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OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
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Geo. P. Frank
MAYOR.

Portland, May 4th 1897

W. M. Luke Esq., City Atty

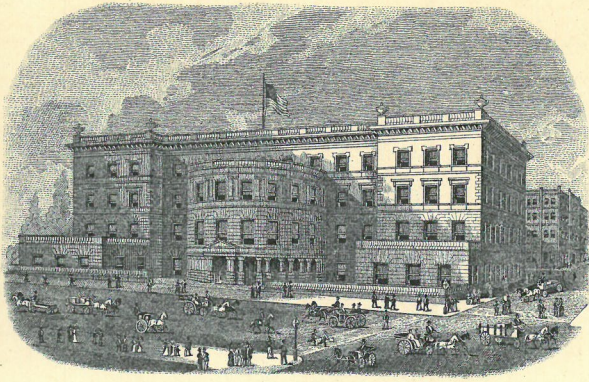
Portland Ore

Dear Sir;

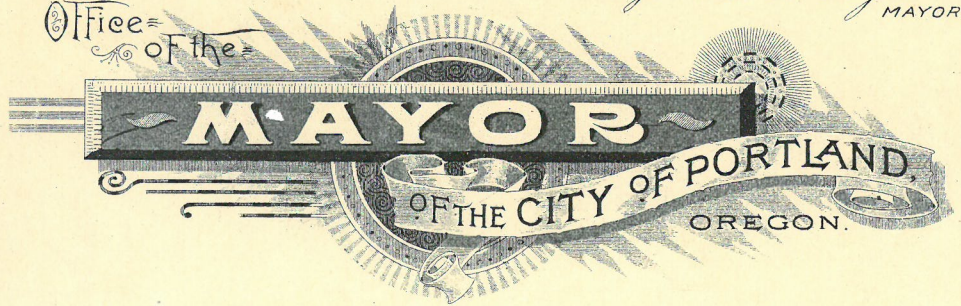
The City Council has passed an ordinance for the repair of front street and taken the necessary steps for such repair under Sec 124 & 125 of the City Charter & the repair is in front of 13 blocks and the cost aggregates the sum of \$10065 & It occurs to me that this is a very large sum for repairs of a Belgian block street and that perhaps too much work and improvement has been required, in which case the property owners might evade payment, through the Court & I respectfully ask your opinion as to the safety of doing so expensive work under that section of the Charter &

Very respectfully

Sylvester Pennington
Mayor



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Sylvester Pennoyer!
MAYOR.

Portland, September 25 1897

W M Lake Esq, City Atty,

Portland, Ore

Dear Sir

I wish to ask you the following question:

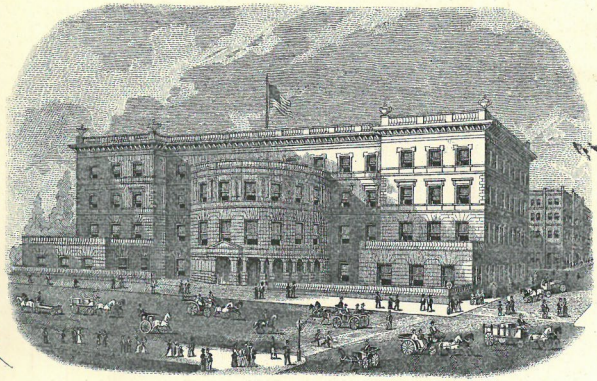
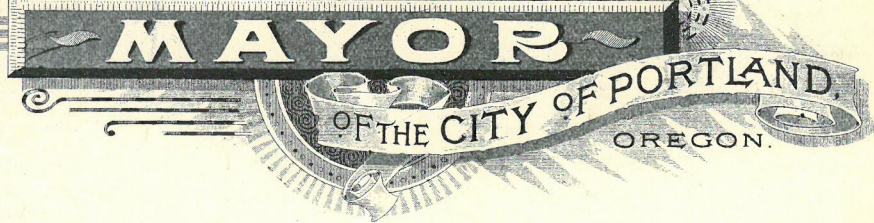
- 1st Had the City Council authority under the Charter to create the office of Police Inspector and will I be authorized in signing warrants in payment of his services &
 - 2^d Will I be authorized in signing warrants for the payment of salaries for street sprinkling before the ordinance went into effect which provided for it &
- If the Council has authority to create the office of Police Inspector, and to incur indebtedness without warrant of ordinance, then I shall feel compelled to sign the warrants above specified, otherwise not &

Very respectfully

Sylvester Pennoyer
Mayor

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Portland, October 13th 1897

W H Lake Esq, City Atty

Portland Or

Dear Sir & The Chief of Police of the City of Portland is required by Charter to collect all delinquent taxes and assessments when required by warrant & the Chief of Police and his surties shall be responsible to the City or any person aggrieved the same as sheriffs and their surties are now and before entering upon the duties of his office he shall file a bond in such sum as the Council may fix by ordinance & & & take an oath that he will faithfully perform the duties of Chief of Police and tax collector & these duties are imposed upon him by Charter and he is ^{and his boardmen} ~~is~~ responsible for their faithful performance &

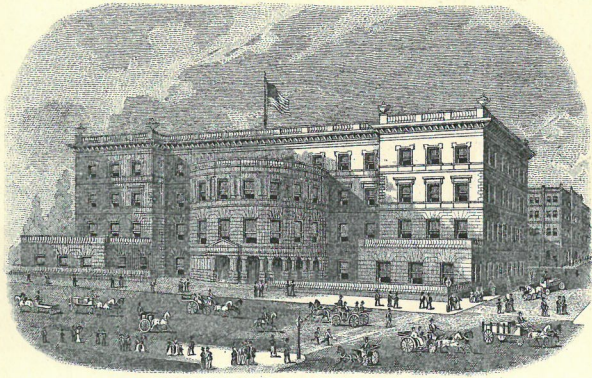
Now the questions I wish to ask you are as follows:

1st Can he be interfered with in the performance of these duties imposed by Charter by any other party whatever?

2^d The Common Council has authority to authorize the Auditor to issue warrants to the Chief of Police but ^{has it any} ~~it has no authority~~ to interfere with the Chief of Police in the discharge of his duties in tax collection as presented by Charter, say detailing when he shall advertise his sales for delinquent assessments, and if it has will you please cite me to the section of the Charter conferring it &

Very respectfully
Sylvester Pennoyer
Mayor

MS & you and not answer these questions, unless you can cite the section asked for in the second question & S P



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Sylvester Pennoyer
MAYOR.

Portland, October 29th 1897

W M Luke Esq, City Atty

Portland Ore

Dear Sir;

I understand that there are several assessments for street improvements due from the City & Suburban Street Railway Co, and that it has and still does refuse to pay & I request you therefore to proceed at once to sue said company for the amount of said assessments due, and prosecute the suit until judgment is obtained and the company is compelled to pay what it owes to pay in its franchise.

Very respectfully

Sylvester Pennoyer
Mayor

P.S. & Would it not also be advisable to commence suit at once in order to compel Multnomah County to operate the street car &

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1500 Penney, S.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND

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