

# STAMPS VETO ON TWO MEASURES

### City's Chief Executive Sees Many Reasons Why Pacific Bridge Co. Should Not Have Benefit of Taxpayers' Money.

Mayor Lane yesterday passed out a veto message to the council that will undoubtedly cause that body of lawmakers to ponder before attempting to override it. The ordinance disapproved by the mayor is one which gives the Pacific Bridge company \$250 of the people's money by authorizing the appropriation out of the general fund.

Mayor Lane declares that this action by the council is illegal and a gross example of special legislation. Mayor Lane and the executive board assessed a fine against the construction company for its failure to complete the East Morrison street fill on time. Because the former street committee of the executive board persisted in giving the Pacific Bridge company extensions of time on this contract until they were at length more than two years delinquent, relations between the mayor and the committee became so strained that they, one by one, resigned.

The mayor's message, which explains his reasons for issuing the veto follows: "To the honorable city council: 'Gentlemen: I return herewith ordinance No. 19,321 not approved. This is an ordinance which authorizes the mayor and auditor to draw a warrant on the general fund in favor of the Pacific Bridge company in the sum of thirty-six hundred and forty dollars (\$3640) to provide for the refund of that amount which was retained by the city as forfeiture for the non-completion of its contract for the improvement of East Morrison street from the center line of East Seventh street to the east line of East Ninth street, and appropriate the sum of thirty-six hundred and forty dollars (\$3640) out of the general fund to provide for the refund of said amount to the Pacific Bridge company.'

"In regard to this matter I would state that in January, 1907, a contract was entered into by the city with the Pacific Bridge company at the point where it crosses East Morrison street between East Seventh and East Ninth streets.

"A wooden bridge had been maintained at this place for many years but had become so old that it was unsafe for public use and it was decided to fill the street with earth or gravel. The material composing the bed of the slough is extremely soft and unstable and it was found necessary to maintain the bridge while a fill was being made and that street cars and other travel would be diverted to another street while such work was being done, and for these reasons it was necessary that it should be finished as soon as possible.

"Sixty days time for the completion of the work was named and bids were advertised for and the contract was awarded to the Pacific Bridge company, it being the only bidder.

"At that time, as now, that company was the only one in the city in possession of an equipment of electric motor and dump cars suitable for operation over the street railway lines and was engaged in making such fills about the city and had just completed the large one on Grand avenue and could have done the work if it wished in a period of time not to exceed, say ninety days.

"Other Contractors Barred. "Owing to the fact that haste was demanded other contractors who might and no doubt would have been glad to bid upon the job if a long time limit had been set upon it, were deterred from so doing and it was let without competition.

"The contract between the city and the Pacific Bridge company was entered into January 9, 1907, and it agreed to have the work completed by March 10, 1907.

"The contractors secured extensions of time from the former street committee of the executive board amounting to 230 days in all, but did not begin work upon the fill until early in August, 1908, a year and a half after the contract had expired and the contract was finally completed and the work accepted by the city engineer upon the 31st day of March, 1909, two years (nearly two days) after it should have been done.

"Upon a final settlement with the present street committee of the executive board the contractors were given credit for the extensions of time which it had secured from the former street committee, and its statements were accepted and time was allowed for every claim made by it, and there still remained 180 days for which no excuse could be offered which did not benefit the contractor and him alone.

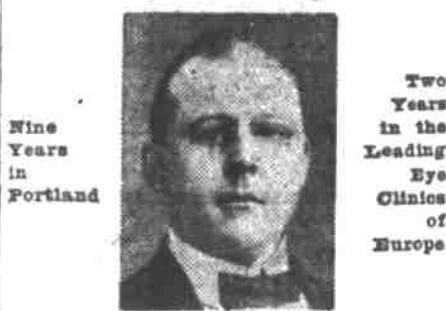
"Tendency Shown Contractors. "The law of the city, distinctly provides that certain amounts shall be retained as fixed and liquidated damages from monies due to contractors who became delinquent from causes which they can control, and in this case the contractor was treated with extreme and almost inexorable leniency and forbearance.

"Other and smaller and lesser delinquent contractors are and have oftentimes been treated in this manner, and at times even harshly, but they have paid their fines and no measure of relief has been inaugurated for them.

"In the final settlement of this case it must not be forgotten that if other contractors had known that they could have two years time in which to do the work that the city would have had the benefit of competition and that they, as well as the city have rights in this matter which this ordinance overrides.

"It is the duty of city officials to secure fair treatment to all contractors and property owners alike, be they large or small, and this contractor has refused to accept such treatment to allow one dollar to be deducted for his delinquency, and has plainly said so.

## European Oculists Highly Indorse Thompson



From Le Figero, Paris, June 16, 1909: "H. O. Thompson, an American oculist, attended the medical world last evening with an important discovery for sight testing. In a practical demonstration before professors of the faculty they unanimously declared it a great aid to science."

### Your Eyes Deserve the Best THOMPSON

The Internationally Indorsed Eye Scientist. Second Floor Corbett Building, Fifth and Morrison.

will operate to place this contracting company above all other persons doing such work, as they can only collect their warrants from the city after the money has been paid in by the persons assessed for such improvements. If the property here involved should happen to be bonded for 10 years it also seems to me that the city might have to wait that long to recoup itself.

"The ordinance is clearly illegal and unfortunate in many ways which I have not the time to point out, and I return it to you for your further and more careful consideration. Respectfully, "HARRY LANE, Mayor."

Another of Same Color. "Following is a veto message of a similar nature: "To the Honorable City Council—Gentlemen: I return herewith ordinance No. 19,322 not approved.

"This is an ordinance authorizing the mayor and auditor to draw a warrant on the general fund in favor of R. J. Debur, in the sum of \$120, to provide for the refund of that amount which was retained by the city as forfeiture for the non-completion of his contract for the improvement of Elise street from Union avenue to the east line of Adams avenue, and appropriate the sum of \$120 out of the general fund to provide for the refund of said amount to R. J. Debur.

"In regard to this measure I would say that it is a bit of special legislation, and in my opinion is clearly illegal and of no effect. What has been said by me in my veto message of ordinance No. 19,321 will in a general way apply to this one.

"It is returned not approved. Respectfully, "HARRY LANE, Mayor."

## MAJESTIC KEELS OVER AT WHARF

### Deckload of Railroad Ties Slides Into River at St. Helens.

While loading ties at St. Helens yesterday, the steam schooner Majestic, Captain Anderson, narrowly escaped turning turtle. Shortly after noon, while the longshoremen were eating dinner, the vessel suddenly careened inshore. The deckload and rigging brought up against the dock and gave the men and crew a chance to jump ashore.

All but one man managed to escape before she keeled back offshore, when the deckload, consisting of 10,000 railroad ties, slid overboard. The longshoreman who failed to get ashore managed to cling to the rigging and saved himself from being swept overboard by the shifting deckload, but in so doing one hand and wrist were broken. His name could not be learned last night, but it is known that he was taken to Rainier for treatment.

The mishap would have been due to the poor manner in which the deckload was stowed. As the steamer righted after losing her deckload no other damage was done. Several gasoline launches were pressed into service and very few of the ties were lost. The Majestic was loading for San Francisco and was to have sailed last night.

## COUNTY DIVISION PLAN UNCERTAIN

### Voters Differ as to Advisability of Move to Create Nesmith.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., May 8.—H. O. Thompson, President of the Cottage Grove Commercial club, says that 99 per cent of the people affected are in favor of Nesmith county.

He says that in a very short time the required number of signatures to invoke the initiative will be secured.

Linn County Indifferent. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., May 8.—Petitions are being circulated in Linn county asking for the creation of Nesmith county. According to the circulators, they are being quite generally signed by the voters.

"Prominent business men and politicians of this city when questioned expressed themselves as having no interest in the matter. Quite a number say they will not vote on the question if it is brought before the people at the coming election.

Senator F. J. Miller says: "The people of Linn county are absolutely indifferent as to the outcome of the formation of Nesmith county."

This sentiment was expressed at a meeting of the legislature, at which time the Commercial club of this city sent a special delegation to Salem to oppose the measure. The petition circulated through southern Oregon lately for signatures under the initiative was passed over Douglas county, or at least but very few people were asked to sign it.

Northern Douglas Opposes. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Drain, Or., May 8.—The sentiment of northern Douglas county is almost unanimously against the creation of the proposed new county of Nesmith, as outlined by its promoters, because the area projected will annex the most valuable timber lands of Douglas county. It is the general belief here that it will be impossible to secure the new county on the lines as proposed at present.

Sentiment About Roseburg. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., May 8.—The creation of Nesmith county has been opposed by the people of this county, and it is thought the sentiment has not changed since the meeting of the legislature, at which time the Commercial club of this city sent a special delegation to Salem to oppose the measure. The petition circulated through southern Oregon lately for signatures under the initiative was passed over Douglas county, or at least but very few people were asked to sign it.

# Oregon Chair Co. Made These



### Six for Six Dollars

Just think of it, six box seat Mission Diners for such a price, just like illustration; less than six \$1.25 each. This price is for either of the diners shown in this ad without arms.



### Palmer's Hammocks

Couch Hammocks, Hammock Stands, Baby Hammocks, and all accessories here this season in better selection than ever before. The early buyer has best choice.

B269—Hammocks 36x80 are close canvas and twill-weave, in stripes and diamond effects, concealed spreader and continuous stringing, each \$1.75

C189—Hammocks 37x80 Jacquard design with valence, concealed spreader, wood bar at foot with adjustable hitch end rings \$2.25

G269—Hammocks, close canvas weave, with fancy embroidered designs, 35x81, valence and concealed spreader, with adjustable hitch end rings \$3.00

Mission Foot Stools \$1.75

100 mission Footstools for a bargain count sale; top 9x14 inches, 12 inches high, covered with fancy chase leather, weathered oak; \$1.75 values, for only 75c

Gasoline and Blue Flame Oil Stoves

We can show you all you want to know about our new Blue Flame Stoves. You can light one right here in the store and see how it burns.

2-burner Gasoline \$3.25  
2-burner Gasoline \$4.00  
2-burner Blue Flame \$5.50  
3-burner Blue Flame \$7.50  
10 Per Cent Discount for Cash

Folding Furniture

Our specialty for the past two years has been goods of this class. Camp Stools, maple frame, white canvas seats, \$3.50  
Steamer Chairs, like illustration, double fancy stripe canvas, hardwood, for \$1.45  
Full line of folding Coats, Tables, etc.

SEWING MACHINES \$1 DOWN 50c A WEEK

\$25.00 \$35.00 \$45.00

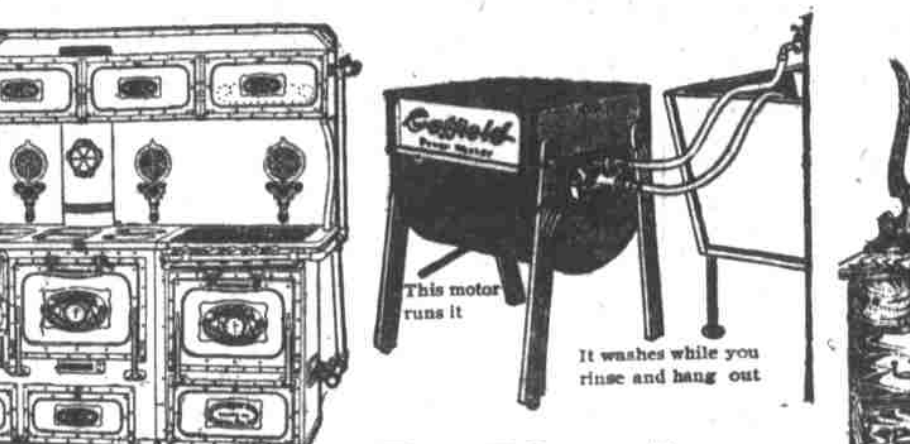
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We have chairs from 20 factories. It does not worry us if the Oregon Chair company puts a retail price on their goods or not. Oregon chairs are worth every cent you pay for them. They are equal to any and better than many, and let us say that the fixed factory price is such that their chairs will sell in competition with any on the market. Where do dealers get the money who pay hundreds of dollars for advertising a furniture trust which does not exist?

The Public Pays



### Do You Love Your Wife?

You can prove it by getting for her a Corfield Water Power Washing Machine. Do you know what women go through every wash day? The steaming suds in the hot days of summer, the back-breaking rubbing, the hands all ruined by the soap and hot water?

Do you know that there is a water power to do all this work in your kitchen faucet?

Do you know that we will send you a Corfield machine without a cent of expense and prove it can do what we claim?

Mr. Man, if you did the washing yourself you would know these things and many more. Be a good fellow and get her a machine.

PRICES  
Reciprocating washers \$18.00  
Sprengers, gearless \$25.00  
Cylinder motor \$33.00  
Terms, \$1.00 a week or 10 per cent discount for cash.

### Gas Ranges

Eighteen different styles to select from.  
Two-Burner Gas Plates \$3.60  
THREE-BURNER GAS PLATES \$4.50  
Model Gas Cooker, 3-top burners, 14-in. oven, with broiler \$10.80

No. 812—Gas Stove, top 17x25, two large New Process Burners, 1-inch supply pipe, 18-inch oven, with improved oven broiler \$12.50

No. 922—Gas Stove, top 17x25, two large New Process Burners, oven 18 inches wide, with improved burner, broiler \$16.25

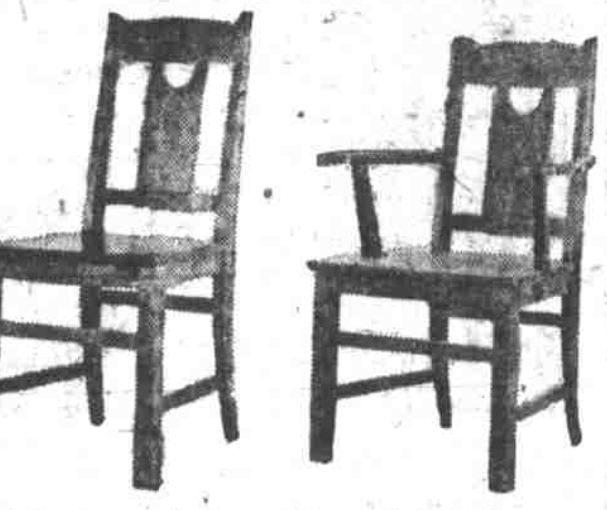
No. 923—Same style, three-burner \$18.50  
No. 999—Full size, top 20x25, three large, one giant burner, oven broiler, 18 1/2 inches wide, adjustable needle valves, stands 34 inches high \$22.00

### Fine Room Rugs

We offer the following three big specials for Monday and Tuesday

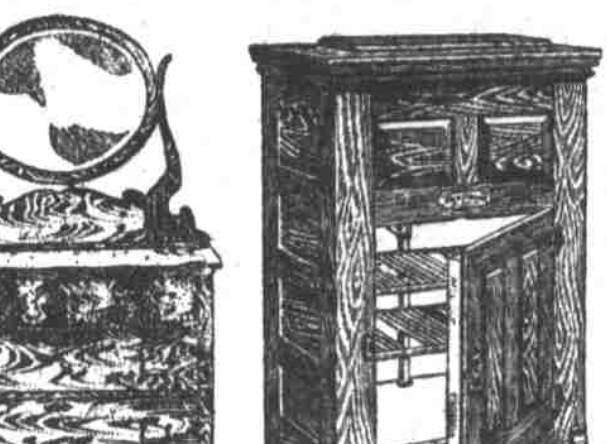
FIBER RUGS, 9x12, \$14.50 values, special \$9.25  
TAP BRUSSELS RUGS, 9x11, \$16.50 values, special \$10.30  
ROYAL VELVET RUGS, 9x12, \$22.50 values, special \$15.75

We have hundreds of patterns, qualities and sizes to select from.



### Six for Twelve Dollars

No hot air merchant can meet our price for Arm Diners shown in this ad; less than six, our price, \$2.25 each. Take your choice of either pattern of the Arm Diners shown in this ad.



### Sale of Dressers

### Two Smashing Values of High Grade Goods

No. 1005—Dresser, highly polished and quartered oak, French bevel mirror, on a big base; \$25 value, special at \$17.60

No. 9305—Beautiful birds-eye, polished, large French mirror, on big base; grand \$32.50 dresser... \$23.25

### Badger Refrigerators

All except No. 799 white enamel lined, all hardwood, beautiful finish, insulation, charcoal absorbing and air space. Removable flues.

No. 700—25 lbs. capacity \$9.00  
No. 701—16x25x25, 35 lbs. \$13.50  
No. 702—17x27x42, 50 lbs. \$18.50  
No. 703—18x30x44, 75 lbs. \$22.50

### Wisconsin Peerless

No better are made, hardwood seven wall insulation, all white enamel lined, mineral wool filled, cleanable flue wall, sanitary, ice racks, peerless drain cup.

No. 2E—17x27x42, 50 lbs. \$19.50  
No. 3E—18x30x44, 75 lbs. \$25.00  
No. 4E—20x32x46, 90 lbs. \$28.50  
10 per cent cash discount on all except No. B.

### Look Everywhere

And you cannot match our prices on medium and cheap Go-Carts.

The Cart illustrated has 10-inch steel wheel with rubber tires, reclining back and adjustable foot end; our price only \$3.15

Collapsible Carts, upholstered seat and reclining back, fold perfectly flat... \$5.00

We have the well-known Sturgis and Gendron lines.

### Mission Couches

Two elegant new styles, like illustration; solid oak frames, first-class in every respect, made in two ways, with imitation leather cushions \$22.50

Real leather cushions \$32.00

YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD

Tell Cook To be sure and Boil POSTUM 15 Minutes And for your health's sake drink it in place of Coffee. It makes the rich, red blood of good health. "There's a Reason"

### LIKE A BENT SUNBEAM CRIPPLED COMEDIAN MAKES WORLD BRIGHTER

Humor as a business sometimes grows as monotonous to the producer as machine made music to the hearer. Many of the funniest comedians are said to be the most unreasonable groggers while off the boards. Richard Wilder, diminutive and bent, who has "smiled around the world," who has "tired of my own humor?" No, only when my listeners seem tired of me. You have experienced the pleasure of telling a good yarn to a warm friend? That is the pleasure I have in telling my jokes to an audience that appreciates me, except my pleasure is multiplied and increased by the number present. I sometimes think none enjoys my jokes as well as I do. When they laugh I am pleased, but I laugh at myself harder than I am laughed at. "Seems funny to make jokes for yourself to appreciate, doesn't it? And I've always been glad to make people happier; not from any philanthropic motive, understand, but just because the world is better off for all the sunshine that can be packed in with the song birds and the roses and the green of spring."

for everyone. It helped me sell my wares, too. Then I got to be stenographer and I had a job with Brad Street's. One day the superintendent told me I ought to be an entertainer, that I was hardly cut out for a stenographer, because my notes were so badly mixed with jokes. That was 25 years ago, and I've been on the road, making everybody I could reach laugh. I never went back to stenography, and I've always gotten enjoyment out of my work on the stage. I'm always trying to think of a new joke, and when I get a good one, it makes me happy all day long.

The one who asked the question of Wilder has seen him many times in as many different places. He never brings a memory that he may have suffered. He has always made everyone laugh, because he has always had a joke that seemed fitted to the most garbled personality. Some one once said of him: "The Lord built his heart first, so big and generous that he didn't think it was worth while to bother about the rest of the job."

Tomorrow (Monday) is positively the last day for discount on west-side gas bills. Read "Gas Tips."