# WILL RESUME

Seventy-Five Subpenas Are Issued for Witnesses in Investigation.

# RESUME OF CHARGES MADE

Mrs. S, Clark Tells of Overcharge and Dissatisfaction When She Tries to Have Bills Rectified at Office.

Tonight the Council's committee on in vestigation will continue with its probing of the Portland Gas Company. While the investigation was formally opened ten days ago, tonight's proceedings will in reality mark the beginning of the committee's work. At the previous meeting a misunderstanding between the committee and City Attorney McNary resulted in failure to subpens important witnesses. Witnesses in force have been called for however, and no delay is anforward with offers of testimony tending to show that they have been the victims of dishonest practices. This list includes names well known in business and offi-cial circles. The city's interests in the Investigation will be looked after by City Attorney McNary and Henry E. McGinn. J. N. Teal and C. E. S. Wood will prob-

### Charges Well Supported.

The charges which resulted in the in vestigation are varied, and are supported by hosts of reputable patrons of the gas pany, who have long been convinced that they are the victims of reprehensible methods. Overcharging, inferior service, a disregard of complaints, irregular meter reading, discrimination, exorbitant rates for delinquent gas payments and refusal to rebate overcharges, form the gist of charges against the gas corporation. Free une of streets, destruction of the streets in laying pipes, holding a monopoly in the city on the gas supply, and failure to pay equitable taxes are likewise charged against the concern.

## Seventy-Five Subpenas.

Tonight's session will be held in the ouncil chamber. Those actively interested, including witnesses, will be admitted to the lower floor, while the pub-lic at large will be allowed the use of the balcony. In all, about 75 subpenss have been issued for witnesses having

plaints against the company, Judging from the first day of the investends so depend upon its ability to puncture and explain away the complaints offered by the various witnesses. Attor-ncy Test stated that he could offer satisfactory explanations of the charges made

# Overcharged for Gas.

Convinced that she has been greatly overcharged month after month, Mrs. S. Clark, 24 North Tenth street, yesterday expressed to a representative of The Oregonian her extreme dissatisfaction with the methods of the Portland Gas Company. So exorbitant were the bills which were presented to her in two cases that the officials of the company, after trying repeatedly to collect them, admitted that they were probably overcharges, and reduced them by more than one-half, so

There are five people in Mrs. Clark's household. They occupy a seven-room flat, using gas for lighting and cooking purposes. "We use very little gas," said Mrs. Clark last night. "We seldom have ore than two jets burning at any time and use the range only for light cooking never baking with it. In spite of it, my gas bills have been so high that I can-not but believe that the company is trying to work a systematic graft.

# Excessive Bills Rendered.

"Up to last November my bill for any ne month was never higher than \$6.50. For that month, however, it was \$22.50. When I received it it almost took my breath away, and I went at once to the office of the company and protested. They insisted it was all right and would not make any change, threatening to turn off my gas if I did not pay. Under the circumstances the company must have known that the bill was wrong, and simply tried to see how much they could get out of me. I was compelled to go to the office four or five times, and finally to tell them that I would take out the range and burn wood or coal if they did not reduce it, before they would do anything for me. Then they refused to send a man to re-read it, as I asked them to do, but reduced the bill to \$8.50, saying

that there might have been a mistake.
"I thought this might be the end of my trouble with the company, but when my December bill came it was for 120. Again I protested, and after being put to much annoyance by the matter, succeded in having this bill also reduced to \$8.50. My January bill was \$10.50. They evidently thought that was about as evidently thought that was about as much as they could get out of me. But they made a mistake, for I do not intend to pay that. They can take out the gas if they want to, but I shall not pay one cent more for January than I did the previous month, for I know I

we been paying too much all along.

The methods which the company are using are the biggest outrage I have ever heard of. I know that they have been overcharging me right along. I am sure if the meter were right and the gas not under excessive pressure or mixed with air my bill would never exceed \$6.50 a month if the meter were read correct-

# MISS MINNIE KAPUS DIES

Fails to Rally From Surgical Operntion and Passes Away.

The death of Miss Minnle Kapus, which occurred yesterday morning, was a great shock to her many friends in Portland, where she has spent her life. Miss Kapus received her education in the High School of this city, where she was a favorite or this city, where she as a tavorite pupil with both teachers and scholars. After leaving school she became a teacher and for the past five years had been at the head of the fourth grade in the Ladd School. Her popularity there among her fellow-teachers and with her pupils was marked, and the news of her death caused universal sorrow in school circles, as well as among the many residents of Portland, who had known her from child-

Until a week ago Miss Kapus was at er post apparently perfectly well. A rowth on the neck, resembling a goitre, ad bothered her, and as it had begun to d bothered her, and as it is a decided effere with her breathing, she decided have an operation performed for its moval. Dr. K. A. J. MacKenzie permoval.

fruitless. She died Monday morning at 1

Miss Kapus was the only daughter of the late General William Kapus, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kapus, and lived with her widowed mother at Twenty-third and Kear-ney streets. Two brothers, William and Harry Kapus, survive her. Her father was a Lieutenant in the regular Army and a Brigadier-General in the Oregon National Guard.

# JEWISH FAMILY LIFE.

Last of Series of Lectures Given by Dr. A. S. Isaacs.

The last of an interesting series of lectures by Dr. A. S. Isaacs, professor of German in the University of New York, was given at Temple Both Israel last night, under the auspices of that congre-gation and Portland Lodge, 96, L. O. B. B. "Jewish Family Life" was the subject chosen by Dr. Isaacs for this lecture, and it proved deeply interesting and instructive. He divided the pictures used on the lantern slides for illustrations into four classes, education, Sabbaths, holidays and miscellaneous, using the famous pictures of Maurice Oppenheim., There was a quaintness about the old-time life of this

Young French Girl Escapes From Shameless Life.

WAS LURED TO AMERICA

Immigration Officers Take Up the Case and, Within Three Weeks She Will Start for Her Home in Paris.

Twenty-year-old Emelle Ondriot, miscellaneous using the famous pictures of Maurice Oppenheim. There was a quaintness about the old-time life of this race which strongly appealed to the artistic imagination and made the illustrations threatening suicide unless she was imand descriptions more fascinating than mediately placed on board a train for her

# the lookout. Chaplat brought the girl from London last December, where she had been placed by friends of the man by whom she had been betrayed, in order to prevent a scandal. Chaplat posed as her husband, and succeeded in making the Boston immigration officers believe his story. They were joined by a woman named Louise Kraus, and came to Portland. About a month ago Miss Ondriot succeeded in escaping from her prison room and finding a person who could speak her language, made her way to the French Consulate and told her story. The matter was immediately laid before the District Attorney, and that official in turn placed the case before immigration inspector J. H. Barbour. Will Be Sent Home.

# East Siders Discuss Railway

Proposition.

# THIRD-STREET LINE TALK

H. H. Newhall Speaks for an Elec tric Road Standardized for All Lines, and W. L. Boise for Southern Pacific.

# For High Balls Use a SPLIT of

association to consider. He remarked that he was anxious for the development of the East Side, and considered that the best way was to fill the street and the property in the warehouse district. The South ern Pacific Company had agreed to make a fill on East Third and East Second streets, also to build a freight depot on East Oak and Second streets. Mr. Boise said that if the Northern Pacific wanted a proposition to be considered, but the proposition of Mr. Newhall was too indefinite. Mr. Boise said he would favor any railway which would help fill the

## Reply of Newhall.

Mr. Newhall answered with some feeling, charging that the Ladd and Hawhorne estates had done little to promote the growth of the East Side, and asked where were the big buildings these estates had erected. Mr. Newhall declared that the Southern Pacific wanted the franchise on East Third street in order to bottle up the East Side, and prevent any other line coming in, which was not the way to promote the substantial growth of that part of the city.

S. L. Woodward spoke against granting the Southern Pacific a franchise, and said that others besides the property-owners were interested. It was a street that should be kept open to all lines, and not bottled

C. G. Sutherland was present, representing the Harriman lines. He said that it was the property-owners, and not the Harriman interests, who had made over tures for the building of this line, and furthermore, through the district where a fill would have to be made, 30 per cent of the property-owners had signed for the franchise. The Southern Pacific, said Mr. Sutherland, would erect a local depot on East Oak and Second streets.

# Wide Range of Discussion.

The discussion covered a wide range R. Sinnott, Henry Meyers and others spoke, and a good deal of personal feel-ing was displayed in what was said, and was kept up until Joseph Buchtel demand-ed that there be a halt. No action was taken one way or the other.

Thomas Hislop, who just came home from California, gave an account of his trip, and advocated good driveways for

Portland. Mr. Boise announced that arrangements were being made to lay the cornerstone of the East Side High School in the near future. It was also announced that the headquarters and information bureau of the association would be open on East Morrison street in about a week, with Joseph Buchtel and J. D. Lee in charge. The secretary reported the receipt of sev-eral letters relative to the department

### CHILDREN INSIDE

Judge Frazer Tells Police to Enforce Curfew Ordinance.

Circuit Judge A. L. Frazer addressed the day patrol, and first relief of police at headquarters yesterday afterno Juvenile Court work, relative to portions of it coming to the attention of the offi-cers on beats. He was introduced by Acting Chief Gritzmacher. Police Com mitteemen Sabin and Greene were pres-

Judge Frazer commended the policemen on their work relative to the Juvenile Court laws, and said he wished it known that he was not present in any faultfinding spirit. He emphasized the fact that the place for children was home. and asked the officers to endeavor to take minors home when found on the streets, or to call on one of the probation officers

of the court.
"We have found," said Judge Frazer, "that the worst thing for the child is running about the streets at night. The darkness affords a cover for criminal activity which is not had in the light of day. We want the children to be in their homes at night, and I wish you would enforce the ordinance that requires them to be off the streets at prescribed them to be on the streets at prescribed hours. When you find children violating the laws, I want you to get them home, for that is the place for them; the home is the place to reform them. We cannot act on their cases without first seeing the parents, and to order the children fnto our court, as has been done by some officers, is unnecessary, as we have to re-turn them. We hope to have a truant officer soon to look after school children, and I ask you to co-operate with him and assist in a good work in that way."

# NOT NEHALEM BEESWAX

Article Found on the Peninsula Is Said to Be Molten Pitch.

Colonel L. L. Hawkins sent a sample of what was supposed to be identical with Nebalem beeswax, recently found on the Peninsula, to C. E. Bradley, professor of chemistry at Pacific University, Yesterday he received a reply stating that the two articles were similar. The professor finds, so far as his investigation has gone, that the Nehalem wax is the same as true beeswax, and is not the mineral wax, ozokerite. The Peninsula article is resinous, and on distillation yields turpentine. Fallen logs, catching fire, yielded a stream of molten pitch, which became imbedded in the sand, it is thought.

# A Singular Hop Argument.

GLADSTONE Or., Peb. 25 .- (To the Editor. In The Oregonian recently appeared an ed-torial entitled, "Beer and the Hopgrower." you have used an argument which, viewed from a strictly industrial standpoint, will bear some investigation. To leave out the moral question entirely

and view the subject strictly from an indu and view him sunject structly from an indus-trial standpoint, we must first settle the question as to whether beer is of any roal value as a food or not. Physicians and accent-ists tell it is not. If that is true, then every day's work, every acre of land devoted to the production of hope, is just so much of the productive capacity of Oregon thrown

may furnish employment to a good many people. The same may be said of the brewer who manufactures the beer; but what of the man who drinks the beer?

Probably in nine cases out of ten he is a post man and cannot afford the beer simply as a luxury, and is only helping along the concentration of wealth in a few hands. It is true that the same argument can be used in regard to a great many luxuries, which do the people no practical good, but serves the same purpose of concentration of wealth. It

is like taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another.

And it is true that the process will go on in solic of all argument against it, but in the case of some articles of luxury only used by the rich, it is serving some good purpose—that of distributing the wealth of the countries. that of distributing the wealth of the country from among the rich who can afford it. This is not intended as a bomily on temper ance, but as a thought as to what constitutes real industrial growth and prosperity. Neither is it a distribe against the hopgrower. for if I owned a farm adapted to the growing of hops, I should probably grow hops as long as I could make the growing of them

But it is to try and induce people to think ore deeply in regard to the real state and National prosperity. E. P. CARTER.

# SECRET POLITICAL PARTY

East Side Young Men Organize Non-Partisan Society.

In one of the rooms of the Second Baptist Church, East Seventh and East Ankeny streets, several young men held a secret meeting last night, and effected the preliminary organization of a young men's nonpartisan club. None of the proceedings and names of those who took part were made public, except the object. This is to study the political situation and the characters of the candidates who are seeking nom-inations for office. This study is not to be made along political lines, but only as to the fitness and character of the candidates It was announced that it was expected that at least 253 young men would enter this nonpartisan movement, and who would make themselves a power at the primary and the June elections.

# ALLEGED BIGAMIST IN JAIL

En Route to California in Custody

Sheriff J. C. Sibley, of Stockton, Cal., tle, bringing with him J. F. von Bima who is charged with having committed bigamy at Alameda. Von Bima was lodged in the County Jall over night, and the journey south will be resumed this morning at 8:30 o'clock. Von Bima claims the matter is a mistake that can be straightened out, and he is quite willing to go back and face the charges. He says he has not been in hiding at any time nce he left California, and has been in communication with his first wife all the time. The interference of relatives of his first wife, he says, is the cause of the

# DELIGHTFUL NEWFORT.

trouble.

Splendid Weather at This Popular Pacific Coast Resort. Delightful in every particular is the weather at Newport, and the Southern Pacific and the Corvaills & Eastern railroads have resumed their cheap rates to this place for the Winter. Particulars by asking at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

# BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy. Mrs. Winslow's Southing Syrup, for children teething. It southes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colle and diarrhoes.

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SOLID FILL IS PROPOSED ACROSS MONTGOMERY SLOUGH ON GOLDSMITH STREET, LOWER ALBINA. If the proposed plan of Councilman J. P. Menefee is carried out, the wooden bridge which spans Menigomery plough on Goldsmith street. Lower Albina, will be replaced by a solid fill. Some time ago Mr. Menefee introduced a resolution favoring a steel bridge at this place, but will atthiraw it as he has concluded that a fill would be preferable and not excessively expensive. The plan is to raise the money by cotabilishing an assessment district large enough to make the individual

payments small.

An epilogue on Jewish art preceded the pictures. Dr. Isaacs said that while the old-time Jewish life possessed many traits witch artists particularly admired, it was nevertheless true that there had been few artists produced by this race. He attrib-uted this to the centuries of oppression which it had suffered. Some ancient Hebrew melodies were given by J. A. Epping, with Miss Leonora Fisher accom-

Aged Woman Burned in Home.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 27-Mrs, Lizzie McGinnis, % years old, a former resident of Petaluma, was burned to death here

of her voice and refused to be calmed, although every assurance was given her that within three weeks arrangements

would be made to have her sent home at the expense of the Government.

Miss Orderior's case is bound to enlist sympathy. Betrayed in her own country by a man of wealth and influence but devoid of character, she was thrown upon the world and ensuared in the meshes of a trap set by a confiding woman of the a trap set by a confiding woman of the lower class and her consort and tempted to lead the snameful life of an outcast. She realized her awful position, and de-cided to reform in spite of the alluring ments to live a dishonorable life. For more than a month the girl was the City Council Mr. Bollack will reckept prisoner in a down-town lodging-house by a man named Emile Chaplat, for whom immigration officers are now on being cumbersome.

the depicting of modern conditions could home in Paris. She acreamed at the top | charged with hitting Thomas Filzinger | H. Newhall, who, with J. M. Healy, is over the head with a piece of iron be-

practically completed the examination of the records of the city officers for a period covering the past ten years. There has been discovered nothing

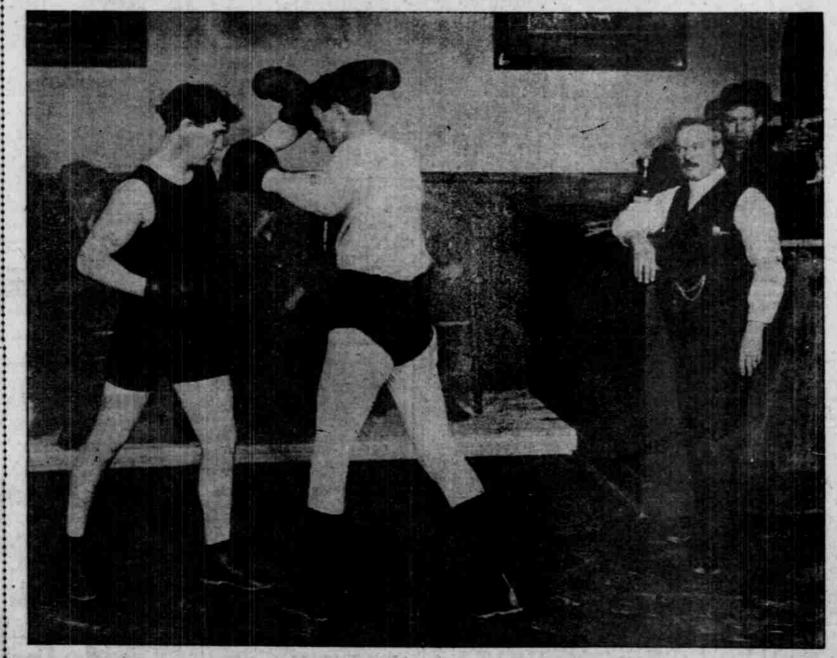
asking for a franchise for an electric railway on the East Side to include East Third street, made a statement as to the purposes for which his line would be put. built. Mr. Newhall said it was to tild up the East Side, to be built on the wide gauge so as to be open to all stand-ard-gauge lines to use, including the Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific. It would traverse the whole of the East Side, from the south end to the north end. Mr. Newhall appealed for the sup-port of the members of the association to the enterprise, remarking that there was

# Boise Makes Reply.

This statement called out another from

# BROWN TRAINS FOR BOUT WITH M'CONNE

GEORGE BROWN BEGINS TRAINING FOR HIS BOXING BOUT WITH FRANK M'CONNELL.



GEORGE BROWN SPARRING WITH MIKE KENNY. C. M. SLOAN, BROWN'S MANAGER, AT RIGHT.

Many of the local sports have taken adean operation performed for its cannot be converted by the convert of the operation at St. Vincent's compliant, and, while it at first seemed to assert the manager of George Brown, who has the manager of George Brown, who has a converted by the manager of George Brown, who has the manager of George Brown, who has a converted by the manager of George Brown, who has the bout assent in this vicinity since the cach day to witness the workout between training faithfully for the coming affair.

Both Brown and his opponent, McConnell, have excellent records and the probabilities are that this will be one of the like best men in California.