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PROPOSITION UP TO POWER COMPANY

Wearied by dilatory tactics on the part of the Oregon-California Power company in regard to its relations with the city, the city council Thursday evening, at the suggestion of the mayor, authorized the appointment of a committee to confer with the officials of the company at once in regard to lower rates, and if a proposition was not forthcoming to proceed with the drafting of an ordinance fixing the rates to be charged in the city, as they have power to do under the public utilities bill recently passed by the people of the state. The committee consists of Mayor Canon, Councilmen Campbell and Summerville.

According to the city officials the present rates for lights in Medford are higher than in any other city in the state and the officials wish this corrected.

MANDAMUS SUIT IS TO BE RUSHED

A mandamus suit to decide the question which has come up concerning the offices of city recorder and councilman in the second ward, and learn definitely whether E. T. Foss and W. N. Campbell being appointees can hold office past a general city election will be instituted within the next day or two and rushed in order that a decision may be reached before a call for the coming general election is made.

The two officials in question state that they welcome an election for they do not desire to serve if the people do not want them.

FIRST STEPS TO SECURE ARMORY

The first step in a campaign to secure a state armory for Medford was sounded Thursday evening when Captain A. W. Deane of the Seventh Company, Coast Artillery Corps, O. N. G., appeared before the city council with a request for an appropriation by the city of \$1,000. The county is to be asked for a like amount and the state for \$20,000. The armory is to seat 3,000 people. The city dads took no action in the matter. A bond issue for the purpose will probably be voted upon.

MERCURY IS DOWN NEAR RECORD POINT

The mercury plunged downward Thursday night touching 22 degrees above, just before sundown, which is within two degrees of the cold weather mark registered last winter when on one night it stood at 20.

A fog rolled in early Friday morning, dampness adding to the unpleasantness.

There will be little change tonight in the present cold snap, according to the local weather bureau.

ASKS \$15,000 FOR NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

The proposition of bonding the city in the sum of \$15,000 at the next city election as its share for the construction of a National Guard armory in this city was made possible at the meeting of the city council Thursday night when Captain Deane of the local military organization presented a petition. He said that if the county would give \$15,000, the city the same amount, the state would give \$20,000 and the government install a disappearing

CONSERVATION OF HUMANITY.

WOMEN of Oregon are justifying equal suffrage by taking an active interest in proposed legislation for humanity, instead of for the dollar. It was man's inhumanity to man that created the progressive wave that has swept the country during recent years and culminated in Oregon by throwing down the bars against sex inequality, in order to better political, social and economic conditions.

Under the lead of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, and parent-teachers associations, a bill is to be presented the legislature providing pensions for the assistance and support of women whose husbands are dead or totally incapacitated and who have small children dependent upon them. Similar laws are in effect in Illinois and Missouri, and work admirably. A dozen other states are considering the same legislation.

The bill provides that if the family includes but one child, the mother shall receive \$10 a month. If there are more children, she shall receive at the rate of \$7.50 per month per child. No mother can receive this pension for a child over sixteen years of age. No mother who receives an income from other sources is entitled to the relief afforded, unless that income is less than the one provided for by the measure. The money shall be distributed through the courts, and its distribution is regulated so as to prevent abuses.

The money is raised by a levy of not more than one-tenth of a mill upon each dollar in each county—and it will decrease the expense to the taxpayer, for it now costs more for the support of the poor and orphaned. A mother in holding her family together, makes a dollar go further than the state, and, more than all, preserves the home, vital to the child's welfare.

It is high time that legislation was enacted conserving humanity as well as property and the mothers' pension bill should receive unanimous support.

BUY RED CROSS STAMPS.

RED CROSS Christmas seals are now on sale in Medford. The proceeds go to a most worthy cause and there should be a generous purchase by the public.

The use of Christmas stamps to aid in raising funds for tuberculous cases originated in Norway, in 1904. Jacob Riis, the social worker, described the Norway stamp and suggested uses for it in America in an article in the Outlook. Miss Emily Bissell, secretary of the Delaware Red Cross, designed a stamp which netted the society \$3000 for tuberculosis work. She induced the American Red Cross to take up the sale in 1908 on a national basis, and over \$135,000 was realized. In 1909, the sale was increased to \$230,000, in 1910 to \$310,000 and last year \$330,000, all of which went for anti-tuberculosis work in various parts of the nation.

While Red Cross stamps date back only four years, "charity stamps," from which this idea originally sprang, go back to 1862, when "sanitary fair stamps" were first used in Boston to secure money for the care of soldiers wounded during the Civil War. Nearly \$1,000,000 was raised in this way during the years 1862 to 1865. After the war this method of raising money was discontinued in this country for a generation, although it found vogue in Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Sweden and other European countries. There are now hundreds of different types of charity stamps used in all parts of the world, as many as forty being used in Austria for children's hospitals alone.

KEEP THE GALLOWES.

REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT C. N. McARTHUR of Portland, will introduce a bill at the coming session to substitute the electric chair at the state prison for the scaffold, on the ground that hanging is too barbarous and repulsive.

There is no good reason why the substitution should be made. The people voted to maintain the death penalty because they wished to scare crime out of the heart of the criminal by fear of his impending fate—and the more barbarous and repulsive the punishment, the more terror it strikes.

Hanging is more repulsive than the death made scientifically easy by pressing an electric button. It is more primitive and horrible. To realize that one may slowly strangle, or that one may be virtually beheaded by having his head pulled off, that in any case one will be several minutes, and perhaps an hour dying, is certainly more deterrent than the instant extinction of life in the electric chair.

The electric execution is a costly affair. It entails much needless expense on the taxpayers in equipment and paraphernalia as well as in electric juice. Moreover at the next general election, the women will abolish capital punishment and the money spent in its installation will have been wasted.

The socialists of Oregon have flooded the governor's office with petitions asking that several preachers who were clamorous during the recent campaign for the continuance of the barbarous Mosaic law of a life for a life and loud advocates of capital punishment, be appointed as executioners black Friday, and themselves send the cringing victims into eternity. The suggestion is a good one, but the governor is powerless to act as the execution is the duty of the prison warden.

Numerous citizens are eager to serve the city for pay as councilmen. It behooves the citizens to ascertain how many are patriotic enough to serve as members of the Commercial club without pay. It is to be hoped that all candidates are members of the club or will become members before the election, for those not public spirited enough to thus aid in the upbuilding of the city are not public spirited enough to make good councilmen.

target gun costing \$20,000, to be used by O. N. G. companies for practice.

Captain Deane said that the building could be used for all public purposes and would seat 3,000 people. Nothing was done with the question.

OLD DOC COOK ON VAUDEVILLE CIRCUIT

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 6.—And now its vaudeville for Dr. Cook.

How he alleges he discovered the North Pole will be told theater-goers here by Dr. Frederick A. Cook, ex-coriated Arctic explorer who has signed a contract. He will make his first appearance in an Oakland playhouse Sunday, giving a twenty minute talk, illustrating his lecture with stereopticon slides.

LAKE STEAMER STRANDS WITH 50 PASSENGERS

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 6.—With fifty passengers aboard the Booth Line Steamer Easton is reported here today to be on the rocks at Ironquale reef in Lake Superior, 30 miles west of Port Arthur, where a blizzard is raging.

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Medford, Oregon

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