

WOULD PROHIBIT MAKING PISTOLS

**Councilman Believes City Can
Do Little in Legislating
Against Revolver.**

"The only way that this country can rid itself of that terrible menace to human life, the ready and deadly revolver, is for the United States congress to pass a law forbidding its manufacture and sale," said Councilman John H. Burgard at the last meeting of the ways and means committee of the council, "and I think the city council should record its opinion as being favorable to the abolition of the single handed firearm. The revolver serves no useful purpose in this age, but is a relic of bygone days, and should find place for the future only in curio museums."

Mr. Burgard's remarks were elicited by the reading of an opinion rendered last week by City Attorney Frank Grant. The city attorney recommended that the city council pass a law regulating the sale of the revolver in this city.

Mr. Burgard and other members of the committee were unanimous in deprecating the revolver, but the expression of doubt that municipal legislation would accomplish much good. Any legislation to be effective must be statewide, is the opinion of Councilman Burgard. If the city of Portland forbids the sale of revolvers and they may be purchased elsewhere in the state we are as helpless as ever, for the migratory hobo will come to the city armed anyway.

It is probable, however, that the committee will recommend the passage of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of revolvers except on the authority of a written permit from the chief of police to the purchaser.

The "Farol" Parsons have finally won their suit in the federal court to recover a certified check for \$25,000, held for nearly a year by the city as a forfeit. City Attorney Grant told the committee to recommend the passage of an ordinance providing for the return of the check with interest at 6 per cent. The city will lose something like \$11,000, but this loss will be more than made up by the fact that the big eastern bond buyers have been taught a lesson and the effect on others will redound to the benefit of the city in future. The Parsons have had to spend a large sum of money in bringing their suit to a successful conclusion. Attorneys fees and the expenses of three different representatives who visited this city, taking the long trip from Chicago to ask the council to refund the check, have made the suit more costly for the bond company than for the city.

Parson, Son & Co. bid for a block of Broadway bridge bonds and, afterward refused to take the issue, being frightened by the reports of Broadway bridge obstructionists. The bonds were afterwards sold to another company, thus refuting the statements of attorneys for the Parsons that the bonds were illegally issued. The city council then refused to give back the certified check given by the company with its bid. Interest on this check has been accumulating at the rate of 6 per cent.

MOOSE LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL INSTALLATION

Portland lodge 291 of the Loyal Order of Moose held its annual installation of officers at Swiss hall Wednesday night. Judge Robert G. Morrow was installed as dictator; Oscar Horne, vice dictator; George N. Davis, prelate; B. E. Youmans, treasurer; Walter McGovern, secretary; Andy Weinberger, recording secretary; John Cassidy, sergeant at arms; Dr. E. L. Carter, inside guard; William Reed, outer guard. The following trustees were installed for the following year: R. G. Funk, L. P. Dunthorn, Max Donohoe, George M. Orton and W. J. Shaver.

Judge W. N. Gatens, who has been dictator of the local lodge since its organization, passed into the past dictator's chair, and his retirement was made the occasion for an enthusiastic demonstration in his honor in which he was presented with a beautiful diamond watch fob by the members of the lodge. The presentation was made by B. E. Youmans, and the retiring dictator responded by thanking the members for their loyal support given him during the last year.

The Moose have leased the annex to the Tull & Gibbs building on Park street, which they are fitting up into an elaborate clubroom and lodge hall. The lodge room will have a maple dance floor that will be used by the members from time to time.

ORDINANCE AIMED AT TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Mayor Rushlight has appointed a special committee of the city council to draft an ordinance regulating public service corporations. The members of the committee are Councilmen Burgard, Daly and Baker. The committee will give immediate attention to the requests of property owners of outlying districts for telephone service. The Home Telephone company and the Pacific States Telephone company, according to Councilman Allen R. Joy, have formed a gentlemen's agreement, whereby neither concern will invade the territory of the other. This is why, says Mr. Joy, the residents of his section of the city in the Seventh ward have been unable to secure service from the former company.

WELL FED PEOPLE

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"Japan feeds her soldiers on good American beef and bread," says a Philadelphia physician. Well nourished soldiers fight best, and well nourished people always do the best work. Keep your stomach in good order with Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron remedy without oil, and you will be strong.

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BUREAU TO HANDLE CITY'S UNEMPLOYED

**There is a new plan for handling the
city's unemployed. It will be done here-
after through the municipal free em-
ployment bureau.**

Eight thousand dollars remains of the \$10,000 first appropriated by council to give the jobless work. Forty men will be employed every day through the employment bureau, each squad to work two days. This will keep 80 men continuously working on the Mount Tabor park road and other city work, and give temporary relief to the unemployed until March 1.

Each man seeking employment will register at the employment bureau. He must be vouched for by two responsible persons, say his butcher and grocer. He will be given a ticket and sent to the work. A list of those registering will be daily furnished both the park superintendent and his foreman. The ticket held by the candidate for work will be checked off these lists. Specially deserving cases properly vouched for will be given more continuous employment than the two days arranged for.

Mayor Rushlight, Park Superintendent E. T. Mieses and Superintendent John Schroeder of the municipal free employment bureau met Wednesday and agreed on the new plan. It reduces the business of giving work to a rigid and efficient system, and relieves the congestion of the city hall caused by the multiplied presence of the jobless in the morning. Park superintendent's office, Charles Christensen, recently appointed assistant to Mr. Schroeder, has assumed his duties.

GARDEN SOCIETY IN SCHOOLS IS NEW PLAN

When the school board meets this afternoon it will receive a proposal for education of a different kind than any ever before proposed in Portland. Its advocates believe it a valuable and advanced form of education.

It is agricultural education. State Superintendent of Schools L. R. Alderman, William F. Woodward, C. C. Chapman, O. M. Plummer, General Secretary Harry W. Stone of the Y. M. C. A., Eugene Brookings, the secretary of the state board of immigration, and others will appear before the board asking that in each school a garden society be organized, with pupils seeking out vacant lots and other available ground as their fields of operations. Bulletins on methods are to be issued by a committee of which Professor Alderman is chairman, and on prizes by a committee of business men of which Mr. Woodward is chairman. In each school it is proposed there shall be a garden contest. "rise winners in each school will enter the all-city contest and exhibit. Winners in the all-city contest will be entered in the all-state contest and exhibit which will be held in connection with the state fair at Salem next fall. Organization of garden contests in the schools of the state outside of Portland is already well under way, financed by the state bankers' association and directed by Professor Alderman. The purpose of the contest both for city and state is to utilize unused ground, to give children healthy exercise, to reverse the standard that looks down on soil culture and farm work, to promote the back to the soil movement and to teach children how to be successful in their life occupations.

M'CORD LOSES JOB, BUT GETS ANOTHER

**Mayor's Secretary George K. McCord
lost his job Wednesday, being summarily
dismissed by Mayor Rushlight. McCord
was still on duty in the mayor's office
this morning, however.**

The city council recently created the position of mayor's clerk at a salary of \$150 a month. McCord has up to the first of this month been employed in the capacity of secretary to the mayor. He has also held the official position of stenographer. He was paid \$75 by the city and a like sum by the mayor.

"I want your resignation as my secretary so I can appoint you clerk," said the mayor to McCord Wednesday afternoon.

"I don't want to resign. I'd rather be your secretary than your clerk," replied McCord.

"Well, I want your resignation anyway," insisted the mayor.

"Give me the appointment as clerk, first, then," answered McCord, "or I'll not resign at all."

"You're dismissed," was the mayor's final terse rejoinder.

And now McCord is no longer mayor's secretary. He is drawing the same pay, however, as clerk, so he still smiles.

HILL OFFICIALS BACK FROM TRIP TO NEWBERG

Carl R. Gray, president of the Hill lines in Oregon, and L. B. Wickensham, chief engineer of the Oregon Electric, returned Wednesday from Newberg, where they attended a conference with the city officials regarding the company's application for a franchise for car service through the city.

President Gray stated that the company is seeking a franchise with the possible view of routing its proposed line to McMinnville through Newberg, although this has not yet been decided upon. The company has several routes from which it may choose. In speaking of that matter, President Gray intimated that the route with the least great deal upon the attitude of the public in the matter of franchises and right of way privileges.

STAGNANT SLOUGHS TO BE ORDERED DRAINED

An opinion submitted by City Attorney Frank S. Grant to Councilman Schmeier of the Eighth ward, says the city council has the right to order lots, blocks or parcels of land where any stagnant water stands, to be drained and filled at the expense of the property affected. The cost of work so done by the order of the council may be made a lien on the property. The opinion is most important, as it means that owners of stagnant sloughs on the east side may have to expend hundreds of thousands of dollars in filling and draining unsanitary mosquito swamps. The Hawthorne estate slough, under the terms of the charter as outlined by the city attorney, may be compelled to spend perhaps as much as \$100,000.

M'NAMARAS' PLEAS LESSON TO LABOR

**Commoner Says Workers Will
Be More Careful in Fu-
ture About Leaders.**

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.—Expressions of William J. Bryan's opinions in the McNamara cases are set forth in the current issue of his periodical, "The Commoner." It says:

"The McNamara confessions have given enemies of union labor a chance to label all connected with organized efforts to protect the wage earners. The same men who are indignant whenever the sins of 'sweatshop' owners are charged against all manufacturers; when the crimes of the trust magnates are imputed to all engaged in business; when the vices of Napoleons of finance are laid at the door of bankers in general, are hastening to hurl broadsides of libel at all who are forced to earn their bread by the sweat of their brows."

"This is manifestly unfair. Organized labor has learned a lesson. It will be more careful in the future selection of leaders. Society may well pause and inquire if anything is wrong with conditions which lead men into dastardly conspiracies against life and property."

BUT THEY WERE NOT REGULAR HIGHWAYMEN

"We are not regular hold-up men, but we need the cash," is the remark addressed to John T. Cunningham of 414 East Sixteenth street north, Tuesday night, when two masked robbers placed a gun in his face at Grand avenue and Broadway and relieved him of \$15.

"Where do you keep your cash?" asked one of the pair.

When the pocket was pointed out, one robber put his hand in it and took all the money it contained—two five dollar gold pieces and three silver dollars.

"Better leave me carfare," said Cunningham to the searcher.

"There is no small change here," said the man making the search.

"Well, then, give him a dollar," commanded the man who held the gun, and a silver dollar was slipped back into Cunningham's overcoat pocket.

"So long, fellow, much obliged for the coin," they remarked as they started down Grand avenue on a run.

1200 MEN GET JOBS FROM FREE BUREAU

The report of John G. Schroeder, chief clerk of the municipal free employment bureau, for the month of December, shows the value of the bureau in giving work to the unemployed free of charge and in sending worthy men to jobs they can do best. The report shows that during last month more than 1200 men were furnished employment. The number of women seeking work is much smaller. One hundred and sixty-six positions were filled by women.

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—At Least That Is What the Landlord Said

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