#### Republican Faction Has No Chief.

#### AFTER MATTHEWS, WHO?

Enemies Say He Fears to Be Politically Active.

OTHERS DOUBT RETIREMENT

United States Marshal Reaffirms His Intention to Surrender His Power -Friends Deny That He Is Quitting Under Fire.

Political tongues were wagging merrily yesterday. The retirement of United States Marshal W. F. Matthews from political leadership was the choice moreel of gossip, and at the various places where the leaders gathered Jack Matthews was the topic, even among his political enemies, who refuse to awallow the "Matthews retirement." They laugh the deep "horsey" laugh of the "too wise to be fooled" kind and are willing to lay odds that Jack Mat-thews is and will be as deep in the political maeistrom of Portland and Ore-

gon as he ever was.

In other quarters there was a disposition to believe that Matthews had re-tired in fact. Many were of the opinion that Matthews was out, forced out, because he feared, if he did not realize, that the machine was dead. They even accused him of deserting the political ship of which he has been helmsman so long. Whether this is true or not remains to be seen, but from the manner in which things political have been shaping themselves the view that Maithews is "afraid of consequences" seems to be the one that the anti-Matthews faction holds to be the strongest reason for his so-called re-

His Recent Victories and Defeats.

It is well known that it was the frame-up which was arranged by matthews that made the Speakership of A. L. Mills possible. Matthews, in some quarters, is also being given credit for the appointment of John C. Alnsworth as a member of the Port of Portland Commission. These two things Portland Commission. These two things are pointed out as Matthews' victories Friends of Matthews say that his fight in behalf of Mr. Mills was one of the hardest and yet one of the prettiest political contests in his career. The appointment of Mr. Ainsworth was another Matthews stroke. There was a penalty attached to these two victories here from Idaho in 1885. Last October here from Idaho in 1885. his machine in their efforts to carry the Jayne bill through the Legislature, infantry, and was mustered out by Presi-and similar disaster met the Cascade dent Lincoln on a special order when all and Hot Lake County schemes and the

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Mr. Evans wrote to the Pension Department at Washington and first repartment at Washington and first repartment at Washington and first repartment. Matthews, when he lost these fights, saw the handwriting on the wall, realhit the political toboggan-slide, and for that reason determined to get out member of the Ninth Rhode Island inwith whole skin. Still another thing linted at that brought about Matthews' is the Government's activity in the land-fraud cases. Since Francis J. Hency assumed supreme control of the United States District Attorney's office, it is a well-known fact that he was not taken into Mr. Heney's Whatever Heney and Burns did, they did without consulting W. F. Matthews, of the United States Marshal's office. Ever since the investigabegan Matthews has been the man

Matthews, it is asserted felt this slight keenly. It is not known whether he made any political move to have the order of things changed. If he did, no one but Matthews knows about it. Matthews himself denies that there was any motive behind his retirement other than that which he has already stated in print. He still maintains that he is out and out to stay, and he smiles a sardonic smile at the flings that his enemies are taking at him. His atti-tude is that of a man who has been under fire for so long that a few part-

ing shots can add no discomfiture. Moody's Order Not Responsible.

Matthews denied late yesterday afternoon that the order to Federal of-ficials, sent out early this month by Attorney-General Moody, had a thing to do with the step he had taken. Other than making this statement, Mr. Matthews would not discuss politics or his retirement. He refused absolutely to name the Moses who would come forth and lead the masses, or to say there would be a Mosea. If Mr. Matthews would not discuss this phase of the situation, a Matthews stalwart did, although he would not consent to his name being used. This politician says that Matthews is not quitting under fire, that he is getting out because he is through with the political game. He says it is absurd to think that Matthews gave out the announcement of his retirement in order to center the political of his enemies in one direction, while he is planning a big coup.

Matthews Not a Quitter. "It is also absurd," said this regular "for any one to think that Matthews is letting go because he fears the consequences of the June municipal campaign. Why, a deal to carry the June election could be framed up by Matthews so quickly, one that no one election that any one wants Matthews is a born fighter. He is no: lying down lowing morning before the work of connow because he fears being whipped. He's been whipped so often, politically, that it's an old story to him. It was that it's an old story to him. If Mat-thews quit for any other than purepersonal reasons it may be because led a strenuous existence. He has been on the firing line for a long time, and it's not to be wondered at that he tired. His personal sacrifices, I know, have been many, and he has made man who have dug the dagger of ingrati-tude into him clean up to the hilt and have turned the blade around."

Who Will Be Successor?

Sifting all of the political gossip of Sifting all of the political gossip of the Government from the postoffice to her yesterday, the field is left without a private apartments, Mrs. L. F. Clark, Moses. The name of W. B. Ayer was postmistrass at St. Johns, saved that talked of. A close friend of Mr. Ayer's amount from burglars who rifled the yesterday, the field is left without a Moses. The name of W. B. Ayer was talked of. A close friend of Mr. Ayers was staited that Mr. Ayer would not take a political office if it were handed him on a golden platter. S. B. Linthicum, so the story goes, has played his political string out and has had enough. It is understood that Mr. Linthicum has hung out the sign, "No more politics for me." With Mr. Ayer it is different. He plays politics and likes the pame, because be finds new thrills in bery.

it. All this, so one old wheelhorse says, points to the fact that there is nothing to fear from the so-called "silk stocking" element which has recently sprung into political prominence. A. L. Mills is the only member of this brigade who is still figured in the running. Whether the mantle of leadership will fall upon his shoulders is only a matter of con picture. There is an opinion abroad that he would not refuse if the offer came from the right people. Judge C. H. Carey is still talked of as Matthews successor. His name was much on the lips of the gossipers.

FATHER ROONEY PASSES AWAY Noted Dominican Preacher Dies In the Monastery at Benicla.

The Rev. Father James Antoninus Rooney, O. P., & member of the Domin-ican Order of Friar Preachers here in Portland, died in the Dominican Monas-tery, in Benicia, Cal., February 22. Father Rooney was a pioneer, well known in the East, West and Northwest as a Catholic East, West and Northwest as a Catholic missionary of zeal, piety and great crudi-tion, having very few equals in the whole United States. His missions in the East-ern States were always accompanied by numerous conversions, and legion is the only word which gives expression to the vast number of souls he reclaimed from a life of sin. On the lecture platform he was eloquent, instructive as well as im-pressive, and when his name appeared on the lecture card it was an assured, guar-

antee for a crowded auditorium.
Father Rooney's name was a house-hold word, if not loved, was surely honored by non-Catholics, as well as Catho-lics, on account of his knowledge and per-sonal character. Before the Dominican Fathers became established in Portland he gave lectures and missions here at the earnest entreaty of the late Archbishop Gross, and by the request of the latter Rev. Father Rooney obtained from the superior-general of the Dominican Fathers in the erection of the present vicerage in this city, located at Union avenue and Cisckamas street.

Ten years ago his health broke down under the strain of his arduous labors, and he was compelled to retire to the monastery in Benkin, Cal., where every effort was made, under the most skilled medical aid, to restore him to health; but all in vain. He never was able to regain his pristine vigor, although he recuper ated sufficient strength to continue numerous works in the literary field. wrote many learned works on religion, the resary and indulgences, to none of which he attached his name, preferring that his writings should bear fruit of themselves, rather than that he should be praised by men.

Rev. Father Rooney was a native of reiand, in whose cause both his gifted pen and eloquent tongue were ever ready to plead. The Irish Land League of California will always keep his memory in honored recollection for the work he did for it. The Dominican Fathers of Holy Rosary Church, Union avenue and Clack-amas street, will sing a requiem mass for the repose of the soul of their beloved brother next Thursday at 8 o'clock A. M.

WAR VETERAN AT POOR FARM Good Prospect That Thomas Rowan Will Get Pension.

Another veteran of the Civil War, -it was the crushing and humiliating he informed Dudley Evans. County defeat of the efforts of Matthews and Health Officer, that he had been a member of Company B. Ninth Rhode Island soldiers were discharged who did not desire to re-enlist. He said he had never

record had been discovered and that the claim would be passed upon soon. Last November Thomas Johnson, an old

soldier for many years, an inmate of the poor farm, received a back pension amounting to \$1300, and \$75 a month for W. F. his support. The support and a guar-made liberal because he requires a guar-made liberal because he requires a guarwas appointed guardian.

#### GO BACK TO THE ROCKPILE Prisoners Will Be Put to Work Again This Morning.

The action of the Civil Service Commission in causing Chief of Police Hunt to discharge the rockplie guards will not interfere with work on the rockpile, which will be resumed this morning. In spite of the fact that his force is at present inadequate and the commission will not allow him more men, Chief Hunt is unwilling to let prisoners lie in the City Jail without work when they might be making money for the city and pay-ing their board. He will, therefore, appoint two regular officers as guards, and the rockpile gang will go to work this morning as usual. Patrolman Maloney will be one of the guards and the other will be selected this morning when the

Chief Hunt yesterday visited the rockpile and made a personal inspection of conditions there. The fence is about completed, and upon his return the Chief deciared that there was no plausible ex-cuse for prisoners escaping in the future, with regular officers as their guards.

#### NEW ENCAMPMENT INSTITUTED Patriarchal Oddfellowship is Established at Gresham.

A new encampment of Odd Fellows was instituted at Greaham Saturday night under the name of Lewis and Clark En-campment, No. 55, with a membership of 16. Some 50 members of this branch of the order from Portland were present at the formation of the latest addition in Oregon to patriarchal Odd Fellowship. H. M. Beckwith, Grand Junior Warden of a fine spread by the Gresham patriarchs. The officers of the new encampment are: chief patriarch, Lewis Shattuck; high priest, E. E. Sieret; senior warden, Dr. F. A. Short; junior warden, G. W. he is tired of the continuous bombard-ment from the newspapers and the Dr. F. A. Short; junior warden, mudslinging of his enemies. Jack has Kenney; scribe, Ralph E. Johnson; treas-

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Complete line of new Shell Goods, all the latest styles in Side Combs, Back Combs, Pompadour Combs, fancy Hairpins in white shell and amber, all at special prices-

15e Side Combs, pair .... 11¢ | 10e Burretts for, each .... 7¢ 20e Side Combs, pair....16¢ 35c Side Combs, pair ... 26c Reg. 35c Back Combs, ea. 22c Reg. 50c Back Combs, ea. 37¢ Reg. 15c Puff Combs, ea. . 11¢ Reg. 25c Puff Combs, ea. . 17c | prices.

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# February Grocery Sale

LAST DAY OF THE SALE PHONE PRIVATE EXCHANGE 4 CANNED GOODS.

Premium Tomatoes, 21/2-lb cans, for All Gold Solid Packed Tomatoes, 3-\$1.08 DOZEN; \$2.10 CASE. \$1.40 DOZEN; \$2.65 CASE. \$2.75 DOZEN; \$5.00 CASE. 82.60 PER DOZEN CANS. B. Lucca Oll, qt.....sack Corn Meal ......cack Graham Flour.....

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10-lb. sack Pastry Flour
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1-lb. can Baker's Cocoa.

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Victor Flour, the best money
buy, sack
1-lb.can Ground Chocolate.
Durkee Salad Dressing 10e, 25e
3-ib packages Soda Crackers
1-lb. basket Washed Figs.
3 1-lb. Packages Seeded Raisins
3-lb. can Swift's Lard.
6 packages Press Matches.
6 packages Chip Matches
7 packages Chip Matches
7 packages Chip Matches
7 packages Chip Matches
11 bars Victor Soap
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12 gal. Log Cabin Syrup
13 gal. Log Cabin Syrup
14 gal. Log Cabin Syrup
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10 lba Graham Flour
10 jars McLaren's Cheese
10 lba Rve Flour
15 jars McLaren's Cheese
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16 jars Matches
17 jars Matches
18 jars Matches
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# Greatest Shoe Bargains in Town

Second day of Our Greatest Shoe Sale-Women's, Men's, Children's Shoes in the best styles and standard qualities being sold at the lowest prices ever known-Hundreds took advantage of the remarkable values yesterday, more will come as the good news spreads—Economical folks will give their Spring shoe needs prompt attention and profit by the following:

WOMEN'S \$3.50 TO \$5.00 SHOES \$1.63 A PAIR Broken lines of J. & T. Cousins famous Shoes for Women, lace styles, all the best leathers, sizes 21/2 to 8, widths AA, A, B; regular \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 values, on sale at the phenomenally low price of, pair.....\$1.63 WOMEN'S \$3.00 SHOES FOR \$1.98 A PAIR

1000 pairs of Johnson Bros. best \$3.00 Shoes at \$1.98 pair-this season's newest styles in lace and Blucher, heavy and light sole, in patent colt, vici kid, velour calf, Cuban heel, low or medium 

MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES Misses' and Children's kid and box calf Shoes 300 pairs Women's Dress Slippers, patent leather, in lace styles-

Misses' \$2.00 values, 11% to 2 for \$1.37 Children's \$1.50 values 9 to 11 for \$1.17 Children's \$1.25 values 5 to 8 for 97c Pair Boys' viei kid, box calf, satin calf lace Shoes-

9 to 13, pair. \$1.09 1 to 2, pair. ... \$1.19 2½ to 5½, pair....\$1.49 Men's \$3.50 lace and Blucher Shoes in vici kid, patent leather, box calf and velour \$2.28 calf, all sizes, great values, pair....\$

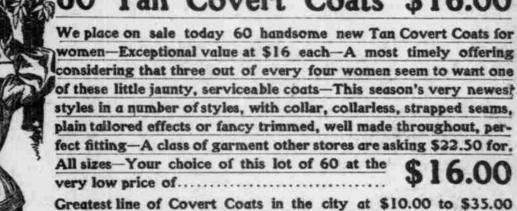
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\$12.00 Value, 3-8-inch Tires for \$9.65 \$16.00 Value, 1-2-inch Tires, for \$13.00 \$18.00 Value, 5-8-inch Tires, for \$15.25

\$15.50 Go-Cart for \$10.25

\$15.50 Reclining Go-Cart, 14-inch front wheels, 22-inch rear wheels, half-inch rubber tires, heavy ruffled-edge cushions, para-\$10.25



gear, best \$5.00 model, on sale

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Reclining Folding Go-Cart, reed back, wood seat and arms ,our best \$5.50 model, on sale for ..... Reclining Folding Go-Cart, reed back, flat reed \$7.00 value ...... \$5.45

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