Said He Wouldn't Be Candidate but Would Not Tie His Hands With General State-

New York, March 5 .- Colonel Thee ore Roosevelt today made public his letter of January 18 to Frank A. Munsey, the publisher. In this letter Roosewelt said he would not be a candidate, but would not tie his hands with a statement making it difficult or imposwhole people wanted him. His letter

"I shall not be a candidate and I shall not seek the nomination, nor would I accept it if it came to me as the result of intrigue. But I will not my hands with a statement which would make it difficult or impossible to serve the public by undertaking the creat task, if the people, as a whole, seemed definitely to have conie to the

w. Bourke Cochran of New York, and William Alien White of Kansas, con-ferred today with Colonel Roosevelt. White told the former president that Kansas wants him to be a candidate. After leaving Roosevelt, White said:

"I told the colonel that my personal mervation indicated that he was already sure of two fifths of the delegates to the Chicago convention. President Taft's southern delegates will vote for their jobs, not in accordance with their instructions. If they think it is best for themselves they will switch.

I told him also that many senators whose elections are jeopardized by progressive sentiment will drop Taft. When they see the busz saw ripping the buttons off their vests they will back

LOVETT AND HIS AIDES DUE ON COAST TONIGHT

San Francisco, March 5.—Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the execuboard of the Harriman lines; Julius Krutischnitt, director of maintenance and right of way, and L. J. Spence, traffic director, who are expected to arrive ere today, decided to stop over at Fresno and will not reach San Francisco entil tonight.

With the party's arrival here, announcement of extensive improvements in the Southern Pacific system around the bay is expected, particularly in regard to the extension of the railroad's operations and that of at least two plain electric system.

SOCIALISTS WOULD

Oakland, Cal., March 5.—Sunday night It seems that some time ago Beard seis the date set by the Oakland branch of the socialist party for the institution of customs in order that he might be the company to be in splendid financial of the recall proceedings against the given opportunity to unearth some condition. "It was represented to the of the recall proceedings against the given opportunity to unearth option smugglers. He was successful plaintiff that said 43 bonds in the Cotate is the place agreed upon for the tate is the place agreed upon for the commission without pay. and place the membership of all other ln the meantime he approached Thom-branches of the party in the city will as Lane and told him he had "some-be present and formal charges agains" thing on him for smurgling only real property for each 110 months. present and formal charges agains the administration will be made. The petition for the recall of the city officials should be on the street some time

UTAH AND ARKANSAS ARE CONCEDED TO PRESIDENT

Mississippi river whose delegates to Seattle to the gate keeper and goodby, the national Republican convention are Beard kept watch of the train until he Statement issued by Frank Knox, chair- known to the federal authorities Roosevelt executive committee, away, ts of th Mississippi," continues the statement, "the great middle states are ablaze with Roosevelt sentiment. The active campaign for delegates to the convention is now on. It begins under conditions that augur an overwhelming triumph in Chicago in June."



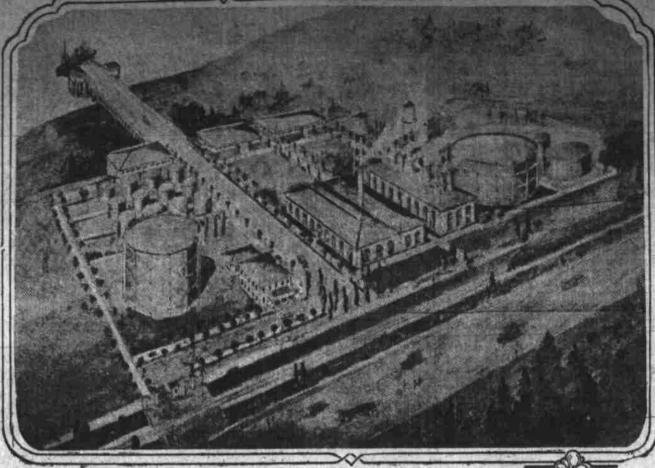
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Proposed Gas Plant Completed Will Cost \$3,000,000; Generating Capacity Will Be 10,000,000 Feet of Gas



on the river front of the Portland Gas land located just east of Linnton and cost approximately \$750,000. & Coke company, the early construc- adjoining the government mooring. The tion of which was announced last Sat- estimated cost of the completed plant have a generating capacity of 10,000,- urday by the officials of the company. Will approach \$3,000,000. The first unit, 000 feet of gas.

Drawing of the proposed new plant | The plant will cover a 40 acre tract of | which is to be erected this year.

MAY BE INVOLVED

George L. Beard Confesses to Bribery in Federal Court; Accomplices Sought.

Th arrest of George L. Beard by federal authorities last night charged with soliciting bribes as a custom inspector may involve two if not more of the plain clothes men of the city detective force. clothes men is ascertained he will not

Beard has an allas, H. F. Watson RECALL OFFICIALS The case so far as evidence has been gathered was related this morning by Assistant United States District Attorney Walter Evans.

Lane offered \$50 and this was refused on the ground that it was too small an A restraining order was also issued amount. Finally he agreed to pay \$100 out of the circuit court yesterday evenand leave for Scattle where Beard had

bought a ticket for Vancouver instead of Seattle and to that destination as stock, or its equivalent in money, shipped his trunk. When he approached he gate he found Beard watching, so he held out the portion of the ticket hav-ing the word "Washington" on it, said eded to President Taft by the was sure Lane was safely aboard. Then Roosevelt supporters, according to a a plain clothes man whose name is man of the Michigan Republican state watched outside the train until it startcommittee. He is also vice chairman of ed, making sure that Lane did not get

> When Lane arrived in Vancouver he called up a detective who told him he had been bunkoed. He took some of his friends into his confidence and acting on their recommendations reported the case.

Beard who had been sent to Astoria on some special work, was recalled and was sent to a place on Washington street, ostensibly to watch for a man wanted by the government. Meantime Lane was marched down the street and when he saw Beard, he sald, "that's the man." The arrest followed. The pros-ecution of the plain clothes men now under surveillance is expected to fol-

JOHNSON SAYS PEOPLE ALL OUT FOR ROOSEVELT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Blue Canon, Cal., March 5.—Governor Hiram Johnson, on board a Sacramento bound train from the east yesterday, said: "The people are overwhelmingly for

Roosevelt. Politicians and federal office holders are for Taft. The only question is whether the overwhelming entiment of the people can make itself felt in the Republican national convention. The issue is recognized now to be sharp and clear. The Roosevelt people believe in the people and their right and ability to govern. The other side disern themselves."

SALEM, OR., MAYOR CALLS FIRE CHIEF INEFFICIENT

Salem, Or., March 5,-At the council meeting last night Mayor Lachmund se-verely criticised Fire Chief Savage, charging inefficiency. The mayor announced he would appoint a committee citizens to make an investigation of the department.

Cave-in Injures Salem Workman.

(Special to The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 5.-While digging a sewer, the earth caved on Robert Gibson, almost covering him. Workmen dug him he was taken to the Willamette sanitarium, where he is suffering from shock and injuries to his back. It is not believed he has internal injuries.

Governor Goes to Albany.

Salem, Or., March 5 .- Governor West and Superintendent L. R. Alderman are at Albany today attending a meeting of the school district officers of Linn coun-Superintendent Alderman will go from there to Lafayette and then to As-

\$4 Piano Rent.

All money paid as rent can apply on purchase price if desired. Ask about our drayage plan. Bush-Lane Plano Co., 355 Washington street.

CIVIL SUIT FILED IN ORCHARD LAND CASE

The first civil suit growing out of he tangles in the Columbia River Orchard company, the officers of which have been indicted by the federal grand jury, was that filed late yesterday afternoon in the circuit court by Attorney Arthur Langguth for B. J. Ginn, former owner of the Goldendale Milling company at Goldendale, Wash. The suit involves T. H. Humphrey, W. E. De-Larm and A. J. Biehl, who are said to have manipulated the transaction in order to secure control and ownership of the mill in exchange for stock in the Beard pleaded guilty to soliciting and orchard company alleged to be worth accepting a bribe of \$100 from Thomas \$17,500, but upon investigation proves to be valueless.

George W. Armstrong, one of the pro-moters of the orchard company, was found in Portland yesterday evening and made a defendant in the action with the other members of the company. The transactions leading up to the purchase of the milling company will be made the subject of an investigation by the March grand jury, announced Ginn and his attorney this morning.

In the negotiations, the complaint re-

ing, in which each of the defendants and their agents are restrained by inbeen representing that his chief was, and their agents are restrained b When Lane went to the depot he junction from disposing of the stock. Ginn asks for the return of the which would be \$17,500.

In making an investigation of the affairs of the company when negotiations were on to trade, Ginn states, he went over the matter with Humphrey, who confidentially assured him the stock was booming and the trade was a good one.

FIVE OF ONE FAMILY ARE BURNED TO DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Beaver Falls, Pa., March 5.—Five perons—father, mother and three children, all foreigners-were burned to death in a fire today that destroyed the boarding house of the Clydesdale Stone company at Koppel, Pa. The man who lost his life was the proprietor of the boarding

14 boarders escaped.

IRVINGTON DISTRICT

To engender interest in the school zens for that district consisting of E. J. Jaeger, O. M. Plummer, H. R. Albee, D. O. Lively and W. F. Woodward, has called a meeting for Friday eve-ning in the Irvington school auditorlum. Parents and residents of Irvington are invited and the invitation reads; "You are earnestly invited to attend

neighborhood meeting to be held in Irvington public school on the evening of Friday, March 8, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring with the principal, the teachers and residents of our own immediate community and all others who may be interested, in what is termed the 'garden movement.' "This is an effort fathered and fur-

thered by public spirited citizens of Portland throughout the state which has in view the practical education of our children in the rudiments of gardening nature should be a pleasure as well.

"To awaken this interest, committees have been formed, whose effort will be to create a friendly rivalry among the children, to institute contests and to award prizes for the best results of the

"In our neighborhood there is no doorard too small for a garde seed is eligible and invited to enter into as a parent and one interested in the welfare of our children, we earnestly appeal to you for your presence and noral support in this useful and helpful movement."

It is planned there shall be other meetings of similar character in other districts of the city.

VALUE OF 2 DAYS OF RAIN PLACED AT 30 MILLIONS

Los Angeles, March 5 .- Conservative estimates today by Produce Exchange experts fix the value of the last two days' rains in southern California at \$30,000,000. The rains have been general from San Luis Obispo to the Mexican line, and crops in every section have been saved. Pasadena and Los Angeles registered the heaviest fall of the year, 2.70 inches, and 2.02 inches, respectively.

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New Petitions Being Put Out by McCusker; Taft Petition Holds Names of More Than 4000 Voters.

Resentment by La Follette men over the disloyalty Roosevelt is alleged to have shown the Wisconsin senator is giving new power to the La Follette campaign in Oregon, and Thomas Mc-Cusker, head of the La Follette move-ment, expresses gratification over the reports he is receiving.

By his recent conferences with W. L. Houser, the national manager of the La Follette interests, McCusker was convinced of the double dealing of Roose-velt, and he shares in the indignation that is now finding expression among the friends of a Follette. He is a candidate for delegate to the national convention and says that while he will carry

back at the time of his physical break-down," said McCusker, "but is now recovering much of his strength. In many places, particularly the eastern part of way was made easy for Roosevelt's an-

Deceived by Boosevelt.

'Now it has become apparent that La Follette was deceived by Roosevelt, and only became a candidate after Roosevelt had sent a special messenger to La Follette asking him to make the race. Mr. Houser's evidence on this point seems complete, and there has not oven been a denial from Roosevelt. "Today I am putting out a new La Follette petition, so that the required number of names may be secured before garden contest for the Irvington dis- the end of the week. The petition puttrict, the advisory committee of citi- fing La Follette's name on the ballot will be ready by the end of the week." McCusker exhibited a telegram from Senator La Follette announcing that he will soon be on "the firing line" again.

It reads: "Washington, D. C., March 3, 1912 .-Thomas McCusker, Portland, Or .- We are glad to hear your good report and assurance as to Oregon. Like encouragement comes from other states.

"Senator Gronna goes to North Dakota to speak and says he will carry that state. Other speakers will make aggressive campaign in progressive territory. I shall myself soon be on the firing line. R. M. LA FOLLETTE Taft Clubs Organized.

At Taft headquarters reports are given of growing sentiment for the presiand awakening at the same time in dent. Taft clubs are to be organized every boy and girl a love for healthy this week at Corvallis, Heppner, Pen-outdoor garden work which in its very dieton and Oregon City (There will be dieton and Oregon City. There will be a meeting at Oregon City Saturday afternoon, followed by a banquet and organization of the club.

As an instance of some of the envicts wholesome employment is accom-couraging reports received by the Taft plishing the ideal of imprisonment which As an instance of some of the en-

CHALLENGE AT SELLING

Hon, Stephen A. Lowell, Pendleton Or., Dear Sir-As you are in a debating frame of mind, and as you want to de bate single tax with Mr. Selling, who out the wishes of the Republicans of like yourself, is utterly opposed to sinthe state, he will be sorry if he is gie tax, I take this opportunity to offer you a hall and a good audience here in "La Follette suffered a severe set-

You are a candidate for United States senator and I am a candidate for as sessor, which latter office is of much the state, the impression went out more importance to the people than that La Follette had withdrawn, circu- the office you are trying to get. But I lation of his petitions stopped, and the will waive all that and meet you on common forum, where you can point out the "dangers" of the single tax. I will try to show that it will bless all mankind.

Never do I permit political differences to interfere with my personal relations with men, and I guarantee you courteous treatment and will ask you to select the chairman of the meeting, who can arrange other details. Yours truly, H. G. WAGNON.

Single Tax Candidate for Assessor.

GOVERNOR WEST'S AIM Oriental Rugs

Governor West plans that every state institution shall be a model of its kind for the similar industries throughout the state. He told the Congregational Brotherhood at the First Congregational church last night that he expects the chicken ranch operated by convicts to be the most practically successful chicken ranch in the state if not in the coun-The governor has put in charge of the

chicken ranch a convict who knows all there is to know about raising chickens. Each week this convict brings the gov ernor a record of the eggs laid, of the feed distributed, and of the disposition of eggs and chickens. He believes this information will be highly valuable to poultry raisers everywhere. He told further of how giving con-

ture he had been reisasing men as soon as thee had served the minimum sentence when their conduct merical it. This, he said, gave rise to the report that he was engaging in the wholesaid pardoning of convicts, when, as a matter of fact he was simply following the law. The old law made the giving of indoterminate sentences optional with the judges, it now makes it compulsory, save in extreme cases. Governor West that he was engaging in the wholesale pardoning of convicts, when, as a matter of fact, he was simply following the law. The John have been called in and will be filed at Salem in a faw days. They contain over 4006 names, four times the required number. The Taff committee will take four pages in the official pamphlet to tell the reasons why the president is favored.

Councilman J. T. Killis, who started the Roosevelt petitions in Oregon before F. W. Mulkey was named to lead the movement in this state, says he is working in harmony with Mulkey and will file the Roosevelt petition later this week. Mulkey yesterday put out a new petition to secure additional names in Multnomah county.

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SHIPPING INVESTIGATION DIRECTED BY HOUSE

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(United Press Lessed Wire.)
Washington, March 5.—A resolution
directing the committee on marine and
fisheries to investigate the control of the shipping interests by a foreign combine, was unanimously adopted by

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