GAS COMPANY PRESENTS ITS SIDE NO PASSES SAYS DIFFERENT STORE FATAL EXPLOSION SECOND TICKET IN CROWDS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Many Witnesses Made No Distinction Between Gross and Net Bills.

WHICH MAKES MUCH DIFFERENCE IN RESULTS

A Number of Specific Cases Ex plained by Employes of Gas Company-Relative Cost of Gas Here and Elsewhere.

Testimony given yesterday before the council committee which is investigating the Pertiand Gas company made it plain that in a number of instances complaints of gas consumers have been without just foundation. It was the gas company's day in court and employes of the corporation testified in detail as to each and every instance of silesed overcharge brought out in the tail as to each and every instance of alleged overcharge brought out in the previous hearings. The total number of gas consumers who have appeared before the committee to complain of excessive gas bills is less than 20, as fully three quarters of those subpoenaed by the Oregonian either failed to respond or declared on the stand that they had so cause for composite. while the session was chiefly devoted

the hearing of evidence offered by gas company, one witness, Leslis Scott, was called in behalf of the egonian and testified concerning the price and consumption of gas in other cities. Cross-examination brought out the fact that he had no knowledge of the conditions governing the cost of making gas in these cities. He testing that at Akran (Dille, the conductions) that at Akron. Ohio, the price of is but 30 cents, comparing this Portland gas, and a moment later obliged to admit that he did not

that Akron uses natural gas. Whole Town Ricks, Says McGinn. When J. N. Teal, attorney for the when J. N. Teal, attorney for more gas company, remarked that not more than 16 witnesses, all told, had appeared to complain of overcharges by the company, Judge McGinn, the Ore-"The whole town has been here."

"That's Attorney McGinn, not Henry Ginn, that's speaking now," said Teal

gand yesterday. He was questioned pocifically as to every-instance of aleged overcharge for gas that has been rought out by the investigation. The irst case taken up was that of J. M. boomey, proprietor of the Barr hotel. The witness said that Toomey, in his estimony before the committee, had diven the gross amounts of his bills and not the sums he actually paid. Comey testified that his bill for Deber, 1905, was \$56.55, while the sum ctually paid was but \$43.35. Simi-'he testified that his bill for unber, 1904, was \$42.10, while the al amount paid was but \$33.05.

About Mr. Toomey. Cicland said that Toomey had six s in his hotel and that a year ago f the meters was out of order and ed to register the gas that passe and he settled for his gas on had sis, estimating the agreed basis, estimating the amount at should have been shown by this deist should have been called that Leslie M. Scott was then called to citive meter. The meter showed that Leslie M. Scott was then called the citive meter. The meter showed that Leslie M. Scott was then called the cost of gas in the cost of ga Toomey and the company that the bill should be \$5.75. Yet when Toomey was showing the kind of gas used, the price on the stand he made no reference to this fact but compared his bill for the month in question with the bill ren
Cincinnati, Detroit and a number of MARION DEMOCRATS

Taking up the complaint of George H.
Howell, the witness testified that Howell's consumption of gas was from twice to three times as much as that of his neighbors and figures were read showing this to be the case.

Oregonian's Bill.

that he did not know the price of coal in these cities, and therefore could not in these cities, and therefore could not in the cost of making the gas.

"Don't you know that many of these cities are in the very heart of the cost of producing section, where the cost of coal is much less than in Portland" coal is much less than in Portland.

Oregonian's Bill.

The Oregonian's gas bills were explained by Cleland. An employe of the

Mr. Teal, "that the Oregonian's employe testified that there was no increased consumption of gas, although two new linotype machines were added to the pany will present some further evidence.

EUGENE MEETS

work in the Oregonian office on accoun

less by \$60.40 than for the correspondent

less by \$60.40 than for the corresponding months a year previous.

R. S. Farrell was one of the witnesses subpoenaed by the Oregonian and when on the stand he had testified as to the size of his gas bills. Cleiand stated that Farrell had given the gross and not the set amounts of his bills. Bills for three months were said by Farrell to have amounted to \$8.85, while the total sum that he paid was but \$5.85. Mrs. Howard had testified that her gas bills were larger after changing her residence but she had withheld the important fact that in her former residence she used electric light for one half the house.

Extra Salley's **mail **Strop. Mr. Batley's Small Mrror.

J. W. Batley, state dairy and food commissioner, was another of the witnesses who had complained of excessive bills and he has testified that he used gas only for making chemical tests in his laboratory. Mr. Cleiand testified that he visited Balley's office and found there 16 Bunsen burners, two gas fixtures for illuminating purposes and one gas radiator used for heating the room. No other heat was used but this radiator.

F. B. Litherland was one of the witnesses who had misled the investigating committee by giving the gross and not the net amounts of his bilis. The same thing was done by H. C. Whittier.

Mr. Cleland explained the system of reading the meters and said that bills often cover more than a month. "The meter readers are sometimes unable to gain access to the meters and before returning for 'pickups' they complete their routes, thus making a difference of six or seven days in the time of of six or seven days in the time of reading them. This occurs every month and in many instances."

Elot Meters a Muleanee.

The method of operating the story meters was detailed at length and a number of questions were asked by the members of the committee, especially Councilman Rushlight. F. A. Jackson, cashier of the gas company, testified that the slot meters are frequently found to contain slugs, washers and scraps of iron, instead of money. Where the bills are guarantsed by the householder, the company is able to collect the amount due, but in other cases loss results. "The company would be only too glad to be rid of the slot meters," said the witness.

W. B. Chase testified that during the

W. B. Chase testified that during the w. B. Chase testified that during the six years that he was city engineer he never had any difficulty with the gas company on account of its use of the streets, but always found its employes careful and systematic. They were fully as careful as the employes of the water board and sometimes more so.

Charles Bell, foreman of the gas company's shows testified that prompt re-

soon as the complaints are received."
said the witness. He explained the
practice of the company in the matter of testing and inspecting piping and the precautions taken to prevent the escape

put in. Councilman Adams with clined to question the care with as called to this at the time, he ad-the inspector does his work, and said sitted that the meter had not been that he knew of two cases where leaks

call these cases.

Leslie M. Scott was then called to dered for the corresponding month a other eastern cities. Scott admitted year later.

The Oregonian's gas bills were explained by Cleland. An employe of the Oregonian had previously testified that their bills for the last two years had shown an increase, despite the reduction in the price of gas. Cleland said that the increase in 1904 over the previous year was \$100.50 and for 1905 it was \$109.55.

"The committee will remember," said Mr. Teal, "that the Oregonian's employe

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF ARMY OFFICER ASSAULTED BY CORVALLIS CADET

Retain Custom of Electing Two Lieutenant Dennis P. Quinlan, Orators and Agree on Vatalion, Taken From School. rious Other Matters.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) niversity of Oregon, Eugene, March -The Students' association of the state university, meeting in Villard half this morning, decided after a heated discussion to still hold to the custom of electing two orators to uphold the university in interstate and intercolla-giate contests, the choice of who is to represent the college in each contest to be left to the judges of the pre-

iminary contest.

A graduate freasurer who is to have charge of all athletic funds was also advocated. Regular 'varsity caps were adopted for the athletic teams, different 0's are to be awarded to different men winnings points in intercollegiate contests

Track team men must win a total of 5 points before they are allowed to the embiem. sport and money provided to carry on the work and an emblem is to be awarded to the men playing in all intercollegiate or championship con-

as practice games. This action prevents the university team from playing games with the little colleges, to the honor of the other team's credit if the latter should win.

IOWA PASSES BILL AGAINST OIL TRUST

Des Moines, Ia., March 21.—The house oday passed the anti-discrimination ill aimed at the Standard Oil company, orbidding oil reductions to stiffe com-A fine of \$5,000 and im

the four months since the exposition closed the Oregonian's bills have been

pany's shops, testified that prompt re-sponse is always made to complaints of leaks.

"Men are sent out immediately as

Commandant of Student Bat-

(Journal Special Service.)
Corvallis, Or., March 21.—Lieutenant
Dennis P. Quinlan, United States army,
has been relieved from duty at the Oregon Agricultural college and ordered to join the Fifth cavalry. His relief is on account of the failure of the colle-giate authorities to support him in his efforts to maintain discipline. The removal is an outgrowth of an assault made upon the commandant in January by Roy McCully, a cadet. Each principal put the blame on the other. McCully made a written apology, which was publicly read and accepted by the president of the college, but which Lieutenant Quinlan refused to accept and referred the matter to the war department.

Major Wisser was sent to make an investigation and at its conclusion wrots President Gatch requesting that the cadet be directed to make a written

cadet be directed to make a written apology to Lieutenant Quinlan and requesting that the president reverse his decision in allowing the cadef to remain in college and refer the same to the faculty for action.

President Gatch did not comply with the request of the war department, stating that the welfare of the military department at college made it impossible for him to comply.

Both President Gatch and Lieutenant Quinlan refuse to discuss the matter.

Twenty Lives Lost.

City of Mexico, March 21.—The terrific gale which has swept the coast of Vera Cruz for the last two days caused a loss of 20 or more lives.

Eighteen of the victims were fishermen whose vessels went down in the storm and two of them were pleasure seekers, B. Strittmatter and Francis

FATHER UP IEAAS

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, March 21.—N. W. K.

Balley, father of Senator Bailey of Texas, died here as the result of an operation today. He was a mative of seekers, B. Strittmatter and Francis

CROWDED NEW MAYOR

Thresh Legal Phase of Case Out to His Satisfaction.

IN MEANTIME ALL OFFICIALS PAY FARE

City Pleased to Accommodate City Representative - Matter Held Up -Corporation Council to Say Yes.

DEAD OF HEART DISEASE

Washington, March 21.—Representative George R. Patterson of Pennsylvania died suddenly of heart disease at his residence in this city this morning. He' was born in Lewiston, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1863, and educated in the public schools and Lewiston academy. He began his business career as a salesman in the hardware business. as a salesman in the hardware business, but for the past 10 years has been in the flour and feed business and was agent of the Minneapolis mills in central Pennsylvania. For many years he was active in politics and often a delegate to local and state conventions. He was elected as a Republican from the twelfth district in 1902 and reelected in 1904.

MITCHELL MAY LOSE CONTROL OF MINERS

(Journal Special Service.),
Indianapolis, Ind., March 21.—Mi
and operators of the joint scale
in session behind c mittee are in session behind doors. There are 32 members. joint committee may result in his coming a leader equal in strength Mitchell and a rival to Mitchell in downfall from the

TO HAVE FULL TICKET

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., March 21.—Marion county
Democrats are to have a full ticket.
At a meeting of the central committee

At a meeting of the central committee it is stated that candidates will accept nominations thus:

Joint senator from Marion and Lina counties, Dr. W. H. Byrd of Salem; Senators, W. T. Siater and D. J. Fry of Salem; Representatives, F. W. Senn of Silverton, William Scollard of Woodburn, H. R. Crawford of Turner, Philip Glover of Sublimity and August Huckestein of Salem. Other candidates are circulating petitions according to law.

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, March 21.—The police today arrested a man whose name they refuse to divuige, but who they say tells a story of talking to a strange Italian on a train the day following the kidnaping of the Toso child at Colma. The Italian, he said, took the child to San Jose, where he discovered it was not the one wanted. The police are looking for the supposed kidnaper. What disposition was made of the child has not been disclosed.

John Halsey Jones, founder of the Jones Lumber company, died at his residence, 216 East Sixth Street, north, at 6:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Jones was 73 years, 5 months old, and for many years had been a prominent worker for the advancement of the city and state.

Mr. Jones was a native of New York and was a pioneer sawmill man of the northwest. While still in his teens he moved from the Empire state to Wisconsin, where he became interested in the lumber industry. He left Wisconsin in in 1852 for Oregon.

BIG MEDFORD COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Medford, Or., March 21.—The Big
Butte Sugar Pine company held its annual meeting yesterday and increased
its capital stock to \$1,000,000. Nebraska and Michigan lumbermen are interested.

The heavy timber holdings will be increased and the capacity of the mill doubled. The movement indicates an early extension of the Medford and Crater Lake railroad to upper Rogue river's immense timber tracts.

THOUSANDS KILLED AND DAMAGE MANY MILLIONS

Tokio, March 21.—It is estimated that from 2,000 to 5,000 were killed in a recent earthquake in Formosa. The whole island was shaken throughout Saturday and Sunday. Many of the largest cities were completely destroyed. At Kagi 2,000 natives and seven Japanese were killed. At Batiyo 600 bodies have air ady been recovered. The damage is placed at between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

FATHER OF TEXAS

Seattle's Chief Executive Will Opening of Olds, Wortman & One Killed, Another Fatally Hurt Temperance Forces Nominate C. Throngs Crowd Meier & Frank King Attracts Throngs of Fashionable Shoppers.

> DISPLAY IN DRESS SALON ENTICING ONE

Floor Rich Fabrics and Latest Novelties Crowd Counters and Tempt Visitors.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle. Wash., March 71.—Members of the city council and other city officials will receive no free streetear transportation until Mayor Moore has thoroughly threshed out the legal aspects of the matter to his own satisfaction. The mayor is opposed to the distribution of transportation cards as the matter now stands.

He absolutely declined today to sign the customary orders on the Seattle Electric company that would have resulted in city officials receiving passes good for free transportation during their term of ofice. If the passa are not issued the city tregsurer will have to pay about \$200 a month for streetcer for the members of departments traveling on official business.

The mayor will at once ask the opinion of corporation counsel as to the magnificent gowns. A raised The show windows of the Olds, Wortjust as pretty ones are upstairs, and there is more room for the display of the magnificent gowns. A raised the magnificent gowns. A raised promenade platform has been arranged along one end of the room and here the lity of accepting free transportation. promenade platform has been arranged along one end of the room and here the is now deprived of a pass will declare the use of them is perfectly legal, automobiling and walking attire, or ficial of the city shall accept free transportation or passes of any kind. The portation or passes of any kind. The fitors may request. The background is franchise of the electric company pro-

on wax figures. The millinery de-nent comes in for its share in the enade and after the show is over been a r spring bells, wrought one of millinery bachelor buttons and the other of rose-

bachelor buttons and the other of rose-buds and geraniums.

In the other-departments there is no less pains taken to make an effective display of the spring stock. The para-sol counter is an especially pretty one. French embroidered lingerie waists are given a special counter for exhibition. The light wool spring goods are cleverly arranged in that department on tables, with a color for each table and rib-bons and flowers and accessories to match.

The season would be kept in mind, in

The season would be kept in mind, in pite of any weather outside by the ecorations throughout the store. Vaces decorations throughout the store. Vases of pink carnations are placed on some of the counters, but almost everywhere are paims, large and small. The Y. W. C. A. room, which is receiving its share of attention during this interval of delicious excitement, has taken on holiday attire for the occasion and pretty Japanesse lanterns are festiooned about its cratic ticket. William Arnold was made the social Democratic nomines without opposition.

The infants' department is attracting much attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness. Pretty paign. He is the grandson of S. S. Mermuch attention by its daintiness.

Mr. Jones was a native of New York and was a pioneer sawmill man of the northwest. While still in his teens he moved from the Empire state to Wisconsin, wher he became interested in the lumber industry. He left Wisconsin in 1852 for Oregon, coming overland with an ox team, and settled on the banks of the Clatskanie river. Later he moved to Cedar Mills, Washington county, where he built and operated a large sawmill until 1870.

Realizing that Fortland was to be the

large sawmill until 1870.

Realizing that Portland was to be the mill center of the Paeific coast. Mr. Jones left Cedar Mills and moved to this city, where he began the business that he was interested in at the time of his death. Long before this the man returned to New York and married the sweetheart of his schoolhood days. Mrs. Jones died in 1875, Mr. Jones advocated the building of the Madison street bridge.

bridge.

He is survived by four children: Mrs. Elizabeth Louis Towne of Holyoke, Massachusetts; Mrs. Lovina D. Grindstaff, Mrs. Bertha L. Schalk and Herman H. Jones, all of Portland.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence. Rev. William G. Eliot Jr., pastor of the First Unitarian church, will have charge of the services.

FOR FISH HATCHERY ON MORTON ISLAND

will have charge of the services.

Batiyo 600 bodies have alrecovered. The damage is setween \$40,000,000 and \$50.

OF TEXAS

SENATOR EXPIRES

(Washington, March 21.—The senate public lands committee today reported favorably upon Senator Fulton's bill granting the lands in Morton island to Oregon for a fish hatchery. The committee will hold a special meeting Saturday to discuss the timber and stone report of the formal special service.)

Washington, March 1.—The senate this afternoon considered the Isle of Pines treaty, Foraker favoring its rati-fication.

IN MONTANA THE FIELD

and Others Injured at New Era Mine.

FIRE IGNITES POWDER STORED IN BUILDING

Electric Street Railway of Sound From Show Windows to Very Top James Nimmo of Helena Blown to Pieces and Dan Rossi Loses Eyes and Hurt Internally-Property Is Located at Town of Mason.

> (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., March 21.—One was instantly killed, another was prob-ably fatally injured, and several others slightly injured as the result of an explosion of powder at the New Era mine, 16 miles north of Townsend. Broadwater county, early today. The dead: James Nimmo, Helena. The seriously injured: Dan Ross, "floating" miner, recently arrived from British Columbia.

Fire started from unknown causes in the air compressor at a shafthouse in which the powder was stored. The fire which the powder was stored. The fire ignited the powder, causing an explosion. Nimmo, who was endeavoring to control the flames, was literally blown to pieces. Fragments of his body have been gathered together and are being shipped to Helena for burial. Dan Ross was frightfully lacerated, both eyes being blown out, and he was otherwise injured. Other employes suffered slight injuries, none of which is fatal, or even regarded as serious.

The New Era mine is located at the town of Mason and was under lease and

SPECTACULAR CANDIDATE IS VICTORIOUS AT POLLS

Sherburn N. Becker Nominated by Republicans for Mayor of Milwaukie.

footwear, tiny gloves in colors and miniature parasols and purses are a road, and a son of Washington Becker, small reproduction of the grown folk's delights. A little tot is dressed in some of the lovely white frocks and spes her elders as she paces back and forth before the fond gase of interested mothers who compare her disparagingly with their own little darlings.

The display of china, silver, cut glass and artware on the third floor, is dastling and the disposal of the finest ware in special chambers with dark walls to show off their beauties and with electric lights to accentuate them is clever. The opening which began yes-

ployes is sent to the Standard offices, the witness when pressed said he didn't

PREVENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, D. C., March 21.—The senate considered the rate bill from the start today. Senator Culberson of Texas introduced an amendemnt prohibiting any concern engaged in interstate or foreign commerce from contributing to political parties and providing penalties.

Senator Bailey attacked Dolliver, charging him with a violation of confidence.

dence.

The naval affairs committee of the house today favorably reported the bill graduating the penalty for hazing at the academy.

MUSA ARRESTED, IN JAIL AT HOOD RIVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hood River, Or., March 21.—
Paul Musa has been arrested and
brought to the city, where he is

GOMPERS' DELEGATION PROTESTS TO ROOSEVELT

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, March 11.—President Samuel Gompers, heading a delegation of 110 labor officials, this afternoon presented to the president a protest against the "indifference which congress displays toward the laws recommended by allied labor."

A. Cook for Mayor by Petition.

THIRD PARTY DUE TO NOMINATE TONIGHT

Three-Cornered Fight Is on With Liquor and Water Issues Causes for Debate-One Faction Bars Door on

A second ticket was placed in nomination by St. Johns citizens today, the ticket being that of what is called the mammoth spring-opening reception at Taxpayers' Progressive party. The the Meler & Frank department store nominees are, for mayor, C. A. Cook: last evening. The display of wearing

the city.

It is probable that a third ticket will be placed in the field headed by Councilman Shields. Tonight is the last opportunity that will be granted voters to place nominees in the field, and will de-The ticket pominated today was

At that time it was supposed that a union between the various temperance factions would be formed today and that a ticket would be nominated tonight by both factions. This plan was defeated by the petition ticket this morning and the the petition ticket this morning and the same three-cornered fight that last year made the campaign interesting is on. To complicate matters, O. R. Downs has entered the race for recorder, having filed his announcement as an independent candidate backed by no party and with a platform of opposition to the control of the town by outside cor-

porations.

The issues of the campaign at present are the saloon question and the proposed erection of a municipal water plant. The ticket nommated 10 days ago, headed by Fred Valentine, stands for saloons and the present water system. The ticket placed in the field today is anti-saloon and for municipal waterworks; the ticket that will probably be nominated tonight will be anti-saloon.

WOULD GIVE CITY HALF PROFITS

D. C. O'Reilly Makes Surprising New Offer for Franchise on Front Street.

D. C. O'Reilly, an experienced railroad

walls to show off their beauties and with electric lights to accentuate them is clever. The opening which began yesterday will continue through today and tomorrow and opportunity will be given every one to see the store at its best. Music continues throughout the morning and afternoon.

JOHN HALSEY JONES, BIG

LUMBERMAN, DEAD

If the proposition receives favorable consideration Mr. O'Reilly proposes to organize a corporation to build the line and hold the franchise.

The United Railways and Willamette Valley applications are being considered by the council this afternoon.

To McDaniels will be toastmaster. He will be introduced by Mrs. Ida Barkley, president of the union. Toasts will be responded to as follows:

Mrs. Lucy H. F. Additon, state president, of Lent, "The History of the W. C. T. U." Judge J. F. Caples, who de-

PRESBYTERIANS OF ABERDEEN TO BUILD

(Special Dispetch to The Journal.)
Aberdeen, Wash, March 21.—The trustees of the Presbyterian church have decided to build a new church at the present site on the corner of Broadway and First street. The old building will be moved to the rear of the lot and joined to the new part. The Manse will be sold and a new one built, adjoining the church.

R (Journal Special Service.)

Cincinnati, March 21.—George B. Cox. Republican leader of this city, was before the grand jury this afternoon in connection with the graft charges made against the county treasurer. Tilden R. French, former treasurer, has refunded \$5,000 which he received as "gratuity" from the banks during his term.

DEMOCRATS 181

DEMOCRATS IN OFFICE HEARTILY INDORSED

"We commend the Democratic office-holders—city, county and state—for the high moral policy they have pursued during their terms of office."

This resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote last evening by the executive committee of the Democratic county central committee.

displays toward the laws recommended by allied labor."

St. Louis Gets Bowlers.

Louisville, Ky., March 21.—St. Louis Waukee & St. Paul railroad has ordered 125,000 tons of steel rails from the Illinois Steel company, to cost \$3,800,000. The rails are to be used in the extension of the line to Seattle.

Store on Occasion of Spring Opening.

FASHION SHOW

ORCHESTRA PLAYS AND MRS. BLOCH-BAUER SINGS

Happiest Conceits Displayed in Prodigality of Beautiful Variety-Things of Season Unusually Attractive-Goods Most Attractively Shown.

nominess are, for mayor, C. A. Cook; recorder, W. L. Churchill; treasurer, C. W. Porter; councilmen at-large, H. W. Brice, R. C. Clark, E. D. Huriburt; councilmen first ward, O. E. Learned, J. H. Black; councilmen second ward, L. Badger, E. C. Thurston.

The ticket stands for the systematic improvement of streets; the proper safeguarding of the city's interests in grantion franchises; the municipal ownership of such public institutions as are vital to the growth and welfare of the town; an economical administration; opposition to any vacation of streets which are of value to the immediate growth of the city.

It is probable that a third ticket will be placed in the field headed by Councilmen Shields. Tonight is the last opportunity that will be granted voters to place nominees in the field, and will determine the fate of the third party. last evening. The display apparel on the visitors vied to come out, though they waited till to come out, though they waited till after 10. The elevators were running after 10. The elevators were running and the capacity and after 10. The elevators were running all evening to their full capacity and the stars were even more crowded. From the first floor the guest were taken to the upper floors and then back to the basement, where they were shot out into the street after a delicious tasts of coffee, waters and cake, served by the National Biscuit company—unless the attendants were unable to steer them away from the stairs. The crowd was as well from the stairs. The crowd was as handled as was possible, but still there was a premium on free passage, and, as one expressed it, "Those that are in want out and those that are out want

An orchestra of 26 pieces under the direction of Professor Amsterdam was stationed in the wrappers' balcony in front of the main entrance and they played popular and classical selections. Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer sang several numbers and her magnificent soprain of the large building with ease. She wore an elegant gown of silver-spangled white net. Her songs were all of spring.

Tall vases of calla lilies graced all the counters and beautiful palms were placed effectively in corners where they would not interfere with the crowd. The orchestral platform was banked with bamboo branches and rubber plants. All the women clerks were white lingerie waists and the men wore Dawbreak carnation boutconnieres. The white lingerie waists and the men wore
Daybreak carnation boutonnieres. The
heads of the various counters and departments had vied with orie another to
make a pretty display of goods and the
best and daintiest was spread out before
the gase of the spectators. The spring
dress goods, showing the new pastel
shades and proving that the lightest
touch of color will be modish in everything; the gloves and hosiery which
will match the costume in the slightest
detail of color; the exquisite laces and
appliques which weave white with
colors so delicately; the ribbons in their
elaborate patterns and neckwear in
hand-made designs attracted special attention downstairs.

Perhaps the largest part of the crowd

rention downstairs.

Perhaps the largest part of the crowd was in the dress salon where simple and elaborate costumes for afternoon or and elaborate costumes for afternoon or a displayed on graceful and elaborate costumes for attended to evening wear were displayed on graceful models. The millinery department adjoining was equally crowded and the latest styles were shown on models. The upholstery department on the third floor showed elegant new drapertes.

The spring opening of this year was generally acceded to be the largest and most satisfactory in the history of the store. There were many praises, not only of the goods shown by the management, but of the beautiful styles and pretty ideas of this season which the store helped to show last night.

CENTRAL UNION WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-five years ago this evening organized in this city, and tonight, in honor of the event, the union will hold a silver anniversary banquet at the Y. W. C. A. rooms. T. S. McDanlels will be toastmaster.

be responded to as follows:

Mrs. Lucy H. F. Additon, state president, of Lent, "The History of the W. C. T. U." Judge J. F. Caples, who delivered an address at the meeting when the union was formed, "Old Friends." Mrs. Ada W. Unruh, "The Mother of Them All." Rev. E. N. Allen, "The Anti-Saloon League."

Mrs. H. A. Brown of Albany, "The Old Priends"; Rev. E. S. Muckley, "The Relations of the W. C. T. U. to the Church"; I. H. Amos, "Prohibition"; Dr. D. L. Rader, "Woman Suffrage"; Rev. H. C. Shaffer, "General Neal Dow"; Miss Layra Gregg, "The One Star."

GIVING AWAY INSURANCE **FUNDS IS NOT A CRIME**

Los Angeles, March 21.—M. E. Power, a hack driver of Portland, Oregon, shot his wife and then fatally wounded himself yesterday because the woman refused to live with him. Both will probably die.

Judge W. B. Gilbert Back.

Judge W. B. Gilbert of the United.

States circuit court returned from San
Francisco this morning and will remain
in Portland for some weeks.

Boson Vessels Wrecked.
(Journal Special Service.)
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