

JACK MATTHEWS DIES AT HOSPITAL AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

Former Leader in Republican Politics Here Was Born in San Francisco.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER

Served as U. S. Marshal for Oregon Till 1905 and Dictated Policies of Faction in Portland.

Walter F. (Jack) Matthews, at one time a powerful figure in Oregon politics, died from cancer at 4 o'clock this morning at St. Vincent's hospital. He had been ill since the first of the year and had been in the hospital since March 15. He was formerly United States marshal for Oregon and was once chairman of the Republican central committee of Multnomah county. For a number of years Matthews was political boss of Multnomah county. Early in life Matthews was trained in machine politics. He took to it as a duck takes to water. He was shrewd and crafty, and did not submit to defeat.

As chairman of the Republican state central committee, and as United States marshal, he set himself up as a dictator in Oregon politics and was in the thick of every political fight until 1905, when he was removed from the office of United States marshal by President Roosevelt. From that time he practically dropped out of active participation in political affairs, although indications that he was not entirely out of touch with political movements frequently appeared.

Father Was River Pilot. Matthews was born in San Francisco, in 1856, and came to Portland when he was 9 years old. His father, who was a river pilot, was drowned in the Sacramento river. His step-father, Harry Morgan, was chief engineer of the Portland fire department, and was well known in Portland's earlier days.

Young Matthews attended the old Harrison street school, and later attended the high school, which then stood on the block now occupied by the Portland hotel. He was an enthusiastic amateur baseball player, and a member of the Atlantic baseball club along with Hiram Bennett, J. D. Wilcox, Billy Drummond, Frank Post and others.

He became a member of the Pacific baseball club, and went with the Pioneers in 1876, when they won the championship of the state from the Willamette university team at Salem. Matthews was catcher and Howard Ridgely was pitcher. In the game with the Salem club they introduced the new style of pitching, which has been developed to its present day degree of expertness.

Entered Insurance Business. When he completed his schooling he entered the insurance business, but only for a short time, as he soon went to work for the Willamette Iron Works to learn the trade. He became a machinist.

At that time "Jim" Lotan was boss of the Republican party organization in Multnomah county, and it was while at the Willamette Iron Works that Matthews first saw machine politics in the making. While he was learning to make machines out of iron, he also learned the art of building political machines.

One day he lost a thumb, and this compelled him to seek other employment. Nothing was more natural than for him to seek a political job. That year, in 1885, and he became deputy county clerk under I. N. Saunders. He served but little more than a year, as in 1886 Saunders, who was a Republican, was defeated by William Church, the Democratic candidate.

Matthews immediately turned his attention to city affairs, and soon became a deputy in the city auditor's office. In time he was elected city auditor, a position he lost in 1891, when the election of the Citizens' ticket, coincident with the consolidation of Portland, East Portland and Albina, put the Republican organization out of control.

During all of this time he had been

an active lieutenant of Lotan in control of the wing of the Republican party organization known as the Lotan wing, which subsequently was merged into and became known as the Mitchell wing.

Powerful Figure in Party. He became assistant postmaster under A. B. Crossman, serving in this capacity for several years.

He was active and a powerful figure in the Mitchell faction of the Republican party, which was opposed by the Simon faction. In those days machine politics dominated this state, which became notorious for some of its political fights. Matthews was the leader of the forces which in 1894 elected what was known as the Mitchell Republican legislative ticket in Multnomah county. These legislators participated in the notorious "holdup session" of 1897, when the legislature failed to organize because a number of the members of the house refused to qualify. The deadlock was a result of the senatorial fight. Senator Mitchell was in office, but his term expired in March of that year, and as no senator was elected to succeed him, his office became vacant. The state was left with but one senator, who was George McBride.

Removed by Roosevelt. In the following year, 1898, a special session of the legislature was held and the Simon forces won out. Joseph Simon was elected United States senator. In 1901, Mitchell, who had been supporting McBride for reelection, was himself elected at midnight of the last day of the legislative session. In all these fights Matthews took a prominent part.

He was chairman of the Republican state central committee during the campaign of 1902. A year later he was appointed United States marshal

upon the recommendation of Senator Mitchell. He served as such until 1905, when President Roosevelt removed him from office at the instance of Francis J. Healy, the government's special prosecutor, who was investigating land frauds in this state. Healy considered Matthews too friendly to some of the men who were being investigated to render the kind of service he wanted from the marshal's office.

Matthews married Minnie Braden, but for a number of years Mrs. Matthews has lived in San Francisco. His brother, Fred Matthews, lives in Portland.

Camp Meetings Arouse Residents

As a result of complaints to the police by residents of the Peninsula district, near Lombard street and Patton avenue, where members of the Apostolic faith are holding camp meetings, Patrolman S. S. Arnold in a report filed with Chief of Police Clark this morning said that he had told members of the faith "to desist with such vociferous supplications to the Lord."

"General" Arthur Dies. Baker, Or., July 15.—James Arthur, a Civil war veteran and old time prospector, died early Tuesday morning after a short illness. "General," as he was known, was a well known local character for many years. He belonged to the old school of prospectors, hoping always to "strike it rich," and he never ceased his efforts. He was an enthusiastic member of the G. A. R., which organization had charge of the funeral

Morgan Settles Suit. London, July 15.—(I. N. S.)—Announcement that the suit of Comtesse de Beaugrand against the Morgan estate had been settled out of court was made here today.

Wednesday. "General" is said to have come from Virginia, but had no relatives in this part of the country so far as known.

Man Beat on Head And Robbed of \$35

While Charley Sing, Kenton, was seated in front of his home at 9:15 o'clock last night, a burglar entered the building and struck Sing over the head with a gun, stunning him. When Sing recovered his senses he found \$35.15 to be missing. Patrolmen Tully and Morris investigated the robbery, but no further investigation is to be made, as the robbery occurred outside of the city limits.

Douglas Tax Collectible. Salem, Or., July 15.—That the tax collector of Douglas county has full authority under the law to proceed and collect a special tax levied in school district No. 123 that was omitted from the 1915 roll, was a ruling of the state tax commissioner yesterday afternoon. The tax collector should notify all taxpayers who are subject to the tax, but have paid the other taxes, of the amount still due and the reason therefor, and penalties should not be charged because one-half of the school tax was not paid before April 1 unless the tax is allowed to become delinquent, says the commission.

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We Have Inaugurated in This City a Weekly Half-Holiday for Department Store Employees, Closing Our Store on Thursday Afternoons at 1 P. M. During July and August. We Maintain That a Weekly Half-Holiday During These Hot Months Should Be Universal, and We Solicit Your Co-operation. Lend This Movement Your Aid.

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THE SALE IS A "MARK-DOWN" RIGHT THROUGH THE STORE—DON'T FAIL TO PROFIT BY IT—Industry without thrift is a fruitless task. To move forward here and score progress from season to season, we must work industriously to keep stocks bright and new. And so, before the end of the season, we mark down to clean up. A new low range of price is inaugurated which is effective in all departments of this ambitious store. You may well judge the values from these offerings:

A ROUSING SALE OF 10,000 YARDS OF Plain Colored and Novelty Wash Goods

BATISTES, CREPES, LAWNS, VOILES, ETC., IN PRETTY PRINTED FLOWERS, FIGURES AND STRIPES; ALSO PLAIN RATINE AND SUITINGS—FABRICS OF STANDARD 10c TO 25c QUALITIES—ALL PLACED ON SALE FRIDAY AT 7c Yd.

Various are the ways and means through which the prices of good merchandise tumble. In our Wash Goods section unusual conditions cause prices to be reduced as never before. At this sale values will surprise even our oldest store friends. It is the most remarkable underpricing of desirable new Wash Goods ever announced in this city. Included are over 10,000 yards and plain colors and dainty and rich colored patterns, in flowers, figures, stripes, etc.; printed batistes, crepes, lawns and voiles; also plain colored ratine and suitings—all fabrics of standard widths and qualities that sell regularly from 10c to 25c a yard, and all on sale tomorrow, **7c**

OVER TWENTY-FIVE DIFFERENT STYLES IN Mercerized Silkosheen Crepes

Especially Desirable for Comfort Coverings, medium and light colorings. 11c Best 18c Quality, on sale Friday at 11c

Here is a sale that is sure to arouse the enthusiasm of the careful buying housewife, whose nimble fingers can quickly fashion dainty bed coverings. You have choice from over twenty-five different styles in the popular mercerized silkosheen crepes, that are in such great demand for comfort coverings. They come full 36 inches wide and are shown in both light and medium dark colorings, in pretty floral effects—a quality sold universally at **11c**

\$2.25 Wool Batts in Full Double Bed Size, on Sale Bargain Friday, Special at \$1.69 They Come in One Piece 72 by 90 Inches.

WONDERFULLY ATTRACTIVE VALUES AT THIS SALE OF Women's Dainty Undermuslins

Manufacturer's Samples, Short Lines and Broken Lots, Combination Suits, Chemise, Gowns and Skirts—The Most Popular Styles, Trimmed and Finished in a Perfect Manner. Values Regularly Selling Up to \$1.75—For This Sale at 69c For Choice

Manufacturer's losses—most of them—which we, as the clearing-house, hand over to our customers, with just about the cost of handling added. We also include short lines and broken lots from our own regular stock at the same great price reductions. You may select from fine Nainsook and Cambric Gowns of full width, neatly trimmed with embroidery and lace galloons, insertions and Valenciennes and Cluny laces. **COMBINATION SUITS** in Knickerbocker and circular styles—beautiful garments of fine nainsook with trimmings of laces, ribbons and embroideries. **FULL CIRCULAR SKIRTS** in styles with deep ruffle of lace or embroidery; also **ENVELOPE CHEMISE** in many pretty styles of trimming—lace, ribbon and embroidery. All sizes in the lot and values regularly sold up to \$1.75. Prudence should prompt you to pay this sale an early visit. There will be rapid selling at this low price..... **69c**

WE ARE CLOSING OUT BROKEN LINES OF Children's Rompers Friday at 25c
Garments Regularly Sold Up To 50c.

Mothers will quickly take advantage of this saving sale of Children's Rompers, for the materials alone would cost more than the figures at which we are closing out these broken lines. The assortment includes most every style and size for children from 6 months to 3 years. They come in chambrays and percales, in plain colors, checks and stripes, with V-shaped or square neck and with short sleeves. Regular 35c, 39c to 50c values—at one price, while they last Friday, at..... **25c**

Stock Reducing at Radical Reductions of 27 and 45 Inch Imported Embroidery Flouncings

And Allovers of Fine Voile, Batiste, Organdie, Swiss and Crepe—The Most Beautiful Floral and Artistic Patterns. Qualities Sold Regularly Up to \$2.50 the Yard. Specially Priced for This Sale at 87c Yd.

Hundreds of yards of choice, new Embroideries to be closed out at sensational price reductions in order to readjust our stocks. This is your opportunity for great savings. You have choice from hundreds of yards of 27 and 45-inch Allover and crepe. They come in heavy raised and openwork designs, in floral and conventional patterns. The workmanship and quality of material are of the finest. Values selling regularly up to \$2.50 a yard—to close out at, yard..... **87c**

27 and 40-Inch EMBROIDERIES. Regular Values to \$1.50 Yard, at 59c

Both Allovers and Flouncings in Batiste, Swiss and Organdie—dozens of choice patterns finished with ruffle, hem or scalloped edge—others worked in silk, in white or in dainty pastel shades of pink, blue, lavender, etc. Values up to \$1.50 a yd. **59c**

TO CLOSE THIS SALE AT 59c

12 and 18-Inch EMBROIDERIES. Regular Values Up to 50c Yard, at 25c

These staple widths come in heavy and baby patterns in Corset Cover and Flouncings of fine Swiss, Batiste and Organdie—as unlimited assortment to select from—all this season's goods in qualities regularly sold up to 50c a yard. **25c**

TO CLOSE THIS SALE AT 25c

Again We Prompt You to Profit By Our Great Sale of Women's SHOES and PUMPS

Included Are All Fashionable Styles and Leathers—Standard Qualities in Values to \$3.50. On Sale at \$1.79 PAIR

It is a difficult matter to over-estimate the importance of this selling occasion, as it gives you the opportunity to choose from a vast collection of women's high-grade Footwear at considerable less than regular selling prices. You have choice from one and two-strap and Colonial Pumps, Mary Janes and Shoes with high or low heels, and heavy or light soles. All sizes and widths, in patent colt, vicid kid, gunmetal, velvet, etc. Regular values up to \$3.50. In our Basement Shoe Section, pair **\$1.79**

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With 24 selections (12-10 inch D. D. Records)
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With 12 selections (6-10 inch D. D. Records)
\$38.90
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The Grafonola Meteor
With 12 selections (6-10 in. D. D. Records), all for **\$21.40**
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YES, SIR! A Real Clearance Sale of Men's and Women's High-Grade Walk-Over Shoes—all good, clean, fresh this season's stock; in fact, it is the first time you have ever seen this store have a sale, and will probably be the last

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