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PECKHAM SCORED CROKER.

Meeting of the City Vigilance League in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The City Vigilance League held a mass meeting in the interests of a better city government tonight in the Metropolitan Temple. Dr. Parkhurst is the honorary president of the league. The meeting was the beginning of a series for the same purpose to be held in various churches, synagogues, schools, society rooms, etc. The idea is to arouse the religious population for the next Mayoralty campaign. Wheeler H. Peckham, who was the principal speaker of the evening, said in part:

"What has happened in this city to make men think? We have a great city. Through it runs the proud Fifth avenue, lined on either side with palaces and splendor. From that point one will stretch out one's hand on either side and it will rest upon the most degrading human misery. This is due to a great extent to bad city government for years past.

"Just think of it! At the head of the party and at present having the city's destiny in his hands, is a man who never did anything to bring public notice to himself but get tried once for murder. Croker defies us to show that he ever made a dishonest dollar. I say that if a lawyer of average ability could put Croker under cross-examination he would be afraid to answer. I want Croker to show when he ever made an honest dollar."

Mr. Peckham said there were many of the wealthiest and strongest men marching columns strong to pay tribute to those in power, either to get possession of things to which they have no right, or else to escape blackmail from underlings. He said it was an easy matter for great corporate interests to pay large sums to the "boss" in order to get permission to extort far larger sums from the public. He said relief never need be expected as long as the corporations are allowed to carry on their business as they please.

Will Accept Canal Amendments.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The Washington correspondent of the Daily Mail says he understands it is practically certain that Great Britain will accept the amendments of the United States Senate to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

WAS HE CROWE?

Suspect Who Sailed on the Michigan May Have Been the Kidnaper.

BOSTON, Jan. 21.—When the steamer Michigan, which arrived today from Liverpool, last sailed from this port, December 22, she carried a suspicious-acting stranger, who, although well-dressed, shipped at the last moment as a cattle-tender. He gave the name of Robert Lambert. The police were notified that a man who looked like Pat Crowe, of Omaha, was on the steamer, but too late to intercept him. A cablegram was sent to Liverpool, and after the Michigan reached that port word came back that the officers had found no one who would answer Crowe's description. The officers and crew of the steamer today were shown Crowe's photograph, and many of them are certain that the man Lambert was Crowe. The bunkmate of Lambert is certain that the latter and Crowe are identical. Lambert acted queerly towards the end of the trip, giving away the good clothes he wore on coming aboard. He told the dock officer at Liverpool that he wished to get ashore quickly as he was afraid friends would see him. He seemed to have plenty of money, and in conversation told much about the West in a personal way.

Jamaica Storm Swept.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 21.—Terrible weather has prevailed on the north side of the island. Since Friday night a violent norther has been causing the destruction of banana plantations on every side. In some parishes hundreds of acres of fruit have been ruined. The course of Bluff Bay has been diverted and the swollen stream is now threatening to wreck a large thriving fruit district. The seas are running very high and have demolished the wharves. There have been many casualties among the small craft of the United Fruit Company and other American fruit interests are suffering severely. The wind is moving to the northeast of the island with increased energy, carrying destruction in its path.

Warren Leland, Jr.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Warren Leland, Jr., died today at the Hotel Cremoble, of which he was the proprietor, of Bright's disease.

QUEEN IS ALIVE

No Great Change in Victoria's Condition.

AGAIN CONSCIOUS

Slight Improvement Maintained During the Day.

MAY LIVE UNTIL THURSDAY

The Prince of Wales and Emperor William Are at Osborne House—A Train Is in Readiness in London to Convey the Ministers.

LONDON, Jan. 22, 8:35 A. M.—An official bulletin issued at Osborne House at 8 o'clock, says:

"The Queen this morning showed signs of diminishing strength, and Her Majesty's condition again assumes a more serious aspect.

REED,
"POWELL,
"BARLOW."

COWES, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22, 12:20 A. M.—The following is the full text of the midnight bulletin posted at Osborne House:

"There is no material change in the Queen's condition. The slight improvement of the morning has been maintained throughout the day. Food has been taken fairly well, and some tranquil sleep secured.

JAMES REID,
"R. DOUGLAS POWELL,
"THOMAS BARLOW."

5 A. M.—Up to this hour no further bulletin has been issued. The correspondent of the Associated Press here is informed that the Queen's condition has undergone no change. The Queen is expected to live until Thursday morning unless unexpected complications occur.

LONDON, Jan. 22, 8:30 A. M. — The Cowes correspondent of the Daily Express learns unofficially that the Queen has taken nourishment freely since midnight.

THE QUEEN'S RALLY.

Physicians Surprised by Her Regaining Consciousness.

COWES, Jan. 22, 1 A. M.—Another day in the Victorian era, now so rapidly drawing to a close, passed without any great change in the condition of Queen Victoria. The slight improvement so frequently mentioned merely indicated a postponement of the inevitable. The end will be only a matter of days or only hours, but the members of the royal family who are now dragging out a weary visit at Osborne House know that the death of Her Majesty is merely a question of a short time.

The most noticeable feature of yesterday was the satisfactory portion the Queen spent in consciousness, which she regained early in the afternoon and still retained at 10 P. M. At that hour she had not seen Emperor William, local rumors to the contrary notwithstanding. The royalty at Osborne thus had a chance to recuperate from the terrible ordeal undergone during the early hours of Monday. The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that the members of the royal family were called to a room adjoining the Queen's bed-chamber no less than four times in all, and were kept in momentary expectation of being summoned to witness the end up to 5:30. Her Majesty's physicians then had only a vestige of hope that they would be able to keep the Queen's feeble life in existence until the Prince of Wales arrived.

To secure this result they resorted to the frequent use of brandy and champagne. These stimulants, used to an extent which only the greatest emergency justified, worked their process and when the Prince of Wales and Emperor William entered the castle grounds at 11:30 A. M., they found the Queen a trifle better than they had expected. The desperate remedies employed Monday morning to enable Her Majesty to live until her eldest son's arrival will not be used again to the same extent, for the doctors are fearful that the remedy might be almost worse than the disease. They trust to prolong her life by a moderate application of stimulants combined with as much nourishment as can be assimilated. Such expedients as were employed Sunday evening and Monday morning are not considered justifiable.

The Queen's rally astonished no one more than her physicians, and when, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, they heard her ask for chicken broth, their amazement almost equalled their delight. Privately, however, they built no false hopes upon these fading signs of what has been one of the strongest constitutions with which a woman was ever endowed. Despite the favorable afternoon, the doctors dreaded greatly the period between 6 o'clock and midnight. When that was passed they seemed hopeful of Her Majesty living at least through another day, though their memory of the previous night's relapse kept their anxiety at high tension.

The news of the death, when it occurs, is likely to be publicly announced in London before it is announced here, as, according to present arrangements, the first telegram is to be sent to the Lord Mayor of London.

There is an enormous telegraphic staff in Cowes, and additional facilities were installed yesterday at Osborne.

Already the villagers are bewailing the fate that is likely to befall Cowes, for it is known that the Prince of Wales will probably never make Osborne House a place of residence.

There is an entire absence of local excitement. The town has settled down in patience and sadness to await the inevitable. Never has Emperor William arrived at any place in England with so little eclat. No salutes were fired; no cheers were given. The men of the guard ship Australia silently manned her sides. The crowd was equally undemonstrative, the people contenting themselves with baring their heads. It was a greeting given to the grandson of a dying woman, more than to the ruler of a great ally.

After lunch at the castle, the Prince of Wales, Emperor William and the Duke of Connaught strolled around the grounds and visited the Sailors' Home. The Bishop of Winchester, who has been at Osborne since Saturday, visited the rector of Whippingham. Meanwhile, most of the ladies at Osborne House snatched a few hours' sleep. Then a dull evening dragged into night and the uneasy sleepers around whose royal home the wind howled pitilessly got what rest they could at intervals, while the whole world was keeping company with them.

TRAIN IN READINESS.

Cabinet Will Be Taken to Osborne on a Moment's Notice.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—3 A. M.—A special train is held in readiness to convey the members of the Cabinet to Osborne at a moment's notice. Thus far it has not been required. Up to 3 A. M. no further bulletins had been received in London since the one issued at midnight.

Emperor William is spending the night at Osborne, where the accommodations are so severely taxed that the Battenberg children slept Monday night at Lord Gort's residence. East Cowes Castle and the royal yachts at Cowes are being fitted up for the accommodation of visitors.

The Queen's illness was so sudden, and, in the first onset, was expected to be so brief, that no arrangements were made for the posting or circulation of bulletins. An agitation is on foot to have them posted immediately in all postoffices throughout the United Kingdom. At present the provinces have no means of knowing anything except from the newspapers, and the result is that all kinds of baseless rumors are circulated. For instance, at Chelmsford County Court yesterday a report was received that the Queen was dead, and the Judge, in tears and with great emotion, referred to the sorrowful tidings, which later on he was able to deny.

ARRIVAL OF EMPEROR WILLIAM.

No Demonstration When He Disembarked at Cowes.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Jan. 21.—The Queen's slight rally of this morning was followed by a gradual sinking. Shortly before this announcement was made Emperor William of Germany, the Prince of Wales and their party drove to Osborne House. A good-sized crowd met them as they disembarked at Cowes. Naturally there was no cheering, but the men present took off their hats and the German Emperor cordially and frequently responded by bowing. They drove to Osborne House in open carriages. The Prince of Wales appeared to be half dazed and the Duke of York's eyes were red, while the Duchess of Connaught did not cease crying. There was intense relief at Osborne House upon the arrival of the imperial and royal party, for several times during the course of the morning it was feared that the Queen would not live to hear of the Prince of Wales' return.

Battle-ship Contracts Awarded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The Navy Department has built from the specifications for the new battle-ships items aggregating in value about $80,000. It also has considerably reduced the fund reserved for superintendence, inspection and coppering. Therefore today Secretary Long was able to offer to the lowest bidders, the Newport News and Bath corporations, the sum of $5,500,000 for the construction of one sheathed battle-ship. Judge Payson, representing the two companies, has accepted the offer, and nothing more is to be done but prepare and sign the contract.

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Congress.

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The Senate confirmed the nomination of James S. Harlan to be Attorney-General of Porto Rico. Page 3.

Foreign.

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The Venezuela Government is trying to blackmail the asphalt company. Page 3.

Domestic.

Mrs. Nation wrecked two more saloons in Wichita. Page 5.

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Northwest Legislatures.

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Speaker Reeder, of the Oregon Legislature, has announced his committees. Page 4.

A new pure-food law is now being considered by the Oregon Legislature. Page 4.

A measure is before the Washington Legislature providing for the purchase of the Thurston County Courthouse for a state capitol. Page 5.

A bill is being considered by the Washington Senate providing that banks be made depositories of public funds by competitive contract. Page 5.

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The Republicans of Oregon Legislature held conference Monday and issued a call for a caucus Wednesday. Page 1.

A bill is before the Washington Legislature for abolishment of fish-traps. Page 5.

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Secretary of State Dunbar, of Oregon, has submitted his biennial report. Page 5.

A strip of Benton County, Oregon, may be annexed to Linn. Page 4.

A new county, named Clearwater, will probably be created by this session of the Idaho Legislature. Page 4.

The severest storm on record is reported from Alaska. Page 5.

A fire at Walla Walla Monday destroyed $25,000 worth of property. Page 5.

The Governor of Idaho has recommended a memorial to Congress asking for popular election of Senators. Page 10.

Portland and Vicinity.

Great water-power plant to be built near the Sandy. Page 1.

School meeting votes 4.5 mill tax. Page 8.

Free kindergartens receive $5000 from the school fund. Page 8.

East Side "S. S. S." now hazing boys. Page 10.

Mass meeting called by Law and Order League for next Sunday. Page 12.

39 IN CONFERENCE

An Enthusiastic Gathering of Corbett Forces.

WILL TAKE VOTE WEDNESDAY

Meeting Was of Utmost Cordiality and Caused Much Elation—Pitiful Weakness of McBride—His Minions Dismayed.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—Thirty-nine Republican members of the Legislature attended the Republican Senatorial caucus tonight. This includes Representative Barrett, who was sick in bed, but who wrote a letter asking to be counted as present. There were, therefore, seven more members needed to make a binding caucus.

Inasmuch as under the call it had been conditioned that there should be 46 present, a majority of the entire Legislature, no vote was taken and no effort was made to pledge the conference to any line of action, except that it was decided unanimously to renew the effort to persuade the minority to join with the majority in naming a candidate for United States Senator. To that end an address was issued to the minority and an invitation extended to them to assemble with the majority next Wednesday night. Following is the address in full:

Salem, Or., Jan. 21, 1901.—To Senators and Representatives: We, the majority of Republican members of the Oregon State Legislature, 21st regular biennial session, beg most respectfully to represent that we have assembled in caucus for the purpose of naming a candidate for United States Senator. We had invited to join with us all our Republican colleagues, to the end that a choice for Senator might be made who would embody in himself the will of the united and harmonious, but a minority has, for reasons that do not seem to us warranted or adequate, seen fit to remain away from our conference. A caucus such as it has been and is our wish and endeavor to hold, is the proper and customary agency for settlement of all family matters in the Republican party, and has received everywhere and at all times in Republican history the approval and practical indorsement of all our great leaders. It is a useful and honorable medium for promoting harmony, uniting factional interests and stimulating an active, healthy and effective party spirit.

But above all consideration for the success of the Republican party we place the welfare and continued progress of our great state and of the Nation at large. We deem it most important that in the present National emergencies we contribute another Republican United States Senator, supporting Republican policies and a Republican Administration, to a Republican Congress at Washington. It is still more important that we conclude at the earliest possible moment and in the speediest possible manner the contest for the Senatorship, in order that we may give our undivided attention to the imperative legislative needs of our state. We owe it to ourselves and to our constituents to devote ourselves earnestly and unremittingly to the public service. Many things should be done by this Legislature. Many things must be done, if the manifold interests of the people are to be subserved. We do not desire to enumerate in detail the duties of the Legislature, if it is to make a record for good work well done. They are apparent to you, to us, and to the whole public.

The Legislature is Republican by a large majority; therefore, its record must be written by the Republican majority, and upon the Republican party reposes the responsibility for duty done or duty neglected. Several distinguished Republicans are seeking nomination and election as United States Senator. All are gentlemen of personal worth, high character, influence and position. The choice of any of them would be in the fullest degree creditable to the party and satisfactory to the public. We declare that it will give us pleasure to support for election any one of them whenever it shall be determined that he is the candidate of the party, expressing its will through a majority of its members in the Legislature. Therefore, in spirit of amity and good will, and in all good faith, we, the majority, invite you, the minority, to unite with us in reaching a decision as to the Senatorship for the whole party, and for the party's good, for the people whom we represent and for the public good. We declare that we are now ready to settle the contest for the Senatorship and get it out of the way of our pressing legislative duties. We call upon you as Republicans to acquit yourselves of any purpose to create a Senatorial deadlock and legislative hold-up, and we think that the proper way and the only way you can evade accountability to your constituents for harmful and demoralizing obstruction and for certain defeat of useful legislation is by joining with us in naming a candidate for United States Senator.

Address Adopted Unanimously.

The address was adopted unanimously by a standing vote of the following 38 who were present:

Senators—Adams, Cameron, Daly, Howe, Johnson, Josephi, Mulkey, Proebstel, Smith of Yamhill, Steiner.

Representatives—Black, Briggs, Butt, Carter, Emmett, Geer, Hahn Harris, Hartman, Hawkins, Hemenway, Hume, Keene, Kirk, Samson, Mattoon, McCraken, McQueen, Miller, Pearce, Poorman, Roberts, Stewart, Story, Thompson of Multnomah, Thomson of Umatilla, Vincent and Speaker Reeder.

Representative Barrett will, of course, subscribe to the address. The caucus was held in room 5, in the basement of the Capitol building.

Senator Howe of Yamhill was chairman, and Representative Pearce of Marion secretary.

Remarks were made by various members, the general expression being that it was important to make every effort to induce the Republican minority to come in. The address was then prepared and discussed and its conciliatory spirit and strong and candid presentation of the purposes that animate the majority seemed to express the opinions of every one present. When the address was adopted, there was some discussion of the best means to convey its text to the absent members. It was decided to send it by letter to each one.

The conference was remarkable for its real enthusiasm and cordiality. The Corbett men were doubtless in the majority, but the several Hermann men and one or two supposed McBride supporters who were present were just as anxious as the others for a full expression on the Senatorial question from the whole Republican membership.

McBride Forces Dismayed.

The conference was in session about an hour and a half. Meanwhile the corridors at the capitol were crowded by groups of interested and excited outsiders, who nervously discussed the probable action of the meeting. Several of the McBride push hung around the caucus-room door and checked up the members as they went in. The McBride people had been declaring all day that there would be no more than 31 or 32 present, and they were much dismayed when they learned the actual number. They had made herculean ef-

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THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY.

NAME.	Born.	Died.	Married.	Date.
The Queen	1819	....	Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (died December 14, 1861)	1840
*Victoria Adelaide, Princess Royal	1840	....	Crown Prince of Prussia (succ. as German Emperor, March, 1888. Died June, 1888)	1858
Frederick William (succ. as German Emperor, June, 1888) Issue, 6 sons, 1 daughter.)	1859	....	Princess Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein	1881
Charlotte. (Issue, 1 daughter)	1860	....	Prince of Saxe-Meiningen	1878
Henry. (Issue 3 sons)	1862	....	Princess Irene of Hesse	1888
Sigismund	1864	1866		
Victoria	1866	....	Prince Adolphus of Schaumburg-Lippe	1890
Waldemar	1868	1879		
Sophia Dorothea. (Issue 2 sons, 1 daughter)	1870	....	Duke of Sparta, son of King of the Greeks	1889
Margaret. (Issue 3 sons)	1872	....	Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse	1893
*Albert Edward, Prince of Wales	1841	....	Princess Alexandra of Denmark	1863
Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence	1864	1892		
George Frederick, Duke of York. (Issue 3 sons, 1 daughter)	1865	....	Princess Victoria Mary of Teck	1893
Louise Victoria. (Issue 2 daughters	1867	....	Duke of Fife	1889
Victoria Alexandra	1868	....		
Maude Charlotte	1869	....	Prince Charles of Denmark	1896
Alexander	1871	1871		
*Alice Maud Mary, Grand Duchess of Hesse	1843	1878	Louis IV., Grand Duke of Hesse died 1892)	1862
Victoria Alberta. (Issue, 2 sons, 2 daughters)	1863	....	Prince Louis of Battenberg	1884
Elizabeth	1864	....	Grand Duke Sergius of Russia	1884
Irene Marie. (Issue 3 sons)	1866	....	Prince Henry of Prussia	1888
Ernest Louis, Grand Duke of Hesse	1868	....	Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha	1894
Frederick William	1870	1873		
Victoria Alice. (Issue, 3 daughters)	1872	....	Emperor Nicholas II of Russia	1894
Mary Victoria	1874	1878		
*Alfred, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Duke of Edinburgh	1844	1900	Grand Duchess Marie, daughter of Alexander II, Emperor of Russia	1874
Alfred Alexander	1874	1899		
Marie Alexandra Victoria. (Issue, 1 sch, 2 daughters)	1875	....	Ferdinand, Crown Prince of Roumania	1893
Victoria Melita. (Issue, 1 daughter)	1876	....	Ernest Louis, Grand Duke of Hesse	1894
Alexandra Louise	1878	....	Hereditary Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenberg	1896
Beatrice	1884	....		
*Helena, Princess Christian	1846	....	Prince Frederick Christian of Schleswig-Holstein	1866
Christian Victor	1867	1900		
Albert John	1869	....		
Victoria Louise	1870	....		
Louise Augusta	1872	....	Prince Aribert of Anhalt-Dessau	1891
Harold	1876	1876		
*Louise, Duchess of Argyll	1848	....	Marquis of Lorne	1871
*Arthur, Duke of Connaught	1850	....	Princess Louise of Prussia	1879
Margaret	1882	....		
Arthur Patrick	1883	....		
Victoria Patricia	1886	....		
*Leopold, Duke of Albany	1853	1884	Princess Helena of Waldeck-Pyrmont	1882
Alice Mary	1883	....		
Leopold, second Duke of Albany, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (posthumous	1884	..		
*Beatrice Mary Victoria Feodore	1857	..	Prince Henry of Battenberg. (Died 1896)	1885
Albert Alexander	1886	....		
Victoria Eugenie Julia Ena	1887	....		
Leopold Arthur Louis	1889	....		
Maurice Victor Donald	1891	....		
The Queens cousins—				
Duke of Cumberland. (Issue 6 children	1845	....	Princess Thyra of Denmark	1878
George, Duke of Cambridge	1819	....	Morganatic marriage	....
Augusta, Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. (Son and grandchildren.)	1822	....	Frederick, Duke of Mecklenburg	1843
Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck. 1 daughter, 3 sons	1833	1897	Francis, Duke of Teck	1866

*Queen's children. The Queen has had 83 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, of whom 71 are living and 12 are dead. Princess May (Mary) was betrothed to the Duke of Clarence and after his death married his brother, the Duke of York.

GREAT POWER PLANT

City & Suburban Building Near the Sandy.

TO HAVE 25,000 HORSEPOWER

Work of Acquiring Lands and Waterways Has Been Going on for Two Years—Personnel of the Enterprise.

Portland is going to have another great electric power plant. It will be built near the Sandy River, at the confluence of the two forks of Gordon Creek, and will have about 25,000 horsepower. Back of this enterprise are Hon. H. W. Corbett and associates in the City & Suburban Railway Company. This fact came to light yesterday. Acquisition of land, control of the mountain streams, surveying for dams, and measurements of water in the creeks have been in progress for at least two years, but every movement has been under cover, and no one employed in the various departments of the preliminary work seem to have known until very recently whose undertaking it is. The last pay checks have revealed this information, and the personnel of the enterprise is given by The Oregonian's Gresham correspondent:

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 21.—Some new developments have been made concerning the great enterprise now under way beyond the Sandy which go to show that it will be an electric power plant when completed and that the work is being done by the City & Suburban Railway Company of Portland. A piece of land containing 160 acres has been bought from James Deavers at the confluence of the Big and Little Gordon Creeks, which is about four miles above the mouth of the Big Gordon, where it empties into the Sandy River. The surveying and road working crews are still busy opening a road from Hurlburt's to the junction of the two creeks, the intention being to build a dam by which the two Gordons will be diverted into Trout Creek, upon which will be built a mammoth power-house. The site of the dam will be upon the mountain, which is about 900 feet above the sea level. One of the surveyors has stated that the measurements of the three streams when combined will develop 25,000 horsepower. Heretofore the men employed have been paid off in cash each month, but their last payments were made by check, signed by C. F. Swigart, of the City & Suburban, and there is not so much secrecy about the work as formerly. The impression is gaining ground that the company will soon have ample power for many more miles of road and that the eastern section will be connected by an electric road with the metropolis. It is asserted also that the company will be in a position to make a bid for the lighting of Portland, as well as being able to furnish power and light for other places between here and there.

Corbett vs. Morey.

"Set that new power company down as a continuation of the fight between Henry W. Corbett and P. F. Morey," said a well-known business man who is not unknown in politics also, "and it will be a fight to the knife, and the knife to the hilt. Corbett is Morey's antagonist. His first open attack was two years ago, when the charter was amended so as to give the Water Committee the power to light the city. When the committee wavered in the matter of building electric light works, Corbett said he would build them himself and light the city for about half the sum paid annually to the Portland General Electric Company. With this plant on the Sandy he will be in a position to furnish light for Portland and to sell power in opposition to Morey's company.

"But there is room for both companies. The Portland General has an active market for about all the power it can generate at Oregon City, and within five years there will be a market for all that this new company can make. Besides, the City & Suburban will need a lot of power itself, and it is cheaper to use water than steam for driving dynamos. Still, there is bound to be a lively opposition."

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK.

Queen Victoria's Eldest Daughter Is Worse.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—The Nord Deutsche Allegemeine Zeitung makes the following announcement:

"Dowager Empress Frederick, because seriously ill, is, to her very great sorrow, prevented from going to Osborne to meet her exalted mother. The effect of the sad news regarding Queen Victoria upon her eldest daughter has been very unfavorable. Empress Augusta Victoria, upon learning this, had intended to go to Cronberg in order to inquire personally as to the condition of the Kaiser's mother, but later news from Cronberg was somewhat reassuring, and for the moment she gave up the idea of the trip. However, Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, Prince and Princess Frederick Charles and the hereditary Princes of Saxe-Meiningen, who arrived at Cronberg yesterday, will remain with Empress Frederick for a time."

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The following statement as to the condition of Dowager Empress Frederick appears in the Daily Chronicle:

"It is with sincere regret that we announce that the Empress Frederick's condition has become materially worse. There has been a serious development of the disease from which she is suffering, and her physical pain is intense. All idea of any journey in pursuit of health has been definitely abandoned, and it is in the highest degree improbable that she will ever leave Cronberg."

This is somewhat at variance with reports from Berlin to the other morning papers, which report that the condition of the Empress Dowager is a trifle more favorable, but, as the Associated Press has already announced, the news that Queen Victoria is dying has a very serious effect upon her oldest daughter. The Dowager Empress was very anxious to go to Osborne, and did not abandon the hope of going until it was represented to her that it would be utterly impossible for her to undertake the journey.

Not on Unlucky Friday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The battleship Wisconsin will not be commissioned Friday. Secretary Long today gave an order for the ship to be in commission February 4, which is Monday.