

**LIGHTNER TO RESIGN IF WEIGHED IN BALANCE AND FOUND WANTING**

Commissioner Places Document in Hands of Committee of Taxpayers' League.

**HOLMAN TO DO LIKEWISE**

Leagues to Hold Public Hearings, Witnesses Under Oath, in Investigating Board's Acts, Condition.

County Commissioner W. L. Lightner addresses a letter to the special committee jointly representing the Taxpayers' and Nonpartisan leagues in an investigation of the county's purchase of bug juice. In the letter he outlines how he would like to have the investigation conducted—public hearings in a room large enough for an audience of 50, witnesses to testify under oath, those investigated to be given liberty of employing attorneys, complete reports of the committee to be published daily in two newspapers, and the investigation to include not only the bug juice purchases, but the official acts of Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the board, since he assumed office, June 3, 1913.

"In consideration of granting my resignation," reads the letter, "I herewith place in your hands my resignation as county commissioner of Multnomah county, and I authorize you to keep the same in your possession until all investigations of county affairs have been finished."

**Lightner Outlines Conditions.** Commissioner Lightner, in his letter, outlines the conditions under which the resignation might be filed with the board of county commissioners for acceptance. He asked that Commissioner Holman also place his resignation, under the same conditions, in the hands of the committee.

"I will be very glad to do so," was Commissioner Holman's brief comment. "Until a meeting of our committee has been called we will not be in position to comment on Commissioner Lightner's letter," said George C. Mason, manager of the Nonpartisan league and chairman of the special committee, of which the other members are Paul Stark Seeley and Charles D. Mahaffie. The communication reads as follows:

**Lightner's Letter.**—Portland, Or., July 20.—To Messrs. Mason, Mahaffie and Seeley, Gentlemen:—Through the public press, I have learned that you, as a joint committee from the committees of the Taxpayers' and Nonpartisan leagues of this city, will soon begin, at the request of Rufus Holman, chairman of the present board of county commissioners of Multnomah county, an investigation of the purchase of bug juice by the former county court and county commissioners, of which I was a member. The public press quotes Mr. Holman's letter to your respective leagues as saying: "From various information which I have gathered, I am satisfied in my own mind that there has been dishonesty practiced, or the grossest incompetency on the part of someone, yet I am unable to, alone and unaided, accomplish anything in the matter of investigating this subject, and I appeal to you as representing a body of long suffering taxpayers, to appoint a committee to demand a satisfactory explanation."

**Will Explain "Bug Juice."**—Now, I have no objection to explaining my connection with the purchase of bug juice for county use, or of explaining, under oath, any other official act of mine. In fact, it is a very great relief to me to feel that the public will now learn the truth about the bug juice purchase and other county

**BOYS OF FRAZIER DETENTION HOME LEAVE ON TEN DAYS' OUTING TRIP TO SEASIDE**



Youths marching to North Bank depot to take train for Seaside.

With blanket rolls across their shoulders, 15 boys from the Frazier Detention home swarmed aboard the Astoria train at 8:45 o'clock this morning for a 10 days' outing at Seaside. They were accompanied by Miriam Van

Waters, superintendent of the home, and H. M. Barr, principal of the Fernwood school, who conducts the summer school at the detention home, and will have the boys keep up some of their work while at the beach.

Dr. E. L. Woods of Vassar college went with the party as the guest of Miss Van Waters. Dr. Woods is a psychologist and is interested in the mental testing of school children. The boys range in age from 10 to 15

years. It is planned for them to take a hike from Seaside to Nehalem. They were given their outing through the kindness of the North Bank railroad officials, who arranged for their fare to and from Seaside.

transactions, for I mean to take this opportunity of presenting to your committee the true facts concerning the stories that have been given to the public press from time to time by Mr. Holman since he took office, wherein he sought to give the impression to the public through insinuations, innuendoes and generalities that dishonesty, graft, extravagance in county funds, and incompetency were rampant in county affairs, until he became a member through appointment by the legislature.

**Platform is Given.**—I am now ready to stand or fall on this platform, and so I respectfully submit the following request for your consideration, to-wit:

That, in addition to the investigation of the county matters you have decided to undertake, you also investigate the administration of county affairs since June 3, 1913, up to date, and that you also investigate the methods employed by Rufus Holman to have himself appointed a county commissioner. That all your investigations be open to the press and the public; that your meeting room be large enough to accommodate at least 50 people at one time; that all persons testifying be put under oath and in case any person should refuse to testify under oath that said fact be published in the public press and also the name of the person or persons so refusing; that a stenographer take down all testimony offered; that witnesses be subpoenaed and asked to testify, and in case anyone refuses to testify (unless sickness prevents) that said witness' name be published; that any of the parties concerned be permitted to employ an attorney to represent them at your investigations; and that the findings of the committee be published in full in at least two daily papers of this city. I sincerely believe that this request is reasonable, that it will result in ob-

lating the truth and that therefore you will grant it.

**Resignation Tentatively Tendered.**

In consideration of granting my request I herewith place in your hands my resignation as county commissioner of Multnomah county and I authorize you to keep the same in your possession until all investigations of county affairs have been finished. I further authorize you to file my said resignation with the board of county commissioners for acceptance if in the opinion of a majority of your committee it has been proven that any official act of mine can justly be construed to have been made with a view of making any profit for myself either directly or indirectly or that I ever received any money or present for an official act, or that any act of mine was made for the purpose of causing a loss to the county or that I ever failed to stand for the lowest bidder or that my vote on county matters was ever influenced except by merit or that I ever made a promise to anyone directly or indirectly whereby I was to receive political or any support in return for county patronage or that I ever attempted or did use my official position to divide county patronage, or attempt to secure directly or indirectly any business for myself or my associates, or that I ever used county funds in such a manner as to justify the suspicion that I was paying a political debt or that I ever entered into any combination with other county officials or other individuals to divide county patronage, or that I ever voted to create an unnecessary position for the benefit of a friend or otherwise to be paid for out of county funds.

I hereby call on Rufus Holman to also place his resignation in your hands under the conditions specified above. If he is as solicitous for the taxpayers as he claims to be and his record along the above lines is clear, he will not refuse. Respectfully, W. L. LIGHTNER, County Commissioner.

**And Seen Nothing Better.**

"Say, did you ever know a woman to buy what she wanted at the first store she came to?" "Yes. My wife frequently does—that is, she returns to it after she's been to all the other stores."

**PLANS BEING MADE FOR ENTERTAINMENT FOR BUYERS' WEEK**

Out of Town Guests to Be Given Reception at Commercial Club.

More detailed arrangements for the entertainment of the hundreds of out-of-town buyers who are expected to be in Portland during Buyers' Week, August 10 to 15, have been worked out by C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Jobbers' and Manufacturers of Portland, and the various committees in charge of the big event.

On Monday, August 10, the opening day, the visitors will be given a reception in the green room of the Commercial club at 8 p. m., followed by a buffet luncheon at 10 o'clock. Tuesday noon there will be a luncheon for visitors at one of the local manufacturing plants.

The whole week this year is to be a continual round of pleasure for the visitors if the Portland jobbers and manufacturers can make it so. Tuesday night the entertainment of visitors will take the form of a smoker and Dutch lunch in the club's main dining room. There will be vaudeville turns and stunts of various kinds. Wednesday noon the Ad club will be host to the visitors at its regular weekly luncheon.

Wednesday night the program calls for a business meeting of the Pacific Northwest Buyers' league, an organi-

zation to which all out-of-town merchants are eligible to membership. There will be talks by experts in various lines of business, music and refreshments.

For Thursday night a jollification at the Oaks has been arranged, at which the jobbers and manufacturers will be hosts. The same evening the furniture dealers and manufacturers will be the hosts of the visiting furniture dealers at a trade banquet.

**Visitors to Address Ad Club.**

At this luncheon one minute floods of oratory describing the advantages of various towns within Portland's trade territory will be heard. It is arranged to give 20 of the visitors one minute each for oratorical effort on their home towns. Prizes, the exact nature of which has not yet been determined, will be given; but they will be of a permanent character. As the luncheon lasts only an hour and a quarter, it has become necessary to limit the number of speakers.

Mr. Chapman is sending out notifications all over Portland's trade territory, and the first 20 who respond stating their intention to participate in the contest will be given places on the program.

**Responses Coming In.** Responses to the thousands of invitations sent out to merchants all over the northwest inviting their presence in Portland during Buyers' week, are beginning to pour into Mr. Chapman's office. Among those heard from so far are the following:

Smith & Fountaine, Jefferson, Or.; Joseph G. Fountaine, Thomas C. Reuben, Or.; Sterling Warehouse & Feed company, Lebanon, Or.; Thad Sterling, Falls City Lumber company, Salem, Or.; F. A. Vogelt;

**CITY IS PREPARING TO IMPROVE BROADWAY AT LARRABEE STREET**

Time Limit for Remonstrance Which Has Delayed Matter for Several Months Expired

The city is preparing to institute new proceedings for the improvement of Broadway from Larrabee to Wheeler street, but owing to the great amount of red tape necessary to start work it will be at least 30 days before the street can be touched.

Proceedings for the improvement of Broadway from Vancouver to Union avenue are now pending. Should the council prosecute both proceedings, Broadway will be paved from the Broadway bridge approach on the east

side to the hardsurface on Union avenue. Proceedings for the improvement of a portion of Broadway between Larrabee and Wheeler streets have been held up for a number of months owing to remonstrances made. The remonstrance time limit expired last Wednesday and now there is nothing in the way to prevent the city from pushing the proceedings through as rapidly as possible.

It was stated this morning that the department of public works intended to combine both proceedings for the improvement of Broadway and have them ready for the city council by next week. Even though the council does not hold up the proceedings it will take at least 30 days before work can be started owing to the charter provisions. With this 30 days' handicap it was said today that work could not be finished this year.

**No Escape.** From Sketch.

The Dentist's Daughter (anxious to explain the presence of a young man in the passage)—Oh, Ronald darling, here's father coming. Quick! You'll just have to say you've come for a tooth out.

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**\$1.50** Get a fresh, pretty, new Mid-Summer Hat for \$1.50—think of it! Over 250 that sold up to \$12.50. Most advance styles. Who will continue to wear their old Spring Hat, when they may purchase a new one for this ridiculously low price.

**To \$2.95 Black Bandeaux Hats 98c**  
—So much in vogue this season. Very simple to trim.

**\$3.98 Untrimmed Hat Shapes, Rummage Price 69c**  
—Hundreds of them piled out on tables for your choosing! Hemps, patent Milans and fancy braids—all colors. Hats that sold to \$3.98—now 69c.

**To \$32.50 Suits, Now \$10**  
—26 handsome Suits, wools and silks; good styles. Sold to \$32.50, Rummage Sale, \$10.

**28 Wool Suits, to \$24.75—\$7.50**  
**18 Fine Suits, to \$47.50—\$15.00**

**11 Linen Suits Sold Up to \$14.75**  
**2 Pongee Suits \$1.95**  
**8 White Serges \$1.95**

**2 Silk Suits..... Sold Up to \$19.50**  
**7 White Hairline... \$19.50**  
**10 White Serges.... \$3.95**  
**3 Linen Suits..... \$3.95**  
**11 Mixture Suits... \$3.95**  
**3 Checked Suits... \$3.95**

**To \$12.50 Coats Going at \$6.95**  
—8 black and white check Cape Coats—4 Belted Sport Coats—11 assorted Sport Coats. Sold to \$12.50—Rummage.....

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4 Pongee Coats  
4 Khaki Coats.. Sold to \$15.00  
14 Linen Coats.. Splendid for outing and auto-ing. **\$1.95**

**COATS—Lot 3**  
6 Silk Coats... Sold to \$22.50  
8 Balmacaans... **\$9.85**  
14 Mixtures... **\$9.85**  
6 Silk Capes...

**DRESSES—31 newest Summer Wash Dresses, printed crepes, long tunics. Sold at \$5.95. Rummage price.. \$3.95**

**\$7 Middie Dresses, \$1**  
14 Natural Linen and Chambray Middie Suits and Dresses, ages 13 and 15 only. Sold to \$7, at **\$1.00**

**34 Wool Dresses, all-wool serges, navy, black and colors. Sold to \$12.50, now \$4.35**

**22 Smart Separate Skirts, assorted fabrics, new models. Sold to \$12.95, for \$4.98**

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