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Saturday, March 31, 1928.

THE ELECTRIC MERGER A Message to Citizens of Portland

The two electric companies of Portland are now performing a service that can be better and more economically performed by one.

Competition in regulated public service is waste. Duplication of plant and facilities imposes an unreasonable and unnecessry burden upon the users of electric service.

We know definite economies can be effected by combining the two companies, and have bound ourselves and our companies to establish reduced rates effecting a saving to our customers of approximately \$400,000 annually. We know that less investment will be required hereater to provide for the increasing demands of service if but one company is charged with the obligation of service, and that such savings in future avoid ance of duplication will be cumulative with each succeeding year, and thereby enable the one com pany to provide service at less cost than would be possible if two companies remain in the field.

Our earnings are limited by law to a reasonable return upon the value of the property devoted to the public service, and all income above such reasonable return must inure to the benefit of our consumers.

The Portland Electric Power Company purposes to purchase the properties of Northwestern Electric Company. This purchase must be first approved by the voters of Portland.

A PERSONAL PLEDGE TO OUR FELLOW CITIZENS

We have singly and jointly and in person, to the city council, and to the people as a whole, through the local press, and in various public utterances, and over our own signatures, made certain plain and specific declarations with reference to the proposed plan for the consolidation of the two com-Panies we represent.

We have affirmed that, if the people approve the proposed merger, the rates for domestic service will be reduced to a maximum of 5 cents per kilowatt hour, with a minimum monthly charge of one dollar.

Here and now we renew that pledge, without equivocation or condition whatsoever.

We have said, and now repeat, that the annual saving in bills of our residential customers will approximate \$200,000.

THIS PROMIS WILL BE KEPT

We have stated, and restate it now, that

at a special city election to be held Monday, April 9, 1928.

THIS PROMIS WILL BE KEPT

As further evidence of our good faith, the Portland Electric Power Company has filed new rates with the Public Service Commission of Oregon, and the commissioners have made a formal order rendering these rates operative immediately upon the consummation of the merger.

We submit to you, our fellow citizens, that no statement of facts nor any affirmation of pledges could be more definite, more unequivocal or more binding than the foregoing obligation which we have committed ourselves to discharge.

This is a plain business proposition to the people of Portland. Your co-operation is necessary, and is all that is necessary, to secure these lower rates. The election of April 9th is your opportunity to profit by

Dixon Makes Short Work of Burns

(By Billy Stepp-Portland News) George Dixon, the colored cyclone, became a fistic sensation in one minute and 15 seconds Tuesday night at the armory arena. A terrific right to the chin sent Oakland Johnny Burns to sleep in the first round of a scheduled 10-round bout and turned the arena into a roaring and raving turmoil of fight mad fans.

The colored boy met his seasoned opponent in the center of the ring. They touched gloves. A leit poked Burns to the face and he stepped away. Dixon followed, throwing both hands at Johnny's head. They went to a neutral corner

with Dixon crowding Burns and Johnny poking that famous left hand history. to George's face.

A right landed on Burns' jaw and It was a whirl wind battle-not a he staggered to the ropes, but caught dull tick of the Ingersol. It was such himself quickly. Dixon was upon to pay off at the undertaker's. The crowd enmasse should as a the Oakland boxer with his teeth clenched and a sneer upon his face. Tootball cheering section-"Bring on Burns poked his colored opponent Joe Anderson-go get Anderson, Mr. away and they danced to the center Levy-Dixon will lick the world."

of the ring and Dixon leaped in with It was a fight that you'll hear talkhis left and missed a terrific right ed about for days at your favorite hand haymaker which forced Burns cigar hangar-it was that kind of tralia where he has not lost a match to the ropes.

ded animal seeking the kill. They key Walker, the middleweight cham- and heavyweight champions, is out to tore into each other like a champion- pion, to stop, look and listen before regain the middleweight title which ship hung in the balance. Dixon they sign on the dotted line for a Mickey Walker so unjustly claims, crashing his right to the head and battle with Portland's latest fistic Immediately after the death of Tig-Burns battering both hands to Dix- sensation, Quinton Collins, better er Flowers Sunny Jim came back to on's face. Crash-like a streak of known to the fight-loving fans as uphold the crown among his people.

| lightning from a clear sky-it landed | Georgie Dixon, the spindle-legged on Oakland Johnny's chin and he col- youth who has fought his way lapsed to the resined floor. His right through the prelim ranks to the very leg stiffened, he turned over on his top of his profession and a championback and shivered several times as ship in the dim horizon. Referee Gruman's hand slowly went.

SPORTING CIRCLES

to relate in words took place.

up and down until the fatal 10 had COLIMA FOULS GREAT COL-ORED FIGHTER IN 4TH been reached and then Burns was carried to his corner-knocked out.

Wolcott Langford who has invaded The crowd was up- the place was the West under the personal direction a mad-house. The fans jumped into of Bill Stevens of Chicago showed he the ring. They carted Dixon off acould fight, could take'em and make a mid roaring cheers that shook the old comeback from a bad start by his win arena and a sight that is impossible on a foul over Bert Colima, Tuesday at the Olympic.

Dixon was sent the short end of the Bouncing up from a knock-down in wise money when the bell rang. The the third Langford tore into the Mexsmart veteran. Burns was the ruling ican idol punishing him with body favorite. He knew how to fight a blows, shooting it over to the chin bone crusher. He would ride his bike frequently. He drove him against the out of danger, but Dixon fought a ropes and had all the best of it when different fight. He crowded. He he was suddenly fouled twice, in the fought with both hands and threw fifth round. tem at the target and they landed one

minute and five seconds after the bell Mike Watters lost six rounds and and ten seconds later the fight was then knocked Eddie White out in the seventh.

> Joe Anderson won a clear-cut 10round decision over Phil Krug. -----

THE SHADOW OF FLOWERS

"Sunny Jim" Williams, who bought back to the U.S. from Ausfight that will make the ruling favor- in three years with knockouts to his Dixon followed Burns like a woun- ites seeking the crown worn by Mic- credit over their middle-light-heavy

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the rates to our commercial customers will be reduced more than \$100,000 a year.

THIS PROMIS WILL BE KEPT

We have declared that these lower rates will be made effective immediately upon the consummation of our merger, which the people have been asked to vote upon

ending wasteful duplication of expense.

FRANKLIN T. GRIFFITH, President Portland Electric Power Company

GUY W. TALBOT, President Northwestern Electric Company

Vote 500-X "YES" on April 9th

(Paid Advertisement, Portland Electric Power Company and Northwestern Electric Company)

SCIENCE CORRECTS ITS OWN MISTAKES

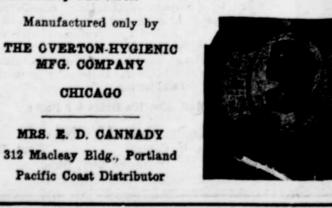
MUCH UNNECESSARY GLEE has been occasioned in some quarters by the discovery that the tooth, found in Nebraska and supposed to be that of a primitive man low down in the evolutionary religious press jeers genially at a science which is alone, so primitive that it cannot tell a man from a pig wth those of a dawn..man. Reminiscences of Bret ,Harte' inevitably March 27th to 30th. This is said to State of Pennsylvania. arise to quicken and flavor the mirth. Well, of course, the thing has its humorous aspect. It is legitimate "column" material. But there is an ... other side to the matter. The circumstance which the anti-evolutionary press overlooks is that, if science made a mistake in the original in dentification of the molar, it was science also which corrected that mistake. Science does make mistakes. Nobody ever doubted that. The whole progress of scientific knowledge has been the correction of the mistakes of earlier scientists. But science, when true to its own faith, does not surround its mistakes with a halo of sanctity and declare that the fabric of the universe totters if these are shaken. It holds its opinions subject to correction as further light breaks from the study of the facts or from the discovery of more facts. It corrects its own mistakes, and often has to correct its corrections. It may, with the accumulation of evidence, become very strongly convinced on certain points, but its certainties do not reach the level of inerrancies, and it does not emotionalize its conclusions in such a way that an old mistake becomes too dear to the heart to be displaced by a new trutit. No scientist ever denounces another as a destructive critic for attempting to displace an old theory with a new one. And so, though we are not privy to all the intimate details of this pig-tooth episode, we are quite confident that no scientist who was involved on either side of the argument had any other interest than to interpret the facts in the light of other knowledge. If the tooth was the tooth of a man, then certain conclusions are different. Just like that. No excitement at all, no partisanship, no determination to make it be a pig's tooth or man's tooth regardless of the facts. Looked at in that way, science really appears to rather good advantage in the incident. Religion may have something to learn from science in respect to willingness to face facts.

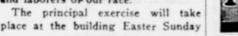
-Christian Century

GOV'NOR APPOINTS MINISTER be the largest getting together of-Philadelphia, Pa., March 26-Gov- ministers in the history of the church, ernor John Fisher has appointed the ministers of all denominations form-Rev. William A. Harrod, Ph. D., pas. ing this alliance. Delegates to this tor of the celebrated First African unique gathering are officailly ap-Baptist Church, as delegate to meet- pointed by the state, and Dr. Herrod ing of the Minister's Alliance which enjoys the distinction of being the is to be held in Washngton, D. C., minister appointed to represent the

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