

## PORTLAND OFFICERS HAVE TOO MANY TRAIN ROBBERS

Eugene, Dec. 22.—The sheriff's office, railroad detectives and police are confronted by a curious array of contradictions in the matter of the identification of the men who are alleged to be implicated in the robbery of the Portland-Chicago train on the O. R. & N. near this city last Tuesday night. Yesterday afternoon the engineer and fireman of the train positively identified Oscar Jones and Harry Benson as being two of the men who robbed the train. Last night William Burke, arrested as a suspect in the robbery of the train, confessed his part in the crime, implicating one Jack Hayes, an ex-convict of Folsom prison, Cal., who was arrested Sunday. He did not know of Hayes' arrest, and when the latter was shown where Burke could see him he positively identified one of his confederates in the train robbery. Burke also identified another man, for whom the police are searching, as being in the robbery. The sheriff's officers arrested Burke upon what appears to be positive evidence, but the police department, which arrested Jones and Benson, are emphatic that the sheriff has the wrong man, and that Benson and Johnson are two of the men who were arrested for holding up a saloon and were later released with the train robbery later. The O. R. & N. crew will reconcile their positive identi-

## DAYLIGHT BURGLARY IN POTTS APARTMENTS

Marauder Stole Five Valuable Rings Belonging to Miss Helen Potts

On last Saturday a burglar entered the living apartments of F. C. Potts and family on the second floor of the Potts block on Olive street, and stole five valuable gold rings belonging to Miss Helen Potts. The rings were all together and were missed that evening. S. B. Finnagan, who lives in the apartments adjoining, saw a man in the hallway Saturday and when asked who he wanted to see he replied that he was looking for a civil engineer. It is more than probable that this was the fellow who stole the rings. A partial description of the man has been given the police and they are now looking for him.

## MORE RAILS FOR ELECTRIC LINE HAVE ARRIVED

Small Shipment Received This Morning and Two Carloads Expected in few Days

A small shipment of steel rails for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company's Eugene-Springfield line arrived this morning and two carloads are expected to arrive in a day or so. Foreman Utterback, of the construction crew, says that as soon as the two car loads of rails arrive he will put on a force of men and finish laying the track from its present terminus at Judkins' Point to the river at Springfield, the grading and trestle work having been completed that far.

## SUSPECTED MAN MAKES CONFESSION

Portland, Or., Dec. 22.—Angered at his confederates because, as he de-

Five soft drink places in Roseburg were raided by the sheriff the other day and three of them were found to be obeying the law, the others showing evidences of violation.

Confession of Benson and Johnson with Burke's confession that he, with Hayes and another man, committed the robbery, is puzzling the officials.

The theory is advanced in some quarters that Hayes, Burke, Benson, Johnson and several other men are really members of the same gang.

## CORRUPT METHODS OF PITTSBURG CITY OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH GRAFT

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Following the sensational arrests here last night of seven councilmen and two bankers for alleged corruption in conducting municipal affairs, it is intimated there will be more startling developments either today or tomorrow. The arrests are the result of an investigation by the Voters' League, and according to the best information obtainable it is possible that the scandal at San Francisco will be insignificant compared to the alleged grafting here.

The following men are already accused: Councilmen Wm. Brand, John F. Klein, J. C. Wasson, T. L. Atkinson, Jacob Siffel, W. H. Melaney and Hugh Ferguson, former President W. W. Ramsey and former Cashier A. A. Vilsack, of the German National Bank. The information against them accuses conspiracy, corrupt solicitation and bribery. Bail for the accused aggregated \$178,000, which was furnished.

The seven councilmen, it is formally alleged, conspired with each other and with other persons unknown to secure the passage by bribery of the select and common councils of ordinances and resolutions designating the depositaries of the city, bridge ordinances, bond ordinances for freeing bridges between Pittsburg and Allegheny, an ordinance for additional filter beds for the new filtration plant, a street railroad ordinance and other municipal matters. All the councilmen are candidates for reelection.

A preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow. Rumors in circulation late this afternoon say that six men have left the city as the result of the disclosures in the municipal graft scandal.

## CITY'S TAX LEVY FOR 1909 FIXED AT TEN MILLS

Adjourned Meeting of Council Held Last Night—Rock Crusher Lease Void

At the adjourned meeting of the city council last night the tax levy for the year 1909 was fixed at 10 mills, segregated as follows: General fund, 3 mills; sewer fund, 2.2 mills; road and street fund, 2 mills; library fund, six-tenths of a mill; park fund, two-tenths of a mill.

The meeting was called to order by Councilman J. M. Williams, president of the council, in the absence of Mayor J. D. Mallock. After the ordinance fixing the tax levy had been passed, a petition for an arc light at the intersection of Willamette street and Hospital avenue was read and referred to the fire and water committee with power to act.

An ordinance to establish the curb line of Washington street north of the railroad at 17 feet from the center of the street was read and discussed. In the discussion the fact was brought out that at the railroad the street was the regulation width—56 feet—but at the north end it narrows down to 54 feet, the property owners having encroached upon the street in building their fences. The ordinance was laid over till the next meeting and referred to the city attorney, the city engineer and the street committee.

The matter of the recent injunction suit against the council and the water board was brought up and it was agreed that it should be taken up again and action taken at a meeting to be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The city engineer reported on several errors in the assessment for paving on West Eighth street and on Park street. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

A report from the city attorney was read in which it was stated that the lease recently made between the council committee and Sam Manerud, in which the latter is to have the use of some of the city's ground near the butte and the use of the engine and rock crusher to furnish rock for the streets, was null and void for the reason that there was no ordinance covering the matter. Councilman Moon, who is a member of the committee that made the lease, took occasion to criticize City Attorney Bean for not informing the committee of the fact at the time instead of waiting till now, alleging that it was the city attorney's desire at various times, this one included, to make a fool of the committee and the whole council at large. Mr. Bean replied that at the time the lease was made he did not know that an ordinance was required, but later, upon looking up the statutes discovered that it was necessary to make the contract by ordinance. After discussion a motion was carried to draw an ordinance ratifying the contract.

A petition of Geo. B. Dorris for a remittance of \$22.76 on his paving assessment was referred. He was assessed for an alley that had been dedicated to the city but had never been opened.

Attorney F. M. DeNette, in behalf of Geo. H. Smith, asked the council to enforce the payment of bill-posting license by others who posted bills than Mr. Smith, he alleging that he was the only one in the city who had ever paid the license. The matter was referred to the police committee.

Permission was granted Mrs. Lowell to repair the sidewalk at the corner of East Tenth and Oak streets, which is in the cement walk district, with the promise that she build a cement walk in the spring.

The city recorder was authorized to order a bale of hickory fire for the street sweeper, as the supply on hand is getting low.

## ASSAULTED AND ROBBED IN 'FRISCO

Chas. D. Jeffries Loses Money But Escapes Injury

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 22.—Assaulted and robbed of \$388 last night, Charles D. Jeffries, formerly manager of the Spokane Interstate Fair association, is able to walk around. He was struck with a sandbag, and though knocked down and unconscious for a time, he seems now unharmed.

## WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Dec. \$1.01 1/2; May, \$1.06 1/2; July, 98; Sept., 95.

Tacoma, Dec. 22.—Milling blue-stem, \$1.00; export blue-stem, 94; club, 90; red, 83.

## After Supper Sale

This Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock, we will hold another sale giving unusual bargains in Xmas Goods. All seasonable merchandise and suitable to present to your friends. Come between 7 and 9 o'clock.

Women's Long Kamonas Heavy fleeced Flanelette Kimonas—some satin faced; price ranges from \$1.25 to \$5.00. For two hours, prices from 63c to \$2.50.	Men's Bath Robes \$5.00 to \$8.00 Bath Robes, heavy weight, dark colors; for two hours, half price, \$2.50 to \$4	Men's Smoking Jackets Men's heavy House Coats or Smoking Jackets; plain colors; regular prices \$4.00 to \$8.00; for two hours half price, \$2 to \$4.
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### POULTRY FAIR OPEN IN EARNEST THIS MORNING

Over Three Hundred Fowls on Exhibition—Judge Collins Begins His Work

The big exhibition of poultry being conducted in the new Cherry block at Sixth and Willamette streets opened in earnest this morning and the work of examining the fowls for awards was begun by H. H. Collins, of Tacoma, who was selected as judge.

All day long the big room has been thronged with poultry fanciers and others who are always interested in poultry. The officers of the association have been on the jump all day long assisting the judge and attending to other duties incident to an exhibition of this kind. They were not too busy, however, to extend every courtesy to The Guard reporter when he visited the show this forenoon. There are 129 coops, containing in all 325 fowls, on exhibition. There are the mammoth bronze turkeys down to the little bantam hens and homer pigeons, and every one of them is a "live one", too—making plenty of noise.

H. H. Collins, the judge, expressed himself to the reporter that he has seldom seen such a splendid exhibition. He complimented the poultry raisers of the country upon the fine lot of chickens they are now raising and predicted that this section of the valley would soon be foremost in the poultry-raising industry.

The show lasts till Thursday night and will be open each evening. The admission price is very small and everyone who has the time should take advantage of the occasion to see the splendid display. The association declares a large attendance so they may come out even. Often these shows are a financial failure.



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