

MAJOR EXPLAINS ROSS ISLAND STAND

Rushlight Says People Will Be Sorry Some Day for Not Buying It.

ISLAND'S USES DETAILED

Executive Tells Audience in Ford Hall of Important Propositions He Has Put Through While Holding Office.

Mayor Rushlight last night explained in detail to a large gathering in Ford Hall, Sunnyside, his connection with the proposed purchase of Ross Island, which plan was turned down by the voters at the last election. The explanation of his stand on the question was, he said, brought out by persistent rumors that he intended to acquire the island in some roundabout way if he is elected Mayor under the new commission form of government. He declared that the price of \$200,000 at which he had not an option on the property for the city was reasonable.

"The people have a mistaken idea about this Ross Island property," said the Mayor. "I have heard reports to the effect that my uncle owns the tract and that I have merely taken a deal in the name of the city for my own personal gain. I will say that this report has no more truth than any one of a dozen other reports which are being circulated by my enemies. I have heard in the last two weeks that my wife is suing me for divorce; that I beat my children; and in fact there is but little I haven't heard."

Island Might Be Utilized. "In relation to this Ross Island deal I will say that I considered I was doing my duty in purchasing the island by a municipal industrial center could be established on the island. I had planned to place there a crematory, a dumping ground for street sweepings, a women's detention home, a street repair plant, a water department supply station, and other industrial departments for the use of the city. I secured an option on the island at a stipulated price of \$200,000. That was to be the outside price. The actual price the city would pay would have been determined by a jury in condemnation proceedings. It might have been \$25,000 or it might have been \$200,000, all depending upon what the jury considered it worth. If it had cost \$200,000 it would have been a bargain I believe. There are 407 acres. The Dock Commission recently gave almost that much for a small strip of land for a dock in North Portland."

Administration Is Reviewed. The Mayor went into the details of what he has done for the city during his administration. "I have put through some important propositions which my predecessors would not undertake. I could have drifted along and left these problems to my successors to solve and I so desired. I have, however, worked and brought out reasonable solutions and submitted them to the voters. My activity along this line has given my political enemies a good deal of opposition and more things to build lies about."

W. G. MacLaron of the Portland Commons, speaking at the meeting in support of the Mayor. He spoke of his connection with the vice work of the last two years. "Portland is a garden of roses and purity today in comparison to what it was two years ago," he said. "I challenge any minister of the gospel or social purity league to give me one instance of any kind of vice work in Portland of two years ago when it comes to social purity. The Mayor has given vice social purity. It will never get back to itself again. I say this for the benefit of the fathers and mothers and I hope they will spread the gospel."

NORMAN C. THORNE DROPS OUT Race for Commissioner Quit With Request That Others Get Support.

PORTLAND, May 26.—(To the Editor.)—I have decided to withdraw from the race for commissioner. When I entered the race I said I would withdraw at any time if it seemed best for the interests of good government. If the better element is to win in this campaign it will be necessary to concentrate our votes on a few good candidates. There are six men who have been recommended, both by the Public Welfare Federation and the committee of 100. By supporting these six men and six others from the remaining 11 recommended by the two committees, it should be possible to get four good men as commissioners. I wish to thank those who have worked so earnestly in my behalf, and I sincerely hope they will decide to support those recommended by the two committees.

NORMAN C. THORNE, 841 Brooklyn Street.

AUTO CRANK BLOW KILLS

Injured Man Conducts Friend's Funeral and Dies Next Day.

Struck on the forehead Friday evening while cranking his automobile and not realizing the extent of his injury, Charles T. Potter, an electrical contractor, 730 Division street, continued his duties until yesterday morning, when he went to bed complaining of a headache. A few hours later he was dead.

Mr. Potter was 44 years old and left a wife and four children. He was an officer of the Artisans and Ancient Order of United Workmen. He conducted a funeral for the Artisans Sunday afternoon. Death was caused by a fracture of the skull.

ALBEE NAILS DOWN LIE

minister your affairs in the right manner—who will devote their time to building up your interests. I am making no promises of any kind, except the general one that I will, if you elect me, do my best for you. That, I think, is sufficient; it includes everything. I shall work early and late for the best interests of the whole city.

be satisfactory to everyone. Not all of the features of the charter are satisfactory to me. Perhaps I would have done some things in a different way than the others who framed the charter did them. I think, for example, that I should not had I been on the charter commission, left the civil service in the way it is, so that it gives a chance for annulment of that branch of the city. But I think that the charter is all right. If you elect the right officers. That is the all-important thing, after all.

Crowds Cheer Heartily. Mr. Albee was cheered numerous times during his speech. When he left the Portsmouth school at 8:30 for the Peninsula school, where he spoke at 9 o'clock, he was loudly applauded. "Goodbye," he said, waving his hand at the large crowd of men and women. "I hope you will call upon me when I am Mayor," and there was more cheering.

Table with 3 columns: First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice. Lists names like Black, Jones, Brown, Williams, etc.

Below is a sample ballot properly marked for Commissioner, the voter voting four first choices for four candidates, four second choices for four others, and four third choices for four others; 12 votes in all.

the Peninsula school, along the same lines. Tonight he will speak at Vancouver avenue and Farron street and tomorrow night in the Sunnyside school, East Thirty-fifth and East Yamhill streets.

BETTING FAVORS ALBEE

BAKER AND DALY FIGURE IN COMMISSIONER CHOICES. Rushlight Money Put Up Several Weeks Ago Is Covered—\$500 Wager on Albee Remains Untaken.

Betting on the election for Commissioner remains unchanged wherever betting has been indulged in, but for the Mayoralty Albee is the favorite. It is only within the last week that Mr. Albee has entered actively into the campaign that he has gained over his opponents among the men who are inclined to gamble on the outcome now guess him to beat Mayor Rushlight with a handsome margin.

One bet of \$500 was posted Saturday at even money that Mr. Albee will be elected, but it was not taken. While the Rushlight people are not taking bets, they seem disinclined to take risks at even money. A considerable amount of money was bet on Rushlight earlier in the campaign at even money. Rushlight money that went betting for takers two weeks ago now has been covered with plenty of uncovered Albee money in sight.

Baker and Daly continue to be favorites in the Commissioner race. Some sports are offering 2 to 1 that one of these two candidates will be elected. A few small bets were made yesterday on Baker alone and on Daly alone at even money.

Watkins, McAllister and Cellars are the only other pronounced favorites. These five men are the only candidates upon whom any seem willing now to risk their money. A week ago Clyde was considered a strong factor in the race but there seems to be little Clyde money in sight. The Clyde people are making the talk that they are going to "single shot" their candidates and this has gained them the disfavor of the friends of the other candidates. Clyde's supporters boast that they are going to the polls to vote first choice for their man alone and for none other. Many voters who otherwise would have given Clyde one of their first choice or possibly a second or a third choice vote now will not vote for him at all.

BOY HAS LOST POISON PUMP

Doctor Hunts Whole Town Over While His Patient Suffers.

MRS. CLARK'S LOSER

Insurgent Wing of 12 o'Clock Club Wins Point.

WOMAN GOOD AS DEPOSED

Chairman Refuses to Hail Mayor Rushlight Before Organization to Be Quizzed and Motion Made to Change Procedure.

Following the refusal of the chairman at the meeting of the Twelve o'Clock Club to go outside and invite Mayor Rushlight to come in and answer questions, and her ruling that speakers might not participate in the discussion unless they arose and addressed the club, the "insurgent section" of the club, headed by A. M. Himes, C. M. Mullen and others, yesterday "put over" a motion "which amounted to the deposing of the chairman, Mrs. A. E. Clark, and entirely altering the method of selecting a chairman."

Heretofore the plan had been for the chairman each day to name the chairman for the sitting, but Mr. Himes' motion provided that the chairman should be selected by the club sitting as a committee of the whole.

It was then proposed that she go and invite Mayor Rushlight to come in and answer questions. In rejecting this plan she declared that it was not the place of the club to hail candidates in time to address the meeting, but that she had already been invited to appear at a meeting and had seen fit to decline.

Political Notes

"WILL you vote for this man?" asked a pretty little woman, as she handed cards out to men and women who were leaving a meeting in Sellwood.

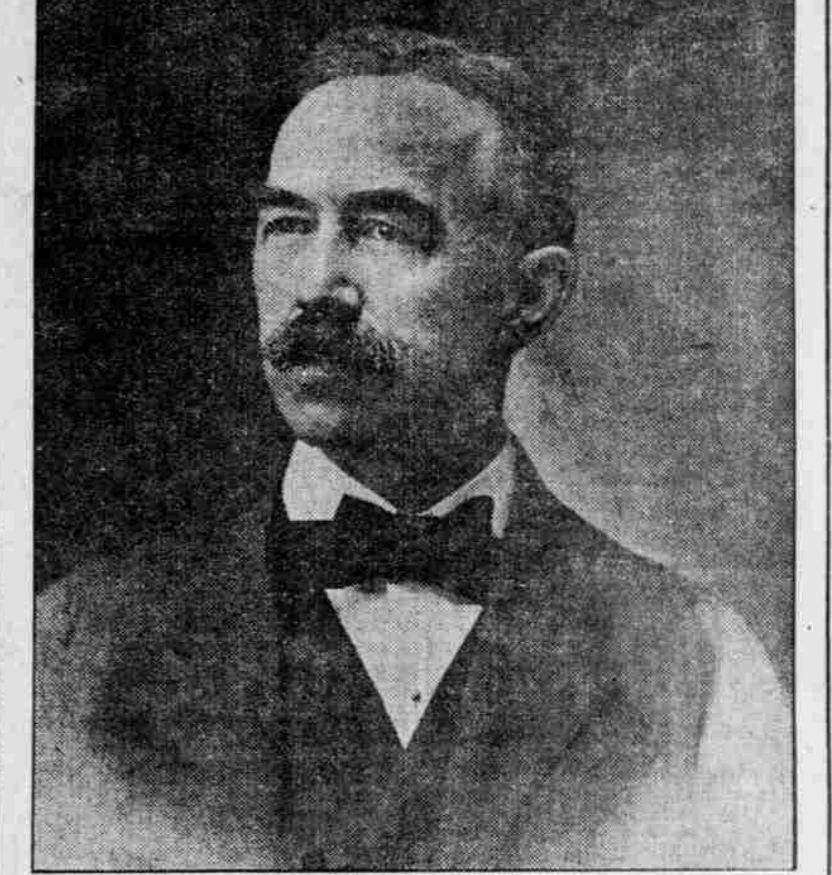
"How much time do you want?" asked the chairman of a meeting of a reporter the other night, just before the meeting started.

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Robert G. Dieck yesterday made addresses before the Woodstock citizens at the Woodstock Methodist Church and before the ladies of Rossmore.

Stoppenbach Considered Strong Candidate

Successful in Business, Strong in Sympathy, Friends Declare He Would Make Ideal Commissioner—Resident of City Since 1891—Is Lover of Home and Motorboating.



T. N. STOPPENBACH.

MR. STOPPENBACH'S CAREER IN BRIEF

Born in Jefferson, Wis., in 1866. Married in 1889. Is the father of four children. Came to Portland in 1891. Started to learn the paper business at the age of 14.

When T. N. Stoppenbach's friends called upon him recently and asked him to allow them to use his name as a candidate for Commissioner, he positively refused to do so, saying that there are hundreds of others better qualified for the position.

"I am satisfied to devote my time and attention to my home and my property interests," he said, "and as there are hundreds of others who want the offices and who, if elected, would make good, I see no reason why I should get into a political race. Get some one else to do it."

Such was his attitude and, on several occasions, when groups of his friends persisted in asking him to change his mind, he refused to let them present his name to the public until they told him that they regarded it as a duty he owed to the city, in which he has lived for so many years, as he had been very successful in his own business and, especially as he had retired from active business, they assured him that he would be able to serve the people of Portland to excellent advantage.

"I am not a politician," said Mr. Stoppenbach, "and I can't talk about myself. My career, in my own judgment, has not been especially such as would interest the public, and I simply will not talk about myself. My friends got me into this campaign and they will have to get me out of it. Of course, now that I am a candidate, I want to win, largely for the sake of my friends, but it would not hurt my feelings if I lose. I am a great lover of my home. I would rather take the family and go off into some quiet spot and enjoy

that kind of thing than to have all of the laudation in the world. I suppose that is not good politics, but it is the truth."

Further than to say that he will, if elected, do the very best he can to serve all of the varied interests of the city, he refused to talk.

This fact is amply illustrated by an incident which occurred yesterday. A man entered a big printing establishment and ordered a batch of cards printed. On these cards he had printed the following: "Won't you vote for my friend, Mr. Stoppenbach—he's all right; I know, and I stand for him?"

Mr. Stoppenbach, who was born in Jefferson, Wis., in 1866, went to work at the age of 14 years in the Appleton Paper & Pulp Company. He went through all of the experiences so common to a boy who had to work hard for a living.

The urgent need of putting men experienced in municipal affairs who have not betrayed the people's trust into the office of Commissioner was the keynote of the address made by Councilman Frank E. Watkins, before the seventh ward voters' club at Second and Meade streets last night, in behalf of his candidacy.

The six candidates that have been endorsed in common by the Committee of One Hundred and the Public Welfare Federation have been invited to speak for five minutes each before the Women's Political Science Club at its regular meeting in the auditorium of the Medical building at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

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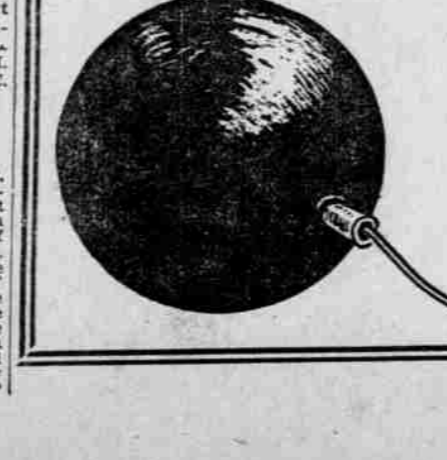
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square deal. He put it into practice in his business long before present-day politicians began to make it such a strong part of their public talks.

When it comes to talking about himself, he refers you to his friends. "I have known Mr. Stoppenbach for all the years he has been in Portland," said one of his supporters yesterday. "He is one of the finest men I have ever known. He is the exact type of man we should have for our Commissioner. He has the business sense, as is proven by his own success; he has the nature that will enable him easily to adapt himself to the public business and he will not, if elected, play politics. He will not allow any class or clique to control him or to influence his actions. He has the sympathy necessary to the handling of large numbers of people, with varied complaints, and he will come as near being an ideal public officer as any man could."

"I know personally that Mr. Stoppenbach did not want to go into this campaign. He felt that he would prefer to enjoy private life; to be with his family and to spend considerable time on his farm in Washington County. He loves his family life and the farm. But we told him that we regarded it as a duty that he owed the city, where for so many years he has labored in business, to give four years of his time to the public welfare. That appealed to him and he finally consented. Everyone who knows 'Stop,' and their name is legion, is working for him. They want him to win, for they know he will do the job right. We have no favors to ask of him, but we do want to see him elected, so that he will have an opportunity to help put Portland on a business basis and to make the municipal system a success, just as he made of his own life work such a glowing success. That is the basis upon which we are working and we feel certain that the people will not reject a man of his caliber and fitness."

THE FUSE IS LIT! Within a very few days a merchandising "bomb" is due to explode that will startle Portland from center to circumference.



A man living at Auburn, New York, had a severe attack of kidney and bladder trouble. Being a working man, not wanting to lose time, nor run up a heavy doctor's bill, he cured himself completely by using Foley's Kidney Pills. He has had no return whatever of the ailment since.