

GIL MAKES HIMSELF A CITY WATER BOARD

in That Capacity Until Water Commission Can Legally Appointed

At a meeting of the city council last night a resolution was passed which makes the council board in place of the commission until the latter is legally appointed by the city council.

are now being circulated for the purpose of referring said ordinance creating said water board to the people and that the same, in case said referendum petitions are filed, cannot become a law until after its approval by a majority vote of the people, and "Whereas, it is unlikely that said ordinance will be voted upon by the people before the regular April election in 1909, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the common council, that the mayor and common council of the City of Eugene shall constitute and be the water board of the City of Eugene temporarily, until such time as the ordinance heretofore passed creating a water board, has been finally passed upon by a vote of the said city, and a water board is regularly constituted to take charge of said plant."

Minor Matters of Business.
The city attorney was directed to draft an ordinance fixing the curb line on Washington street, north of the Southern Pacific railway, at seventeen feet on either side of the center of the street.

A petition for the improvement of the sidewalks on North Lincoln street from West Fifth to West Second was referred.

The annual report of the library board was read and referred to the finance committee.

Skinner's Butte for Park.
The matter of the annual tax levy was discussed. Councilman Gilbert suggested that in making the levy for park purposes the Skinner's Butte property, recently acquired by the city, should be considered. The thought that it was better to improve the butte for a park, which is accessible and close in, in preference to spending all the funds on Hendricks' park, which is so far from the center of the city, was brought out.

It was moved and carried that the park board make a report Monday so the council could make the levy at that time.

Changes in Charter.
Councilman Williams reported that the charter commission is working diligently on the new city charter. He named a number of changes which are contemplated, including the reduction of the number of councilmen from eight to four, to be elected at large, irrespective of the wards, and the mayor to have a vote on all questions. Another change is the changing of the boundary line of the city from the center of the Willamette river to the low water mark on the city side. This is done so the boys can swim in the river without molestation by the police officers. It was agreed that the members of the council should meet with the charter commission at the Commercial club Saturday evening to discuss various changes.

Water Board's Office.
Councilman Fisher stated that a location for an office for the water commission had been selected. A room will be partitioned off in the quarters occupied by the hook and ladder trucks on the lower floor of the city hall building, the trucks to be moved to a shed in the rear of the building.

Wesley Pennington reported an error in measuring his lot abutting on the pavement on West Eighth street. He stated that the measurement made by the engineers was three or four inches more than the actual

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IDAHO AND IOWA GET LION'S SHARE OF AWARDS

Many Prizes Won by the Mountain State of the West

Council Bluffs, Dec. 17.—Iowa received the first awards on state exhibits at the National Horticultural Congress; second, Idaho; third, Washington; fourth, Utah; fifth, Maryland.

Awards on county displays were: Canyon county, Idaho, first; Chelan county, Washington, second; Iowa county, Iowa, third; Polk county, Iowa, fourth.

In numerous awards on plate displays B. M. Chapman, of Wenatchee, and J. A. Carr, of Council Bluffs, are among those who carried off the honors.

GENERAL SIMON ELECTED PRESIDENT
Port au Prince, Dec. 17.—General Antoine Simon was today unanimously elected president of the republic by the Haytian congress.



WIDOW AND LITTLE DAUGHTER OF EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON.

Miss Elizabeth Harrison, the little daughter of the late Benjamin Harrison, is now eleven years of age, the youngest living daughter of an American ex-president. It was in 1898 that General Harrison married Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmick, a niece of his first wife. The marriage for a time caused an estrangement between the ex-president and his son and daughter. Little Elizabeth was about four years old when her illustrious father died.

CONGRESS CALLS ON PRESIDENT FOR EVIDENCE

Wants to Know What He Knows About Its Members

Washington, Dec. 17.—Chairman Perkins, of the house special committee appointed to recommend a course of action relative to the secret service feature of the president's message, presented the report of the committee at the beginning of today's session of the house. The report recommends the adoption of a resolution calling on the president to supply the house with the evidence upon which he based his statement that members of the house were principally concerned over the fact that secret service men had been investigating the members themselves. The house adopted the Perkins resolution without a dissenting vote.

COUNT BONI SEEKS TO GAIN PUBLIC SYMPATHY

Paris, Dec. 16.—The last day of the hearing of the suit brought by Count Boni de Castellane against his former wife, the Princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, in which he petitions the court to award the custody of his three children to his mother, the Marquise de Castellane, brought out the fact that the Count had withdrawn his demand that the court allow him a yearly income of \$80,000 for keeping the children.

Count Boni, speaking for the Count, read a letter from his client filed with indignant protests that he should have been charged with instituting the proceedings to obtain money, and in which the Count abandoned his claim for the allowance. He insisted that his only object in wanting the children was his solicitude for their moral and physical welfare.

Count Seeks Public Sympathy.
It is evident that the Count has recognized that his claim for the large allowance has injured his case in the eyes of the court and the estimation of the public, and his tardy repudiation is considered a clever move to enlist interest in his favor. Nevertheless, the public is greatly astonished that the Count should go to such an extreme.

PRESIDENT-ELECT PREPARES FOR LAST VACATION

New York, Dec. 17.—After a stay of four days in this city, President-elect Taft this morning left for Washington and Augusta, Ga., where he will have his last period of rest and recreation before assuming the duties of chief executive.

LEAVES FOR AUGUSTA

Washington, Dec. 17.—Judge Taft, after luncheon with the president, departed at 4 o'clock for Augusta.

GOVERNOR-ELECT IMPROVES RAPIDLY

Paso Robles, Dec. 17.—Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, continues to make great improvement. His son intends returning to Washington very soon, when it is to be determined whether his inauguration is to take place in Olympia or Paso Robles.

SHERIFF FINDS MAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE BY HANGING

Man Who Came to Life After Strangling Himself is Well Known Resident

Sheriff Brown returned last evening from a point near Junction City, where he was called to investigate the attempted suicide by hanging of a man there yesterday, as related by The Guard last evening. The sheriff says the Guard's story was correct in every detail. He found the man, who is a well-known resident of that vicinity, but it is desired that his name be kept from the public. The sheriff says the man was suffering temporarily from mental aberration at the time. Ordinarily his mind is in good condition, but it is said he has these attacks occasionally.

SULTAN'S DESPOTIC POWER IS GONE

Voluntarily Surrendered Arbitrary Sway of Centuries

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—With the meeting of the first Ottoman parliament today Turkey formally broke from the despotic rule of centuries. Sultan Abdul Hamid, who granted the constitution last July providing for this assembly, paraded through the city at the head of an elaborate cortege to open the first session. He was enthusiastically greeted and there was no semblance of disorder. As a result of the sultan's act in granting the constitution he is the most popular man in the country. The Mohammedan priests hold him as the greatest sultan since the time of feudalism.

DEAD CHIEF BIGGY LAID TO REST WITH DUE HONORS

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The body of Chief of Police Biggy was laid to rest in Holy Cross cemetery with due regard to his rank as late head of the police department today. The body was escorted to St. Mary's cathedral by over 300 policemen, and six sergeants acted as pall bearers. Many municipal departments were closed and over one hundred members of the fire department attended the funeral.

CASTRO ADVISED OF NO OUTBREAK

Berlin, Dec. 17.—President Castro's friends declare he is in receipt daily of advices from Caracas and has heard nothing of the outbreak in Caracas.

TORPEDO BOAT WRECKED ON ROCKS

Washington, Dec. 17.—The state department is advised that Acting President Gomez, of Venezuela, in view of the seizure by the Dutch of Venezuelan vessels, has declared that country in a state of war.

BIG STORE ROBBERY IN LINN COUNTY TOWN

There was a big robbery at Peoria, Linn county, Tuesday night. It was discovered next morning, when U. G. Berry opened his store, and found his safe blown to pieces, \$250 in money taken from the safe and about \$500 worth of jewelry, mostly watches taken. It had been done during the night. About 3 o'clock, a resident of the town heard a noise, undoubtedly the explosion, but did not make any investigation at the time. The thieves escaped with their plunder, leaving no reliable clue.

FAIR WEATHER BUT STILL COLDER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho: Fair tonight and Friday, cooler.

PIONEER JAMES PARVIN HAS PASSED AWAY

Died At His Home at Dexter Early This Morning—Funeral Tomorrow Morning

James Parvin, one of the best known pioneers of Lane county, died at his home at Dexter this morning, at 5 o'clock, at the age of 77 years. He was born in Indiana on May 24, 1831. He went into the world to make his own way at the age of 18. In 1855 he came across the plains to Oregon. He at once settled in Lane county and took up a donation land claim. In 1855 he took up another claim two and a half miles south of Dexter, where he remained for four years, when he bought 160 acres, a part of the John B. Hanna claim. This has since been Mr. Parvin's home. He was engaged in the trade of a carpenter and in the mercantile business at different times during his life, besides conducting his large farm.

In February, 1854, Mr. Parvin married Selena Parker. She and three children survive him. The children are: H. M. Parvin, at Dexter; Mrs. Ida Williams, of Dexter; and Mrs. Jennie Shaffer, of Gettysburg, S. D.

Mr. Parvin was a conservative business man, safe and reliable. He accumulated a good deal of this world's goods and was one of the county's most substantial citizens. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

PORTUGUESE CABINET RESIGN THEIR JOBS

Paris, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Temps from Lisbon this afternoon says the Portuguese cabinet has resigned and that King Manuel is in consultation with the leaders of all parties preparatory to the formation of a new cabinet.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR SWITZERLAND

Basle, Dec. 17.—A. Gutscheter, minister of commerce, was today elected president of the Swiss Republic for 1909 by the federal assembly.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 17.—December, 1908: Mar. \$1.05 1/2; July, 97 1/2.

The Gazette reports 22 carloads of lumber received at Corvallis in two days, all for immediate use in residence building.

The Newport Electric Light Co. has been incorporated, with W. H. Waterbury, H. B. Sandstone and James Kyle as incorporators, and the capital stock \$5,000.

A marriage license was issued last evening to T. Arthur Peterson and Miss Della P. Mead.

A Wireless Message---Hamptons' Cash Price

STUPENDOUS BARGAIN TIDAL WAVE
Sweeps all former offerings aside and stands first in the ranks of great values. Friday and Saturday we are going to place on sale some of the celebrated WOOLTEX COATS at the lowest price of the season or that we will ever make.

WOMEN'S COATS
\$50.00 Wooltex Coats, all wool materials, richly trimmed, semi-fitting; a garment any woman will be proud to possess. Two days special, each \$27.00

ANOTHER TALL COAT VALUE
The value of this \$35.00 Coat is tall; it is stylish, warm and up-to-date, but the price is short. Two-day special, each \$25.00

SILK PETTICOATS AT THE PRICE OF SATEEN
\$5.00 Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats, with wide flounce; deep dust ruffle; Friday and Saturday special, each \$3.75

A PETTICOAT VALUE TO BE CONSIDERED
\$0.00 Colored Taffeta Silk Skirt, a good wearer, worth the regular figure; two days' special, each \$4.90

ALL-OVER NET WAISTS GREATLY REDUCED
\$5.00 Eoru Net Waists as a "goodbuy" price; each \$2.25

16-BUTTON STREET GLOVES
\$2.50 Gloves, the kind to wear well, to look well, to give comfort to the possessor; at a bargain price; the pair, special \$1.65

25c JAPANESE CREPE FOR KIMONAS
500 yards Japanese Crepe, mostly dark colors, all new Jap patterns; just right for kimonas; Friday and Saturday, the yard 20c

HANDKERCHIEFS AT A SMALL PRICE
25 dozen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs with fancy borders, always 10c; Friday and Saturday, each 5c

DOLLS FOR LITTLE MONEY
10c Jointed Dolls, natural hair; Friday and Saturday, each 5c

DOUBLE-HEADED DOLLS. 10c
Friday and Saturday our 20c Dolls, reversible, showing one side up a white head, the other a black head, all dressed; special, each 10c

BOYS OVERCOATS
\$5 and \$6 Boys' Overcoats; two-day special, each \$4.00



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