Resolution Commending Fight of Oregonian Against Gas Graft Is Tabled.

WORD'S MEN ALL FIGHT IT

Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities and No Private Franchise on Front Street Adopted in Vigorous Resolution.

Calling on the City Council to grant no car franchise on Front street, but to build the road as a municipal line, the Young Men's Democratic Club last night by unanimous vote of some 50 stalwarts dopted a vigorous resolution, offered by G. W. Allen. The first half of the resolu tion, presented by William Horan, demands municipal ownership of public utilties and sanction by the people in refer-endum of all franchises that may be granted by the Council, before such fran-

chises shall go into effect.

Mr. Horan's part of the resolution was offered to the club first and Mr. Allen's as an amendment, and both were adopted together with a whoop that made the lights of the gas trust flicker.

Foes of Gas Greed.

The meeting was attended by the bravest foes of franchise monopoly in the Democratic camp, and they made the building quake with their thunders against grab of the public streets for enrichment of the privileged few that own and control the public utilities in Portland. A resolution commending The Oregonian's opposition to the greed of the Portland Gas Company was introduced by Colonel J. P. Burkhart, but was laid on the table Gas Company was introduced by Colone.

J. P. Burkhart, but was laid on the table for future consideration, the club taking the stand that, as The Oregonian was a Republican newspaper, a Democratic club could not consistently ally itself with it. The resolution was champloned by its prize, with the energetic oratorical prize. author with the energetic oratorical power that has made him famous in the Democratic camp; also by William Horan, who pointed out that the reform most needed in this country was that of fran-chised greed, and not that of vices and failings of the poor, to which the privifallings of the poor, to which the privi-leged barons were trying to divert the at-tention of the people, so as to hide their own grafts. Another speaker of the same sort was General Edward Killfeather. These speakers were reinforced by S. C.

The Tabled Resolution.

The opposition was headed by "Citizen" Parker, John Van Zante and J. T. Milner, and was aided by 15 of Sheriff Word's deputies, among them being W. H. Mercer, Sam Downey, Sam Kafka, S. B. Marrin, Harry Grafton, John W. Grussi, J. W. Perguson, B. L. Kelly, W. W. McIntosh and Coffey, The tabled resolution of Colonel Burk-hart follows:

Whereas. The great tidal wave of political reformation which is sweeping over our country has reached the Pacific Coast and working its leaven in our own great

Whereas, The Morning Oregonian, the oldest leading Republican newspaper of the state, has arrayed itself on the side of the people, as against the influences of corrup-tion of our Nation; and

Whereas, Said paper has opened its bat-teries on the gas trust of this city and exchecking the grafting methods of the Portland Railway Company, the Telephone Com-

reporations; now, therefore, be it Resolved, That we, the Young Men's Democratic Club, commend said Oregonian for its warfare against corruption, fraud and dishonesty, and pledge ourselves as true Democrats to uphold said Oregonian in Darkey Stories. its war in behalf of the masses against the

Resolved. That we suggest to said paper that it scrutinize the actions of our City Water Board and expose its shortcomings. Resolved, That we renew our efforts to uphold law, maintain order, crush out corin public office and array ourselves on the side of right and the many as against

Resolution Is Championed.

This resolution, after being read by Colonel Burkhart, was championed by William Horan in an impassioned speech, Horan pointed out the practice of franchise holders, when the people demand a check to their greed, of trying to befor the issue with vice-reform, conspicuously in Chicago and Cleveland. The anti-saloon sentiment was fostered, he said, saloon sentiment was fostered, he said, for such a purpose, and declared that Rockefelier's big donations to the Anti-Saloon League were in line with the plan of the privileged few to draw from their grafts the attention of the unprivileged many.

"We find," said he, "that in Chicago, when petition after petition has been signed for public ownership of car lines and when corporations are willing to pay

lution went to the table and the Horan-Allen resolution was adopted. The ticket-making committee consisting of James, Foley, Mark O'Neill and General Kilifeather, made its report through General Kilifeather and was dismissed, without bringing up the Malley-Word imbroglio. The committee had been appointed to confer with a like committee of the Multingman Democratic Club. tee of the Multnomah Democratic Club, for bringing out candidates for the pri-

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nation for United States Senator. He said he would reach a decision in a few days and that he will not be a candidate, should Multnomah County unite on a man for the place.

Joe Malley, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff against Tom Word, will file his announcement of candidacy today with the County Clerk.

Joseph A. Ryan, residing at 28 Hooker street, has filed a petition in the County Clerk's office for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer. His platform is courtesy, efficiency, honesty and economy.

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George Franklin yesterday filed a petition in the County Clerk's office for nomination on the Republican ticket for Constable of the Portland district.

County Judge Lionel R. Webster yesterday announced himself, as a candidate for re-election, and will file his petition for remomination at the coming primary election within a few days. Judge Webster has filled the office well, and hopes to win over his opponents, A. T. Lewis and R. R. Glitner. C. U. Gantenbein may also be a candidate for the nomination but may deade to try for the State Circuit Judgeship. Judge Webster served a term as Judge of the State circuit Court in the Southern Oregon district, and he ran for the office of Attorn y-General and was defeated by George E. Chamberlain, present Governor.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PARTY GIVEN BY ORGANIZATION.

Interesting Programme Includes Distribution of Hatchets, Literary and Musical Numbers.

The Young Women's Christian Association has been hostess at many pleasant social events since the advent of Miss Constance McCorkle as secretary, but the George Washington party given last night, to which the members of the Young Men's Christian Association were invited, outshone them all. Every nook and corner of the association headquarters at Sixth and Oak streets was crowded with guests, the young folks engaging in amusements ap-propriate to the occasion. Souvenir hatch-cts decorated with cherries were presented the guests upon arrival, and all who could crowd into the dining-room to witness the tableaux took seats there, the others forming groups in doorways and halls.

Prize.

The hatchets contained alphabetical guessing contests, and each called for a numbered partner. This proved a great promoter of social intercourse, and the evening passed in most delighful fashion, a committee serving fruit punch and cake and the hostesses' activity made every one feel much at home. The young men voted the young women delightful entertainers, and hope that many more such occasions may present themselves to Miss McCorkle, The programme rendered follows:

Music E. P. Long's Banjo and Guitar Quartet
"Our Country and Our State—Uncle Sain"
Mr. Weinstein
Music—"Oregon" Miss Margaret Pieming
"A Celebrated Character in English
Poetry—Elaine" Miss Mabel Mathison
Reading Miss Mabel Anderson
Two Nations of Europe—
"Switzserland" Frau Bekker
"Germany" Miss Margaretta Gibson
Song Frau Bekker
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"A Woman Honored by All Lands—Florence Nightingale" Miss Anna Ortman
Reading. Miss Blanche Eberhard
Two Types of Southern Beauty—
"Topsy" Miss Irene Weiss
"Old Virginia" Miss Chice McClung
Sobg. Miss Miss Chice McClung
"A Legendary Colonial Character—Rip
Van Winkle" T. L. Thomas
Reading. Miss Blanche Eberhard
"A Celebrated Character in American
Poetry—Evangeline" Miss Louise Harding
Reading Miss Mabel Anderson
Two Eastern Nations—
"Greece" Miss Berthine Mathison
"India" Miss Ruth Stone
Famous Figures of the Colonias—
"Hiswaths" Norman Tufford
"Minnehaba" Miss Lots Vincent
"Nokomis Miss Lots Vincent
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"March of All Characters. George Washington
Song—Tolumbia the Gem of the Ocean
Miss Poston
Darkey Stories Miss Constance McCorkie
Popular Patriotic Songs
Chopping of Cherry Tree,
Refreshments.
Quartet

BUYS THE COTTEL TRACT

United Railways Secures It for Nearly \$200,000.

After bidding against an unknown competitor, who has raised the price about \$100,000 in the past two mouths and who ran the values up \$16,000 in the last 15 minutes of the negotiations, the United Railways Company closed the deal for the Cottel tract on Guild's Lake resterday afternoon for nearly \$300,000. The land covers about 100 acres and includes

when petition after petition has been signed for public ownership of car lines, and when corporations are willing to pay a million dellars for one vote in the City Council, somebody starts up one of those petty reform movements that are outside the philosophy and principle of the Democratic party. The fight of our party is not against the vices of the poor, but against the steals of greedy franchise-grabbers. One man can go to a City Council and with a money bag and a whisper can do more damage than all the poor wretches with their faults and tailings."

Siap at Professed Democratic Organ.

J. T. Milner moved that the resolution be referred to a committee. Killfeather opposed in one of his characteristically eloquent speeches, saying that The Oregonian stood for free trade and reform of franchise monopolies, whereas an evening newspaper which professes to be the Democratic organ was in the hands of the franchise-holders.

"There's something more for the Democratic party to do than to drive disceputable women from one part of the city to another. Let the sunlight of liberty-shine in on us sometimes."

On motion of John Van Zante, the resolution went to the table and the Horan-Allen resolution was adopted.

Second Charge Against Blackburn.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 23.—The grand jury of the United States District Court today returned another true bill against Congressman Blackburn charging

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of this for bringing out candidates for the primaries.

Henry L. (Bishop) Barklay attended the meeting and for the first time in a long while Democrate listened to his vigorous eloquence. He advocated statement No. I and urged the nomination of good Democrate as a sure guarantee of party success.

Political Personals.

Stephen A. Lowell returned to Pendicton last night, after a two-day visit in Portland without making up his mind whether to run for the Republican nomi-

Roller Skates, Third Floor--Store Open Tonight Until 9:30-- "Peninsular" Steel Ranges, Bas't

The Meier & Frank Store Saturday Specials in Men's Wear



This week's bargain budget of Men's Furnishings is equally as interesting as any of its predecessors - Seasonable, stylish apparel of every description will be found marked at saving prices-Great assortment

Special lot of 100 dozen men's new Spring Golf Shirts; the very best styles in light and dark colorings; big variety to select from; attached or detached cuffs; all sizes; 69c regular \$1.00 values on sale at the low price of

\$1 Spring Underwear at 89c Each

Men's Spring weight non-shrinkable natural wool Underwear; Men's Spring weight form-fitting worsted Under-wear; shirts and drawers; \$1.75 values at...... \$1.33

Men's \$2.00 Umbrellas at \$1.57 Each

Men's steel rod, paragon frame Umbrellas: shower proof covering; natural wood handles in the best shape; every umbrella guaranteed; regular \$2.00 values on sale at...... \$1.57 'Stetson' Hats for Spring now ready; Derbys and "Johnny Jones" shapes; black, tans

35c Hosiery at 17c a Pair

3500 pairs of men's fancy cotton and lisle Hose in all the best designs and color combinations, stripes, checks, Jacquards, etc., all sizes; 25c and 35c values, pair 17¢ 100 dozen men's fine linen Handkerchiefs; all initials; the best 50c values for 25¢ Men's extra quality linen Handkerchiefs:

grand values at 20c each; 3 for 50c

New Spring Shirts

In immense array; every prominent make-"Manhattans," "Cluetts," "Monarchs," "Star," "Calumets" and others in regular or coat styles; every new design and coloring; by far the greatest showing in

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2-16, can table blackberries to 25c Blue Label Catsup, bottle . 25c Blue Label Catsup, bottle . 25c Van Camp's Catsup, bottle . 25c l-qt. bottle C. & B. Vinegar . 25c Durkee's Salad Dressing 16c, 25c Wainuts at, per pound . 15c Quart Cooper's Olive Oil . \$1.00

2 packages H. O. Oats for ... 25c 2 packages Force for ... 25c 2 packages Maita Vita for ... 25c Libby's Ham or Veal Loaf . 10c 5-pound pail pure Jelly ... 75c 2 jars McLaren's Cheese ... 25c Sapolio, 7c, Bon Ami. 3 for ... 25c Libby's Lunch Tongue . 20c, 35c Libby's Lunch Tongue . 20c, 35c 2 i-pound cans Corn Beef ... 25c 16-ounce bottle Queen Olives 25c

Men's \$3.50, \$4 Shoes \$2.65 Pr.



Great special sale of 500 pairs of Men's fine Shoes at a wonderfully low price-Patent leathers, velour calf, box calf and vici kid in lace or blucher style-All the best models made by one of the leading manufacturers in the land-All sizes and widths-Reg. \$3.50 and \$4 values-Your choice today at this special price, pair \$2.65

Chance to buy your Spring Footwear at a big saving Special lot of boys, youths and little gents Box Call Lace Shoes in desirable models; grand values at the following prices: 10 to 131/2 at \$1.22-1 to 2 at \$1.38-21/2 to 51/2 at \$1.58

Women's \$3, \$3.50 Shoes \$1.98

Last day of the great special sale of women's patent leather, patent colt, box calf and vici kid shoes in all the very best models for street and dress wear; regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 values at, the pair...... \$1.98

The 1906 Wash Materials PORTLAND'S LARGEST AND BEST DISPLAY

200 pieces of Pincappie Batiste, a beautiful Summer material in new design and 1242c
Organdie Czarine, a handsome sheer material in attractive designs and colorings; 32 150 inches wide; on sale at, yard
Persian Organdy: new styles from Paris; 32 inches wide: magnificent material for waists and dresses; the yard
New cotton materials in silk effects; light and dark grounds; 27 inches wide; yard
silk designs and large printed floral 500
Stik Batiste, rich plain fabrie with small slik stripes and checks woven through it; 600 39 inches wide at, the yard
Sole Bouche, a highly mercerized material in small embroidered designs, light and dark 500 grounds: 2; inches wide; yard
Silk dotted Mulls; an old-time favorite in 25c all the 1996 shades: 27 inches; yard 36-in Lines Sullings; white, blue and tans; on
sale at, the yard
Irish Dimities; an assortment of 1800 pieces; all the latest styles; cluster cords, checks and plaids; handsomest and largest showing
plaids; handsomest and largest showing 250 ever seen in the entire country; yard

New Scotca Ginghams: thousands of v pieces; new colorings, the yard Embroidered Linnette, handsome medium weight linen finish material in plain colors and embroidered designs; pretty for waists and 25c New Cotton Creps de Chines; beautiful fabric for hot-weatner waists; new shades 19c Embroidered Volles; the hit of the season for street, outing and oesen; sheer and dressy; dark and light grounds with silk embroidered 19c designs; the yard Wool-finish Batiste; reproductions of the new Spring wool goods; very desirable for 19c knock-about suits; 27 inches; yard New embroidered Batiste; a high-grade wash material; exclusive styles at, yard 19c, 12½c

New White Goods

Saturday Sale of Men's Clothing Men's Spring Topcoats at \$14.65

Special lot of Men's Spring-Weight Overcoats and Topcoats in medium, light and fancy mixtures of tweeds, worsteds and cheviots - Handsomely tailored throughout and cut in the very latest fashion-Coats desirable for wear at any season of the year and sold at the exclusive clothing store at \$20.00 and \$22.50



Men's high-grade Cravenette Overcoats of the best materials and make, fancy tweeds and worsteds, cut in \$14.65 the very best style; \$22.50 values for Men's \$20.00 Cravenette Overcoats in long styles, tweeds and cheviots, in fancy mixtures, extra well made \$12.85 and finished, all sizes; great values at only.

MEN'S \$2.00, \$2.50 FANCY VESTS FOR \$1.05 Great special bargain in men's washable Vests, plain colors and fancies in white, gray, tans, blue, blacks, etc. Neat effects in great assortment, all sizes; regular \$2.00, \$2.25 \$1.05 and \$2.50 val. on sale at this extremely low price.

The Meier & Frank Store New 3/4 Length Box Coats for

Misses and Children From \$7.50 to \$12.50 Each

Entire new Spring stock of misses ad children's 4-length double-breasted Box Coats in plain and fancy mixtures and fancy stripes; collar and cuffs fancy trimmed; patch pockets; Bishop sleeves or leg-o'-mutton sleeves; the very latest styles; all ages. \$7.50 to \$12.50 Misses and children's tan covert Box Coats; Bishop sleeves finished at the hand with tucks and cuff; leg-o'-mutton sleeves with chevron; ages 6 to 14 years, each....\$6.50 to \$7.50 Full line of children's Gimps in white; all ages each 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, to \$2.50



Children's Dresses \$1.75 to \$12.50

An immense showing of children's new wash Dresses in "Buster Brown," French yoke and sailor styles; piques, chambrays, linens, India linons, ducks, ginghams, linen crash, hand-embroidered piques, butcher's linen, etc., in all the best patterns and colorings; ages 2, 3 and 4 years.

Women's Hosiery Specials Today

Women's fine black lisle "Onyx" Hosiery with silk embroidered Women's plain black cotton and lisle Hose; full fashioned; high Misses', children's and boys' Fleeced Hose, light and heavy weight; also broken line of "No-Mend" hose; 25c val.; all sizes, pr. .17¢ Broken line of "Buster Brown" Hose for boys and girls, pr. . 121/20

Women's Knit Underwear Very Special Values



Women's fine ribbed lightweight wool Union Suits in natural color:\$1.49

Women's medium weight cotton Union Suits, cream color, high neck and long sleeves; ankle length; 75c values. . 49¢ Women's Swiss ribbed lightweight silkmixed Vests, high neck and long sleeves, pink and blue; best 79c

Women's Swiss ribbed silk and lisle Vests, low neek, no sleeves, cream color; all sizes; best 60e values on sale for . . 47¢ Women's low-neck no-sleeve Vests, with Torchon lace yoke, val, lace edge or plain mercerized lisle; 35c val. ea 25c

"Lindsay" Lights Complete 68c Each

Another great shipment of the celebrated "Lindsay" Incandescent Gas Lights on sale for a few days at a wonderfully low price; guaranteed the satisfactory incandescent gas light on the market-Gives the best light and consumes the least amount of gas-1000 lights complete with mantle, white opal globe and burner-Buy all you want at this phenomenally low price.....

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Boys' Blouses in white linen and pongee with attached collars, ages 8 \$1.25 to 16 years handsome styles. Boys' Blouses in light percales and madras, with or without collar; light or 75c dark stripes; 6 to 16 years, each. Boys' Blouses in light striped percales with or without collar; 7 to \$1.00

Boys' White Blouses, made of fine lawns, embroidered collar and front; ages 21 8 years, big variety; 75e to \$2.50 Boys' Blouses in dark blue cheviot, light percales and chambrays; ages 6 50c to 16 years; best val. offered at. Boys' Russian Blouses in light and medium percales, cheviots and madras; blue, pink or tan stripes or figured; ages 21/2 to 9 years; splendid values at50¢



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1000 yards of fancy Mohairs, Brilliantines and Sieilians in a large variety of patterns and colorings suitable for waists, skirts and suits; neatest effects, 46 inches wide; regular \$1.25 values. . . 89¢ Great value in 56-inch Panama Cloth in all the leading shades for suits and skirts. The season's most popular material, yd. . \$1.25 1906 Foulards in the best styles; regular 65e values today at . 49¢ Magnificent high-class Japanese hand-embroidered Shirtwaist patterns; exquisite styles in rich designs and inserted lace \$7.95 effects; values from \$12.00 to \$35.00 on sale for\$7.95

Women's Neckwear

New silk-braid Stocks with gilt cord edge and Battenberg braid, with ribbon centers; light blue, lavender, pink and green, regular 50c 26c values at

Silk greandine Windsor Ties; ail the most desirable colors; 25c 25c values at two for Cream and white lace Turnovers, net top and Venise applique combined with very dainty effects; 18c regular 25c values at Washable Stocks of butchers' linen, embroidered in mercerized floral designs; best 50c values on 34c sale for Pompadour face Stocks, white and ecru, dainty, blue bell patterns; 65c values for 39c

Picture Dept. Bargains Today

Indian Photographs in black and white, mounted on \$x13 mats; great special values at, 7c Frederick Remington's famous Bunch of Buckskins, in colors, 20x24 inches; great special value at each. 79c 25 per cent discount on all stamp-ed Pyrography Boxes, Shirtwaists Boxes, Tabourettes, etc.; great va-

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