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THE
 DEMOCRATS
 Of Portland, will Dedicate
 THE NEW CITY HALL,
 TO
 TRUE DEMOCRACY
 This Friday Evening.

Dedicatory Remarks will be made by

George F. Emery, Esq.

After which the following

ORIGINAL DEDICATORY ODE,

set to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" will be sung by the

Orpheus Quartette Club,

J. L. SHAW, SAML. THURSTON, C. J. PENNELL, JOHN MORGAN.

And joined by the Audience

We meet beneath this spacious dome,

The champions of the free,

To consecrate it as the home,

Of Truth and Liberty !

Hence may our principles go forth

The bulwark of the Free !

Here may the world be taught the worth

Of Pure Democracy !

Should zealots ere with ruthless hand,

By blinded frenzy driven,

Ere seek to ruin this fair land

Which God to us has given,

We'll rally at the warning call,

And press into the fight,

Resolved to conquer or to fall

In battling for the Right !

Before our serried ranks will flee

The dastard venal band,

And everywhere songs of the free

Will echo through the land !

Then let us all join hand in hand,

And let our watchword be

"THE CONSTITUTION and OUR LAND

INVIOLEATE AND FREE."

Our Ablest Home Speakers

Will then address the Meeting.

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