## FIST FIGHT IN GAS COMPANY'S OFFICE

Discharged Employe Resents Insult of Manager and Whips Him.

FORCE IS DISORGANIZED

New Boss From San Francisco Discharges Old Hands-Gas Poorer. Bills Higher and Complaint Department Is Overworked.

of the Portland Gas Company reached a crisis yesterday morning, when R. J. Moore, a discharged employe of the company, engaged in a bloody battle of fists with H. M. Papsi, the general superintendent, who was brought to Portland from San Francisco. The trouble of resterday reveals a condition that would be amazing if it existed in any other concern than the Portland Gas Company. Several of the old and dathful employes of the company, discharged upon the slightest provonation, have vowed to whip Papar on sight, and by some it is feared that serious trouble will result.

The row yesterday morning arose in dispute over an alleged verbal contact. Moore alleges that he was hired properly for a year at a salary of \$125 and extend the years of the living mouth under a verbal contract. He and God rest the souls of the dead. began to work for the company last October and was discharged but a few

Vesterday Mr. Moore, in company with attorney, W. R. McGarry, called upon Papst. They were seated in the vary office of the superintendent, on Mr. Papst called Mr. Moore a liar. Mr. Moore is from the South, where such

on egithet means a fight, and he immediately attacked the superintendent.

The two men, in their struggles, broke up the furniture in the private office and fought their way into the main offices, where they gave a real exhibition of the where they gave a real exhibition of the art of fisticus. Moore, although the smaller, proved the better man from a physical standpoint, as he bruised up the superingenest badly. Mr. Papst was bleeding profusely and also was shouting for the police when the combatants were separated. Mr. Moore, through his attorney, will institute proceedings to recover damages for the allegant violation of the couract.

loged violation of the contract.

Almost to a man, the employes of the company sympathize with Moore and believe his version of the difficulty. After the fight of yesterday morning and when Papst was in an ante-room washing the blood from his features, several of the pierks stepped up to Moore and, as a means of congratulating him on his victory, shook him by the hand.

The employes say that Papst has

The employes say that Papst has raised havoc with the company since he has been general superintendent. They declare that every employe of the company with the exception of a few of his favored pets detest him, and pulmit that they would like to do something to secure his dismissal. They

primit that they would like to do something to secure his dismissul. They way that he insults the employers in the most gross momer and that as a nathinal consequence the whole force is theroughly demoralized.

Some of the oldest and most trustworthy of the office force have been ousled uncoremoniously. Men with families to, support have been discharged with nothings but immediate notice, and others of the old employes who are still hanging on live in fear and trembling. Since the embezzlement of many thousands of dollars by Bernard O. Velguth, a clork, Papst has made indiscriminate accusations remaided to the old old times, a part of which he was.

of the gas, which increases the con-sumption, but lowers the quality.

The employes at the general offices declare that at times the odor from the poor gas is such that they can hardly stand h. All the lighting and heating of the offices is done with gas. New employees have been known to become ill from the sickening odor walch is

due to imperfect combustion.

They say that the complaint department is the busiest department of the ment is the business department of the company. Strings of customers call at the office every day to register pro-toria not only regarding the wretched quality of the gas, but also against the high bills which have a decided tendency to grow. Just the other day well-dressed man stuck his head in the door of the offices and yelled at the top of his voice. "You dirty thieves and robbers."

## **EMMA EAMES ASKS DIVORCE**

John B. Ryan Will Oppose George Opera Singer Tires of Her Artist L. Baker for Council-No Demo-Husband, Julian Story.

NEW YORK, March 25.-Mme. Emmi Earnies, the opera singer, who, according to a story published Sunday morning, has applied for a decree of absolute divorce from her artist husband, Julian Story, in the Supreme Court of this department, denied herself to callers yesterday and weuld make no statement regarding the proceedings. Her friends, however, deciated they were not surprised at the reported action. Mme. Eames has not been

ported action. Mme. Eames has not been living with her husband for some time, and it is known that they have not considered, themselves compatible.

A Phindelphia dispatch published here today says Mr. Story left for New York Saturday. In speaking of the proceedings his is quoted as saying:

"Madame has the artistic temperament hingely, but I cannot understand it. There must be some mistake. I am entirely linearly of the things Mme. Eames hings against me. Of course, I have known of this action for some days. My lawyer made answer for me."

Emma Eames was married to Julian Story in Landay in the committee of the intent or purpose of the i

Empire Earnes was married to Julian Story in London in 1831, two years after her debut in grand opera in Paris, in "Romeo and Juliet." She was born in anghai, China, in 1868, of American par-

## Banker Placed in Jail.

DENVER, March 25.—W. H. White, a banker, of Ardmore, I. T. was brought to Denver yesterday from Silverton, Colo, and placed in the County Jail by Deputy United States Marsaal Clark, to await his return to the 'territory on the charge of embezziement of ten shares of stock of the Francis Bank, of Ardmore.

The stock was in the name of Macey Noble, it is said.

KISER FOR SOUVENIR PHOTOS.

Northwest Scenery—Lobby Imperial.

Rayn who has been prominent in local politics for years, believes that he can been the fourth Ward. Mr. Ryan described by William Archer, who will come trom London to stiend the session. Canada will send two delegates, and the western part of this country will be strongly represented. three members, among them President David Starr Jordan, having said that they will come all the way from California to take part in the discussions.

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## GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, OREGON'S GRAND OLD MAN, IS EIGHTY-FOUR YEARS OLD TODAY

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. I IS my opinion that the greatest needs of today are a higner degree of private morality and integrity, rather than an increase in our educational facilities or the enlargement of our commercial opportunities" The foregoing is the message which Oregon's first citizen gives to the world on the occasion of his eightyfourth birthday, which occurs today

On March 26, 1823, George H. Williams was born in the village of Pompey. N. Y., and today, four score and four years later, he is observing a birthday. unniversary in the full possession of his faculties.

It is a wonderful thing to live to such a ripe old age and still find one's self an important factor in the affairs

"The days of our years art three score and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet s their strength labor and sorrow for It is soon out off and we fly away." So sang the psalmist, but the days of a man's years have multiplied since he saux.

I found Judge Williams in his offic yesterday, where he was deep in the preparation of an important brief, for be it known that this fine old lawyer rarely misses a day at his desk, and shames the younger generation with his industry. The good, gray patriarch gave me a handclusp that could not have been more zestful in the braye days 34 years ago, when he came 50 Oregon to help achieve the great des-

It has been my privilege to know a few of the Nation's giants, but I have no re-membrance of such acquaintances so pleasant as that I have known Judge Willpleasant as that I have known Judge Will-lams for four years and that he has hon-ored me with some little of his confidence, He is one of the few remaining thans who survive to link us to the heroid days. He was doing a strong man's work in public affairs before those who now count themselves elderly were born, and today he stands beside them, equal in physical strength to many of them and mentally the superior of most.

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The Judge is at his office early and late each working day. When the weather is fair he usually walks the 15 blocks that lie between his fine old home on Eightsenth street and the Chamber of Com-merce building. And he walks it so sprightly that younger men pause to watch him and say to each other: "That man was a friend and adviser of Lincoln; he was one of the Great Emancipator's pall-bearers, and a leader in the Recon-

"Before that he was a District Judge in Jowa in 1847, a confidant of Stephen A. Doughas before the war, a Presidential elector in 1852, Chief Justice of Oregon Territory in 1852."

And 30 I have heard them recount his history through the service he rendered his country as a United States Senator in 1864, as a Cabinet Minister under Grant—the last survivor, by the way, of any Cabinet preceding that of Garffeld, as a leading member of the Alabama Claim Commission, which averted war between us and Britain 31 years ago. I have heard us and Britain 34 years ago. I have heard them seethe this history time and again and have been one who listened and did him deference.

Fail to Take Position on

Lane's Candidacy.

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETS

cratic Candidates Have Yet

Filed Their Petitions.

Mayor Lane's candidacy was not

acted upon by the joint committee of the Young Men's Democratic Club and the Mupitnomah Democratic Club, which met last night in the Chamber

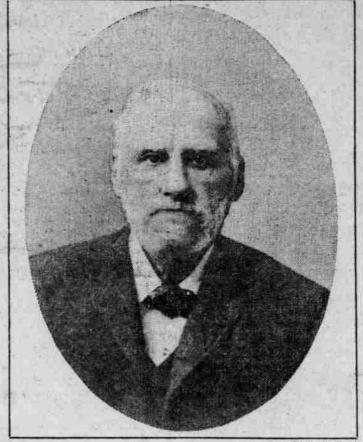
say that it is not the intent or pur-pose of the committee to indorse or to settle upon any one candidate. They say the body was created to induce

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prospective candidates to enter the race and not to favor any particular candidate. The names of the members of the committee are withheld.

John B. Ryan. Democrat, will run ngainst George L. Baker, Republican, for Councilman from the Fourth Ward. Mr. Ryan, who has been prominent in local politics for years, believes that he can beat Mr. Baker, and yesterday announced his candidacy.

It is not believed that Mr. Baker will meet much opposition in securing the



LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

and that Summer I decided to go West. I went by the Eric canal to Buffalo, down the Ohio canal to Pittsburg and thence

I went by the Eric canal to Buffalo, down the Ohio canal to Pittsburg and thence down the Ohio River and up the Missiasipal to Fort Madison, Iowa. There were no railroads west of Indisarc then and in fact only a few miles in the entire country. The trip occupied nearly a month. On the journey I was robbed of what money I had and arrived at Fort Madison with a small law library and a few personal belongings, but no money.

"I hunted up an old Dutch Justice of the Peace and got permission to put my books in his office and secured board and lodging at Mrs. Knapp's hearding-house, not knowing how I was going to pay her for my keep. A few days later a farmer who had been sued came into Solomon's office and asked where he could find a lawyer to take his case. The Justice told him a young fellow by the name of Williams had just come to town from New York who pretended to be a lawyer and that I might help him out. I took the case and won it against Dankel F. Miller, at that time one of the prominent lawyers of Iowa Territory. After hearing me sum up my case, Miller came to me and offered me a partnership. After hearing me sum up my case. Miller came to me and offered me a partnership which I was only too glad to accept. From that time my worst struggles were over. Miller afterwards went to Congress and figured largely in the slavery deates at the commencement of the Civil

"I at once took an active part in pol-itics, being at the time a Democrat, and when the Territory of Iowa was admitted in 1847 I became one of the first District Judges. It was in that year that I first met Abraham Lincoln, while we were both delegates to an internal improvement convention held in Chicago. The friendship thus formed continued until he was ship thus formed continued until he was assassinated. It was in those days that I became quite intimate with Stephen A. Douglas, whom I greatly admired, and as a Northern Democrat supported for President in 1890, although I was an antislavery and a Union man and became a Republican upon the breaking out of the

Is to act. From the petitions, it seems that the

From the petitions, it seems that the office of City Auditor is very desirable, as three Republicans have already announced themselves as candidates for the nomination. They are Deputy City Auditor Logan, Oscar P. Miller and A. L. Barbur. John P. Kavanaugh and W. R. McGarry have both announced themselves as candidates for City Attorney. The list of those who have filed their petitions with City Auditor Deviin, together with the offices they wish, are:

Thomas C. Deviin, Republican, Mayor.

Thomas C. Devlin, Republican, Mayor, J. E. Weriein, Republican, Treasurer, W. S. Lotan, Republican, Auditor,

Oscar P. Miller, Republican, Auditor,

A L. Barbur, Republican, Auditor, John P. Kayanaugh, Republican, City At-

W. R. McGarry, Republican, City Attorney, George J. Cameron, Republican, Municipal

Judge, J. S. Winchester, Republican, Municipal

Judge Henry A. Belding, Republican, Sixth Ward, John M. Mann, Republican, Sixth Ward, George L. Baker, Republican, Fourth Ward, Robert A. Presson, Republican, First

Frank S. Bennett, Republican, Eighth

John Annand, Republican, Councilman-at-

Those who now hold offices and are candidates for re-election to the same offices are: Treasurer Werlein, Munic-

ipal Judge Cameron, Councilman Annand, Councilman Bennett, Councilman Pres-ton and Councilman Belding.

Scholars to Meet in New York.

NEW YORK, March 25.-A gathering of

scholars and philologists from the three great English speaking countries will be held on April 3 and 4 in the Waldorf-

held on April 3 and 4 in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, when the Simplified Spelling Board will hold the first annual meeting of all its members. Already 25 of the 6 members have signi-fied their intention of coming, and it is expected that England will be represent-ed by William Archer, who will come

chanan had tendered me a reappointment, which I declined. My office was in a two-story frame building on the riverbank between Washington and Alder streets which I owned. Mitchell & Dolph afterwards had offices in the same building which however was I was in the ing, which burned waile I was in the

So the distinguished Oregonian re-counted the story of his life to me, going no farther than the Civil War period because he felt that his career quire further personal narration. Yet it has been since that time that his most important services to the country have been rendered. They are, however, a part of the history of his country. try until the time in the middle '70s, when he retired to private life as a practicing attorney in Washington City,
In 1886, having rejected a number

In 1880, having rejected a number of flattering offers, among them one to form a partnership with his friend, Robert G. Ingersoll, for practice in New York, he returned to Oregon, the state which he helped to huild and strove so successfully to keep loyal to the Union in the days when the secession spirit here was rife. For years he rejected all overtures to reenter politics, until 1963, when he was prevalled upon to run for Mayor of prevailed upon to run for Mayor Portland. He was elected and three years served the communit best interests faithfully and well.

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Today he celebrates his eightyfourth birthday amid the universal
congratulation of the people of this
city and slate, who have been his
friends and neighbors for two generations. He is still in the harness, and
from all indications will be for years
to come. Having no regrets for the to come. Having no regrets for the past, confidence in the present and optimist's hope for the future, with a competence, good health and sufficient participation in affairs to engage his time and attention, his is indeed an

Bernard O. Veiguth, a clerk, Papst has made indiscriminate accusations remade indiscriminate accusations reflecting on the honesty of the men un.

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"Give me a list of some of the men who have refused to give. I might as well spend a few evenings working those fellows and add a few thousand to the later for my committee."

NEW YORK, March 25.—Ludovico Cammete, editor of La Question Sociale, of Paterson, N. J., which says it is the official organ of the anarchists in this country, has received a letter signed. "Vigilance Committee of the Law and Order League," warning him that the vigilantes "will not stand for a publication that incites riot and disorder and that as soon as you oversiep the boundary we will take the case in our own hands and drive every anarchist out of the city." The identity of the "vigilantes" is not known.

Editor Cammeta, in reply to the letter defied the writers and takes occasion to glorify anarchists and revolution. He also declares that he believes the senders of the maria.

of the threatening letter are members

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tableta
Druggists refund money if it fails to cure
E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

SEA-ROVER'S REMEDY Postum Coffee and Its Power to Rebuild

The young daughter of a Govern officer whose duties keep him almost stantly on board ship between this coand Europe, tells an interesting tale of the use her father made of Nature's food remedy to cure an attack of malarial

Fever:

"Father recently returned from a long sea-trip, hed-ridden and emaciated from an attack of malarial chills and fever." she writes. "In such cases people usually dose themselves with medicines, and we were surprised when he, instead of employing drugs, proceeded to devote himself exclusively to Postum Food Coffee, of which he has long been fond. He used two or more cups at each meal, drinking it very hot, and between meals quenched his fever-engendered thirst at all hours of the day and night from a supply we kept ready in the water-cooler. For several days his only drink and sometimes his only food was Postum Coffee, hot or his only food was Postum Coffee, hot or cold, according to the moment's famey. "Within a day or two his improvement was noticeable, and within a week he was

# **GOLDEN HARVEST**

"Everybody Gives" Campaign of Y. M. C. A. Starts With Donation of \$17,269.

## SYSTEMATIC CANVASS IS ON

Committee Workers Subscribe \$5087 at Breakfast; Day's Efforts Add \$5282, and \$7000 Is Given by Kribs and Campbell.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS TO DATE.

Raised at breakfast Monday morning. \$5.087.

canvass, \$2282. Subscriptions of F. A. Kribs and H. C. Campbell, \$7000.

Raised by afternoon canvass, about Total yesterday, \$17,260; Amount of needed to reach \$350,000 building

fund, \$72,731. The "Everybody Gives" campaign o

the Y. M. C. A. started off vesterday with a long stride toward the \$96,600 goal set by the executive committee. Last night there was not one of the hundred tired solicitors but thought the coveted amount would be secured before the week's end.

Yesterday the one hundred solicitor spent the day in getting started. Many of the men were new to the game, and others were lacking in self-confidence, but, without exception, the committees reported better progress during the afternoon than during the morning capvass, and the total result of the day was most encouraging to everyone con-

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The first territory outlined for canvass was the district between the river and Fifth street and between Morrison and Oak; from Fifth to Seventh between Stark and Morrison; between Stark and Yambill from Seventh to Chapman, and out Washington street for a block each side of this thoroughfare to Twenty-third street. This territory was not finished last night, and several committees will be working in the big department stores for several mornings yet.

## Some Big Gifts.

The big gifts secured by the canvassers yesterday footed up nearly \$6000, including the \$4000 gift of F. A. Kribs, the \$2000 donation of H. C. Campbell, the \$1000 given by W. M. Ladd. The solicitors themselves, with the special executive committee, gave a total of \$505 at the breakfast in the morning, and the greater part of this amount was subscribed. er part of this amount was subscribed by men who are on a salary and who are not even members of the association. After the Breakfast at the Oregon Grill yesterlay morning the committees started on the real work of the campaignt met for lunch at the gymnasium at noon and at 2 o'clock resumed the capvass that lasted until 5 o'clock.

At 9 clock this morning the commit-tees will start our again and will work until noon, when the hundred workers will lunch together at the association symnasium, report progress and take a breathing spell before starting on the afternoon campaign. This programme will continue throughout the week.

Democrats are slow about making up their minds to become candidates before the municipal primaries, as the first one of them has yet to file a declaration of his intention to become an office-seeker. To date 15 Republicans have filed petitions. The candidates have until April 15 to act.

## 13 \$212.50; No. 14 \$88; No. 15 \$36; No. 16, \$38.50; No. 17, \$100; No. 19, \$45; No. 20, \$56; No. 21, \$55, Total, \$2282.

WIFE OF PIONEER PASTOR Mrs. Matilda Cook Chattan Dies.

Aged 71.

Mrs. Matilda Cook Chattan, who died Sunday night at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Smith, 765 Tillamook street, was the widow of the late Rev. W. C. Chattan, a pioneer Methodiat minister of the Pacific Northwest. He came to Oregon from New Jersey in 1885 and, after spending some time at Canyon City, followed Father Wilbur, one of the earliest missionaries among the Indians, to the Yakima reservation. Until 1875, when he came to Portland, he

Until 1875, when he came to Portland, he devoted his life to missionary work among the Indians. He then became general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in this city, and was one of the first to fill that office. He later returned East and died in South Carolina in 1895.

Mrs. Chettan was 71 years old and was born in Tom's River, New Jersey. Sho returned to Portland last January and has since lived with her daughter. She kept her usual good health until last Thursday night, when she contracted a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia.

Mrs. Chattan leaves two daughters Mrs. J. H. Smith, of this city, and Mrs. G. H. Johnson, of Philadelphia, besides a son, Fred Chuttan, of Davion, Wash. The funeral will occur at 2 o'clock this afternoon from 766 Tillamook street and interment will be at Lone Fir Cemetery.

## MUST FACE GRAND JURY

Indian Charged With Taking Liquo on Reservation.

Jo Day, a Grand Ronde Indian, was brought to Portland yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Griffith, charged with taking liquor upon the Grand Ronde Indian reservation in Polk County. Yesterday afternoon Day, who is an intelligent appearing young fellow and speaking good English, was brought before United States Commissioner Mc-

before United Sintes Commissions: All Rec. Deputy United States Attorney Cole appearing for the Government.

Day pleaded not guilty, and asked Attorney Cole the name of the complainant. The attorney asked Day what different control of the complainant. ference it made to him who his ac was. Day replied that he merely wanted to inquire if he had a right to know the name of his accuser. He was told that such a proceeding is not customary on the part of the Government.

The prisoner was then asked to furnish \$250 cash bail or a \$500 bond for his accuserance, before, the next Federal.

nish \$29 cash bail or a \$500 bond for his appearance before the next Federal grand jury. He said he would like five days in which to get a lawyer and endeavor to provide bail. The request was granted by the court, and the last seen or the young Indian he was writing a letter to his friends on the reservation while in the rather embarrassing preserves of three Deputy United States Marence of three Deputy United States Mar-shals in the Federal building.

## WANTS SEARCHING INQUIRY

Louis J. Wilde Will Subscribe Liberally for Exposure of Graft.

PORTLAND, March 25.—170 the Editor.)
—I will subscribe \$1000 toward the proposed investigating graft fund. Also \$1000
for a court of liquiry to investigate petty
trafters and blackmallers who complye to
hold up" city efficials individuals or corportation. Also \$1000 to investigate strikes,
to that a workman can work and a corpotation can operate. I will pay \$100 cash
or information and publication of irreguarities, wash sales or manipulated stock
traffsactions on the Porfland Stock ExThange. All trades must be on the square,
fours truly.

LOUIS J. WILDE. tradsactions change. All Yours truly,

Clouis J. Wilde came to Portland a little over a year ago from San Diego. He represents the National Securities Company of Los Angeles and has charge of the financing of the Home Telephone Company of Portland. He is handling the bond and inderwriting end of the business and is in charge of the Oregon and Washington securities of this company. It was under the direction of Mr. Wilde that the campatian of the Home Telephone & Telegraph Company for a franchise was conducted before the people in 1805. He says that his ofer is music was individual, and not as the representative of any corporation.)

## THREE DAYS FOR OREGON

Omaha Commercial Club Excursion Will Arrive in June.

Suffers Three Years—Hands and Eye Most Affected—Employed Doctor to No Effect-Now Entirely Recovered and Will Recommend

## **CUTICURA REMEDIES IN** ALL PARTS OF PARISH

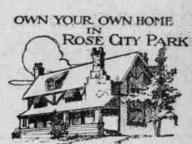
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the entire set of Cuticura Remedies
and my wife is entirely recovered. She
thanks Cuticura very much, and will
recommend it highly in our locality
and in every nook and corner of our
parish. God bless you for the sake of
suffering humanity. I. M. Robert, Hydropolis, La., Jan. 5 and Sept. 1, 1806."

SOUTHERN MAN CURED

## Of a Terrible Eczema by Cuticura in Six Weeks.

tivation of a better acquaintance that the members of the club take this trip. The Gate city is headquarters for a great many commodities which are shipped to the Coast states, while Omain depends upon the cities of the Northwest for its supply of sairoun fruit and other good things. The feeling of reciprocity has been a strong one, and the Commen cial Club feels that it is going into a The train will carry about 230 of Oma-ha's prominent business and professional

It is a mistake to drink poor coffee and



## A NEW MAN

DR. PORTER, an Old



Railroad Surgeon, spent several years of study and experiment in getting up the preparation known as Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil, which is coming into universal use as the most convenient and efficient application obtainable for wounds, burns, sores and skin

diseases, whether slight or serious. It is a scientific combination of medicinal qualities which relieves pain, antiseptically cleanses and rapidly heals all injured or diseased parts. It has become a sort of "Household Surgeon." All druggists sellit. 25c