

HOME RULE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Multnomah Democratic Club Places Itself on Record for Utilities.

IT ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Declares It Will Work for the Ending of Perpetual Franchises, Especially of the Portland Gas Company.

Termination of the present gas franchise in this city is the demand of the Multnomah Democratic Club, which last night adopted vigorous resolutions calling on the members to work faithfully for ending the perpetual franchises of whatever nature, particularly the Portland Gas Company's franchise.

Stars at Meeting.

Last night's galaxy contained such stars as Patrick Powers, John B. Ryan, A. E. Ream, George L. Hutchins, John Lambert, Alex Sweek, General Killfeather, Jos Malley, Cadmus B. Williams, J. E. Malley, Dr. J. W. Morrow, R. A. Wade, E. Versteeg, Charles Petrain and Charles E. Chamberlain.

General Killfeather in a very florid speech announced that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative to the Legislature, and that he would fight for the people's rights.

Resolutions as Adopted.

In the adoption of the resolution as to franchises, not one dissenting voice was heard. The resolutions as produced by Pat Powers were:

- Believing in the supreme power of the common people, the only sovereign recognized as rulers in this republic of democracy; and whereas, organized wealth has become insolent and greatly favored; be it Resolved, That we, as citizens and members of the Multnomah Democratic Club, pledge ourselves to work faithfully for the municipal ownership of public utilities;

The Multnomah Club is arranging for a series of public meetings for all Democrats. Heretofore its meetings have been open to members only. The club plans to make an active campaign for the June election, in connection with the Young Men's Club, and last night directed President Ream to appoint a committee of three members to confer with a like committee of the other club, to that end.

NEW PASTOR HASSALO-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.



Rev. Richard K. Ham, formerly pastor of the Congregational Church of Orville, Cal., has accepted the call of the Hassalo-Street Congregational Church to become its pastor. The call was extended by unanimous vote of the church at the regular annual meeting held on January 9. Rev. Mr. Ham is a young man with 12 years' experience in pastoral and pulpit work.

at the last meeting of the Young Men's Club by a narrow margin. The Multnomah Club recently announced its hostility to Ward by announcing C. E. Williams as its candidate for Sheriff, and the Young Men's Club elected as its president Word's most implacable enemy, John Montag. For Williams to be withdrawn from the race, and the Multnomah Club is turning its eyes toward Joe Malley for a standard-bearer.

WILL LECTURE FOR G. A. R.

Professor M. L. Pratt Engaged to Deliver Patriotic Addresses.

Professor M. L. Pratt, of Portland, has been appointed patriotic instructor of the Department of Oregon, G. A. R., and arrangements are being completed for lectures to be delivered by him in different portions of the state at open meetings under the auspices of the G. A. R. posts.



Professor M. L. Pratt.

Pratt is a G. A. R. man and past department commander. While principal of the Williams-avenue school the patriotic exercises were always popular. He is an able and interesting speaker. It will be the first time that such a course of addresses has been delivered by the department patriotic instructor.

The following is the official proclamation of the patriotic instructor concerning observance of National days: "With rapid strides our country has come to occupy a prominent place among the nations of the earth. Our National greatness is not due alone to the extent of our territory, the abundance of our material wealth, nor even our mental culture, but rather to our high ideals of manhood left us by the deeds of the great men God has given us. The best exponent of the greatness of a nation is its great men, and a full appreciation of its great men is the surest promise of continued and increasing National worth and influence.

OREGONIANS VISIT DIAZ.

Received by the Mexican President at the National Palace.

A party of Oregonians consisting of State Senator and Mrs. Dan Malarky, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fulton, State Senator and Mrs. Herbert Holman, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sanborn, and Miss Florence Hilton, now traveling in Mexico, recently had the honor of being received and given a private interview by President Diaz in his private apartments in the National Palace, Mexico City. An interview of this kind is considered an unusual favor and the party feels that it is indebted to Senator Charles W. Fulton for the honor as he arranged through the department of State at Washington to have the presentations made. Mr. McCree, Charge d'Affaires at Mexico City, was instructed by Secretary Root to arrange the reception and was with President Diaz when the party entered the Palace. Mr. Fulton acted as spokesman for the party and Mr. McCree acted as interpreter. President Diaz does not speak English, but is reported by his Oregonian visitors to be of charming personality, fine looking and possessed of much character. He is 72 years old, but looks to be at least ten years younger.

500 PAIRS OF FREE SEATS

\$1.50 the Leg, \$3.00 Per Pair. We have just included in our great pants sale five hundred pair of extra fine pants, regular values \$5.00 and \$5.50. This gives a splendid lot of patterns to select from in either all-wool, cashmere or silk stripe wares. The special price is only \$3.00. Brownsville Woolen Mill Store.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It cures the child, soothes the gums, relieves all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

ON BRISTOL'S TRAIL

Mysterious Person Sends Evidence at Washington.

FINDS DAMAGING LETTER

L. H. Maxwell Says Bristol Solicited Fee, But Will Not Give Identity of "Friend" Making the Charges.

Who is the mysterious person or persons who are after the scalp of William C. Bristol, the lawyer whom Francis J. Heney recommended for United States District Attorney?

Since Mr. Bristol became United States District Attorney it has been apparent that some one was after his official head and long before the published announcement from Washington came, there was talk of his appointment being turned down when it came time for the Senate to act. Friends of Mr. Bristol scoffed at the stories and declared that when his name came before the Senate the appointment would be confirmed.

But they reckoned without the mysterious persons who, following the lead of others, have delved into the private history of candidates for office from Oregon and have had a hand in blocking their appointments. Since the news came from Washington that charges of unprofessional conduct had been lodged against Mr. Bristol, he has stoutly refused to make a statement concerning the charges.

The firm which Mr. Bristol is alleged to have represented in the deal with the Cooe Bay Company is made up of James E. Page and Frank Hoberg, who have offices in the Chamber of Commerce building. Mr. Hoberg declares that he never employed Mr. Bristol, and never paid him a dollar in attorney fees, while on the other hand Mr. Maxwell declares that Mr. Bristol wrote the letter asking the Cooe Bay Company for a stamp upon to procure his infamously consuming the deal. Mr. Maxwell said yesterday:

Letter is Authentic. "I will state positively that Mr. Bristol wrote a letter to the Cooe Bay Land & Investment Company in June, 1902. The Oregonian printed this extract from that letter. In view of the fact that what I might say or do may have considerable influence on the result of the transaction, I suggest that you call your people together and let me know what lump sum you are willing to pay me in case the deal goes through.

Maxwell's Mysterious Friend.

"How did the original letter get into the hands of Senator Fulton, and later to the President? Maxwell asked. "Some time ago a very dear friend of mine requested me to let him have the letter, and I complied with his request." When asked as to the identity of the friend in question, Maxwell refused to divulge his name, and added that he had no intention as to the use the letter was to be put.

Ten Thousand Dollars Damages.

A verdict of \$10,000 damages, the largest verdict of the kind in a long time past, was returned in Judge Sears court yesterday in the case of Charles G. Trickey, as guardian of his son Harry K. Trickey, against Clarke & Wilson Lumber Company, of Linnnton. The son is 17 years old, and his leg was cut off by a saw. The evidence adduced at the trial for the plaintiff showed that because a lever was not properly fastened the machinery suddenly started, causing the saw to revolve. Young Trickey was about to remove the saw to have it filed. The jury was composed of Alexander Aitken, A. Munson, F. Davey, W. McQuaid, W. H. Osburn, J. P. Coulter, E. Gould, J. O. Downing, George Gibbs, R. D. Depee, G. W. Dodson, Edwin Haight.

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50c and 60c Flannels at 24c Yard. Three great special lots of fancy Waistings and Scotch Flannels to be closed out at a low price; 27-inch striped granite cloths for waists; 24c very best colorings; 50c values at, yard, 24c

Women's \$1 Underwear 59c Each. Odds and ends in women's wool Underwear; Swiss-ribbed or fine ribbed; high neck, long sleeves and ankle-length pants; natural color; \$1 val., 59c

Great Bargains in Women's Apparel. Women's \$15.00 wool Shirt-Waist Suits, \$8.85 Women's Suits, values up to \$20.00 at \$6.85

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40c Ribbons on Sale for 21c Yard. Beautiful line of fine faille silk Ribbons in all the newest shades; regular 40c values to be sold today only at this low price, yard, 21c

Cotton Huck Towels for 5c Each. Great special lot of 200 dozen cotton Huck Towels; size 18x36 inches; fringed ends; wonderful value today only at the low price of, each, 5c

Cuticura Soap on Sale at 16c Cake. 2000 cakes of the celebrated Cuticura Soap; the best soap for the skin; to be sold today at, 16c

All Remnants Very Low Priced. Included will be found the following: Remnants of Silks and Dress Goods; best patterns.

Great Values in the Big Basement. 75c to \$1.25 covered Vegetable Dishes, 49c 65c open and round Vegetable Dishes, 39c

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Grand Bargains in Boys' Clothing. Special lot of boys' 2-piece Suits in dark and light mixed chevrons and tweeds, very best styles; regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 values—chance to buy the boys' new school suits at half their value, only \$1.29

3-Fold Screens at One-Third Off. Choose from our entire stock of 3-fold screens; oak frames; silk and burlap filled; regular \$4.50, \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$8.00 values; choice at ONE-THIRD OFF

Shoe "Rummage Sale". 500 pairs of women's Shoes in desirable styles and leathers, sizes 2 1/2 to 4 only; \$2.50 to \$4.00 values on sale at, pair, 90c

Dress Trimming Spc'ls. All trimming and braid remnants on sale today at 1/2 Price. Broken lines of bands, crochet jet and bead trimmings; values up to \$2 a yard, 25c