Will Investigate the Prices

Rates in all cities including Port

tion results from requests that the com mission equalize rates for commercial

however, that consumers of small quan-

For some months the company has

had a force of men making an inven-

tory of its holdings and at the same

time the commission has had experts

This investigation will be the first

The valuations made by the company

are very complete and include every

tion to preparing the valuation, the

company segregated, as far as possible

the power and light from the street and

during the hearing the question of a five cent fare between Portland and

Lents Junction on the Mt. Scott line,

According to figures compiled by the

company its real estate holdings alone

\$2,622,923.74 ON HAND

On hand in City Treasurer Adams' de-

22,923.74. The money is divided among

General \$334.555.76

Fire Department fund 392,236.13

Police Department fund 159.881.84

Street repair fund 58.931.46

Bonded Indebtedness Interest 128.893.57

Total\$2,622,923.74

Field sports, a sham battle and ma-

suvers will be the features of a big

military tournament to be staged by the Portland members of the Oregon Na-

the sham battle, dividing into oppos-ing forces of 200 men each. Provided

with blank cartridges they will evolute

Other events on the program are a

The annual electric dry battery pro-

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duction of the United States

passed the \$10,000,000 mark.

tional Guard, September 21, at

Clackamas station rifle range

TO HOLD SHAM BATTLE

partment up to date is a total of \$2 .-

are worth approximately \$8,000,000.

CITY TREASURER HAS

he various funds as follows:

Lighting fund
Park fund
Street cleaning and sprinkling

Water fund
Park and boulevard fund
Broadway orldge fund
Garbage crematory fund
Municipal jail fund
Firebont and fireman fund
Special bridge fund
Sinking fund

Sinking fund
Water bond sinking fund
Water fund bond account...
Police and fire relief fund

NATIONAL GUARDMEN

and 10 cents for the same trip over the

The commission intends to take up

checking the same property,

Charged in 11 Cities.

light rates.

power and light,

explain its valuation,

commission, was enacted.

interurban railway business.

CORRESPONDENT HOLDS FIRE WARDENS HAVE A RECREATION PIER IS KEPT LOSS TO FORESTS PERFECTLY FEASIBLE

Says Adoption of Proposed Season Has Been Dangerous Excursionists Were Enter-State Railroad Commission Plans Means Better and Safer Dock Construction.

Portland, Or., Aug. 30 .- To the Editor

Being kicked, whether considered as a process, an attitude, or a condition, is not to be viewed in the light of a pen-It is the right and the prerogaor a string of profanity, is the natural resultant of a torpid liver,

For the relief and amusement of the wardens public, and to discourage profanity, a assisted. kind Providence has furnished the pub

Commissioners Getting Theirs. Just now the city commissioners and the Public Dock Commission are getting theirs. Their action in proposing to have built a recreation pier on the roof been responsible for much of the good of an east side dock is variously designated as "silly," "an unnecessary ex-

pense" and "a waste of public funds."

We are told that the people are everywhere "voicing disapproval of the proposition to spend approxiamtely \$200,000 of public money for the sole purpose of making the roof of the east side public dock a recreation center." Ex-City attorney Grant is quoted as declaring that utilizing the money raised by the sale of dock bonds for the purpose of con-structing a dance pavilion or a recreation pier is foreign to the purposes of the act creating the dock commission, and wholly illegal." It is probable that no one will dispute this opinion. The dock commission has at no time pro-posed to spend a cent for the construction of a recreation pier. Its gravest offense has been to consent to the erection such a pier upon the top of its completed dock by the city commissioners.

Pireproof Dock Recommended. At the inception of its work, the public dock commission was advised by its New York board of consulting engineers to build only fireproof docks. It was with the greatest reluctance that they finally decided, because of lack of funds, resulting from the high price of ver frontage, to erect docks of mill or slow burning construction. The recrea-tion pier proposition opened the way for a return to the original plan. It was proposed by the city commissioners that if we would build a fireproof dock that would cost \$158,400 more than a dock of slow burning construction, we could have it at an expense to the dock commission of only \$75,000 and that the city commissioners would furnish the rest, providing they were permitted to construct a recreation pier on the top of the completed dock. We were thus offered a dock costing \$158,-400 more and worth \$158,400 more to the city, at an added cost to the dock commission of only \$75,000. This is the "waste of public funds" charged

Combination Means Saving.

The proposition appealed to both the city commissioners and the dock com-mission as a measure of economy on both sides, for by combining the two propositions we were getting the greatly desired fireproof dock and, in ad-dition, a recreation pler 100 feet wide and over 2 blocks in length along the river front at a very reasonable cost. This is not, as has been suggested. diverting lands taken for public dock use to inconsistent use of a public na-

There is no diversion. As a commisslon we are simply building the kind of dock the best interests of the public really require, such a dock as was recommended by the board of consulting engineers and we are to get it at a saving to the dock funds of nearly Five Hundred New Woodmen

Would Utilize Waste Space.

On the other hand the dity commis-sioners are getting a recreation pict for many thousands less than they could in any other way. They are simply using space, to the public advantage, that the dock commission has no use for, and using it in such a way as not wir- to interfere with the utility of the dock. Recreation piers of this kind are not

uncommon. They are in use in a numgreat cities and so far as we have knowledge they have proven uni-formly satisfactory. Such a pier would combine many of the uses of an auditorium-high above the streets, and the noise and smoke and confusion of which so much has been said.

In presenting their case representa-

tives of the East Side Business Men's club called attention to the fact that there was a space of nearly two miles square adjacent to the proposed pier that had no park facilities, that the pier offered the peculiar advantages of a wide river frontage, that it was in the very heart of things and was conveniently available to more people by many thousands than any other park location in the city

Not Personally Interested

It may not be amiss to say that the dock in preference to a loctaion north of the bridges where there was opportunity for slip and pler construction in the boundaries of the city corporation. The best available sites lie just received and will be allowed. Whidden & Lewis, architecture that the city boundaries. written is simply offered as an unso-licited brief on behalf of champions of the proposed pier whose claims have not been clearly or fairly stated in the various published criticisms. Those sustaining any official relations to the public cannot engage in public controversy, but a clear statement of facts is

If the dock commission has any real

DOWN TO A MINIMUM

and Incipient Blazes Numerous But Organization Wins.

The past month has seen the woods of The Journal.-David Harum has told of the state far drier than at any time us that a reasonable amount of fleas is good for a dog, because they keep him from broodin' over bein' a dog. To prevent broodin', a public official needs octhe season since then has been normal as regards fire danger.

Unite previous normal years, however, there has been no loss of green timtive of the official, and to kick is the ber and no fires have been allowed to we would gather in one car and sing sacred privilege of the citizen. A kick, burn unchecked. Although numerous Michigan songs and tell stories. At wardens and extinguished by them un-

In the few cases where fires have lic official and the yellow dog. They reached any size, they have been congenerally get what is coming to them. fined to slushings or old burns through the prompt action of wardens, Thorough cooperation between the state, federal and private forces has

> record of this season up to the present Prompt Action Saves Loss.

As an example of the promptness be wished, with which serious and menacing fires "At Detr are handled, and the dire results which might follow lack of such prompt action, the recent fire in Columbia county south of Marshland last week may be

The blaze started about noon, August 21, in an old burn. It escaped from burning being done by employes of the Columbia and Nehalem river railroad to clear its right of way. The road is building south from Wood's Landing to tap a large body of timber in the Ne-

halem country. Wardens in the employ of the Blodgett Company Limited, which owns the road, the Columbia County Fire Patrol association and the state, were on the ground to fight the fire within a few hours. The railroad company before night had 100 men putting a fire trail around the burned area, falling snags and taking other necessary steps.

Menacing Fire Controlled, Without losing any green timber, th fire was brought under control, but failure to act quickly and with good judgment would have resulted in a fire which would have been recorded among the most coxtly the state has ever had To the west of the point where the fire started, lies one of the mose valuable blocks of fir timber in Oregon Due south, over the ridge, lles the big Nebalem timber belt, one of the largest sections of untouched timber left in the United States. Both bodies are in he vicinity of the burn,

Six logging roads are tapping this Probably not less than 3000 nen are at work in the woods with a larger number in the Columbia basin as it was then and a southeast wind blowing, millions of dollars worth of property were menaced and thousands f men stood a chance of being thrown ut of employment.

While the case cited prevented greater possibilities of destruction than any other fire this season, numerous fires in different parts of the state have this year been handled with equal dispatch.

HEAD CONSUL BOAK TO ADDRESS BIG CLASS

to Be Installed Wednesday; Here a Week.

men of the World, who will be ushered into the mysteries of the order at the Council Crest skating rink tonight, Head Consul I. L. Boak of Denver, will deliver an address on the duties and Mr. Boak arprivileges of Woodcraft ived in Portland last night and is participating in this afternoon's Labor day celebration of the 12 local camps of the rder at the Crest

Mr. Boak will be in and around Portland all this week. As special guest, he will attend the reception and banquet of the uniformed drill teams of several local camps tomorrow night at the East Side Woodmen's hall and will visit the camp at Vancouver Wednesday. Multiomah Camp No. 77 will en-tertain him Friday night and he will leave Saturday or Sunday for western Washington and later will visit California camps.

grievance, however, it is against those it was filed for the present, who, entrusted with the duty of prewriter is not himself a park recreation paring the necessary provisions to con-pler enthusiast and that he has not been, tinue them in the public service, fell tinue them in the public service, fell and is not yet convinced that there was asleep at the switch, and started them an immediate urgency for an east side out anew without any authority to issue add for three years. Commissioner Hart of the bridges where there was asleep at the switch, and started them mitted. She has been receiving county add for three years. Commissioner Hart

not been at any time any question but what every dock facility that the funds at the disposal of the commission would provide, would be available months before any ocean vessel passed through the Panama canal, all suggestions of dilatory methods to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAS. B. MOORES.

MICHIGAN SOCIETY'S 'HOME GOING' FRAUGHT WITH GREAT PLEASURE

tained All Along Route of Travel; Detroit Welcomes.

"We did not need any fire during the trip," declared Mrs. Harriet Hendee, secretary of the Michigan Society of

home.
"We had the most delightful time I have experienced," she said. "With two special cars and 45 congenial people are to be considered. The investigawe enjoyed every minute. Each night burn unchecked. Although numerous blazes have occurred, these for the most part have been discovered by the entertained by the commercial clubs or other organizations with automobile

rides and other enjoyable features.
"At Salt Lake City a special service was held in the great tabernacle for us. Our cars were parked whenever we stopped and we lived in them until we reached Detroit, where the party discrepancies of importance are dis-broke up. At Detroit a great gathering of thousands was held in Belle Isle park at which people from all parts of Michigan, including Governor on so large a scale since the Malarkey Ferris, were present and the welcome bill, empowering the railroad commiswe received was as hearty as could sion to regulate rates of public service

"At Detroit the members of the party said goodbye and left for their old homes. Many are yet there and will come wandering back between now and thing used directly or indirectly in its public service departments. In addithe last of October." During the trip Mrs. Hendee

presented with a beautiful gold trav-eler's clock in a morocco case in ap-preciatiton of her services in behalf of Michigan residents of Oregon through the society.

A social meeting of the society will be held next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Manchester hall, 85½ Fifth street. Refreshments will be question of holding a picnic

'PERQUISITE" PUZZLES MANY CITY EMPLOYES

Opinion Differs as to Whether It Signifies "Vacation With Pay" or "Side Graft."

stares, corrugated foreheads and contracted eyebrows, which are marked, very marked, expressions, among sevthe city have been explained at last. 'i heir odd looks are mysteries no longer. mills, engaged in converting the logs in short, each and every one of them into lumber. With the country as dry has been stuck by the word "perquisite." This word appears in the historical record cards now being filled out by city employes. The cards will be used later in compiling the efficiency ratings, on which the new system of standardiz. ing salaries will be based.

Opinions came hor and heavy when the cards bearing the word were issued. Some insisted that "perquisite" meant "side graft"; others vociferously de-clared it meant keys, street car tickets, and others still were loud in the assercould mean nothing more nor less than the number of days allowed for vacation on pay. And

so the battle of opinions raged.

It was a question easily solved. Recourse to one of the New Modern English dictionaries would have done it.

In forces of 200 me with blank cartridges as in actual warfare.

Other events on the control of the con There, in big, black type, on page 614, basket picnic and dancing. Music will the word is defined, clearly and concise be furnished by the bands of the Third But apparently no one thought of Regiment and the Coast Artillery looking it up. Therefore, frowns and Corps. deep delving into the clogged channels

of memory in a vain effort to find the For their benefit and others to whom the word is a mystery, it might be well to say that "perquisite" means—
Well, the best way to find out is to

cates in The Journal today and present it at The Journal office with a cash bonus of 98 cents. This procures the book, a 1300 page volume, bound in limp leather-then look on page 614. Better hurry, too, because the dictionary offer closes in a few days.

News of County Board

lle company, Frederick H. Strong and Clara K. Strong, that part of the Thurman street branch of the St. Helens road be relocated has been referred to County Surveyor Holbrook by the county commissioners. A letter was received from the Pa-

cific Coast Casualty company, who furn-ished the \$136,000 bond for the Lewis A. Hicks company, contractors for the west wing of the court house, asking whether he work has been accepted yet or not.

Dr. E. P. Geary, county physician, sub mitted a request that the taxes on the A request for a Home telephone for

District Judge Dayton's court room was Whidden & Lewis, architects of the court house, filed a report containing

kept at the Multnomah farm, saying that a blind asylum would do him no good. He is receiving treatment and is improv-

ng somewhat.
The board allowed Operator H. W. Smith of the jail elevator \$2.50 for each Sunday and holiday on which he is on duty and raised the salary of Assistant Superintendent Edith Muhs of the hospital from \$85 to \$100 a month, beginning August 1.

The county surveyor was requested to set stakes for concrete walks at the Detention Home. Permission was given C. M. Richmond to lay a four inch water main along 800

feet of county road that he might supply Ardenwald with water. Samples of water from the Multnomah farm and of sediment which formed in the heating apparatus there were ordered submitted to county physician for

A letter received from Dr. James Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural college, suggesting that a start be made in securing poultry for the Multnomah farm was received and Superintendent Jackson was notified to cooperate with Professor Dryden of the college in se-

curing proper stock.

Permission was given School District No. 40 to drive a one inch pipe under the 16 foot hard surface of the Base Line road. The pipe will connect the Rus-selville school with the water system of the Morningside hospital.

RATES OF UTILITIES BISHOP COOKE MAKES ANNUAL ASSIGNMENTS COMPANIES WILL BE

OBJECT OF HEARING Announcement of Appointments Follows Close of German M. E. Meeting,

> With the German Methodist Episcopal the following appointments were announced by Bishop R. J. Cooke:

Tomorrow morning the State Rail-E. E. Hertzler, superintendent Pacific road Commission will meet in Portland at 10 o'clock to receive the report of district; E. J. Traglio, Bethany, Or. H. B. Mann, Butler and McMinnville Joseph Hepp, Clarke and Logan, Wash. Hanieson, Connell and Paradise, Wash.; A. F. Hilmer, Davenport, Wash.; Journal building form the feature of girl friend,

J. M. Herrimann, Edwall, Wash.; Hugo the Gaument Weekly at conference coming to a close last night member Salem quarterly conference.

STEEPLEJACK BOGART

Milwaukle and Oak Grove, Or.; J. A. Beck, Moscow, Ida.; G. E. Kienle, Newberg, Or.; A. F. Cramer, First church, Portland; F. A. Schumann, Rodney Avenue church, Portland; Rathdrum, ship at Baker, Or. to be supplied; P. J. Schnert, Ridge-Wash.; G. S. Roeder, Rocklyn, Wash.; J. C. Muller, Rosalia, Wash.; G. A. Then there is a capital picture show-Magg, Salem, Or.; H. G. Schmid, Seat-tle, Wash.; G. A. Wentsch, Spokane; A. G. Weigie, Tacoma; H. F. Lange, Walla Walla; George Hartung, conferences Walla; George Hartung, conference missionary, member Rodney Avenue professor of German, Wallace college,

Moving pictures of Steeplejack Bo-

L. Woehl, Metolius, Or.; F. H. Luecke, amusement park this week Ida., to be supplied; Richland, Wash., field, Wash.; Louis Galeser, Ritzville, Journal building and shows him mak-

IN MOVING PICTURES

The Weskly is unusally interesting from an Oregon standpoint, showing ship at Baker, Or. The picture of Bogart was taken by the camera man from the turret of The Then there is a capital picture ing the tower of The Journal with Bo-

jacent building. Applause greeted the performance at quarterly conference; Frederic Cramer, the Oaks, although Bogart's feat was only shown in film form,

Girl Falls Through Skylight.

Los Angeles, Sept. 1.—After falling four stories through a skylight Katherine Dale, 17, was rescued uninjured from the debris caused by her precipitate arrival in a hotel lobby. gart climbing the flag staff of The from a window while scuffling with a



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