

RODES LIGHT BIDS UP TO COUNCIL

Executive Board Takes Advice Given in Report Filed by Thomas G. Greene of the Lighting Committee—City Faces Holdup.

That the recent bid and demands of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, if accepted, will mean an aggregate increase of \$50,000 for lighting the city, and that it is the duty of the servants of the municipality to protect it against what is characterized as a "holdup," was the keynote of the report of Thomas G. Greene, of the lighting committee, to the executive board last evening.

Twice has the board advertised for bids for lighting the streets of Portland. Twice has the Portland Railway, Light and Power company been the only bidder. The board last evening, after the recommendation of Mrs. Greene, referred the entire matter to the legislative branch of the city government, the council.

The present contract expires December 31, and Mr. Greene plainly shows the councilmen, in whose hands his report now rests, the vital necessity of immediate and definite action. The report says:

"The disadvantage under which we now labor is a fresh demonstration of the necessity to the city of owning or controlling a distributive system of public lighting, so that it will never again be in the position to suffer from a similar holdup.

On account of alleged "outrages" the executive board deducted \$29,000 in round figures from the company's bill for lighting the streets during 1908, the December deduction being estimated. The report says: "Mr. Josselyn has heretofore stated to your committee that his company purposed to take money from the city one way or another."

So far as this deduction is concerned, Mr. Greene declares the city is placed in the position of giving up \$29,000 to the company, or allowing the company to make a still greater sum, \$50,000, off its new contract with the city.

Following is the text of Mr. Greene's report:

"To the Honorable Mayor and Executive Board:—Your committee on street lighting having had under consideration the hereto attached bid of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company submitted in response to a notice published in accordance with a resolution of this board heretofore adopted, a copy of said notice also being hereto attached, respectfully report:

First—That said bid is not in accordance with the specifications on street lighting by this board, but under the terms of the resolution and notice bidders were given the option of submitting bids upon their own specifications.

Second—Your committee regards the specifications of the company as affording too great a latitude in the amount of service to be rendered. It reserves the option of using either direct or alternating current lamps and of adjusting the same for operation at 4 to 6 1/2 amperes with 70 to 125 volts across the arc. A variation of 2 1/2 amperes and 65 volts involve wide variations in the number of lamps. The operation of the lamps at the minimum specified in the bid would consume 280 watts, at the maximum 812 1/2 watts, a difference of 532 1/2 watts. The lamps now in use are operated at an average of 288 watts at a current of 212 watts less than the amount called for by the existing contract.

"Average Illumination" Uncertain.—Third—The reservation of the right to substitute another type of lamp is qualified only by the provision that the substituted lamp "shall give an average illumination for each lamp at least equal to that of the type of arc lamp now in use." This clause is more objectionable than a similar reservation in the old contract. The words "average illumination" are pregnant with trouble. It is generally conceded now by electric lighting experts that such terms as "candlepower," "illumination capacity," and the like are incapable of exact or scientific definition or measurement, and contracts wherein the light to be furnished is specified in such terms are no longer made by any large city. They say, then, that lamps giving as much or greater illumination may be substituted in order to provide for something which is after all largely a matter of opinion, and would be fraught with differences the like of which now subsist between the city and the company. And if the provision contains the language of the bid, viz: "average illumination" the uncertainty would be multiplied. It seems to be a peculiarity of the lamps of all types so far invented to burn at a great variation of illuminating capacity or candlepower. The range is greater in some types of lamps than in others, varying from 200 to 500 candlepower in some, 200 to 400 in others; and the variation frequently is great at the same consumption of electric current. Now, if for instance, the type of lamp now in use, gives the equivalent of 200 candlepower at the time, and 400 candlepower an equal part of the time, its average illumination might be said to be 340. Another lamp could be claimed to give an "average illumination" fully as great even if its variation of illuminating capacity was between 100 candlepower and 800 candlepower.

Obstacle to New Lights.—Fourth—Another objectionable feature of the bid is the proviso that the company shall not be required to install new lights at a greater distance than 600 feet from any wires carrying electric current for streets, in addition to having blocks 400 feet long. If the limitation fixed by the bid is embodied in the contract the effect will be to prevent the installation of lights in many of the outlying but rapidly growing districts, unless the city pays the extra cost of poles, wires and labor.

Fifth—The present contract requires the lamps to be hung 30 feet above the

THE WOMAN WHO WARS ON NOISE

The Sunday Journal tomorrow will have an illustrated story of the work of Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, who has begun a campaign on noise. "Hideous din must cease," says the lady, and she tells how she expects to put a stop to ear-splitting sounds in the big cities.

"When a Woman is a Patriot." The different activities of those who have sought to help their country is one of tomorrow's special features.

"The Regal Splendor of That Wrecked Fortune." Lady Curzon's estate is shown by a Sunday Journal writer to have been dissipated in elaborate entertainment.

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SAYS SISTER HID LEGACY

Mrs. Willis Did Not Distribute According to Will, Charges Mrs. Cusick.

Alleging that her sister received \$1000 from their mother before the latter's death, and that she has hidden the money to prevent it being distributed in accordance with the will, Mrs. Birdie L. Cusick Martin has secured an order from Judge Webster in the county court requiring her sister, Mrs. Cora B. Cusick Willis, to appear in court on December 14 and answer questions as to what she has done with the money.

Mrs. Mary J. Gans, the mother of the contending daughters, died in 1910. An inventory of the property placed the value at \$3965, all in real estate except about \$500. The will gave the sisters \$5 each, but provided that after the funeral expenses and the cost of closing the estate were settled the remainder of the personal property should be divided between the sisters, share and share alike. Therefore, if Mrs. Martin shows that her sister has concealed \$1000 she will be entitled to half of it.

This is not the first time there has been a clash in court over the estate of Mrs. Gans. In May Thomas G. Ryan of Oregon City, who was named as executor of the will, resigned. Mrs. Martin and her brother, L. B. Cusick, each applied for letters, but finally compromised on one. Price, who was appointed by the court. It was on Price's application, supported by an affidavit from Mrs. Martin, that a citation was issued requiring Mrs. Willis to answer concerning the \$1000 she is alleged to have received from her mother's hidden property.

Mrs. Gans gave her real estate, comprising the main part of the estate, to her two sons, Henry G. Gans and L. B. Cusick.

BIG BOOST IS GIVEN

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concern for which the boat is being built.

This evening Mr. Kennedy will tender a launching party at the Oregon hotel for those figuring prominently in this afternoon's event.

The H. B. Kennedy when completed will be one of the largest passenger craft for the size in the world. Although but 190 feet in length and with a beam of but 22 feet, she will carry comfortably 1000 passengers. The plans show her depth of hold to be 13 feet and the lines are such that the builder guarantees a speed of 20 miles an hour.

The engines are to develop 2000 indicated horsepower and it is said that they are of the finest in construction. The boilers and engines will be installed soon, the contract calling for delivery of the boat in ready-to-go business, by the first of the year. The spacious cabins are elaborately finished in mahogany.

The hull and boilers were designed by F. A. Ballin of this city, and the engines were designed by the Williams Iron & Steel works. Mr. Kennedy is said to be so well pleased with the progress of the work that a contract for a sister craft will probably be awarded before long, the intention of the company being to have at least two swift passenger carriers on the route which will cover the most picturesque waters on Puget sound.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR ANNOYING MAYOR

(United Press Local Wire.)

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—Arrested for disturbing the peace of Mayor E. R. Taylor, in his office at the city hall, a woman, giving the name of Kate Wilson, is in jail today until her husband refers her case to existing contract. She was taken to court today by Wilson has gone to the city hall many times, and frequents the corridors of the mayor's outer office, insisting upon personal interviews with the city's executive. She was taken to court today in a costume hardly more than diaphanous, according to the shocked attaches at the municipal headquarters. The accused woman was in court today but the continued refusal of her husband to be connected with the case in any way forced Judge Shortall to continue the hearing until Monday.

The woman was neatly attired in a tallor suit of blue cloth and wore a stylish black hat in court. Mayor Taylor did not appear to press a complaint.

tion of the United States in any place or in any manner says that a member of a legislature can not make a promise to the people who elect him. There is nothing illegal or unconstitutional in that. Suppose that there was no law on the subject of the senatorial election and a candidate for the legislature went before the people and said to them "take a straw vote on United States senator and I will vote for the man you choose."

"Would any one say that the candidate did not have the right to vote for the man selected by the people, or would any one say that the man had any more right to violate that pledge given if the people carried out their part of the bargain?"

"I contend," concluded Mr. Logan, "that it is not a matter of law, or of constitutional disobedience, but a simple matter of a man's regard for his pledged word. If he wants to break his word of honor and disregard the solemn pledge given by him to the people of the state, that is up to him and his conscience. As I said before, I do not believe that there is any one in the legislature who wants to do or will be influenced into doing anything that is so plain a case, so simple a proposition with too apparent an answer, and too patent and unpleasant a result."

SUFFRAGE HEADS ARE REELECTED

At the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage association held yesterday afternoon and evening, much interest was manifested in the growth of the sentiment in support of the campaign now under way to obtain the right of ballot for tax-paying women.

Interesting addresses were made at the evening meeting, which was held in the convention hall of the Commercial club, for the use of which the association voted its thanks. The mayor tendered his office for the afternoon meeting, which was a business session and at which the present officers were reelected. These are:

Honorary president, Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, Portland; member of national committee, Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, Portland; president, Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway, Portland; vice-president at large,

National Apple Show Spokane.

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