Doering; 30, E. C. Protzman; 31, L. T. Zachrisson; 32, S. T. Lamont, 33, J. G. Nichols; 34, H. D. Wagnon; 35, A. H. Harms; 36, H. B. Van Duger; 37, George Whitaker; 38, A. Abbott; 39, John Montag; 40, C. A. Chamberlain; 41, A. J. Hegen; 42, S. C. Lyle; 43, Horan W. Parker; 44, Fred W. Angell; 45, H. S. Harcourt; 46, Frank Lee; 47, Thomas Duffy; 49, W. C. McElroy; 50, S. H. Roberts; 51, James L. Davidson; 52, H. H. Carey; 53, E. S. J. McAllister; 54, S. W. Anderson; 55, W. P. Snook; 56, N. A. Peery; 57, S. E. Holcomb; 58, S. H. Lough; 59, George A. Thomas; 60, W. L. Beckner; 61, W. C. Aylsworth; 62, Q. L. Matthews; 63, George H. Thomas; 64, A. P. Nelson; 65, A. W. Cauthorn; 66, N. H. Grafton; 67, C. E. Heltkemper; 68, J. A. Giebisch; 69, W. T. Lambert; 70, W. N. Gatens; 71, William H. Neville; 72, J. W. Ferguson; 73, Newton McCoy; 74, George S. Lewis; 75, Joe Shannon; 76, G. W. Stoops; 77, L. T. Peery; 78, Henry L. Barkley; 79, John Van Zante; 80, Austin J. Salisbury; 81, John H. McKenzie, 13; Earl Ogle, 13; 82, A. Stark; 83, Charles Arnholt; 84, J. W. Simmons; 85, Charles F. Stovall; 86, Clinton A. Ambrose; 87, C. L. Daggett; 88, E. H. Weber; 89, Johnson White; 90, F. L. Young; 91, J. S. Downey; 92, Samuel J. Raffety; 93, E. N. Emery; 94, N. J. Day; 95, Roy C. Wilkinson; 96, Will C. Purdy; 97, John W. Steiger; 98, U. P. Tobin; 101, M. Kronenberg; 102, Charles Rowley; 103, S. B. Edwards; 105, Newton Courter; 106, C. E. Russell; 108, C. L. Brown; 109, C. C. Morrison; 110, J. D. Kelly; 111, R. H. Love; 112, J. B. Watkins; 113, James R. Haight; 114, B. S. Stone.

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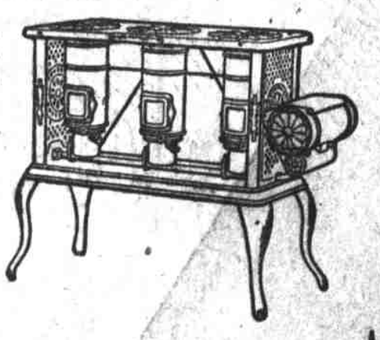

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Fifteen Hundred to March Through Illuminated East Side Streets.

Professor M. M. Ringler, who has charge of the children's parade in the Rose Festival on the east side the evening of June 4, announced this morning that the line of march would extend from the Grand avenue bridge along Grand avenue to Belmont street, a distance of 13 blocks. The street will be illuminated and the drill master promises that some pretty novelties will be introduced along the line of march.

Work of organization was begun yesterday afternoon when about 400 children gathered at the East Side Athletic club for enrollment, and preliminary steps toward the drilling of the young people will be begun without delay. Not more than 1,500 children will participate in the parade, and the number will be divided into divisions of about 150. Professor Ringler announces that each division will have a different drill.

At yesterday's meeting Professor Ringler instructed the children as to just what is expected of them. Arrangements for the first drill will be made today.

ALDRICH BILL ONLY PAP FOR INTERESTS

Formal action has been taken by the directors of the Portland board of trade opposing the passage of the Aldrich bill by congress, and favoring the enactment of the Fowler bill. Neither of these bills has received the sanction of the banking fraternity of Portland, although the Aldrich bill has had limited support because it was thought by a few bankers to be better than no legislation at all on the subject of emergency currency.

The board of trade passed a resolution criticising the Aldrich bill "for the reason that it provides for additional bond-secured currency, based upon a deposit of state, municipal and railroad bonds, which the country banks do not generally possess, and imposing a rate of interest which few commercial banks can afford to pay, thereby creating a fictitious value for certain bonds, favoring special financial interests and ignoring the agricultural, manufacturing and commercial needs of the country."

CITY STILL IN DOUBT ABOUT TAKING A BATH

Whether the city can legally take over the free baths offered by L. Samuel and Edward Holman who originated the institution is a question in the minds of the members of the ways and means committee of the city council and City Attorney J. P. Kavanaugh has been requested to give the members an opinion upon the subject at its next regular meeting. If the baths are accepted by the city they will have to be removed from their present location because they are on private ground. Manager George Simon of the Pacific Bridge company offered the committee yesterday to move the baths free of charge as well as to donate the necessary piling to properly safeguard the baths.

COMPANY SETTLES DAMAGE SUIT

Mrs. Emma A. Conway yesterday afternoon agreed to accept $808.25 in settlement of her claims against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for personal injuries, and the case on trial before Judge Bronaugh in the circuit court, in which she was plaintiff, was dismissed. She had sued for $10,350 as damages for injuries received when she was thrown into the seat of a streetcar on the Mount Scott line by a collision. Formerly she was employed as a stenographer and a portion of her claim was for loss of wages.

INCREASE COUNTY TAX ROLL FIVE MILLION

The assessment roll of Multnomah county will be increased about $5,000,000 this year, according to the present estimate of County Assessor Sigler. The increase will be largely in suburban property and the downtown business district will not be materially affected. The assessment roll last year amounted to about $222,000,000 and this year will be around the $228,000,000 mark.

EAST SIDE LEANS TO PROHIBITION

Movement to Vote District Dry Will Be Fought by Liquor Dealers.

Retail liquor dealers of the east side have conceived the idea of circumventing the movement of the prohibition element to make that section of the city "dry" by starting a movement to call a prohibition election in the entire county, arguing that while certain precincts on the east side would cast a vote for prohibition, the entire county would not do so. The saloonmen realize that the advocates of a "dry" town have a great deal of strength, and will do all in their power to defeat their object.

The meeting held at Hawthorne Park Presbyterian church last evening was an indication of the strength of the prohibition element on the east side. Rev. E. Nelson Allen, pastor of the church, and one of the most enthusiastic of the city saloon workers, presided at the meeting, and first called upon J. R. Knodell, who made certain suggestions, stating that the teachers in the public schools, the young people of the east side, the business men and individuals generally should take an active part in the campaign.

More than 200 petitions were circulated in east side churches Sunday and additional ones were issued yesterday. Mr. Knodell said that it ought to be possible to obtain at least 5,000 signatures to these petitions.

Other addresses were made by J. P. Adams of Sellwood, P. T. Leache of Albina and F. J. McHenry of the central east side district, all of whom set forth strong arguments in favor of the prohibition movement.

At the conclusion of these addresses a discussion in which several members of the audience took part was indulged in, and the general sentiment was that the campaign should be started without delay, as the time is short.

It was decided that Chairman Allen should appoint a finance committee to raise the funds necessary to carry on the campaign, the body to have power to select subcommittees. This committee will be named within the next few days. The business men, the laborer and the home owner will be called upon to subscribe to the fund it will be necessary to raise to carry on the fight.

A series of prohibition meetings will be held in east side precincts, and the first probably will take place the latter part of the present week.

MONTAVILLA WILL BUILD FIESTA FLOAT

Residents of Montavilla will be called upon to attend a mass meeting the latter part of the present week to discuss plans and devise ways and means for raising money for the construction of a float for the Rose Festival, this action having been decided upon at a meeting of the Montavilla board of trade last evening.

Another subject taken up was that of lighting the district and reports of the committee having the matter in charge were to the effect that nearly every resident of Montavilla has agreed to install electric lights.

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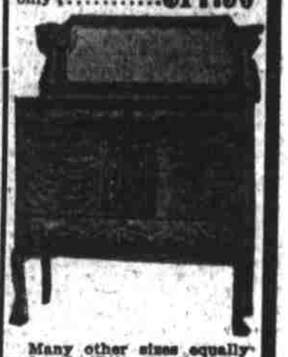

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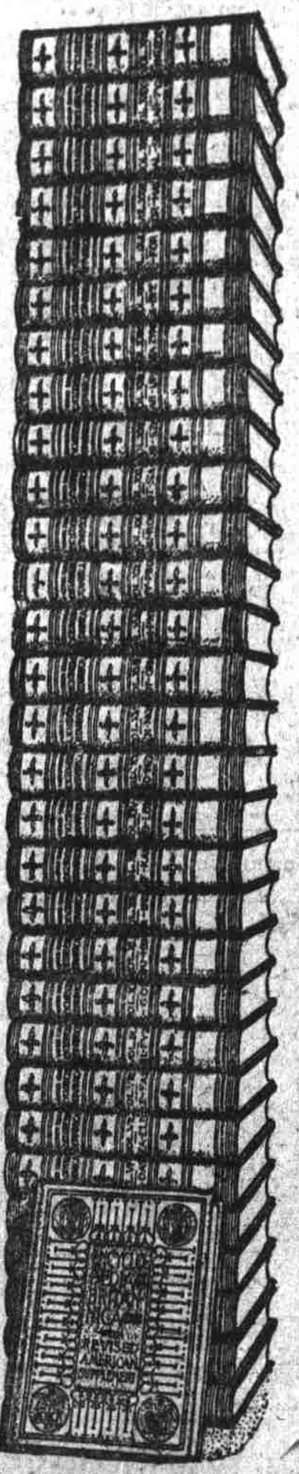

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