

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.

An effort is to be made by the Word element to secure the indorsement of the two clubs, such a plan having been foiled.

NEW PASTOR HASSALO-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.



Rev. Richard K. Ham.

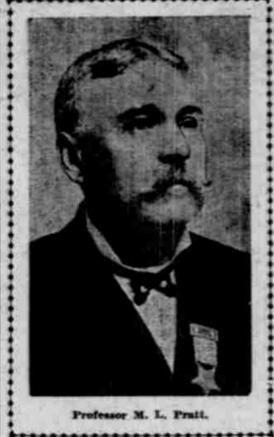
Rev. Richard K. Ham, formerly pastor of the Congregational Church of Orville, Cal., has accepted the call of the Hassalo-St. Congregational Church to become its pastor. The call was extended by unanimous vote of the church at the regular annual meeting held on January 9. Rev. Mr. Ham is a young man with 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.

"Among the great men whom God has given us, Lincoln and Washington will forever stand out at the head. The custom of observing the birthdays of these two men is both educative and beautiful. The dates of these days are—Lincoln, February 12; Washington, February 22. Therefore as 'state instructor in patriotism, Grand Army of the Republic,' I must earnestly and cordially recommend to all G. A. R. posts, public and private schools and churches of all denominations to observe these two days in the most fitting way. Free use of the flag, the singing of patriotic songs, extracts from the sayings of these two great men and addresses by the most eminent men and women in the community, will most certainly help essentially in keeping alive our love of country and prepare our youth for an honorable part in perpetuating the blessings of liberty, morality and peace bequeathed to us by the high-minded men who gave us the Republic. In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Oregon, I am most truly yours,

"M. L. PRATT, "Patriotic Instructor G. A. R."

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 \$1.00. 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, for teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, relieves all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

When you suffer from sick headache, dizziness, etc., remember Carter's Little Liver Pills will relieve you. One pill is a dose.

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 James 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. Now it develops that L. H. Maxwell, a deputy county assessor and secretary of the Coos Bay Land & Investment Company, is ready to stand by the charges that Bristol wrote the letter referred to in the Oregonian's dispatches to the Coos Bay Land & Investment Company. This letter, the same as the one referred to in the Oregonian's dispatches to the Coos Bay Land & Investment Company, was written on February 22, 1905, and is in the possession of James J. Heney, president of the company, declines to discuss the Bristol charges.

The firm which Mr. Bristol is alleged to have represented in the deal with the Coos 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 Coos 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 Coos 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."

"While I have not the letter before me at the present time, I can vouch for the fact that it is, as near as I can remember, identical to the same as the one of Mr. Bristol's letter. At that time we were negotiating for the sale of certain property for \$60,000. While we considered his demands somewhat extravagant, stated in his unprofessional, nevertheless we gave them some consideration, for we desired to dispose of the property. Previous to this time I, personally, had not known Mr. Bristol and I believe none of the firm knew him. Neither did we know Page and Hoberg, except as being in business. They were the parties to whom we were trying to sell the property."

Maxwell's Mysterious Friend.

"How did the original letter get into the hands of Senator Fulton, and later to the President? Maxwell would like to know. "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 would like to divulge his name, and added that he had no intimation 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.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. This LAXATIVE BROWN Quinine Tablets. Erigine's money is in each box. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

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"Rummage Sale" Bargains in Every Department

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 31-inch Scotch Flannels in the splendid styles and big variety; regular 40c and 50c values at, yd. 24c 27-inch fancy Waistings in embroidered dots and best colorings; regular 60c values at, the yard, 24c Special lots of Laces and Embroideries on sale at very low "Rummage Sale" prices today. Swiss, Nainsook and Cambrie Embroideries, Edges and insertions; best designs, all widths; values to 20c, the yard, 8c values to 30c at, yd. 12c

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 Women's ribbed cotton Union Suits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length; gray only; great val., 39c Women's heavy fleeco-lined ribbed cotton Union Suits; button across the chest; gray only; 59c best \$1.00 values on sale today at, 83c Women's \$1.25 cambric Underskirts, each, 83c Women's \$1.50, \$1.75 white Petticoats, each, 1.03 Women's \$1.50, \$1.75 Nightgowns for, 1.19 Women's 50c, 60c Corset Covers; best styles, 37c Great values in French Chemise, \$1.19 and, \$1.69

Great Bargains in Women's Apparel

Women's \$15.00 wool Shirt-Waist Suits, 88.85 Women's Suits, values up to \$20.00 at, 86.85 Women's 3/4-length Coats; best styles, ea., 84.85 Women's Wool Waists; \$2.25 values at, 1.18 Women's \$22.50 Coats on sale for, 88.75 Women's \$2.25 Flannelette and Percale Wrappers on sale at the low price of, 79c Women's \$2.00 Dressing Scaques for, 59c Children's \$5.00 to \$8.50 Sailor Suits at, 2.98 Children's \$3.00 to \$6.50 Dresses for, 1.78 Bargains in women's Walking Skirts. Great values in Raincoats; all styles and grades. Women's Velvet Suits at extremely low prices.

Men's \$1.50 Shirts at \$1.19 Each

Great special lot of new Spring Golf Shirts for men; made of fine madras; neat patterns in light colorings; 2 pairs of cuffs; all sizes and great variety; the newest and best \$1.50 values today, 1.19 Great lot of men's 50c Four-in-Hands, each, 19c Men's wool Sox, natural and camel's hair, pr., 15c Odds and ends in men's Kid Gloves; sizes 6 3/4, 7 and 7 1/4 only; \$1.50 values being cleaned up at, 50c Rummage bargains in men's Shirts, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Underwear, etc. Broken lines of men's and boys' Hats and Caps on sale at extremely low prices.

40c Ribbons on Sale for 21c Yard

Beautiful line of fine faille silk Ribbons in all the newest shades; regular 40c values to be 21c sold today only at this low price, yard, 21c Broken lines of wide fancy Ribbons; 7 and 8 inches wide; beautiful styles; \$1, \$1.25 values, yd., 69c Broken lines of Satin Taffeta Ribbons, 3 to 5 inches wide; good shades; 35c values, the yard, 10c Broken lines of fancy Ribbons; 50c and 65c values at this exceptionally low price of, the yard, 12c Broken lines of women's fine Kid Gloves, glace and suedes; \$1.50 to \$2.50 values on sale at, pair, 93c

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 Remnants of Table Damask at very low prices. Soiled dozens of Napkins at extremely low prices. All-linen Damask and Huck Towels; best styles and sizes; 25c values on sale at the low price of, 15c Special lot of Marseilles Bedspreads in pink only; \$3.00 values on sale at, 1.54 \$4.00 Satin Damask Napkins for, per dozen, 2.90 Broken lines of Table Linens at very low prices.

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 Only 2 Cakes to a Customer. 10,000 bars of Fairy Soap; "It floats"; fine soap for the bath or toilet; buy all you want of it today at the low price of, dozen cakes, 35c 1000 cans Royal Tooth Powder, per can, 5c Whirling spray Syringes, special at, 1.59 3-quart premium Hot Water Bottles, each, 98c Violet de Parma Toilet Water, per bottle, 33c Bargains in all lines of Toilet Articles.

All Remnants Very Low Priced

Included will be found the following: Remnants of Silks and Dress Goods; best patterns. Remnants of Laces and Embroideries; great variety. Remnants of Dress Trimmings and Ribbons; all colors. Remnants of Curtain Materials, Tapestries, etc. Remnants of Domestic and Flannels; great variety. Remnants of White Goods, Wash Goods; all colors. Remnants of Velings, Dress Linings; large variety. Remnants of Table Linens, Toweling, etc., best quality. Remnants of Black Goods, Velvets; great assortment. Remnants of White and Colored Wool Goods.

Great Values in the Big Basement

75c to \$1.25 covered Vegetable Dishes, 49c 65c open and round Vegetable Dishes, 39c 5, 7, 8-inch Plates; 12c, 24c values, 8c Covered Butter Dishes, 35c values, 25c Blue Abbey Cups and Saucers, each, 8c 6 and 7-inch white semi-porcelain Plates, 5c Slightly Discarded by Water-Baseiment \$1.99 Coffee Pots, 90c \$1.99 Coffee Pots, 85c \$1.19 Coffee Pots, 70c \$1.25 Coffee Pots, 75c \$1.19 Teakettles, 65c \$1.35 Teakettles, 70c All Damaged Kitchen Goods Half Price 75c to \$1.00 Plates, each, 50c 75c to \$1.00 Cups and Saucers, 35c 50c German China Plates, 20c value, 11c 1 1/2 Sugar and Creamers, for, pair, 1.15 \$1.50 Sugar and Creamers for, pair, 1.00 All Japanese Vases at One-Third Off.

Corset Values to \$3.00 at 69c Pr.

Special lot of high-grade Corsets in the very best models; nearly all sizes, white, drab and black; values in the lot up to \$3.00; choice today, 69c Another special lot of Corsets in small sizes; values up to \$1.50 pr., to be closed out at pr., 19c \$1.00, \$1.25 hand-embroidered and lace-trimmed Handkerchiefs on sale at this low price of, 43c Special lot of 20c, 25c Handkerchiefs at, 7c Children's 75c Drawers for, the pair, 39c Misses' Nightgowns; \$1.00, \$1.35 values, each, 73c

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 Little Boys' Fancy Blouses in blue or pink stripes; pique collars, ages 2 1/2 to 8 years; all the very best styles in good assortment; \$1.50 and \$1.75 values at, 89c Great Values in Boys' School Suits. Boys' all-wool Sailor Suits, serges and fancy mixtures, 3-10 years, \$4.50, \$5, at, 2.45 Young Men's Single-Breasted, all-wool Suits in good, serviceable mixtures, ages 15 to 20 years, regular \$7.50 to \$10 values at, 5.25 Boys' \$1.25 Flannel Waists for, each, 63c

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 Remnants of Cretonnes; 1 1/2 to 6-yard lengths; regular 20c values on sale at the low price of, 10c Odd Portieres for couch covers at, 1/2 PRICE Women's \$2.00 Handbags on sale at, each, 98c Entire stock of Leather Goods on sale at one-third off reg. prices—Handbags, Purses, Novelties of all kinds. Great special values in Women's Hosiery.

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 Good School Shoes for misses and children—take advantage. 500 pairs of women's fancy Slippers and misses' and children's Shoes—odds and ends, broken lines; \$1 to \$5 values at, 60c 500 pairs of men's velour aid box calf lace Shoes, very best styles; regular \$3.50 values at \$2.15 200 pairs of men's Congress Shoes; \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 val. at \$1.00 NECKWEAR Soiled Neckwear at very low prices. 75c fancy headed and Chiffon Stocks, very pretty effects, at, 45c Maline and Point de Esprit Ruffs in all colors; values up to \$5 for 98c

Oranges 24c Dozen

Another carload of the best California navel Oranges to be sold today, tomorrow and Saturday at a very low price. The size and quality of fruit grocery stores ask 35c and 40c dozen for; buy all you want of them at, doz., 24c Meier & Frank's famous Mocha and Java Coffee, a grade of coffee worth 40c a pound; buy all you want of it for 3 days, 24c Damaged kitchen goods 1/2 PRICE Great values in damaged nickel goods, tea pots, coffee pots, teakettles, etc. Odds and ends in fancy china of all kinds on sale at very low prices.

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 Fine wide Persian bands and appliques; \$1.25 values, yd. 79c Broken lots of narrow Persian bands and guimps; values up to 50c yard for, the yd., 11c STATIONERY 75c Box Papers, best linen, on sale at, 1/2 PRICE 35c Linen Papers, all colors, on sale at, 1/2 PRICE Fancy Crepe Papers, 20c val. 10c Bead Necklaces, each, 19c Solid Gold Pins at, each, \$1.33 All line of Jewelry at low prices.