

LOCAL GAS FRANCHISE TO BE INVESTIGATED BY WEST AND CITY

Governor Empowered by Last Legislature to Get at Facts in Case.

IS ITS OPERATION LEGAL?

Aim is to Protect the People's Rights and Privileges in the Matter of Old Franchise.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., May 21.—After making considerable investigation into the facts and the law relating to the gas franchises in Portland, Governor West announced today that he was taking the matter up with the Portland city authorities so as to cooperate in further investigations and in reaching a conclusion as to what action, if any, should be taken for the recovery and protection of the people's rights in the matter.

The last legislature, before which bills had been introduced to revoke the old Henry D. Green and Al Zieher gas franchises under one of which the Portland Gas & Coke company is now operating, on the ground that the provisions of the franchises had not been complied with, avoided immediate action and passed a resolution empowering the governor and the city of Portland to investigate the facts and the law relating to the franchises and for the governor to take such action as he deemed necessary to protect the people's rights in the franchises. The governor is also directed to report to the next legislature.

It appears that in 1869 the territorial legislature passed an act granting Henry D. Green a gas franchise in Portland, and included a provision that no other franchise should be granted for 15 years. The year this period expired, or in 1874, the legislature passed another act granting a gas franchise to Al Zieher.

In October, 1882, the Portland Gas Light company, with a capital stock of \$250,000, was organized by John Green, Herman C. Leonard and Henry D. Green, and took over the Henry D. Green franchise. In 1885 the capital stock was increased to \$1,000,000.

The Portland Gas company was incorporated in July, 1882, by A. L. Mills, C. H. Lewis, Henry Felling and V. A. Dolph with an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000 and all the rights and properties of the Portland Gas Light company were transferred to it.

In January, 1910, the Portland Gas & Coke company was organized with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, which bought out the Portland Gas company, and increased its capital stock to \$5,000,000. The question now at issue is whether this company has a legal right to its franchise.

It's Fine for the Teeth
Sapo-Nol Tooth Powder. A 25c package FREE any day this week. Notice display ad on page 9.

ROSE FESTIVAL SLOGAN PRINTED



Mrs. May Goodall, composer of prize winning slogan.

Preparations are being made by the Rose Festival management to print thousands of cards bearing the new festival slogan as adopted by the Ad club yesterday.

The slogan appears as the heart of a Portland rose, which will be reproduced in outline. It will be an invitation to attend the Rose Festival by the Queen of Rosaria and her maids of honor, who will participate in the tour de luxe visiting the cities of Pacific coast states.

In Portland yell squads will be organized. Mrs. May Goodall is the author of the slogan and winner of the \$25 prize offered by the Ad club for it. "June-time, Rose-time, Good-time, Portland" has jingle and action and is illustrated with slides made from photographs taken by himself as a member of the Shrine's excursion. Expositions will be given of education provided defective children, especially deaf children, in the Portland schools. Mrs. C. A. Ward of Buckman school will speak, as will Professor George Rebeck of the University of Oregon.

Country Dance at Beaverton.
Members of the Eastern Star and Portland Masonic lodges will board a special Oregon Electric train this evening and go to Beaverton where they will be guests at a reception and old-fashioned country dance. The train is to leave the North Bank depot at 7:15 p. m. and the Jefferson street station at 7:30, leaving Beaverton on the return trip at 11:30.

Jacob Riis Is Dying.
Barre, Mass., May 21.—The case of Jacob A. Riis, a victim of heart disease, is considered hopeless.

Dr. Townsend Dead in London.
London, May 21.—Dr. Stephen Townsend, surgeon, author and husband of the former Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, died.

Anti-Label League Submits Measure

Proposed Initiative Proposition Would Regulate Publication of Certain Articles and Provide Penalties.

Salem, Or., May 21.—The Anti-Label league, 523 Lumbermens building, Portland, has sent Secretary of State O'cott a copy of a proposed initiative measure "regulating newspapers and the publication of nothing but the truth."

The proposed measure requires a newspaper, when the truth of an article it has published, is questioned, to publish in the same position and with a similar heading a statement from the person complaining giving his version of the case. This statement is to be made under oath. If a newspaper should refuse to publish such a statement it would be subject to a fine of \$1000.

It is provided in the measure that whoever contributes a statement, all knowing such item to be false, is subject to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment.

Another section provides that any newspaper company, editor or other representative of a paper who attempts to improperly influence any public official for or against any public measure by threats of publication of articles derogatory to such official shall be subject to a fine of \$1000 or imprisonment.

Thought Diamond Was Ice, His Story

Barterer, Accused of Stealing Gem, Says He Dropped It in Customer's Highball; He's Not Released.

Los Angeles, May 21.—Held on a charge of stealing a valuable diamond, Charles Steplh, a Santa Monica bartender, claimed today that he mistook the stone for a chunk of ice and dropped it into a highball that a thirsty customer gulped. The explanation, however, didn't satisfy the district attorney's office, and Steplh must go into court.

The diamond belonged to George Gordon, who said that he had left it with Steplh to sell.

ORIENTAL TRIP SUBJECT

E. J. Jaeger will relate the experiences of a 14,000 miles journey through the orient at the Unitarian church, Broadway and Yamhill streets, at 8 o'clock this evening. His address will be illustrated with slides made from photographs taken by himself as a member of the Shrine's excursion. Expositions will be given of education provided defective children, especially deaf children, in the Portland schools. Mrs. C. A. Ward of Buckman school will speak, as will Professor George Rebeck of the University of Oregon.

JOIN THE CROWDS
of Interested Spectators
Go and see the Evernude Motor in operation on a boat at Morrison street bridge, 11:30 to 1:30 every day. 100 engines on display at 182 Morrison st. (Adv.)

Surgeon Chiroprapist
An expert surgeon chiroprapist, associated with "The Barber Shop," in a new building. All forms of foot troubles treated. Latest sanitary methods. Adv.

COLLEGE GRADUATE TO TEACH ENGLISH



William H. Boddy.

William H. Boddy, '14, of Reed college, has been elected an instructor in the English department. He has been assisting in the department for a year as a part of his collegiate work in education.

Mr. Boddy entered Reed as a sophomore at the opening of the college in the fall of 1911. From the first he has been prominent in student affairs, having served on the student self-governing board known as the student council, for three consecutive years, and having been editor of the Quest, the college paper, for the past academic year.

In scholarship he has ranked with the first 5 per cent in almost all of his classes. In addition to his collegiate work Mr. Boddy has been in charge of the pastorate of the Central Free Methodist church at East Fifty-fifth and Flanders streets.

During the absence of Professor Coleman, who will leave May 28 for a six months' visit to England, Assistant Professor Harold G. Merriam will be acting head of the English department.

Estate of Mrs. Bertha Myers.

One half of the estate of Mrs. Bertha Myers, who died here January 21, was bequeathed to her daughter, Carrie M. Myers of Portland, and the other one half to three daughters and two sons, according to the terms of the will admitted to probate by Judge Cleeton yesterday. The estate is valued at \$18,000. Besides Miss Carrie Myers, the children are Tillie Abrahamson, Lillian Herst, Tessie Steinman, Isador H. and Ike H. Myers. The property is composed of lots at Union avenue and Tillamook, a farm at Bertha and considerable personal property.

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Entire \$300,000 Stock to Be Sacrificed at 33 1/3c to 60c on the Dollar



200 Genuine Austrian Bent Wood Chairs, \$3.50 Values \$1.49

On the 4th Floor tomorrow we offer for quick selling 200 Cane Seat Chairs in perfect condition. A splendid buy for a hotel dining-room or restaurant, home kitchen or dining-room; regular value \$3.50 each, priced for tomorrow at **\$1.49**

Women's Suits at Half Price

The season's newest styles and materials in most desirable colorings, at just one half price.
\$30.00 Suits go at \$15.00
\$27.50 Suits go at \$13.75
\$25.00 Suits go at \$12.50
\$20.00 Suits go at \$10.00

Men's Underwear

35c Values at 19c
Men's Porosknit and Nainsook Sleeveless Shirts and knee-length Drawers; regular 35c values, at only **19c**

Men's 50c Linen Hdkfs. 19c
500 pairs Boys' Knee Pants. \$1.50 values. pr. **19c**

Selling Out Dresses

New Styles \$20.00 and \$25.00 Values, While They Last at Only --- \$8.95

A splendid assortment of beautiful crepe de chine, charmeuse and taffeta silk and wool crinkle crepe, in blue, green, brown, light blue and pink shades. Dresses priced to sell at \$20 and \$25 now on sale at the extremely low price **\$8.95**

Petticoats, \$2.98
"Klofit" Silk Petticoats in stout sizes, navy, tan, taupe, emerald cerise, brown and black; regular \$2.98 values, for **\$2.98**

Petticoats, \$1.45
"Klotfit" Sateen Petticoats, in black only, stouts and regular sizes, splendid quality; regular \$2.98 values, priced **\$1.45**

Furniture

Less Than Half
35 pieces of Furniture, including Library Tables, Rockers, Costumers, Settees and Chairs, slightly used, all **1/2 Price** go at below **1/2 Price**

50c Chairs at 29c
About 50 plain wooden Kitchen Chairs (used) go at, each **29c**

Hair Switches at Bargain Prices

Best values ever seen in Portland, while they last. 26-inch Natural Hair Switches, in this sale are priced at, each **\$1.69**
30-inch Switches go at **\$2.49**
34-inch Switches go at **\$3.88**

A SALE WORTHY OF YOUR NOTICE!

If You Were Sick in Bed and the doctors told you that you may never be able to get on your feet—any way that it business—IF YOU OWNED A STORE THAT IS LOSING MONEY EVERY DAY—What Would You Do?

SELL OUT -- THAT'S ALL -- HERE GOES!

This is plain talk and plain facts. The proprietor of this store, Mr. D. Sondheim, has not been able to be on his feet for several months. THIS STORE HAS BEEN LOSING MONEY DAILY. It does not make any difference what this merchandise costs. Each and every article in this store has a money value—and each and every article will be sold.

Tomorrow Morning I Will Start Selling Out to the Public at Wholesale and Retail, at Prices Unheard of—HERE ARE A FEW PRICES THAT I WILL START OFF WITH:

- 25c Boys' Underwear for.....10c
- 50c Boys' and Girls' Underwear, Drawers only, for 15c
- 75c Children's Union Suits for.....29c
- 15c Children's Hose for.....5c
- 25c Ladies' Hose for.....7c
- 25c Children's Economy Hose for.....7c
- 15c Ladies' Vests for.....5c
- 25c to 50c Ladies' Union Suits for.....19c
- 50c to \$1.00 Ladies' Knit Underwear for.....19c
- All Muslin Underwear nearly given away.
- Ladies' Gloves, values to 75c; your choice for.....10c
- Ladies' Belts, values to 75c, for.....5c
- Part of this stock is known as the Parker-Jordan fire sale goods from the East Side store.
- Boys' Suits, values to \$2.00 and \$4.00 for.....\$1.00
- 12 1/2c Men's Sox for.....7c
- 25c Men's Sox for.....13c

- Men's Suits, Values to \$12.50, for \$3.89**
- All Kinds of Men's Ties, values to 50c, for.....10c
- 10c to 20c Men's Handkerchiefs for.....5c
- 25c to 50c Men's Suspenders for.....15c
- Regular two for 25c Collars for 10c a dozen.
- Extra Fine Men's Summer Union Suits for.....39c
- 25c to 35c Men's Underwear for.....19c
- Great Lot of Men's Shirts, values to \$1.50 for.....39c
- 50c Men's Athletic Underwear for.....19c
- 25c Boys' Underwear for.....10c
- Hundreds of Men's Pants nearly given away.
- Any Straw Hat in the store, values \$3 to \$3.50 for 25c
- Any Felt Hat in the store, values to \$5; your choice 79c
- Men's Caps, values to \$2.00; your choice for.....15c

- Men's Suits, Values to \$25.00, for \$7.89**
- Our Clothing is of the best makes that can be bought in the East.
- I will sell all Calicoes at.....3 1/2c yd.
- All Apron Gingham for.....4c
- All 12 1/2c Percales for.....7c yd.
- All 10c and 15c Creton for.....5c yd.
- 10c Flannels for.....5c yd.
- 10c Batiste for.....5c yd.
- 25c Dress Goods for.....9c yd.
- 40c Dress Linings for.....13c yd.
- Corsets, sizes 18, 29, 30; values to \$1.50, for.....39c
- Aprons nearly given away.
- All Lace and Embroideries, values to 25c, for...1c yd.

- All Hooks and Eyes, and other Notions; 5c values now 3 for 5c.
- Royal Society Packages one-third off regular price.
- All kinds of Art Goods, Stamped Goods; values to 75c; your choice at.....5c
- Ladies' Waists, values to \$2.50; your choice at.....59c
- \$2.50 to \$3.00 Silk Messaline Petticoats for...\$1.59
- \$1.50 House Dresses for.....79c
- New styles in Summer Dresses, values to \$3.50 and \$4.00 for.....\$1.89
- Ladies' Tailored Skirts, values to \$5.00, for...\$1.59
- Ladies' Linen Suits, values to \$12.50 for.....98c
- Ladies' White Serge Suits, values to \$20 for...\$2.98
- Ladies' Long Coats, values to \$12.50, for.....98c
- Ladies' Suits, assorted patterns; values to \$25, for \$3.98
- Ladies' Long Coats, values to \$20.00, for...\$2.98

I invite the criticism of the public, of any one, of any customer, or any merchant. I invite the public to come and investigate for themselves. If there is one article in this store that is not a good bargain, I want my manager called—and it must be marked down lower, for I am going to sell this stock out if I have to give it away. Spaced oes not permit giving more items or describing this stock; enough has been said. BE ON HAND TOMORROW.

Sale Will Start at 10 A. M., Tomorrow!

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NOTICE—Any party or parties wishing to buy stock, make me any reasonable bid and it is yours. We will be open late Saturday night for the benefit of the working people.