

### PLACES BURDEN ON THE COUNCIL

#### Mayor to Hold Solons Responsible for the Poor Street Work.

"You have been finding fault with the council and telling us what we had no right to do. At the same time you are doing what you have no right to do, yourself, addressing this council without designating someone else to take the chair. I think the city attorney will bear me out in this."

Councilman Callahan made this charge against Mayor Lane yesterday afternoon when the executive had risen from his chair to tell the council some things with regard to street improvements.

A number of remonstrances had been read against the acceptance of street work and a motion had been made to overrule some of these. Mayor Lane then arose and said:

"I don't think the council should take such action without looking into the remonstrance thoroughly. I know of one peer fellow who recently bought a lot for \$175. His assessment for street improvements was \$350. This seemed to him, no doubt, unjust."

City Attorney Kavanaugh here explained that the council had jurisdiction in all cases of protest against the rate of assessment and that the province of the executive board was to determine whether the work was according to specifications.

Councilman Bennett declared that the dilatory tactics of the council in accepting work had cost the taxpayers \$120,000, for contractors who had been "stung" in that way once were sure to get even the next time.

"The executive board has no right to accept contracts unless the same are up to specifications," declared the mayor. "I shall hold the committee directly responsible for any poor work accepted by them. If the contractor loses money by being compelled to wait until the improvement can be thoroughly inspected by the board, he ought to be reimbursed out of the general fund. I don't want to do any injustice. That's just the reason why I insist that the smallest property owner shall receive value for the money he has to pay out for improvements."

The remonstrances were referred to the street committee and Councilman Kellaher flung a parting shot at the mayor.

"I don't see why we should break our necks to look into street improvements when the mayor and the executive board are so zealously busy," he said.

#### Royal Pumpkin Pies.

Pie time tonight. Don't dare face your wife without those pumpkin pies from the Royal Bakery—the only ones that just touch the spot. Either branch Royal Bakery & Confectionery, Inc.

#### Things Who Employ Chloroform.

(United Press Landed Wire.)

Santa Rosa, Cal., Oct. 30.—Detectives are searching the city for two men who attack young girls and use chloroform to overcome their resistance. The latest victim is Mamie Bernhart, a girl of 15, who was set upon by two men but was saved by the scream of a little girl who accompanied her. After the attack the assailants fled into a marble quarry which was surrounded but systematic search failed to find them. The girls were too frightened to give a description of the men.

Walkover and Sorosis shoes at Knight's.

Metzger's Jewelers and Opticians, 342 Washington st., bet. 7th and Park.

### GRANT COVERS FORTY ROUTES

#### Streetcar Company Asks for a Blanket Franchise From Council.

Notwithstanding the fact that the mayor and executive board are still investigating the curbs and other improvements on Killingsworth avenue and many remonstrances have been made against the acceptance of the work, the council yesterday afternoon passed an ordinance assessing the costs of the bituminous pavement.

Among other business transacted the city attorney was instructed to draw up a blanket franchise covering 40 new street routes which the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. is seeking to cover. This franchise is to be submitted at the next session.

J. P. Herr, who owns a saloon at Sixteenth and Taylor, was allowed to continue in business. The liquor license committee had recommended that his license be revoked.

Bids for the exclusive right to burn the garbage of the city for 25 years will be asked for by the council. The bidding, it was decided yesterday, will be open to everybody. The lowest bidder will be awarded the crematory contract, but with the provision that the city may take the plant over at any time after a year from its construction.

The special bridge committee adjourned after a short session to meet again next Wednesday.

No more will the ubiquitous peddler block traffic in the downtown section. An ordinance was passed which prohibits hawkers and peddlers from the streets. Peddlers must make house to house trips and this necessarily forces them into the residence districts.

### URGE PURCHASE OF PARK LAND

The work of the charter revision committee to date, and what it intends to do in the future, was discussed by Richard Montague, a member of the committee, last night at the regular meeting of the United East Side Push club. Mr. Montague talked for an hour and the members of the club took up another 45 minutes in discussing the various phases of the charter and in asking questions.

The only action taken by the club last night, however, was when a committee of five, made up of H. H. Newhall, Dr. C. H. Rafferty, Frank J. Perkins, J. N. Davis and L. E. Rice, was appointed to take up the question of the Mount Fair city park with the board and do all in their power to have the city purchase the site suggested by Olmstead brothers and also an additional acreage near West avenue, this part to be used as children's playgrounds.

The club was unanimously in favor of this action.

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### SPEND MONEY YET UNEARNED

#### Thirteen Firemen Confess to Borrowing Money on Salaries.

At a meeting of the fire committee of the executive board last night 13 firemen appeared to answer the charge of having hypothecated their salary warrants in violation of the department rules. Each of the 13 admitted that he had pledged his wages and paid 5 per cent interest on money borrowed from Ashley & Rummel.

One of the facts brought out by the examination was that this firm has charged an interest rate for a day that would exceed 1,500 per cent if the loan should run at the same rate for a year. Fireman Eyston testified that a rate of 5 per cent was charged whether the loan was for one day or 30 days.

Nearly every fireman had a hard luck story to explain his borrowing at the exorbitant rate. Some pleaded sickness in the family, one wanted to buy real estate, another had to pay for a house and furniture. All advanced some sort of an excuse.

The committee took the cases under advisement after the mayor had told the firemen that the city was only trying to protect them when the order was issued against warrant shaving.

It is not believed that any dismissals will result this time, but the men will probably be warned strongly that the practice must cease.

The committee received only one bid for feed and did not accept this at once, as it was thought rather strange that only one bidder wanted the contract to furnish the fire department forage for the coming quarter. G. W. Simpson was the bidder.

### OPPOSES NEW BUILDING LAW

The Williams building ordinance was referred to the health and police committee yesterday afternoon by the city council. Building Inspector Doherty appeared on the floor to oppose the passage of the measure on the ground that it was contrary to all building practice and that such construction was not used in other large cities.

"I want to see Portland progress as much as does anybody else, but I don't think that this is the way to secure progress. If you want to modify the building laws why make it impossible to build a frame structure."

The architects say capital can not be induced to build brick or concrete, or similar apartment houses and dwellings because the walls must be so thick that it will not pay. Of course, such a building will not bring returns of as high as 20 per cent, as wooden buildings do, but if the law tabooed frame construction, and it should, then you would see the city begin to build up and the present building ordinance would not stand in the way of development either.

"The truth is that buildings, other than frame structures, can be erected all right, but the fact that they only bring in a moderate return on the investment is the reason that contractors are not eager to build them."

"Wait until one of these wooden buildings collapses in a fire some of these days and life is lost. The council will see what good construction means then. But it may possibly be a little late."

#### WRITES OPEN LETTER ON BRIDGE QUESTION

The following open letter has been written M. G. Munley, president of the Northeast Side Improvement association, by the Multnomah Improvement



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association, expressing the views of the latter organization on the high bridge question:

"Dear sir—The Multnomah Improvement association through their president herewith submit their views with reference to a bridge north of the present steel bridge and in voicing their opinions they represent the sentiment of the majority of the people living north of Hancock street, west of Union avenue and east of Union avenue north of Russell street.

"Every resident on the east side, north of Sullivan's gulch, as well as probably most of the west side property owners, realize the necessity of this bridge, the only contention being the location and in this matter they demand to be heard. They insist that

several locations be submitted and voted upon by the people and the one receiving the largest number of votes be accepted.

"In order to be positive that the people will vote for the amendment to the charter for issuing sufficient bonds to build this bridge they demand the location be left out of the amendment and be voted upon separately. This action will assure the bridge and at a location which will satisfy the majority of the people.

"Yours very truly  
R. B. METCALFE, President."

New Library at De Pauw.  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Greencastle, Ind., Oct. 30.—The mag-

nificent new library building at De Pauw university was dedicated today with interesting exercises. Among the guests of the occasion were a number of the Methodist bishops who have been holding their annual meeting in Indianapolis.

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