

## AMMUNITION SEEK A COMPROMISE

### Council Directs Executive to Appoint a Special Committee to Confer With the Executive Board and the Electric Company on City Lighting Contracts.

**What the Council Did.**  
Directed Mayor Lane to appoint a special committee from the council to confer with the executive board and the officials of the lighting company in an endeavor to agree on a compromise by which the city will remain lighted after Tuesday night.

Passed an ordinance authorizing the executive board to enter into a temporary emergency contract for a period of not longer than six months from January 1. In order that the city may have time enough to advertise for new bids for street lighting.

Adjourned to meet again tomorrow afternoon, when the report of the special committee will be received and an amendment to the lighting ordinance passed 10 months ago may be considered. This amendment will be so framed as to permit the executive board to entertain bids for lighting the city for a period of from six months to five years, and not compelling a long term contract unless the board sees fit to let one.

The special committee named by the mayor immediately before adjournment is composed of Councilmen Baker, Vaughn and Rushlight.

Progress as outlined briefly in the foregoing paragraphs was made in the lighting controversy at the special session of the council which lasted from 9:30 yesterday morning until late in the afternoon.

There is practically no change in the situation in spite of the fact that the council has granted the executive board permission to make an emergency contract with the Portland Light & Power company. The directors of the corporation have firmly adhered to their original declaration that the city will not sign any contract with the city until \$25,000, which the company claims is due on the old contract, has been paid by the city.

Nor have Mayor Lane and the executive board receded from their position. They reiterate that they are willing to pay in advance for lights used by the city until a permanent contract can be agreed upon, but they will not be whipped into giving the company money which they believe is due.

**Cellars Get Floor.**  
Councilman Cellars obtained the floor early in the session and using the right of personal privilege devoted most of his time to a venomous denunciation of Mayor Lane's policies and concluded with a venomous onslaught on the moral character of the head of the executive department.

He called upon the mayor to tell the council if he had made certain statements credited to him by the press, in which Cellars was accused of deliberate misrepresentation of the facts in stating the city's position on the lighting question.

Mayor Harry Lane, said he, sarcastically, has always been a quibbler. He is the prince of quibblers. He has done nothing but quibble, quibble, quibble, ever since he was elected. He had been asked by my friends since he was elected to give the city a whole basket full of resignations.

"The other day when his honor asked me who I represented I told him that I was chairman of the lighting committee of the council. The institution in his question, I take it, was that I represented the lighting corporation. I have been asked by my friends since then why I did not challenge him to an open investigation as to our moral character."

**Is Not an Angel.**  
"My moral character is just average. I do not claim to be an angel. I am from one of those families that have a record blotched, even by a comparison with that of his honor, the mayor."

As the councilman said this he turned to Mayor Lane and pointing directly at him he added: "And unless I had checks of brass or silver, I would walk down the streets of the city and speak to the noble mothers and pure maidens of this city, if I were you."

In reply to Cellars' query as to whether he had declared that the councilman had misrepresented facts to the city attorney, the mayor said he did not remember having done so, but said that Mr. Cellars' conduct did seem queer to him at the time.

"If you had used the same vigilance and energy, Mr. Cellars," continued the mayor, "in stating the case of the city as you did in presenting the arguments of the lighting company, think the city would have been benefited."

"I do not care to enter into personalities with you, Mr. Cellars. This is no place to wash dirty linen. We are here in the interests of the people, but it does seem to me that the chairman of the lighting committee of this council was taking an undue interest in defending the opponents of the city."

**Mayor States Question.**  
"The question we are here to discuss is not whether the new arc lights are as good as the old, but it is whether we are getting the illuminating power we contracted for. You can't get around it, either."

He then in addition to the \$25,000 we retained from the company the city is

entitled to thousands of dollars besides if the truth were known about the company's affairs. There ought to be some way by which we could examine their books."

The moving then went into a recapitulation of the differences between the city and the trust and insisted that the matter trying to use the threat of darkness to force the city into a long contract which will effectively shut out competition and leave the people in the grip of the corporation for another period of years.

He again asked the council to help the executive board to a solution of the problem by repealing the old lighting ordinance and paving the way for the acquisition by the people of a municipal distributing plant.

**Would Do Justice.**  
He assured the council that he is ready to do justice to the corporation if it will produce its records, showing that its demands are just, but said that he is in duty bound to the people to safeguard their interests by refusing to yield to the methods of extortion.

Attorney Kavanaugh would not say that the city can compel the light company to furnish light, when he was asked yesterday if the city had this power.

The stand taken by some of the council is that the corporation is in identical the same position to the city as the water department is to a consumer who does not pay his bill. Whether the objection of the water user is just or not, his supply is cut off until the bill is paid.

The city should pay the amounts claimed by the company and then if it is found that the claims are not valid, recover the money by suing the bonding company which insures the faithful performance of the lighting contract.

The mayor and the executive board on the other hand, think that if the Portland Light & Power company take its case into the courts to be decided on its merits. The city officials are doing nothing to help them out of the courts. They are not willing to be elbowed into submission by means of the "taps" threat.

**CUPID'S FALSE ALARM CAUSED DAMAGE SUIT**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, Jan. 9.—The suit for \$150,000 damages for alleged breach of promise, begun in the superior court against Mrs. Jeanette Deere Chapman, millionaire sister of Charles Deere, president of the Moline Plow company of Moline, Ill., has caused a sensation. The suit was filed by Dr. Kirk Stanley of New York, who is one of the prominent physicians of that city.

According to the plaintiff all the arrangements had been made for the wedding, which was to have taken place on or about January 11, 1906. Even the marriage license had been obtained. The opposition shown by a daughter of Mrs. Chapman is said to have been responsible for the marriage being abandoned.

The wedding ceremony was to have been performed at the Waldorf-Astoria, and to have been one of the most gorgeous ever seen in this country.

Dr. Stanley for years was the physician of leading New York society women. He had a practice amounting to thousands of dollars a year, it is said, and first met Mrs. Chapman when she went to him for treatment. He gave up his lucrative practice, according to Attorney Henry Roth, at the request of Mrs. Chapman, and a trip around the world was planned to precede the marriage.

Finally, after pressing his suit persistently but without avail, Dr. Stanley came to Chicago from New York and placed the matter in the hands of Attorney Roth. The filing of the suit followed.

Mrs. Chapman occupies in Paris and other cities of Europe a position in society similar to that of Mrs. Potter Palmer.

**CLUB COLUMBIA TO GIVE A CONCERT**  
The Swedish Singing Club Columbia gives a concert Thursday evening in Arion hall for the purpose of swelling the fund that will be required to send the singers to Seattle next summer to represent Portland at the annual Swedish Pacific Coast singing festival to be held at the fair.

Societies from all over the coast will participate, and the Portland contingent is working industriously to carry away the honors. C. B. Boquist is director of the club and it has about 25 well trained voices, including several good soloists.

The first Swedish singing festival on the Pacific Coast was held in Portland during the Lewis and Clark fair in 1905, and last year it was held in San Francisco. At that time Madame Jennie Norelli was the soloist.

**GOVERNOR HARMON DROPS RECEIVERSHIP**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 9.—The resignation of Governor-elect Judson Harmon as receiver of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad was formally tendered United States Circuit Judge Lorton by Harmon today. Judge Harmon asked that it be immediately accepted, but Judge Lorton postponed action until Tuesday.

He did not think I ought to assume the duties of the governorship with any business on my mind that might interfere with that duty," Harmon said.

A selection of a new receiver will be made by Judge Lorton after he has conferred with attorneys for the railroad's creditors from the east.

It is persistently rumored that Colonel Colston, Harmon's law partner, will be appointed.

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Washington, Jan. 9.—An insurrection is rampant among members of the rivers and harbors committee, several members demanding that a liberal bill be reported. Congressman Woodard of West Virginia, a member of the committee, said: "We will force a vote Monday by the committee as to the size of the bill to be reported. The probability is if a bill of about \$7,000,000 is reported, caring for projects already begun there may be a chance for it."

"If supporters of the rivers and harbors improvements would bring sufficient pressure to bear on the house committee before the meeting Monday afternoon," said Congressman Randall, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Association, "we would not a bill at least caring for the projects already begun, with provision for a broad scheme of preliminary surveys and estimates for future appropriations to begin work. Let your Oregon men, who have been assisting us in carrying on the national movement, send numerous telegrams demanding action along the lines indicated."

"Were sufficiently strong influences brought to bear we might get authorization for needed improvements to be paid for in bonds, but the prospect for now is not good."

**Death of R. E. Morris.**  
Robert E. Morris, formerly of Oregon City and Vancouver, Wash., died at Hoquiam, Wash., yesterday morning and those remains will be brought here for interment at the Rose City cemetery. He was a member of Company E, Fourth Infantry, during the Spanish-American war and served in the Philippines after having been to Alaska to do patrol duty during the Klondike rush. He leaves a wife and one child. His father, W. E. Morris, lives at Stanley station on the C. & N. W. P. line, two steps from J. H. and J. C. Gibson, who live in this city.

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