FORUM WILL PRESENT A CHARTER

Lawyers Connected With Reform Organization Will Submit Draft Following Des Moines Plan to People Under Initiative.

Having its inception from, and backed by the People's Forum, a new charter is being drafted by a number of prominent attorneys of the city, following the much discussed Des Moines plan, for submission to the voters of the city at the next election in June through the initiative route.

The first draft of the charter has already been completed and the work of perfecting the instrument is now being conducted by Isaac Swett, C. E. S. Wood, E. S. J. McAllister and other well known lawyers of the city.

The inception of the movement can be traced back to a meeting of the People's Forum where objection was made to the present charter, and to the draft now ready for submission to the people, on the ground that it was too intricate and voluminous, hard to understand and that it ran too much into detail. It was argued and was the concensus of opinion of those who discussed the matter, that the charter should be clear and concise, short as possible and easily understood and capable of quick and definite interpretation.

Seven Hold Reins.

Accordingly a number of attorneys, following these suggestions, commenced the task of drafting a charter which would meet the requirements. The draft, now being put into shape, follows the Des Moines plan. It provides for a mayor, to be elected by the people, and for six commissioners, or councilmen. These councilmen are to form the city council or commission and it is to require five out of the seven votes of the mayor and council to enact any ordinance.

The mayor is to have no veto power. Each councilman is to be delegated by the mayor to have charge of one of the six departments of the city government. Each man so delegated is to be held directly responsible for the conduct of his department. Should he fail, and the people become dissatisfied with his administration, the people of the city are empowered by the charter to invoke the recall, and if the charges against him are sustained to remove him from office and elect some new man.

Exercises All Powers.

The mayor and the six commissioners are also to be the executive power of the city, as well as the legislative. Franchises are not to be granted for longer terms than 20 years, and these are to be revocable at any time for violation of the terms under which the franchise was granted by the city.

These, in brief, are the chief features of the proposed charter. Although Mr. Swett, who is now working on the final draft of the document, will not confirm it, there is no doubt about the submission of the instrument to the voters of the city at the next election in June for their approval or rejection. It was drafted for that purpose following the discussions of the subject by the meetings of the People's Forum.

FIRE CAPTAIN ASKS DAMAGES

H. E. Hawkins Sues Street Car Company—Important Point Involved.

H. E. Hawkins, captain of chemical engine No. 1 of the city fire department, has begun suit in the circuit court for $1200 damages against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company because of injuries he sustained when the engine collided with a streetcar at Third and Pine streets on the afternoon of September 5.

A short time ago a similar suit by a member of the fire department was lost, a verdict being directed for the defendant at the close of the plaintiff's testimony. Under the general law rule a person who seeks to recover for injury at a crossing must have stopped, looked and listened, but a city ordinance gives the fire department the right of way in driving to a fire, and provides that streetcars must hurry across or stop, as the case may be, upon hearing the fire gong.

Firemen injured in streetcar collisions have had poor success in damage suits, and as a result there is considerable indignation among the firemen, who feel that when their lives are endangered by such accidents they should be entitled to recover damages without forcing them to comply with the strict rules that govern ordinary cases.

In the case filed by Captain Hawkins he alleges that there was no excuse for the accident, as the car could have been stopped in time to avoid the chemical. As it was, one of the horses was knocked down and the engine and other horse were dragged for some distance. Hawkins asks $1000 damages, $172 for loss of wages and $25 to pay his doctor bills.

DOLLAR BEEF AT FAIRBANKS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Valdez, Alaska, March 27.—Thirty-two head of beef cattle are on their way for the long "mush" over the trail to Fairbanks, having left here yesterday in charge of six drivers. They are expected to reach the Tanana just in time to relieve the meat famine that is imminent there. The trip will require about 40 days, not more than eight or ten miles a day being possible over the rough trail.

To feed the cattle, about forty tons of hay and grain must be distributed along the trail, and all of this has to be sledded in from Valdez. Freight on the stock and outfit from Seattle, wages and transportation charges of the drivers and other expenses, run the cost of the trip so high that to make a profit the meat must be sold at Fairbanks at close to a dollar a pound.

A message of importance to all wage earners. See Gregory's ad in Sunday Journal.

FINIS WRITTEN IN HEDBERG TRAGEDY

Daughter Takes Charge of Remains of Father, Whose Death Is a Mystery.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., March 27.—G. S. Hedberg, nephew, and Anna Hedberg, daughter of the late Ephriam V. Hedberg, who was adjudged by the coroner's jury yesterday at Hermiston to have met death from starvation or thirst, arrived here today from Ashland and have positively identified the effects found as those of their uncle and father.

The daughter made positive identification of the coat worn by her father when she last saw him on the night of August 10, when he disappeared from the train at Umatilla. There could be no question as to the identity of the watch and purse also. All of the grewsome remains were taken charge of by the relatives and will be taken back to Ashland on the night train, where they will be interred.

Reward to Hermiston Men.

It is presumed that the $100 reward offered by the relatives for any information leading to the discovery of the elder Hedberg will be paid to the two Hermiston men who first found the severed head about a month ago, near Umatilla Butte, and later found other portions of the body, clothing and personal effects.

This, apparently, is the last chapter in the strange disappearance of Ephriam V. Hedberg, who with his daughter was coming from Cumberland, Wis., to locate at Ashland, where a nephew resided, and who, until the recent discoveries, was supposed to have been robbed and murdered while absent from the train for a few moments at the Umatilla station getting a lunch.

CONSIDER MT. TABOR LANDS

Council Committee and Water and Park Boards Hold Conference.

The council committee on parks and property met this morning, only to adjourn until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock when it went into joint session with the park and water boards. A final recommendation to the council in regard to prospective purchases of land on Mt. Tabor is to be drafted.

Appraisers' reports will be checked over and property owners who agree to accept the offers made by the city will be paid their money after the next council meeting.

D. A. Grout appeared before the committee this morning to complain of what he calls discrimination in the tenders made by the water board for different pieces of land in the Hosford tract. It is thought that the differences between the board and Mr. Grout will be amicably adjusted Monday, as both sides are disposed to be fair.

At the meeting Monday the joint committees will recommend the acquisition of land by condemnation in all cases where property owners hold out for a higher price than that for which the land has been appraised.

ALEXANDER ELECTED LOS ANGELES' MAYOR

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, March 27.—George Alexander, candidate of the "recall" element, was elected mayor in yesterday's election, over his Socialist opponent, Wheeler, by the vote of 14,003 to 12,342. The size of the Wheeler vote is the surprise of the campaign, as the Socialist strength at the last general election, cast for Eugene V. Debs for president, was less than 4000. Factional and personal differences in both the Republican and the Democratic parties explain the heavy Wheeler vote.

Alexander will serve as mayor until January 1, 1910, when a regular city election will be held.

Samuel Schenck, ex-police commissioner under the Harper administration, indicted for attempting to bribe ex-City Prosecutor Fleming to cease his efforts to close the "redlight" district, has given bond in the sum of $5000 and has been released.

OFFERS OF DYNAMITE AND VAUDEVILLE

Sharon, Pa., March 27.—A number of threatening letters have been received by Attorney Whitla, father of Willie Whitla, the lad who was kidnaped. The letters are from points throughout the country, one coming from as far west as Salt Lake city. One letter contains a threat to kill Whitla with dynamite.

Several offers to make a tour in vaudeville have been made to Whitla for Willie, who, the managers explain, would be a great attraction on the boards. The offers were all refused and Willie will remain at home, it is said.

LOS ANGELES POLICE WANT BROKER BROWN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, March 27.—Chief of Police Broadhead of Los Angeles today asked the local police to try to apprehend Harry D. Brown, a broker, who, Broadhead says, is charged with swindling Los Angeles people out of $250,000.

It is said Brown came here from Los Angeles in an automobile, with P. E. Hardner as chauffeur. He and the chauffeur remained several days, spending money freely. Then Brown paid Hardner, and the chauffeur returned to Los Angeles, where he related his experiences to Broadhead. The Los Angeles police had supposed Brown went to Mexico, until they heard from Hardner.

PROMINENT JACKSON CITIZENS INDICTED

Jacksonville, Or., March 27.—Sixteen indictments against persons violating the game laws of Oregon were returned yesterday by the grand jury of Jackson county. In some instances the accused are alleged to have offered deer skins for sale; in others to have sold them or to have transferred them.

Some prominent citizens are among the number.

CLAIMS BUTCHER SOLD TAINTED MEAT

R. Hogley, proprietor of a Third street market, was arrested last night for selling tainted meat, the complainant being A. T. Workman. Workman told the city attorney he bought calves' brains at Hogley's shop, but that when the package was opened at his home the meat was found to be unfit for food. The case will be heard in the police court today.

John Nichols Drowned.

Chico (Cal.) March 27.—The body of a man found last night in Chico creek was identified today as that of John Nichols, of the Stanford Vina ranch. A bruise was found in the back of the head, but Nichols' money and watch were found in his clothes. The authorities are investigating.

ROGUE RIVER HERMIT IN PRISON

Charles Page, Veteran Prospector, Charged With Burning Timber on Government Land to Protect His Claim.

Charles Page, self-styled, "The Conqueror," was lodged in the county jail this morning by Deputy United States Marshals Nicholson and Griffith on a charge of burning timber on public lands.

Page was overtaken yesterday by the officers as he was hurrying over the rough trail between Galice, Josephine county, to a sandy bar projecting into Rogue river, where for 20 years he has lived the life of a hermit, subsisting only on sour dough and beans. He believes the sand bar to be rich in gold and fear that intruders might discover his treasure caused him to burn the timber adjoining in order that every possible attraction for land locators might be removed.

"The Conqueror's" story is unusual. Born 55 years ago of a Dutch family in New York, he determined to seek a fortune in the west after he had failed in business in his home town. He was a man of considerable education and more pride. Being indebted to many of the people where he spent his boyhood days, he was ashamed to stay in the vicinity while unable to pay his obligations. He thought that if he would come west he might, fortune favoring, find a gold mine like others he heard of.

After many days of wandering he discovered the bar in Rogue river. He found that the sand panned out something less than a dollar to the yard, so being of a mathematical turn of mind he sat down and figured up the fortune he was to make. First he made an estimate of the number of yards of sand in the bar. Then multiplying the result by the value of the yard he had washed out, he found that his bar was worth no less than $95,000.

Since making the estimate Page has been working away on the bar, living absolutely alone and having nothing whatever to say to chance visitors. He made visits to Galice, 45 miles away, only when absolutely necessary to buy more flour and beans. At such times his eccentric actions made the people think him insane.

The bar shows that he has worked with the utmost industry. Great bowlders have been carried long distances that they may not interfere with his work. His living expenses have been little or nothing; he has never used any of his gold save for beans and flour and a few cheap garments and many people believe that during the 20 years of his hermitage he has cached away considerable treasure near his diggings.

Page stated this morning that he was innocent of burning timber other than that of the claim which he considers his own. He is accused of setting fire to timber last summer and causing great damage, but he declares not only did he have anything to do with starting the fire, but that it spread to his own shanty and burned his tools and provisions.

MAY VOTE ON JOHNSON BILL

Members of the ways and means committee of the Oregon Good Roads conference are considering how to get around the failure of the legislature to pass the good roads law at its last session. This afternoon a meeting is scheduled for the Commercial Club building, at which the members of the ways and means committee will discuss the good roads question and see what can be done.

Through the failure of the legislature to enact the Johnson good roads bill the state is in the same dilemma as existed before the session. There is a state of chaos so far as road law is concerned.

It is understood that leading members of the Good Roads conference are in favor of putting the law before the people through the initiative, and this question will be one of those to be considered at the meeting of the committee this afternoon. If it is found that it is practicable and desirable to submit the Johnson bill to the people for their vote at the next general election in November, 1910, the ways and means committee of the conference will take such steps as will insure placing the question fully and fairly before the people.

The members of the ways and means committee are: John H. Albert of Salem, William M. Ladd, J. W. Bailey, G. W. Evans, Tom Richardson and John S. Beall of Portland, A. A. Jayne of Hood River and John H. Scott of Salem.

SURVEYOR IS WITNESS IN MARTHE ROUX SUIT

Hearing of evidence in the admiralty suit of the French barque, Marthe Roux against the O. R. & N. was continued before Judge Wolverton in the federal court today. The principal witness was Captain Andre Hoben, marine surveyor for San Francisco underwriters and others. His evidence, introduced by Attorney Ralph Moody for the defendant, was that the greatest possible amount of damage suffered by the Marthe Roux at the time of collision with the dredge Columbia in December, 1907, was $700.

The plaintiff claims damages totaling more than $6000, averring that the cutting away of the tugs Henderson and Oklahoma, towing her at the time, was the cause. Captain Hoben testified that he had found it necessary to shift 50 tons of the Marthe Roux's cargo from larboard to starboard, thus listing the boat about 9 degrees. The barque received a long cut on the larboard side, a dent in the plate abaft of the forerigging and abreast of the main hatch and three dents in the bulwarks above the hull of the ship. There were injuries to the sheer-straight and the post after bunking was bent down. Four braces on the main deck were carried away.

Third Church Wins.

At the second annual aquatic meet of the Presbyterian Boys' Brotherhood, held in the Y. M. C. A. tank last night, the team of the Third Presbyterian church again carried off first honors, winning first place in every event with several second and third places, a total of 47 points. For the Third church Lewis Thomas and Dan Foster were the big winners, young Thomas winning first place in all four of his events. Montgomery won the plate diving contest, bringing up all 24 of the plates. First church came second with 11 points. Mount Tabor came third, with 3 tallies.

MONEY IS NOT FOR OLD DEBTS

Leaders in 500,000 Club Explain Away Fears of Business Men.

Members of the 500,000 club held a meeting last night at which plans for carrying on the campaign begun by the Commercial club were discussed. According to the different members of the club who are taking an active interest in the work, prospects are bright for the speedy realization of the hopes of the organization in raising sufficient funds to carry on the publicity work mapped out. Those business men of the city who have been visited have for the most part fallen in heartily with the plans and promised their support, financial and otherwise.

There is only one misunderstanding which is holding some of the merchants back, according to the report of those who have been out sounding the sentiment of the business community. This is the belief on the part of some of the men visited that the funds to be raised are intended for the use of the Commercial club in paying its club debt, or in settling up publicity work debts which may be outstanding.

That the money raised is to be so used is denied emphatically by G. F. Johnson and others of the club, who explain that the sole purpose of the movement is to provide means for the better advertisement of Oregon and of Portland. All the work to be undertaken is to be new. Advertising in eastern magazines, well written and carefully prepared pamphlets dealing with the resources and prospects of Oregon and Portland are to be printed and distributed, and other means of advertising are to be employed.

But all of the work undertaken is to be new work for the good of the whole state and of the city of Portland. The club debt, and all obligations of the club now existing are not to be taken care of in any way from the fund to be raised.

As soon as definite plans of action are mapped out and decided upon the members of the club will take off their coats and begin a house to house canvass of the business districts of the city.

"Every man will be seen and every man, so we hope, will aid in the movement," is the way Mr. Johnson expresses it.

WOMAN TO GO TO CHAIR FIRST

James and Mary Farmer, Husband and Wife, to Die for a Murder.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Auburn, N. Y., March 27.—Warden Bensam today informed James Farmer and his wife, Mary Farmer, that they will have their farewell meeting in the men's prison at the state penitentiary here tomorrow morning. They are sentenced to die in the electric chair for the murder of Sarah Brennan. The woman dies Monday morning at sunrise. The date of the man's execution has not been set.

The meeting tomorrow will be held for the purpose of arranging for some disposition of their baby.

Mrs. Farmer will wear a divided skirt when she takes her seat in the death chair. This is necessary, to permit the quick adjustment of the leg electrodes.

PINNAZZA DEATH CLAIM TO BE PAID

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Butte, Mont., March 27.—"To risk one's own life, or even to lose it, in the attempt to save the life of another, is not carelessness, or foolhardiness, nor assuming unnecessary risk, but is the plain duty of every man," says District Judge J. J. Lynch in setting aside the defense of the casualty company of America, which resisted payment of insurance of $1500 on the life of Battista Pinnazza, on the ground that Pinnazza took unnecessary risk.

Pinnazza lost his life by entering a stope filled with gas in the West Colusa mine, in response to a call for volunteers to save the life of John Lubig, a miner whose name Pinnazza did not even know. Pinnazza dropped dead after carrying out Lubik. Lubik recovered. The deed was one of the most heroic in the history of the camp.

GRAND JURY MAY PROBE INTO POLICE METHODS

John H. Stevenson, who, with A. Walter Wolfe, is attorney for P. J. Williams, who, in the police court yesterday accused two detectives of beating him to extort a confession, said today that the statements of Williams, if they appear true, will be laid before the grand jury.

Stevenson in investigating his client's charges, which were made to Judge Van Zante in open court. The detectives, Craddock and Mallett, absolutely deny they struck Williams, who is accused of stealing a woman's purse from her room. The alleged assault took place in Captain Baty's detective quarters in the Worcester building.

SUES FOR DAMAGES ON BROKEN CONTRACT

Suit for $500 damages and for performance of a contract to convey property at the southeast corner of Taylor and East Sixteenth streets, has been begun in the circuit court by Anna C. Smith against Mary Robertson. The plaintiff alleges that on February 17 she agreed to the purchase, with A. W. Lambert and A. W. Whitmer, the authorized agents of the defendant, paying $50 down and agreeing to give a purchase mortgage for $3500 when a warranty deed was delivered.

She says she is ready to give the mortgage, but that the defendant has refused to carry out her part of the deal.

ENGINEER BOSCHKE NOT INTERVIEWED

Chief Engineer Boschke of the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. company said today that while borings and some other preliminary work had been made in connection with the proposed new railroad bridge of the Harriman lines across the Willamette river at Portland, statements contained in an evening paper concerning the work on the bridge were not only unauthorized, but that to a great extent the matter contained in the article was untrue.

Mr. Boschke wished it to be announced that he had not been interviewed by any one on the subject of the new bridge.

FAKE STORY OF SHIP BLOWN UP

Washington, March 27.—A fake wireless report was responsible for a report that the battleship Mississippi had been blown up in Cuban waters. The navy department laughed at the clumsy report and showed a message from the ship reporting all well on board.

FEW CHANGES IN TARIFF

Senate Finance Committee Has Adopted Very Little Altering of Payne Bill—Aldrich Denies Intention to Reverse Maximum and Minimum Feature.

Washington, March 27.—Contrary to the general belief that the senate finance committee would make great changes in the Payne bill, comparatively few alterations have been adopted as yet, and in a majority of the cases the Dingley rates have been restored. So far, such harmony exists in the Republican membership that Aldrich today denied the report that the committee intended to reverse the maximum and minimum feature of the bill or that the committee had decided to omit the provision in the measure providing for free trade with the Philippines and to provide for the entry of a limited amount of Philippine sugar and tobacco in a separate measure.

House to Vote April 10.

According to the plans of the ways and means committee leaders, the house will vote on the Payne bill on April 10, or immediately after the first votes have been taken on schedules arousing the most strenuous opposition.

If it felt that if the rules committee should attempt to enforce a rule which would stop the debate on April 10, or on any other date should call for a vote on the bill as a whole, the house might not pass it at all, because many Republicans want to vote separately on those schedules which affect their own sections. If the onslaught comes from the Republican side, it will be easier to prevent the passage of the Democratic amendments.

The plan to hold a Republican caucus has been temporarily abandoned for fear the caucus might resolve itself into a general forum for the discussion of the bill, in which event it would be almost impossible to come to an agreement. According to the Republicans, about 75 Democrats have signified their intention to support the Payne bill provided they are allowed to vote on a few schedules separately.

The house today by unanimous consent agreed to Payne's suggestion to meet daily at 10 o'clock and hold continuous sessions until 6 o'clock and then take a recess to 8 o'clock and adjourn at 10:30 o'clock. Payne stated he was not certain how long the general debate would last.

Longworth's Protection Talk.

That the Payne tariff bill protects every American industry, north, south, east and west, that it guarantees to every man who desires work steady employment, steady wages and pay immensely higher than that paid in any other country, and that the bill is a practical fulfillment of the Republican campaign pledge, was the declaration made in the house today by Representative Longworth of Ohio.

Roosevelt's son-in-law made a careful analysis of the tariff bill. He declared it reduced five rates for every one increased, and that it decreased 15 rates for every one it increased for revenue only. Of 460 odd paragraphs in the Dingley bill, containing all schedules in which duties were assessed, but three, declared Longworth, had been raised in the Payne measure. On the other hand, 130 have been lowered.

Representative Harrison of New York, one of the minority bolters and one of the new members of the ways and means committee, made a speech advocating a tariff for revenue only. He referred only once to the Democratic split, declaring that notwithstanding the differences in the minority, the vote on the Payne bill would show solid opposition to high protective policies.

TWO MOTOR CAR SPEEDERS FINED

Other Victims of Police Stop-Watches Will Be Tried Monday.

S. R. Montgomery, an automobile dealer, was fined $15 by Judge Van Zant this morning for exceeding the speed limit. Officer Montgomery held a stop watch on the auto Montgomery was driving on Union avenue, near Pacific street, and says the speed was 32 miles an hour. Frank Bruhn was fined $10 for a like offense.

G. K. Clark, D. M. Holbrook and Ralph Ruffner were arrested this morning, all charged with driving their motor cars faster than the law allows. They will be heard Monday.

Warrants were issued this afternoon for Robert McPherson, F. W. Vogler, Dr. James C. Zan, Pacific Coast Biscuit company, M. L. Holbrook, W. C. Stallery. Officer Montgomery reports that an auto owned by Julius L. Meier, but driven by R. Schultz, sped along North Twenty-fifth street, near Marshall, at the rate of 40 miles an hour. Either the owner or the driver will be served with a warrant.

FATHER BRADLEY PASSES AWAY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, March 27.—Father John Bradley, a Catholic priest of Baker City, Or., died last night at St. Joseph's hospital after a lingering illness. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Catherine Bradley, and three sisters. Two of his sisters are in convents at Portland, Or., one in the convent of the Immaculate Conception and the other in the convent of the Immaculate Heart. Another sister, Mrs. Rose Curtin, lives at Portland.

The body will be taken to St. James' church tomorrow at 2 o'clock, where it will lie in state until Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when a solemn requiem high mass will be held preceding the burial.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR OLYMPIA GAS COMPANY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., March 27.—Application was made to the federal court here today for a receiver for the Olympia Gas and Power company, and for a restraining order preventing the company, C. W. Maynard and A. A. Phillips and the Capital and Olympia National banks from doing anything to impair the assets of the concern until the case of the Crane company, Western Iron works and Harold Sawyer, trustee for W. S. Dole & Co. is heard.

The plaintiffs declare the gas and power company has issud $47,000 incorporation bonds. They hold many of these and by the terms of the issue the company could not transfer any of its property without satisfying them.

It is stated the business has been transferred to Maynard and Phillips, and that they, with the Capital National bank and H. W. Smith of the Olympia National bank, conspired with the original company managers to euchre the bond holders out of their just dues.

AVERILL APPEAL TO BE HEARD ON ITS MERITS

In order that a trial may be had on merits, attorneys on both sides have filed a stipulation in the circuit court permitting the reopening of the appeal of the A. H. Averill Machinery company from the assessment fixed by the county board of equalization. Judgment was given recently for the company, no one appearing from the district attorney's office to defend the assessment when the case was called.

Assessor Sigler is confident that his assessment will be sustained so far as the principal is concerned, whatever the amount that may be fixed upon as equitable. The assessor placed a $16,000 valuation on money, notes and accounts, the company contesting on the ground that its accounts were taxed in the east at the home office.

PLAN DEMONSTRATION BY LABOR UNIONS

At last night's meeting of the Central Labor council, it was unanimously voted to hold a demonstration in this city May 2, by way of protesting against what is alleged to be the unjust sentencing of labor leaders, Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. The demonstration will take the form of a parade and will be participated in by practically every labor organization in Portland.

The parade is to be entirely voluntary, and no fine will be imposed on members not present. From the sentiment expressed at last night's meeting, the parade will be a splendid success, as every labor leader present promised a full turnout by the members of his organization.

BLAMES CHARTER FOR THE HOLDUP

Civil Service Commissioner Explains Payment of Money to ex-Sleuths.

Joe Day, Joseph Kesing, Frank Snow and Frank Carpenter want $4000 more from the city for their services as detectives, which services they did not render. They have filed a suit asking that they be paid approximately $4000 for services and back salary from June 30, 1907, to July 10, 1908.

Recently the circuit court issued a writ of mandamus directing the mayor to pay the four men over $4000 back salary, alleged to be due for services rendered. This money was paid under protest by Mayor Lane and was demanded in gold by Joe Day, who carried a sack to the city treasurer's office into which he dumped the coin.

This money paid the four men was for salaries from the time of the last payment up to the date of their trouble with the mayor, which resulted in the stopping of their pay June 30, 1907. At that time the claim put in by the men represented all coming to them up to the date of the commencement of their action. The present suit is to recover up to the date of the commencement of their last squabble with the mayor and the city executive board.

According to W. L. Brewster of the civil service commission, the decision of Judge Sears which compelled the civil service commission to grant a trial in all the technical details of a court of law to any employe charged with incompetence or neglect has resulted in the present tangle.

Because of the decision requiring that charges against civil service employes be made definite and specific, it has become necessary to give an accused employe as technical a trial as if he had been indicted for a crime before the circuit court. This same condition has existed in other states, notably in New York, where conditions became so complicated that it was necessary for Police Commissioner Barnes of New York city to have a special act passed by the legislature of the state before he could get power to discharge a policeman without a technical and tedious trial.

In the opinion of Mr. Brewster the city is "up against it" until a change is made in the charter which will enable the authorities to discharge incompetent or disobedient men in its employ. Such a provision is incorporated in the new city charter, which will enable such employes to be discharged "for the good of the service," the rule of the federal service being followed in that no man shall be discharged for religious or political reasons.

DEDICATE CATHOLIC CHURCH TOMORROW

The new Catholic church of the Ascension at Montavilla will be dedicated at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, Rev. J. P. Fitzpatrick, pastor of the church, will be assisted in the dedication by Archbishop Alexander Christie and a large number of the Catholic clergy of Portland. Archbishop Christie will preach the dedicatory sermon, and mass will be sung by the male choir of Columbia college. The new pipe organ will be used for the first time in the dedication services.

The ladies of the parish will serve dinner to their Portland guests in the basement of the new church.

The church may be reached from the Montavilla and East Morrison street cars.

HAYS ADMINISTRATOR WILL APPEAL CASE

Declining to accept the judgment of the county court in ordering the payment of $85 to Dr. A. Tilzer and $26 to Dr. A. E. Rockey to settle their claims for professional services against the estate of the late Charles E. Hays, Dan R. Murphy, the administrator of the estate, has filed notice of appeal to the circuit court.

Murphy is suing Tilzer in the circuit court for damages for alleged negligence and unskillful treatment of the deceased, and he could not consistently pay the Tilzer claim, or the accompanying bill of Dr. Rockey, who was called in consultation.

MENEFEE WOULD BE COUNCILMAN AGAIN

Robert E. Menefee filed his intention of candidacy for reelection as councilman from the Ninth ward today. Mr. Menefee is the first of the councilmen to signify his desire for another term.

His promise in case of election is that he will faithfully represent all his constituents and carefully guard their interests. The motto he wishes placed on the ballot after his name follows: "Economical government, better streets and a new bridge."

Check Not Honored.

J. W. Taylor, who was arrested several weeks ago on a similar charge, was brought back from Oregon City last evening by Detective Reed and recharged with passing a worthless check on H. C. Henderson, a druggist at Thirteenth and Jefferson streets. He waived examination today and was bound over to appear before the grand jury.

SCHOOL TOTS VISIT FARM ON WHEELS

Waitsburg, Wash., Turns Out 700 Strong—Demonstration Train Ends Successful Week's Tour at Walla Walla.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, March 27.—Received by the LaSalle band, hundreds of farmers marching from the business section to the depot, with enthusiasm outdoing any thing on the trip, the farming demonstration train closed a week of successful touring of eastern Washington here today. The train arrived last night, and the evening was spent in a banquet at the Hotel Dacres, given by R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. Toasts were responded to by several members of the party and by local men on behalf of Walla Walla.

The local farmers' union has taken a lively interest in the arrival of the train and in its work, and the attendance at the meeting was largely from the local and neighboring unions. The idea of making a parade originated with enthusiastic intensive farmers and it proved a splendid feature of the event.

The addresses here took on local significance on account of the efforts made here by farmers to produce vegetables and fruit as well as livestock, in addition to grain growing. No section of the state is more thoroughly cultivated, and while the grain farms are large the amount of money brought in from other sources runs into the millions during the year. The visit of the train last year aroused an interest in corn culture and the result is seen in a number of widely different experiments about the valley. The Canadian pea experiment is being taken up with earnestness this time, and next year a good report will be made of the doings of Walla Walla farmers with the new forage crop.

The train finished its tour here and will be returned to Pullman where the exhibition cars will be dismantled.

Valley Town's Warm Welcome.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Waitsburg, Wash., March 27.—With a band, hundreds of school children, members of the Waitsburg Commercial club and 700 citizens, the demonstration train was greeted with a rousing reception here yesterday afternoon. The train arrived on time from Dayton, and the hour, 1 o'clock, was rather unfortunate, but the attendance was all that could have been expected. The town closed entirely, all places of business except the saloons agreeing to stop business during the two hours of the meeting. As the train pulled in the band played a patriotic air and the president of the Commercial club, Parnell Hayes, met the men in charge and welcomed them to the city. The meeting took on a feature of local interest lacking throughout the trip until this city on the Touchet was reached.

By order of the board of education the schools were closed and the children were given the afternoon to hear the lectures and pass through the exhibit cars. With their teachers, the little ones made a splendid spectacle, and they were the recipients of many compliments. Waitsburg is located in one of the richest valleys of the entire state, but up to the last few years nothing but grain growing was considered worth while. Now one of the best paying orchards, Pomona, owned by J. L. Dumas, president of the Washington Horticultural society, has brought to the city an interest in fruit growing and a movement to sell lands in small tracts for home building purposes and a new era seems to be dawning in this section.

Lecture on Conservation.

The lectures were largely along the line of conservation of the productiveness of the soil, with the idea of introducing livestock and alfalfa growing. Here corn has been tried and found one of the crops which will yield a fair return one year after another, but there is not enough livestock in the country to consume it advantageously. Primarily the land hereabouts is fitted for fruit growing and is too valuable to be used for the production of grain or any other of the ordinary farm crops. To bring about this condition the Commercial club is organizing a movement to encourage small farmers to settle here and take up the production of apples and small fruits.

Waitsburg is located in a valley surrounded by high hills, and, on the face of the grain fields, within eye shot of the train as it stood on the sidetrack, was one of the most impressive demonstrations of the need of the work recommended that has come to the notice of the party on the entire trip. Great stretches of the hills show terrible erosion by the spring freshets, and in some places the fields have been ditched for half a mile as the water rushed down the hillsides from the bench land above, when the snow was taken away by rain and a chinook wind. These examples were used with telling effect by Professor Thatcher in his opening remarks to the gathered farmers. Until within the past few years the washing on the hills was unknown and no one had the hardihood to believe it possible. The soil condition is changing; it is apparent to all.

MULTNOMAH TAKES BANTAM WRESTLING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, March 27.—Multnomah club of Portland succeeded in taking only one match in the dual meet here last night. Edwin Mills, the 115 pound wrestler, secured a decision over Duncan of S. A. C.

Milgard of Multnomah was beaten by Oliver Monroe of Seattle in three and two minutes.

Pete Moe was given a decision over Olmar Dranga in the 125 pound boxing match.

Pete McVeigh knocked Gene West of Multnomah down three times in their 135 pound boxing match in the third round.

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