

# WILL ENGAGE NEW MASTER MECHANIC

## Walter J. Phillips, Fire Department Hydrant Man, Does Not Look Good to Mayor Lane or Sullivan and Swett.

Walter J. Phillips, hydrant man and aspirant for the position of master mechanic in the fire department, will never be appointed as long as Mayor Lane and the present fire committee of the executive board are in power.

Phillips is under fire for the position, in the light of results elicited by the hydrant investigation last year.

Mayor Lane was informed that Phillips failed to inspect 89 hydrants furnished to the city by Hoge & Swift, eastern contractors, although the hydrants laid out were good for nearly four months.

The charge was made that Phillips had used dilatory tactics against the outside corporation because he had a financial interest in a local hydrant and wished to discourage foreign competition.

No action was ever taken by the fire committee with regard to the investigation, which was held in secret.

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# MAKES MUSHROOM BED OF HIS BASEMENT AND IS ARRESTED

Because Joseph Holder is an enthusiastic mushroom grower, Market Inspector Sarah A. Evans, thinking he is a bit over-enthusiastic, has had a complaint sworn out and a warrant issued for his arrest on a charge of breaking the city ordinances regulating the public health.

Mr. Holder has built himself a new home at 996 Base Line road, doubling his home in a fine solid concrete basement put in a fine solid concrete basement.

Montag: "There were higherups who were responsible for the delay. Why don't you convict him or find him innocent? What are you holding this over his head for?"

As Mr. Montag sat down his face became red and his voice wrathy when Mayor Lane, Isaac Swett and P. E. Sullivan began talking about appointing somebody else as master mechanic.

"Oh, this is all out and dried," suddenly exclaimed the irate fire commissioner, turning to Mr. Swett: "you have all decided on your man, why don't you put him in."

"Well, I will nominate somebody," answered Mr. Swett testily. "I nominate E. M. Wissinger." There was no second to the nomination, as Mr. Sullivan said he couldn't second the name of any of the so-called "eligibles" furnished by the civil service.

"Now, John, does it look out and dried to you?" asked the mayor, as he took up the investigation of the fire engine specifications.

Both Chief Campbell and A. G. Long were called on to answer the charges which they did exhaustively deny, saying there has never been any discrimination shown in favor of any fire engine handled by Mr. Long.

But Long Gets Contracts. In spite of these denials, the fact remains that Long gets the contracts. It is said that other companies are afraid to take contracts with the city, even if they were awarded for four something might happen to the engines which do not meet with the favor of the department.

Mayor Lane has refused to sign a contract awarded to A. G. Long by the executive board pending an investigation of the specifications. The decision of the committee with regard to this investigation was taken under advisement.

CHAMBERS' PLATFORM BASED ON HONESTY. Portland, Or., May 29.—To the Voters of Portland—By some good or ill fortune I have been nominated by the Democratic party for the office of councilman-at-large.

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In her official capacity, objects to what she alleges are noxious odors emanating from the basement of the Holden house.

Dr. Warren, who lives next door to Holden, is himself a bit interested in his neighbor's hobby of raising mushrooms and for some time has been smacking his lips in anticipation of the treats which were to be delivered by Holden.

It is customary for a man running for a public office to build for himself some sort of platform, stating therein what he stands for or what he believes in.

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# OIL AND NATURAL GAS DISCOVERED IN OREGON

## Developments Go to Prove That This State May Soon Rank With Any Oil and Gas Producing State in the Union

### WELLS SUNK NEAR BURNS A REVELATION TO RESIDENTS OF THAT SECTION

The following is by Addison Bennett, Editor of the Irrigon Irrigator:

Burns, Oregon, May 14, 1909. Having on former occasions visited the oil fields around Ontario and Vale, and having made somewhat of a study of the work of development going on there, I have written several articles about the Oregon oil and gas field.

I suppose it is generally understood that in all districts where petroleum or gas have been found the geological formations have been practically the same, and that the formations in the Boise basin and on westward have for years been known to conform to those of the best oil fields.

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near the scene, and it cannot be mistaken by any one who has ever been in a gas field. But, says the reader, how about the oil? Well, at this particular well it is true that no oil gushed forth, but it is likewise true that the sand and mud show evident traces of oil, and the sand is what is known as oil bearing.

Among others who were shown samples of this sand, and to whom the circumstances of the well explosion were told, was Mr. Michael Valerius, of Oklahoma, an oil and gas expert with years of practical experience.

As to the personnel of the promoters, Dr. Denman is a practicing physician, residing at Harriman, in this county; of Mr. Valerius I have spoken; Mr. Johnson is the hotel proprietor of Vale; Mr. Horton is a sawmill man and capitalist of Burns; Mr. Post is of the geological survey; Mr. Talbot is a wealthy gentleman of Boise, Idaho; Mr. Turney is a real estate operator, and Mr. Gault is cashier of the First National bank, Burns.

This company owns and has under lease a good many thousands of acres in what is called "the oil belt," and they expect to be drilling their first well within the next 60 or 90 days.

After leaving the Leake well I went on to the little town of Narrows, a few miles farther south. Charley Haines has a well there which is only 37 feet deep, and I went out to see what they told me were traces of oil on the water from this well.

I had the sandstone surrounding three sides of the valley pointed out to me, I had the geological conditions explained to me, and all of the conditions going to show the presence of gas and oil made clear—or as clear as an unscientific mind can grasp such matters.

The reader will at once ask, "Do you think it a safe investment to buy stock in the oil company you have mentioned?" I can only answer the question by saying that the stock is selling—some of it—at five cents a share, par value one dollar.

Of this I am convinced: Taking the oil field from Ontario to western Harney, we know there lie underneath deposits of oil and gas. Just where, if at all, the first paying well—i. e., a well which will tap the pool, and not a fissure—will be struck nobody knows.

If you conclude to invest and lose, don't blame me, for I have tried to tell you in plain English what the chances are against you. If you win, you will get perhaps as much as 50 or 100 for one—and in that event take all of the credit to yourself for your own "gumption."

The company mentioned is going to make a thorough test. From three to five wells will be sunk, covering a number of miles of the territory, these wells to form a triangle, thus giving a complete exposition of the underlying strata.

ADDISON BENNETT.

# A GIRL'S UNIQUE DESCRIPTION OF AN OREGON GAS WELL

BY ETHEL LEAKE.

January 25 the well drillers, Mr. Hodder and Mr. Tyler, arrived on the place and set up their machine to be ready for work the next day. They drilled for several days, striking flows of water that was salty or bitter. This kept up until February 4, they having gone down 357 feet.

About 4 o'clock he and Mr. Luper, a neighbor, were sitting by the fire talking about the well. Mr. Luper said: "You have gone down so far now you may strike artesian water soon." Father replied: "Oh, there's no such luck to be hoped for." Just then Edgar Smith opened the door, saying: "Come out and look at your well, Mr. Leake."

He went out, and I went to the window near the well. Imagine my surprise upon seeing mud spurting out of the drill pipe. Every one stood and looked at it in consternation. Soon it came out faster than at first, throwing the mud at least 20 feet above the derrick, which is about 20 feet high.

and roaring could be heard as the mud worked its way up through the two-inch pipe. All this scared the horses in the barn; they must have smelled the gas, as the wind was blowing in that direction; also the men who went to the north or east of it smelled the gas.

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