

FOUR PARTIES WILL BE IN FIGHT

New York Expects Repetition of Henry George Campaign for Mayoralty.

OWNERSHIP ISSUE IS UP

Republicans Expect It to Split Democratic Vote and Drive Many Votes to Them and Give Them Victory.

NEW YORK, May 7.—(Special).—A real four-cornered fight for the Mayoralty is a novelty, even in a large city like New York, but the forces are lining up, and the opposing factions are becoming clearly apparent. In 1897, the first year of Greater New York, the voters participated in a fight of this character, but the death of Henry George, almost on the eve of election, disarranged plans and led to a Tammany victory.

The Citizens' Union is the first organization to take formal action. It held a meeting the other night, and appointed a committee to confer with other bodies, with the purpose of uniting on a nonpartisan platform. A peculiar incident of the meeting was the fact that the committeemen were absolutely instructed that no fusion ticket could be considered, unless District Attorney William Travers Jerome was accepted for renomination.

Since then, the leaders having learned that the District Attorney would probably be on the Tammany ticket also, have declared that if he accepts any aid from the Tiger, he cannot go on their ticket, which places the Citizens' Union in the peculiar position that it is absolutely pledged to a man, and will insist upon pledges from everybody else, but if Tammany is for him, then all pledges must be reversed.

Ownership a Great Issue.

To any person who has studied the situation, it is apparent that the Municipal Ownership League is going to cut considerable of a figure in the coming campaign. The election in Chicago has greatly encouraged advocates of city ownership, and the proposition has grown far beyond what it was first intended to be—a personal organ of William Randolph Hearst. Events of the last day make it clear that Mr. Hearst will not be the candidate. He is going to Europe within a few weeks to spend the Summer, and in the meantime the other members of the league are hunting around for a candidate.

Martin W. Littleton, Borough President of Brooklyn, has been offered the nomination—at least his friends say so, although Mr. Littleton declines to discuss the matter at all. One reason of his popularity with the "Lesquers" is the fact that he is the only member of the Board of Estimate, the representative governing body of the city, who has taken an active stand in favor of city ownership. When the city's contract with the Gas Trust came up for approval, Mr. Littleton spoke and worked against it, and insisted that the first step toward the city ownership of the public lighting system be taken. One of the men concerned in the negotiations with Mr. Littleton made this statement on the subject:

The Democratic party elected Mr. Van Wyck Mayor on a municipal ownership platform in 1897. Then the party promptly repudiated the platform. That is eight years ago, and although we have any amount of party pledges since, nothing has been done to push the municipal ownership fight. Indeed, the present city administration seems less advanced and more inclined to the principle of strict individualism than Mr. Low was. The attitude of the Democratic administration toward municipal ownership is something like this: The Democratic party erects a long straw on a succession of steps, and pledges itself to climb to the top. When the time comes it refuses to mount a stair and instead turns tail and runs down cellar.

The platform of the Municipal Ownership League will differ materially from that of the Citizens' Union, although both have as the basis non-partisanship. The Citizens' Union will go no further than that, but the Ownership people have written on the main plank of a "Judge Dunne's Chicago platform" and want to have the city own practically everything in sight. The main strength of the Citizens' Union will be anti-machine Republicans, while the other non-partisans expect to draw heavily from the rank and file of the Tammany and Brooklyn Democrats.

Good Chance for Republicans.

Republicans have been watching the course of events with much interest and believe that the time has come when a straight ticket of their own will have a good chance of success. In fact County Clerk Thomas L. Hamilton is so pleased with the prospect that he has gone to Europe to discuss the matter with State Chairman Odell, who, regardless of the Platt attack now impending, will in all probability decide what course the city Republicans shall follow in the coming campaign.

One Pistol Victim Dies.

ST. DIEGO, Cal., May 7.—Mrs. Rose Hostler, who was shot by W. F. Dow, died this morning. The other two victims of the tragedy, Cliff Gilbert and Dow himself, are under the influence of opiates at the hospital and the chances of the recovery of either of them are slight.

toned men, and everybody has got heartily sick of it. If they stood up and were counted this Fall they couldn't get 40,000 votes, of which we would lose about 20,000.

Will Split Democratic Vote.

"This municipal ownership business is going to draw a great many votes and will hurt Tammany ten votes to one for ourselves. In every tenement house in the city you will find people talking about the gas trust, and although they have been robbed for years they hate it more than they used to hate the ice trust. The new party is going to split the Democrats right up the back, just as Henry George did in 1897, when Republicans, fearing he would be elected, deserted Theodore Roosevelt and turned in and elected Abram Hewitt.

"This year you will find that toward the closing of the campaign Tammany men and city will be so badly scared at the progress of the municipal ownership idea that they will turn to the Republican candidate, whoever he may be. That's one reason why our crowd does not care for a fusion ticket this year. In the past the citizens have bunched us, but now we have a chance to get everything ourselves, and I believe we will take it."

BOATS ARE NEARLY DONE

American Designer Rushes Work in Russian Yards.

SEBASTOPOL, May 7.—The torpedo-boats which are being built at the government yard here, under the general supervision of Lewis Nixon, of New York, are nearing completion and their trials in the Black Sea will begin in a few days. In order to overcome the difficulty always encountered in work in a foreign country, Mr. Nixon provided his own organization, which he has pushed the construction of these boats to a state of completion.

Much is expected of these torpedo-boats. The Russian Admiralty already has had practical evidence of the seaworthiness of the Nixon boats in the performance of the Gregory, which crossed the Atlantic in the face of heavy weather, but the future president of the United States, who has been elected, is expected to visit the American constructor.

OFFICERS TORN TO PIECES

Workmen Take Swift Revenge for Death of Fellow.

EKATI, Rinsburg, Russia, May 7.—In revenge for the death of a workman who was drowned in attempting to escape from a patrol, a mob of workmen gathered here and tore to pieces two officers. Order has been restored.

Flags Burned at Warsaw.

WARSAW, May 7.—The city today celebrated the name day of Empress Alexandra, Feodovna. The Socialists warnings not to display flags was generally disregarded in view of the heavy penalties imposed upon householders who fail to decorate their houses on such occasions. This led to some disturbances, an angry mob tearing down and burning flags at different places. Otherwise the city was quiet.

Police Get Infernal Machine.

VIBORG, Russia, May 7.—The police officials investigating the attempt to assassinate Governor Mykoyanov, have received by express a package of papers and clothes with a letter, stating that they would throw light upon the crime. The package contained an infernal machine charged with dynamite enough to destroy a building, but the mechanism failed to work.

Split on Universal Suffrage.

LONDON, May 8.—The correspondent at Moscow of the Times telegraphs: "The Zerkovs continue to have split over the question of universal suffrage. M. Shipoff, who caused the cleavage, argued at Saturday's and Sunday's meetings so convincingly against universal suffrage as to attract 123 delegates to his views."

Fight on Russian Frontier.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—Persian frontier reports that the Governor of Ardabil has been recalled to Tcherah in consequence of an attempt to move the frontier post at Belizawara into Russian territory. A conflict with the Russian frontier guard occurred, in which it is reported 100 Russians were killed.

Mutiny Story is Denied.

SEBASTOPOL, May 7.—Reports of a mutiny among the military here are incorrect. A number of drunken sailors participated in disorders last week, but such was restored by sailors and the military. Of the 80 persons arrested 67 were released.

Editor Out on Bail.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—M. Nodvich, editor of the Novosti, who was arrested in March for publishing the programme of the Liberation Association, the charge against him being advocating revolution, has been released on bail.

League of Railway Employes.

MOSCOW, May 7.—The employes of all the railways of Russia have formed a league for the defense of their interests.

Cholera at Kharkoff.

KHARKOFF, May 7.—Cholera appeared here and one death has resulted from that cause.

Hyde's Counsel's Comment.

NEW YORK, May 7.—When Mr. Alexander's letter was read over the telephone to Mr. Untermyer, of counsel for Vice President Hyde, Mr. Untermyer made the following comment: "Nobody is likely to be deceived by this palpable attempt to outstrip the charges on which the removal of Mr. Alexander is about to be asked for betraying his trust."

RIGHT TO SURPLUS

President Alexander Says Policy-Holders Own Most.

STOCKHOLDERS GET LITTLE

Equitable's Chief Officer Declares Mutual Plan is Fundamental. Will Not Resign From Office He Now Holds.

NEW YORK, May 7.—James W. Alexander, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, tonight made public a letter written by him to Edward A. Woods, manager of the society at Pittsburgh, in which he asserts that the surplus of the society is held for the exclusive benefit of its policyholders and not the stockholders of the company. Mr. Alexander also takes occasion in the letter to deny the rumors that he will resign.

The letter was written under date of yesterday, in reply to a request from Mr. Woods for a confirmation of certain official statements made by the Equitable Society regarding "the mutual plan of its business and the exclusive ownership of the policyholders of the surplus." Alexander said in part:

"I recognize that for the benefit of the present and future policyholders of the society there should be at this time some clear and unequivocal expression on this subject and without reviewing all the society's statements I consider that there can be no doubt as to three facts: First, that the business of the society has been conducted in accordance with its charter since the date of its organization on the mutual plan; second, that the surplus of the society has been accumulated for its policyholders, and third, that the surplus of the society is held for the exclusive benefit of its policyholders.

"I do not recall any serious question having ever arisen on these points until recently, when a claim has been put forward on behalf of the stockholders which is at variance with the terms of the society's charter, the uniform course of its business and all its official and unofficial statements and representations. This is not merely my own understanding and opinion, but is confirmed by Mr. Van Cise, who, as you know, has been in the service of the society for nearly forty years, most of which he has spent in the office of the Equitable Life Assurance Society."

Alexander then quotes from a letter written by Van Cise to the society's manager at Albany, in response to formal inquiries from the latter on the subject of surplus. In this letter, under date of May 5, Mr. Van Cise says:

"As an officer of the Equitable Life Assurance Society I fully agree with you as to the truth of the foregoing statements in regard to the Equitable: "First—That the business has always been and must always be, conducted on the mutual plan.

"Second—That the entire surplus belongs to the policyholders exclusively.

"Third—That each participating policyholder will receive his due share of surplus profits in accordance with the terms of each contract, respectively.

"Fourth—That the agents in soliciting business on this basis have acted with due authority.

"Fifth—That the policyholders have no ground for apprehension or doubt in the premises.

"Sixth—In this connection I would say that while I have been connected with the Equitable as clerk and officer for nearly thirty-eight years, I have never until recently heard of any questions being raised as to the exclusive ownership of the surplus of the society by its policyholders.

"For about thirty years I have had the privilege of being associated in one of the subordinate offices with Henry T. Hyde, the founder and late president of the society, and my recollection is that in his declarations, both verbal and in writing, he always stated that the surplus of the Equitable was transacted on the mutual plan and that the stockholders could not receive more than the dividend of \$100 per annum on their capital stock, which was provided for by the charter.

"Mr. Hyde always directed me to apportion surplus to policyholders when entitled by the contracts to such apportionment on the basis of all of it belonging to policyholders, and he was very much averse to any reduction of dividends unless some reduction was found to be absolutely necessary in accordance with our experience.

"As actuary and assistant actuary of the society, I have had special charge during more than twenty years of the apportionment of surplus to holders of deferred dividend contracts at the end of their dividend periods, and in making such apportionments I have always proceeded upon the assumption that the entire surplus of the society belonged to its policyholders."

"These statements," continues Mr. Alexander, in his letter, "are literally true. They should set at rest all doubts and quiet an agitation which should never have arisen and is naturally disturbing to the society's policyholders and agents.

"No greater emphasis could be given to the fact that the Equitable Life Insurance Society is really a mutual insurance company in which the interests and rights of the policyholders are recognized as paramount, than the success of the recent effort to confer upon the policyholders the right of electing a majority of the society's directors. It will follow that the personal propriety regime within the society must succumb to the checks and restraints necessarily involved in this passing of control to the policyholders and many of the abuses and irregularities which are now in course of elimination cannot thereafter occur. It should be a source of confidence to every one in the society that the correction of all conditions harmful to tenacity or effect is being accomplished within the society itself.

"Notwithstanding the present publicity and wide discussion of the society's affairs, I regard the suggestion as full of encouragement for all who are truly interested in the society and its prosperity. The financial strength and stability of the society are not questioned. There is no abatement of effort on the part of its official staff and loyal agency force to perform their full duty to the society in maintaining and extending its growth and prestige.

"The work we have inaugurated will be carried to a successful completion. In this determination there is but one thought, either on the present independent members of the board of directors, the society's officers, or of the agents. I shall devote myself and all my strength to its accomplishment.

"Do not be deceived by rumors or suggestions of my resignation as president of the society. They proceed from interested sources and are intended to discredit and defeat the principle of mutual insurance. Although no one appreciates better than I the sensitive character of a life insurance company's credit and the great importance of its hold upon public confidence, I firmly believe that the fact that the society proposes to take care of itself and to work out its own reforms will afford the best possible guarantee of its inherent strength and the security of its future."

Olds, Wortman & King

\$3.50 Yum Yum Bed Springs

\$1.75 Each

A "Different Store" Sermon

This store has built up a skyscraping tower of SUCCESS founded upon Truth. Neighboring stores have sought to solve the secret of such success, but in every instance have failed to mix in, as a foundation, the principal ingredients, TRUTH and DEPENDABILITY. Saturday a local store advertised a "GREAT SPECIAL SALE OF IRON BEDS AND SPRINGS." Among other things along like lines, they advertised "\$10 IRON BEDS FOR \$6.90." A furniture man happened along. He naturally was interested; examined the beds, and found they were the same as sold HERE at \$6.50 regularly. He went still further and found a price-ticket the tricky, but careless, storekeeper had overlooked. It read \$7.00. And yet that storekeeper had licensed his advertising man to say "a \$10 bed." No wonder that store's advertising is wasted.

Other items advertised were the well-known standard "YUM-YUM" BED-SPRINGS, a \$3.50 value, for \$2.25. Our patrons may come here today and buy the same for \$1.75. Another item was "2-ply Wire Springs, regular \$2.25 value, for \$1.45." Our patrons may select the same here today at \$1.00.

MONDAY'S MULTUM IN PARVO

A Condensed Review of Yesterday's Page Announcement of Today's Bargain List.

- Wash Goods and Domestic.
 - 15c Dimities and Batistes, yd. 11c
 - 25c India Linens, yd. 12c
 - 15c Sheetings, yd. 12 1/2c
- Dress Goods.
 - 1 1/2 Summer Dress Goods, yd. 47c
 - 2 1/2 black Dress Goods, yd. 41.95
- Notions.
 - 15c Cotton Tape, piece 10c
 - Best Darning Cotton, spool 2c
 - No. 4 and 50-300 yard Basting Cotton, spool 4c
 - 5c Curling Irons 3c
- Women's Furnishings.
 - Ladies' 40c white Mull Ties 17c
 - Beautiful 1/4-in. Taffeta Ribbon 12c
 - Women's 10c Undershirts 12c
- Women's Underwear.
 - Women's pink, blue and white, fine ribbed vests, low neck and sleeveless beauties, 35c value; special, each 23c
- Stationery—Toilet Sundries.
 - 25c Whisk Brooms 15c
 - 10c rolls Toilet Paper 7c
 - 7c Castile Soap 4c
 - 25c Paper Napkins 12c
 - 25c Writing Paper 17c
 - 5c bottle Ink 3c
- Shoes.
 - Men's \$2.50 and \$3.00 Shoes 2.25
 - Women's \$1.50 Oxfords 1.25
 - Women's \$5 and \$6 Shoes 3.40
 - Children's \$1.00 Shoes 75c
 - Children's \$1.00 Shoes 75c
- Home Furnishings.
 - 25.00 Blankets 24.15
 - 17.50 Tapestry Portieres 15.45
 - 1.50 Iron Wagons 1.20
- Silk Store.
 - Black All-Silk Taffetas.
 - 36-in. all-silk Taffeta, reg. \$1.50; special, yard 1.19
 - 27-in. all-silk Taffeta, reg. \$1.25; special, yard .99
 - 24-in. all-silk Taffeta, reg. \$1.19; special, yard .87
 - 33-in. all-silk Taffeta, reg. \$1.00; special, yard .80
 - 1 1/2 Fancy Suit Silks, yard .84c
- Under-Attire.
 - 1 1/2 black sateen Petticoats, 57c
 - 22 and 22 1/2 Drawers 1.47
- Women's Hosiery—Hosiery.
 - Women's 7c Hose, pair .25c
 - Misses' 10c Hose, pair .35c
 - sorted, seamless, made of good strong thread, sizes 8 to 9—Reg. 30c value; special, pair .18c
 - Reg. 30c value; special, pair .18c
 - Reg. 25c value; special, pair .25c
- Boys' Waists.
 - Boys' Percalé Waists, blouse and shirtwaist styles, light, medium shades, 50c values; spec. ea. 37c
- Jewelry.
 - 25c to 55c Hat Pins 10c
 - 50c and 55c Link Buttons, pr. 17c
 - 35c Cuff Pins 17c
- Purses and Belts.
 - Ladies' Pocketbooks, values to \$10, for 50.00
 - Ladies' Pocketbooks, values to \$4.50, for 2.50
 - Ladies' 25c Belts ("Buster Brown") 17c
- Men's Bargains.
 - Men's 25c Socks, pair .15c
 - Men's 1 1/2 Golf Shirts 1.25c
 - Men's 1 1/2 Suspenders, pair .27c
 - Men's 25c Ties .21c
 - Men's \$4.00 Suit Cases 2.25c

New Bargain Bill Daily During Mayfair

A FRESH LIST OF SPECIALS EVERY DAY, AND FOR ONE DAY ONLY, DURING THE HOME-PEOPLE'S PRE-EXPOSITION SALES.



Monday, May 8th, Seventh Day of the Great Pre-Exposition Sales

21 MORE DAYS ONLY OF THE GREATEST SALE PORTLAND EVER KNEW! Important! The Month of May at this Store Features a Series of ONE-DAY SPECIAL SALES. All prices advertised during this month are for one day only, as advertised, and must be taken advantage of on that day in order to secure benefit of special prices advertised.

The average yearly increase of this business for the past three years has been nearly 100 per cent, which means that in 1904 we about doubled the business of 1903. We use each year's record as a starting post for the next, and though the pace is hard, we are bound to keep it up, even though the profits are hewed extremely thin. How does such increased business come?

This is no trust, no monopoly; there isn't any patent to help us; the city is full of stores, and the number is increasing almost daily—still we keep increasing our lead. Listen! We'll explain. Good service. A service that is measured by points—

On variety of goods and quality, On price and absolute dependability, On fair treatment, On comfort, On performance of our full part in each transaction—must surely score best. Else why do the masses choose this store? This service is being improved and strengthened in every way, constantly.

It's an international, cosmopolitan store—with representatives in every market of the world and resident buyers with permanent office at 438 Broadway, New York City, the center of modern world commerce. The only Portland store possessing such facilities. And we're always on the move—Forward! Here at home providing Portland folk with New York service and privileges, and prices less than asked by most Eastern stores. Any wonder then that this is

PORTLAND'S GREATEST STORE?

High-Grade Suits and Gowns

Every Street Suit and Calling Gown in the store is included whose price-ticket bears a figure between \$40.00 and \$35.00. Sweeplingly reduced as follows:

- \$40.00 Suits for... \$28.85
- \$35.00 Suits for... \$24.45
- \$42.00 Suits for... \$31.15
- \$60.00 Suits for... \$44.75
- \$50.00 Suits for... \$36.25
- \$65.00 Suits for... \$49.50
- \$48.50 Suits for... \$36.25
- \$54.50 Suits for... \$39.75
- \$50.00 Suits for... \$37.25
- \$75.00 Suits for... \$56.25
- \$55.00 Suits for... \$39.50

A MONDAY SALE OF RAINCOATS AT PRICES NEARLY HALVED.

Regular \$25.00 Raincoats, Monday for... \$12.95

Regular \$11.00 Raincoats, Monday for... \$6.75

WOMEN'S NEW \$6.50 AND \$7.50 WALKING SHIRTS \$3.95.

Today's Special Pre-Exposition Sale Fine China

- In 3d Floor Stores.
 - 10c China Plates, 100 for \$10.00
 - Berry Sets, \$1.00
 - Berry Sets for 75c.
 - Berry Sets of seven pieces in fancy shapes; good quality of china, decoration of roses and gold. Our \$1.00 value, special at the set \$1.00
 - 12-1/2 Berry Sets \$1.07
 - 12-1/2 Berry Sets for 85c.
 - Berry Sets 7 pieces in set, decorated with small Dresden rose design. Our \$1.10 value, special at the set .85c
 - Plates and Fruit Saucers, \$2.50 Plates for \$1.95.
 - Bread and Butter Plates, with decoration of small Dresden roses. Our \$2.50 value, special at the dozen \$1.95
 - \$2.50 Dessert Plates, 12.
 - Dessert Plates, blue tinted and decorated with small roses. Our \$2.50 value, special at the dozen \$1.95
 - \$1.50 FRUIT SAUCERS \$1.15.

School of Domestic Science. Tea Room. Second Floor. Auspices Portland Y. W. C. A. TODAY'S MENU. Tea. Coffee. Chocolate. Milk in Bottles. Cream of Tomato Soup. Fruit Salad. Ham Sandwiches. Bread and Butter. Hot Rolls. Ice Cream. Tea Cakes.

A Feature Extraordinary Starts Here Today

1000 Free Admissions to the Lewis and Clark Exposition To Be Given Away to 20 Portland School Children by Popular Vote! As a special feature of the great MAY BARGAIN FEAST, we shall open another popular voting contest here, today, to run eight weeks, ending Saturday, July 1, at 6 P. M., through which the public will select 20 pupils from the schools of Portland, any school eligible, public or private, each to be awarded a book containing 50 commutation tickets of admission to the Exposition, good any time for admission between July 3 and the close of the Fair, October 15. Ballot-boxes will be distributed about the store as in former contests, a vote will be given with every 25c purchase, and will be returned with your purchase from the cashier through the wrapping desk, in the baskets, thus insuring every one the votes due them and safeguarding the ballots with the same care as the cash they represent the receipt of.

A Surpassing Millinery Event

Bijou Salons—Annex—Second Floor. A bargain happening that will mark an epoch in millinery selling! Today only we will sell any of our magnificent Pattern Hats at a fourth off regular prices.

EXTRA SPECIAL!

Women's Tailored Street Suits and magnificent Calling Gowns today at tremendous reductions! Grand Salons—Second Floor.

A grand "May-Fair" sale at Portland's style headquarters and largest apparel store west of Chicago—A meretricious price-cutting carnival!

Monday Bargains in the Annex—Second Floor. Art Shop, Corset Salons Junior's Shop

Our entire stock of Battenberg patterns, of centerpieces, scarfs, dollies, all kinds of collars, door panels, edgings, insertions, tie ends, handkerchiefs, etc. The entire stock, your choice at 8c

Royal Worcester's Ribbed Girdles, made of extra heavy brocade silk in pink, blue and white, trimmed with heavy silk bow; sizes from 18-24. Regular price \$2.50. Special... \$1.50

Children's white pique Dresses, Buster Brown and Russian styles, trimmed in silk stitching and shield and emblem at arm and on yoke; ages 2-4 years. Regular prices \$4.50-4.75. Special at... \$3.29

We have the Portland agency for the Quick-Meat Steel Ranges, Blue Flame Oil and Gasoline Stoves. The best manufactured, and guaranteed to be fuel savers.

Lewis and Clark and Oregon Souvenir China. A fine line of Lewis and Clark and Oregon Souvenir China, including plates, saucers, olives, cups and saucers, spoon trays, teapots, sugars and creamers, ash trays, vases, match-holders, steins, with cover or without, etc.

Latest by Wireless

Portland, Or., The Olds, Wortman & King Suit Store, Monday, May 8th, 6 A. M.

Women's Smart \$15 and \$18.50

Shirtwaist Suits at \$9.98

Handsome dust-proof mohair, stylish serges, and splendidly durable chevots, black, blues, browns and smart fancy mixtures, all the newest and latest style touches including leg o'mutton sleeves, fancy stock collars, etc. Trimming of silk braids and plaits, best \$15 and \$18.50 values, today only \$9.98

