

WANT TO DOGE

Candidates Desire to Escape Primaries.

FEAR MAYOR WILLIAMS

Do Not Wish to Meet Him in First Battle.

WOULD RUN INDEPENDENT

Boomers Evidently Dread Williams' Strength and Fear Democrats May Take Advantage of Divided Republican Hosts.

How to run against Williams for Mayor yet not to encounter him in the primaries is a problem with several Republican aspirants for that office. Albee, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, George H. Rowell, H. S. Rowe, H. H. Northrup, W. A. Storey and Fred T. Merrill are concerned lest the opposition to Williams may be so scattered that he will do them all up.

Hence many boomers of those candidates think their men should stay out of the primaries and run independently, for they consider defeat at the primaries as a black eye for the election.

To keep other reform candidates than Albee in the background, or rather to give them notice that Albee and not they would receive the support of the reform element, the Municipal Association brought him forth early. Such was the explanation of a prominent member of that association yesterday.

Williams Has Strong Hold.

That Williams has a strong hold on the Republican party is conceded by the Albee people, and many of them think it would be safer for Albee to try to beat Williams in the election rather than in the primaries. They say that in the election their man could not rally to his support in the primaries because they dwell in the Democratic and Prohibition camps.

With several of the Republican primaries splitting the opposition, the opinion seems to prevail in anti-Williams circles that his honor would walk off with the nomination. And even if Williams should have only one or two opponents in the primaries, his foes are anxious over the result, yet exhibit confidence in being able to beat him in the election.

Chances for Democrat.

With one or two independent Republican candidates running against Williams in the election, the chances of the Democrat nominee would be much enhanced. For this the Democratic machine are fondly hoping and they think there is good chance of its coming to pass. Such a man at their head as Dr. Harry Lane, many of them think would bring victory to their party out of a Republican fight, the same way as Penney turned the trick on his Republican foes.

A leader of the Municipal Association said yesterday that the backers of their candidate were divided in the opinion as to whether he should stay out of the primaries. "Some of our people," he remarked, "think we ought to work with Republicans to secure him the Republican nomination, while others believe that we ought to go into it independently. In my opinion they will drift around until after the primaries and then the advocates of the two methods will get together and nominate Albee as an independent."

Rivals Are Reticent.

All the Republican rivals of Williams as yet are reticent as to their intentions to run. Albee says he has made up his mind but is not ready to announce his decision. Dr. Andrew C. Smith says he has not decided whether he will run or not. Howell has not divulged his plans nor even publicly proclaimed his candidacy, but is known to be willing to run.

Dr. Smith said yesterday that he did not know whether he would try for the Mayorship or not. It was obvious from his remarks that he would like to run but for the sort of his medical practice that election would entail. It is likely that Dr. Smith will not enter the race, though he has not said so.

Strong Men Named.

H. S. Rowe is understood to be the favorite of leaders of the old-time Simon wing of the party; also H. H. Northrup. The boomers for each have assumed considerable proportions. Judge Northrup is regarded as a particularly strong man for the contest against Williams. Both he and Williams have long party records.

Little or no opposition has cropped out against Devlin for Auditor or Werten for Treasurer, and indications are that those officers will be renominated and re-elected. Devlin is understood to be out of the race for Mayor, because unwilling to be an opponent of Williams.

For Attorney and Judge.

For City Attorney and Municipal Judge number of Republican boomers have been sounded. J. A. McNary will be a candidate for re-nomination for City Attorney. Others desirous of the job or willing to run are: George W. Joseph, R. E. Moody, J. M. Long, J. P. Kavanaugh, Paul Deady and R. R. Dunaway.

For Police Judge Harry Hogue appears in the running; also J. A. Strawbridge, Dr. A. Walter Wolf, E. T. Tangert, T. B. McDevitt, Sr., George Cameron, A. E. Ferrera and J. J. Fitzgerald.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Theme of Discussion Held at the People's Forum.

The attention of the People's Forum last night was taken up by the debate on the merits of the initiative and referendum question, with W. S. U'Ren favoring it and R. R. Dunway opposing.

The speakers were each allowed 20 minutes for opening arguments and an equal time for rebuttal. Mr. U'Ren laid his faith entirely on the good that the amendment had already accomplished and refrained from prophesying as to its future. Mr. Dunway, following the opening of Mr. U'Ren, used to advantage the statement made by his opponent that in the matter of politics there were a great number of toadstools, or in other words the men who voted without a thought, and that consequently the initiative and referendum gave to the minority a terrific power, which would eventually prove to be a veritable Frankenstein to its creators.

In his return argument Mr. U'Ren contended along the lines of a democracy which would be created by the initiative and referendum and plead-

ed for its support with the illustration of a boy and his first jackknife. Before learning the proper use of the tool the boy had to cut his fingers a few times but eventually found its proper use and this was typical of the new measure.

Mr. Dunway came back strongly with the use of Mr. U'Ren's argument that the amendment created a democracy which was not a representative government. The usual following discussion as members of the Forum showed Mr. Dunway to be a minority of one and there was an apparent willingness in this discussion to drift away from the topic and inject features which did not seem to be at all relevant to the subject.

THEY JOBBED O'HAGEN.

A Wise New Yorker Falls an Easy Victim to Jokers.

Harry O'Hagen, who travels for a New York city company, arrived at the Portland Saturday morning, and before the big bell in the tower chimed "buns and tea" he was the victim of a joke. O'Hagen likes the gallop, and before the ink on the blotter was dry the telephone rang and he was summoned to the conversation machine by the clerk. When O'Hagen emerged from the booth a smile as broad as the Ganges River lit up his face. A voice, one which sounded as if it came from China, the voice of the joker, informed handsome Harry, as he called, that the speaker was the Spokane and that he had a real live one in the fourth race at Oakland. This gee-gee, so the voice purred into O'Hagen's ear, would win on the chin strap. He assured Harry that the mutt had the race won in a cakewalk, and that if he would out loose from his habit of betting 10 to a race and get down book the stake, he would be able to skidoo back to New York with enough money to create a panic among the Wells-Fargo Express Company employees.

Several of O'Hagen's friends were on hand to watch him swallow the bait. They saw he was hooked a-plenty, and the general talk drifted from the man who ought to be O'Hagen to betting on the races. O'Hagen refused to tip off his secret, and he fretted and stewed until it came time for the curious brokers to line up on business. He dodged his friends and hailed the first handbook man he saw. The horse he was told to play was Horatius. With fingers that twitched and trembled like a quon before the altar, he drew out two yellow bills calling for a hundred each. These he gave to the books. Then he took a street car to Mount Tabor. When he came back the race was over—that's the reason that Harry wired back to the house for another bank roll. He'll get his money back today when he meets those who jobbed him.

PEOPLE MUST FILE COMPLAINTS

Mount Tabor Justice Court is Ready to Enforce the Cow Law.

Justice of the Peace T. C. Shreve and Constable Frank Bowen, recently appointed for the Mount Tabor Court, are confronted with the enforcement of the cow law. The voters decided more than a year ago that cows should not be allowed to run at large that precinct, but the mandate of the people has never been effectively enforced for the reason mainly that there was no Justice Court to serve the warrants the precinct have been issued. Under this state of affairs cows have been permitted to run at large. There is a considerable fine for allowing cows to wander in the precinct if the law be enforced, and with the advent of Spring, with growing grass, flowers and gardens it is now the general desire that the new court officers shall enforce the law. However, it remains with the people themselves whether the law shall be enforced or not. Justice Shreve says he will act on any complaint that may be filed in his court, but he does not feel it his duty to run around and arrest people and cause the arrest of people allowing their cows to run at large.

RAIN MESSES BALL GAME.

Local ex-Leaguers Prevented From Giving Diamond Exhibition.

There was a generous sprinkling of local fans out to the Vaughn-street ball grounds yesterday afternoon. They hustled and set around the old speck called a grandstand and waited with faltering hopes for the 18 young men who were to sit the Spalding to appear. Some of the players had ventured on the ground, but when they began to bog down they romped for the clubhouse. Next Sunday, if the weather man is on his good behavior, these same teams, the Schillers and the East Portlanders will, as the small baseballists say, "cross bats."

When the dyed-in-the-wool fans found there was to be no game, they spent the rest of the afternoon at the Fair grounds. One of the fans said that he might as well see the grounds and what there was of the Exposition at this time, for when the ball season opened, that the nearest he would get to the grounds would be the bleachers.

Mysterious Surveying Parties.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 18.—Two surveying parties of nine men each left this place today for Athena and Pendleton respectively, presumably sent out by the Northern Pacific to run lines in Eastern Oregon territory. No information will be given out by local officials, however, but it is rumored that the party going to Athena will run a line across the Umatilla Indian Reservation through a rich farming country, and the party at Pendleton will run a line from there into the Hepper coal fields.

It is believed here that these lines will be built and ready for operation in time to handle this year's grain crop, although it is utterly impossible to induce any one connected with railroads to confirm or contradict this impression.

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After typhoid fever, pneumonia and other prostrating diseases, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Custom Shade and Drapery Work our specialty—Lowest Prices
New importation of "Perrins" French Kid Gloves, \$1.50 to \$2.50 Pair
New Ribbons, Veilings, Leather Goods, Laces, Dress Trimmings

Principal Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications
Trunks, Traveling Bags, Suit Cases—Largest stock in the city of Portland
Sole Portland Agents for "Ostermoor" Elastic Felt Mattresses

Opening Days! Millinery, Cloaks, Etc.

Wednesday, March Twenty-Second, Thursday, March Twenty-Third

Wednesday and Thursday, our formal Spring Opening days—Women's fine Millinery and Cloaks, New high-grade merchandise of every description collected in the fashion centers of the world will receive their first showing. In anticipation of a greatly increased demand during the Lewis and Clark Centennial, we prepared on a scale double any former season. Never before have the women of Portland and vicinity had the opportunity to gather from such magnificent assortments, and, best of all, we have combined to an unusual degree quality of style with economy of price. Whether you buy or not you will be cordially welcomed, and we hope to see you. Weber's mandolin orchestra will furnish music both afternoons from 2 to 5. The magnificent merchandise displays will be well worth the time necessary for you to come and see them.

\$3.50 Tan Oxfords \$2.45 Pr.

\$3.50 Patent Colt Oxfords \$2.45 Pr.

For Today Only we announce the greatest sale of new Low Shoes ever inaugurated by any Portland store this early in the season—Four great lots—The best product of leading Lynn, Mass., manufacturer—All new, this season's styles—All sizes and widths—Every pair regular \$3.50 value—Monday only at the low price of \$2.45 pair

Women's patent colt Blucher Oxfords, large eyelets, Cuban heel, hand-sewed, welts \$3.50 value, pair..... \$2.45
Women's tan Russia calf Blucher Oxfords, medium heel, tipped toe; best \$3.50 values, at pair..... \$2.45
Women's patent colt and tan Gibson, ribbon ties, large eyelets, the season's most stylish footwear, best \$3.50 values, on sale at the low price of, pair..... \$2.45

Wash Goods Bargains for Monday

35c fancy white mercerized Waistings, this season's best styles, on sale for Monday only, at yard..... 26c
20c Embroidered Dotted Voiles in a big range of patterns and colors; best material for waists and shirtwaist suits, great special value at low price of, yard..... 14c
Fil de Soie Foulards, silk finish, one of the season's prettiest and most serviceable materials for waists and shirt-waist suits, 35c value, at this low price, yard..... 23c

\$1.00 Foulard Silks 79c Yard

Special purchase of 1500 yards of handsome new Foulard Silks—The prettiest styles and colors for Waists and Shirt-waist Suits—Colored dots on navy blue, brown and green grounds—The regular one-dollar grade on sale while the lot lasts at the low price of 79c yd.

1000 yards of beautiful Dresden figured Crepe de Chine in a large assortment of styles for waists and costumes, best \$1.00 values, for, yard..... 79c
Just received by express, a full line of the popular "Rajah" Silks in all the leading shades, yard..... \$1.25

The Great Semi-Annual Sale of Kitchen Goods, Crockery, Cut Glass, Cutlery, Stoves, Etc.



Nickel ware

No. 8 Nickel Teakettle, best \$1.25 value..... 99c
4-pint Nickel Coffee Pot, regular \$1.10 value..... 89c
13-inch Nickel Trays, 35c values..... 27c
5c Crumb Tray and Scraper 19c

Cutlery

Good Grade Paring Knives..... 8c
6-inch Butcher Knives..... 27c
5c Bread Knives..... 39c
3c Bread Knives..... 25c
Christy Edge Bread Knives..... 21c
Cooks' Knives, 6-inch size..... 47c
10-inch Pastry Knives..... 62c
9c Carvers, knife and fork, cocobola handles..... 73c
9c Ham Knives for..... 72c
15c Nickel Nut Crackers..... 12c
Kitchen Table Spoons, set..... 15c
Teaspoons, set of 6..... 8c
Corkscrews, each..... 12c
Solid Nickel-Silver Knives and Forks, set..... \$2.55

Silver Polish

Meridian Cream Paste, jar..... 17c
Thurston's Silver Polish..... 15c
Magie Metal Shiner..... 12c

\$1.25 Savory Roaster for..... 98c
50c Family Roaster, 10x14 inches..... 39c
15c 7-pin Hat Rack..... 12c
3c Japanese Pot Brushes..... 1c
7c 8-arm Clothes Racks..... 62c
25c Galvanized Pails, 10-qt..... 19c
20c 2-hoop Cedar Pails..... 17c
\$1.00 Castiron Cook Pots..... 82c
7c Galvanized Wash Tubs..... 63c
9c Galvanized Wash Tubs..... 74c
\$1.35 Family Scales for..... \$1.19
Tin Measuring Cups..... 4c
1-quart Graduated Measures 6c
14-quart Tin Dishpans..... 28c
\$1.50 Universal Food Choppers..... \$1.23
Asbestos Mats, each..... 4c
20c Wooden Salt Boxes..... 16c
\$3.50 Clothes Wringer..... \$2.78
Guaranteed for three years.

Cut Glass

Cut-Glass Nappies, best \$3.00 values for..... \$3.98
Cut-Glass Bowls, regular \$6.75 values for..... \$5.35
Cut-Glass Bon Bon Dishes, with handle; \$3.00 values..... \$2.37
Glass Horseradish Jar, 85c value on sale for..... 68c
\$12 Cut-Glass Bowls..... \$9.60
\$7.50 Cut-Glass Water Bottle, on sale for..... \$5.99

"Peninsular"

"Peninsular" Polished Steel Range, high warming closet; 16x20-inch oven, asbestos-lined; No. 6 and 8 covers; burns coal or wood; a perfect baker; fully guaranteed; a beautiful range and great value..... \$26.25
"Peninsular" Platinized Steel Range, full nickel trimmed; 50 per cent more heating and cooking capacity than any other; regular \$37.50..... \$33.50
model, on sale for..... \$33.50

Specials in New Neckwear

Valenciennes lace and plaited Lawn Cuff and Collar Sets, new goods, 50c and 65c values, for this low price. 41c
Linen Slot Turnovers, embroidered in clover-leaf designs, all colors, each..... 24c
New line of Mexican Drawwork Turnovers, special values at each, 75c, 50c and..... 25c
Taffeta Silk Bow Ties, hemstitched ends, red, brown and black; best 35c values, on sale for the low price of..... 19c
New Lawn Yokes with accordion plaited ruffles, trimmed in Valenciennes lace and insertion, each..... 69c
Easter Neckwear in exclusive styles. Every express brings us many pretty novelties to be added to the already large variety. If it's Neckwear you want, look to the Meier & Frank Store for it.
New Ostrich Feather Boss in black, white and mixed colors; all lengths, all grades up to \$60.00. New Novelty Stoles.

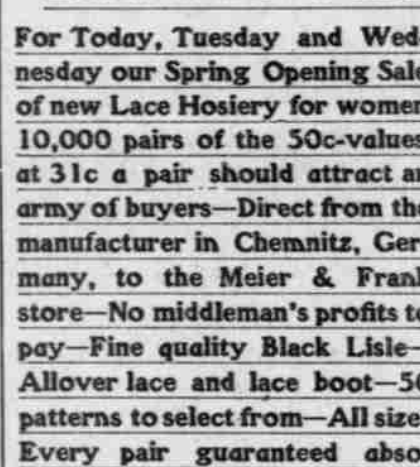
25c Embroideries for 12 1/2c Yard

15,000 yards of Swiss and Cambrie Embroideries, 3 to 10 inches wide, edgings and insertions in an immense variety of the very best patterns; values up to 25c a yard, on sale for, yd. 12 1/2c
3000 yards of Corset-Cover Embroideries, handsome styles, values up to \$1.00 a yard, on sale Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the low price of, yard..... 65c
Imitation Irish Crochet Bands and Appliques, white and cream, values up to \$1.25 a yard, on sale for three days at, yard..... 63c

10,000 Pairs of New Lace Hosiery

Best 50c Values 31c Pair

For Today, Tuesday and Wednesday our Spring Opening Sale of new Lace Hosiery for women 10,000 pairs of the 50c-values at 31c a pair should attract an army of buyers—Direct from the manufacturer in Chemnitz, Germany, to the Meier & Frank store—No middleman's profits to pay—Fine quality Black Lisle—All-over lace and lace boot—50 patterns to select from—All sizes Every pair guaranteed absolutely fast color—The wise woman will anticipate her summer needs at the big saving offered—Pair 31c
Mail orders will be promptly filled



Great Soap Sale

Fairy Soap, doz. cakes..... 35c
Pear's Glycer Soap, cake..... 13c
Williams' Shaving Soap..... 4c
Long bar Castile Soap, ek..... 4c
Packer's Tar Soap, cake..... 14c
2-lb. bars Pure Castile..... 16c
Conti Castile, genuine imported Soap, great value, cake..... 59c
75c Perfume, ounce..... 39c
Best Triple Extract in Peau de Espagne, Lily of the Valley, Heliotrope and Jockey Club, reg. 75c value, oz..... 39c
50c gold-mounted Back Combs, great special value, ea..... 37c
15c Shaving Brushes..... 9c
50c pure Badger-Hair Shaving brush, heavy bone handle..... 39c
Bath-Tub Enamel, 1/2-pint cans, 28c, pint cans..... 53c
Wire Photo Backs, ea..... 7c-12c
Pure Transparent Glycerine..... 4c
Imperial Violet Soap, 3 cakes in a box, 25c value..... 16c
Fairbanks' Glycerine Tar Soap, dozen cakes..... 35c
Old-fashioned Glycerine Soaps, great special value, cake..... 7c
Buttermilk Complexion Soap, 3 cakes in a box, box..... 19c
O-Kayed Toilet Paper, great special value, doz. rolls..... 35c
500 Whisk Brooms, the best 15c values for, each..... 9c
Great special value in a guaranteed Alarm Clock..... 63c
Wire Coat Hangers, ea..... 4c
Our entire stock of 10c Writing Tablets on sale at, each..... 5c
Complete stock of Fountain Pens, all makes, every one guaranteed, \$2.50 up to \$5.00

Men's Clothing

Special value in Stein-Bloch fine gray Overplaid unfinished Worsted Suits, this Spring's handsome styles, perfect fitting, extra good value at..... \$20.00
Stein-Bloch fine grade plaids and in-vincible overplaid fancy Worsted Suits, the most striking garments shown this season; all sizes..... \$25.00
Fine all-wool black unfinished Worsted Suits, just the clothing for Easter Sunday wear; special value..... \$15.00
Men's fine all-wool fast color navy blue Serge Suits, in single or double-breasted styles; great values at \$12.50, \$15, \$18 and..... \$22.50

"HAWES" HATS

Sole Portland agents for the celebrated "Hawes" \$3.00 Hat for men; new Spring blocks in Derbys and soft styles now ready; best \$3.00 hat on the market.

20c Fiber Wash Basins..... 15c
10c Tack Hammers..... 8c
Tacks, all sizes, box..... 2c
Ever-Ready Cover Knobs..... 1c
10c Wire Tea Strainers..... 8c
Tin Match Safes..... 3c
Garden Trowels..... 4c
Mrs. Potts' Iron Handles..... 11c
Washing Hooks..... 8c
5-Hook Hat Racks..... 7c
No. 8 Copper Bottom Kettles..... 39c
75c Rice Boilers, each..... 62c
65c Rice Boilers, each..... 54c
4-foot Ironing Boards..... 53c
15c Mop Sticks, each..... 11c
\$1.00 Granite Slop Pails..... 86c
35c Potato Risers, each..... 27c
Wire Egg Whips for..... 2c
10c Mixing Spoons..... 8c

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Very Best White Enamelware.
90c Sauce Pots for..... 72c
\$1.00 Sauce Pots for..... 80c
75c Covered Sauce Pots..... 60c
90c Covered Sauce Pots..... 72c
50c Covered Sauce Pots..... 40c
60c Covered Kettles for..... 48c
65c Covered Kettles for..... 54c
75c Covered Kettles for..... 60c
90c Covered Kettles for..... 72c
25c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 20c
30c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 24c
35c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 28c
40c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 32c
45c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 36c
50c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 40c
55c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 44c
60c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 48c
65c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 52c
70c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 56c
75c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 60c
80c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 64c
85c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 68c
90c Lipped Sauce Pans..... 72c
10c Soup Ladles..... 12c
20c Soup Ladles..... 16c
20c Perforated Ladles..... 16c
15c Skimmers for..... 12c
7-inch Bakers, 18c value..... 15c
8-inch Bakers, 20c value..... 16c
9-inch Bakers, 25c value..... 20c
10-inch Bakers, 30c value..... 24c
45c Galvanized Slop Pails..... 36c
61 Willow Clothes Baskets 84c
55c Splint Clothes Baskets 44c
15-inch Chopping Bowls..... 24c
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60-pc. white semi-vitreous Dinner Sets..... \$3.88
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Decorated Covered Chambers, 75c to \$1.00 values, on sale for, each..... 62c
Decorated Wash Bowls, worth from 60c to 85c, on sale for, each..... 56c
15c Japanese Teaspoons..... 11c
20c Japanese Teaspoons..... 14c
75c Slop Jars..... 62c
6-inch yellow Baking Dishes..... 9c
8-inch yellow Baking Dishes..... 9c
9-inch yellow Baking Dishes..... 12c
7-inch oval yellow Baking Dishes..... 7c
8-inch oval yellow Baking Dishes..... 9c
9-inch oval yellow Baking Dishes..... 11c