

I QUIT, SAYS HUGHES

Resigns as President of Port of Portland.

BUT HE STAYS ON THE BOARD

Members Express Themselves as Surprised at This Sudden Move, but Judiciously Refrain From Saying They Are Pleased.

As the direct result of the recent trouble in the Port of Portland Commission, Ellis G. Hughes has announced that he will tender his resignation as president of that body. He will, however, retain his membership in the board. His resignation as president will be presented to the commission at its meeting Monday afternoon.

Mr. Hughes' action was entirely unexpected by either friends or foes. Some of the Commissioners who differed from him on certain matters had given it as their opinion that he would maintain from the chair his stand regarding the apud gear and dredge, and none were more surprised than they when they received the call for the Monday meeting containing the first intimation of the president's purpose. In this circular, which was mailed late Thursday evening for morning delivery, it was stated that, in addition to other matters, Mr. Hughes' resignation as president would be presented for consideration. Some of the Commissioners received this call yesterday morning. Commissioners Banfield and Kelly have not yet received it. Uncle Sam's letter-carriers had not been so prompt in the delivery of their mail as in the other cases, and neither knew of the president's intention until so informed by a reporter last night.

When the news of the resignation became known, the speculation as to Mr. Hughes' future course was indulged in. Mr. Hughes was seen last night, and said that he would tender his resignation as president at the meeting on Monday.

"It is my present intention," he continued, "to retain my membership in the board."

And, repeating this brief statement, Mr. Hughes declined further to discuss his action. It is said that he will not give up the fight for the apud gear and dredge, but he advocated at the meetings of the board.

The four Commissioners whose opinions regarding the construction of apud gear and dredges differed from the chairman's received news of the resignation in various ways.

"Going to resign, eh?" asked Commissioner Banfield, in a surprised tone. "No, I had not heard of it before. Oh, no, I don't care to say anything about the matter."

"The circular stated that Mr. Hughes would tender his resignation as president," said Commissioner Adams, who, after retirement from the board was deemed advisable by Mr. Hughes. "The matter will be considered by the commission, and further than that I have nothing to say."

"Yes, I have heard that the president will tender his resignation," said Commissioner Swiger. "One of the Commissioners told me about it this morning. I saw the announcement in the circular call, which I received this afternoon. No, I shall not discuss it now." (The resignation of Mr. Swiger from the board, once demanded by President Hughes immediately after the meeting of January 11, Mr. Swiger went to California, and was not expected home until tomorrow. It was on account of his absence that President Hughes refused to call a meeting before Monday, although asked to call one for last Wednesday by Commissioners Adams, Banfield and Kelly. Mr. Swiger returned home unexpectedly Thursday night, and almost the first piece of news he heard yesterday was the intended resignation of the president.)

"Why, no! Is that true?" exclaimed and interrogated Commissioner Kelly, when told of the resignation. Commissioner Kelly voted for Mr. Hughes' apud-gear plan at the meeting on January 4, but after the reading of the president's letter to Commissioner Swiger and the ensuing discussion he moved to reconsider the vote, and his defection left the chair in the minority. "No," Mr. Kelly went on, "I have not seen the call. I have nothing to say about it. The resignation, and what opinion I have I shall express at a fitting time. A man who talks prematurely makes a mistake. The Port of Portland has done enough talking, and I am content to give younger people a chance."

Commissioner McCracken, who voted with the president on January 4, was not at home. Commissioner Selling declined to discuss the matter.

While all the Commissioners seem refrained from discussing their probable action upon the resignation, it appears certain that the president's wish to retire from the chair will be granted. The president may vote to displace himself or not vote at all, just as he chooses. With the full board present and the president not voting, the result of the ballot is guessed at 4 to 2 in favor of acceptance. The two negative votes were cast by Commissioners McCracken and Selling, who have kept out of the strife. Mr. Selling has taken sides with neither the president nor the majority. The excellent map against the majority at the meeting on January 4. The other Commissioners are considered favorable to the acceptance of the resignation.

FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

Measures Taken to Provide It in Southeastern District.

At the last meeting of the Clinton Kelly Sub-Board of Trade, held in the W. C. T. U. Hall, East Twenty-sixth and Powell streets, a communication was read from Senator Mitchell, detailing what had been done toward securing free mail delivery for the southeastern district, which includes a wide territory. Senator Mitchell said that the Postoffice Department had taken the matter up, and that there was every reason to hope that in due course of time the people in that portion of the city will be provided with free delivery. The boundaries of the territory are, approximately, Hawthorne avenue on the north, the city boundary on the east and Holgate street on the south. On the west, the district extends to that part of the city already provided with free delivery, and description prepared by H. S. Harcourt will greatly facilitate the work of investigation.

A communication was received from Hon. H. W. Corbett in response to a request that he aid in securing better car service for that district. Mr. Corbett said that it was the intention of the City & Suburban Railway Company to build a double track to East Twenty-sixth street and improve the service as soon as it could be reached. He also extended a vote of thanks to this company for building a sidewalk on its new bridge across the ravine between Powell road and Kenilworth. It is a great advantage to school children and others.

"H. H. Emmons addressed the board on the necessity for concerted action toward cleaning up that portion of the city, and putting the streets in better condition. This, he said, can only be accomplished by the hearty co-operation of the people.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use old and well-tried remedy. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children, teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING

Some specials appropriate for Saturday from our

24th ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE
STORE CLOSING AS USUAL AT 6 P. M.



Today begins an extra Shoe chance for women.
Our \$3 "Princess" Shoes
At \$2.18 Pair.

All kinds of leathers from heavy box calf to French vici kid, in 18 late styles are shown in our "Princess." We've yet to see their equal at \$3. Now \$2.18 pair.

Every Dinner Set a Bargain Here
For instance—Decorated American China Dinner Sets in fancy shapes.
50 piece Sets now \$3.13
60 piece Sets now \$3.97
100 piece Sets now \$6.20

Kitchen Furnishings
All under price.
Universal Food Choppers 89c
Iron Frame Wringers .99c
Wood Frame Wringers \$1.23

LAST DAY OF 36-INCH BLACK TAFFETA SILK SALE

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Handkerchiefs

AN EXCEPTIONAL OFFERING
It consists of about 720 ladies' white

Embroidered Handkerchiefs

that have become more or less mussed or rumpled from handling.

All these handkerchiefs are worth

35c each

They will be closed out today at

19c each

Broken assortment of \$1 and \$2 U. S. and Thompson Corsets

50c

GO HIGH UP IN MASONRY

TWENTY CANDIDATES ATTAIN THE SCOTTISH RITE DEGREE.

Prominent Lodge Members Come From All Over State to Take Part in Ceremonies.

Twenty candidates for degrees in the Scottish rites of Masonry were initiated into the 14th and 15th degrees yesterday, and today the 16th and 17th degrees will be conferred upon those who took part in yesterday's ceremonies, which were held at the Marquam building, and upon several other candidates from various sections of the state, who expected to arrive this morning. The occasion is the semi-annual convocation of the Scottish Rite Masons, and of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The executive committee of the Oregon Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., consisting of Grand Master W. E. Grace, of Baker City; Senior Warden S. M. Moran, of Eugene; Grand Junior Warden Thomas Gray, of Portland, and Grand Secretary James F. Robinson, of Eugene, met yesterday in regular quarterly session, and transacted a volume of routine business.

Probably 200 or more Masons were in the city yesterday in attendance upon the meetings, and this number will be largely augmented by today's arrivals, who will participate in the 12th degree work, the Mystic Shrine's sessions, and the two banquets, which will come as a fitting end to the more serious work of the fraternity. This afternoon the Scottish Rite Masons will hold a banquet, and tonight the Shriner, which, as a prominent Mason expressed it, is the "fun" branch of the order, will have their feast. The 12th degree, which will be conferred today, is the highest rank attainable in Masonic ranks. The 32d degree, which is coveted by all, and bestowed upon few, is a gift from the supreme officers of the organization and is only given for distinguished accomplishments or other high honors attained either in the lodge or in affairs of the world.

The initiatory work in the different degrees is under the direction of Master of Kadosh E. B. Malcolm, of Portland. The

A Kid Glove Treat

No woman should miss. Our 3-clasp "Madonna," \$2 and \$2.25 Gloves, the choicest of the fancy Glove line, this week

At \$1.48 Pair

Shrewd buyers will not miss this chance.

Stocking Comfort Cheap

For ladies. 35c fleece-lined Hose, fast black, cotton

Only 19c Pair

Black wool Hose, plain or ribbed, seamless

Only 18c Pair

For Children

Fine ribbed Hose. The good wearing, part wool, seamless kind. Worth 25c to 40c. Now 17c, 22c and 26c pair, according to size.

SMALL LINES

Of child's black, cotton Hose, double or fine ribbed, worth 17c and 20c

At 10c Pair

To close.

STORE OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 9:30 P. M.

Meier & Frank Co.

Buy your Table Linens at Clearance Sale Prices. Trunks and Travelling Bags remarkably low priced. Great values in Lace Curtains, Portieres, Carpets.

USUAL CONCERT ON THE THIRD FLOOR

Meier & Frank Co.

Best time of the year for buying all Toilet Articles. 20 great bargains in fine Corset Covers—(2d floor.) "Willamette" Sewing Machines at Clearance Prices.

Great Bargain Saturday

Is what we offer today—In addition to the thousands of grand Clearance Sale bargains, we have gone through many departments and picked out some attractive merchandise at prices that will be the wonder and delight of all who participate in these rare offerings—Store developments today that cannot fail to interest every woman economically inclined—Unprecedented values are the following:

Linens

Our Linen Department is headquarters for vice housekeepers these January days—Demands indicate that we are supplying hundreds of linen closets with John Brown's famous linens.

Towels

20 dozen all-linen hemmed huck Towels, 19x38, 19c each
20 dozen all-linen hemmed huck Towels, damask border, size, 20x39, great bargain, each 24c
Great special in a big lot of bleached Turkish Towels, 28x54 inches 23c
Bedspreads, Bath Towels, Toweling, Dollies, etc.—All at Clearance Sale Price.

1000 Yds. Ribbon
5-inch, Regular 40c Value

25c Yard



At 10 o'clock this morning we will place on sale one thousand yards of double-faced Liberty Satin Ribbon, five inches wide, in white, cream, pink, light blue—Just the kind and quality you are using most for neckwear and trimming—This ribbon is the regular 40c quality, and exactly one thousand yards for this sale—Not a yard to be sold until 10 o'clock—Your choice while they last at the low price of 25c yd
1100 yards of 1 1/2-inch Liberty Taffeta included in this great ribbon distribution—All the leading shades and finest quality, at the remarkably low 10c yd price of

Another Glove Sale



Another Saturday Glove Sale of vast importance to all women—at 9 o'clock this morning we place on sale 500 pairs of Perrin's famous "La Mure" Glove—all the newest shades for street and evening wear—Tans, Modes, Black, Ox-Blood, White, Gray, and a few other light shades—all sizes included in lot—La Mures sell regularly at \$1.75 pair—your choice while they last at the low price of per pair \$1.29

Special prices on the new Golfing Gloves.
Children's and Misses' Kid Gloves at Clearance price.
Ladies' \$1.00 and \$1.25 leather and fabric gauntlet gloves 59c pair.

Men's Wear

Snappy bargains in Men's Furnishing Goods for today. Half dozen values that we know will interest you.

Men's colored shirts—stiff bosom—separate cuffs, all our 75c and \$1.00 grades at 63c
Men's puff ties in great variety of good style, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 values 39c
Men's Stanley shirts—collars attached—madras and chevilot styles, 50c to \$1.00 39c
Men's fancy cashmere hose 63c pair
Men's heavy outing flannel night shirts, best styles, \$1.05
Entire stock of Furnishing Goods has been reduced to Clearance Sale Price.

Men's Umbrellas

200 Men's Umbrellas, silk gloria covering, 26 and 28-inch, natural and Congo handles, plain or sterling mounted, great variety to select from.
\$2.25, \$2.50 \$1.98
All fine Umbrellas at greatly reduced prices.

Blankets Comforters

Bargain in Blankets and Comforters today—Lanated cotton filled comforters—silkoline covered—Best designs—Bargains at \$1.55, \$1.67, \$1.95 ea.
All-wool Blankets—Bargains at \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95. (Third floor.)

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Sheets—Pillow Slips

Clearance Sale Price on Sheets and Pillow Cases are very low. Made of the best standard cottons, hand torn and ironed—big full sizes. These values must instantly appeal to every housekeeper.

45x36 pillow slip, 3-inch hem, splendid cotton, great value 14c
50x38 1/2 hemstitched pillow case, best cotton, splendid value 17c
100 dozen 45x36 plain hemmed pillow cases, each 9c
45x36 plain hemmed pillow case at 11c
All standard cottons at the lowest prices.
SHEETS—72x90 at 39c each—81x90 at 45c each—81x90 Pequot sheet 55c.



New Spring Wash Fabrics at Clearance Prices.

Ladies' Underwear
A great special in ladies' fleece-lined Vest and Pants, all sizes, well made and trimmed 25c
Children's Underwear at Clearance Sale Prices.
Ladies' Union Suits greatly reduced in price.
Buy your Hosiery at present prices.

Men's Clothing

Entire stock of Men's Suits, Overcoats, Rain Coats and Trousers marked at prices of interest to every man anxious to make a saving.
Boys' Clothing of every description greatly reduced.
Men's Hats at Clearance Prices.
Men's Shoes reduced.

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BIRD-LOVERS WANT A HOME

Society is Large and Thriving, and Ready to Go in Its Own Quarters.
The John Burroughs Bird Society held a meeting last night in the Unitarian Chapel, a committee being appointed to bring the offer of prizes to school children before the teachers. On motion of Mr. Gilbert, A. King Wilson, the president, was to be one of the committee. The two others are Clarence Gilbert and Mrs. John Cran. Mr. Rigler, City Superintendent of Schools, has entered heartily into the plan, and will take an active part in the endeavor to interest the public school teachers.

An effort will be made to obtain a permanent home for the club. There is a very grateful feeling toward the Unitarians for their kindness and generous hospitality in offering the society the free use of its parlors for meetings. At the same time it is believed that the time has now come when the club should begin working toward a collection of native birds, nests, etc., that shall become of real and permanent value to the State of Oregon, and to all ornithologists and bird-lovers. To accomplish this, the first step would necessarily be to have a club home in which to place such a collection. It was suggested that there were vacant rooms in the City Hall building which possibly might be obtained upon request to the proper persons, since such

What We Are Coming to

Myrtle Point Enterprise.
The City Marshal of Cottage Grove was held up last week and relieved of \$11. Hold-ups in some of the valley towns are becoming frequent and if the things keep up the authorities will have to appoint officers to protect the police.

Salaries of Brotherhood Officers.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Members of the various divisions of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, who are out of actual service will not, in the future, be permitted to vote on questions of adjustment. This was decided

