

LANE'S ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE

Mayor States Basis of Claim for Re-election as City's Chief Executive.

POINTS TO HIS RECORD

Declares He Has Remained Steadfast to People's Interests, Always Trying to Make Portland a Decent Place to Live In.

Mayor Lane yesterday issued a statement addressed to the people of Portland in which he sets forth the basis of his claim for re-election. The statement follows:

To the People of Portland: Being at this time a candidate before you for re-election to the position which you honor me to occupy, I deem it not improper to make a brief statement of some matters which I hope will be of value to you. In what I shall state plainly the motives by which alone I have governed in my administration of your affairs, and make clear and beyond all question what you may confidently rely upon from my part in every event that you decide to again entrust me with them. By way of parenthesis I wish to say that I believe that deep obligation rests upon you to exercise great care in the selection of those whom you place upon positions of trust over you and that no consideration other than the proper administration and conservation of the rights of the people as a whole should govern in such selection. As a candidate in the last election I declined to allow myself to be hampered with any pledges or promises, and I have not been able to do so since that time. I would at no time depart from that rule, nor have I done so.

Not Bound by Promises.

At this time, having again declined to allow myself to be bound or hampered in any manner which would tend to restrict my usefulness to you, or my respect for myself in the event that I should be elected to office, I have been accepted as a candidate upon that platform. I am before you asking for your endorsement on the broad ground that absolute and unwavering devotion to the people's interests as a whole is the only basis of claims of any and all others, is the plain duty which every public servant owes to you, and is the platform upon which I have the right to ask for your suffrage. Cheap claptrap and misleading phrases, or so-called "platforms" of glittering generalities which do not state anything in plain and careful language, are an insult to your intelligence. Your affairs are of much importance and great value. You possess many rights and needs which should be carefully sought after. Much money is to be made if certain interests are allowed to dominate your laws. Even if others are permitted to obtain exclusive rights and privileges to the use of your property, and if the ability to do so is given to a few, it is not fair to the many. Heavy pressure and almost irresistible force have been used in the past to bring about a footing for the few which will shift your affairs aside, and have left you to know the amount of backbone which is requisite to resist the efforts which are thus employed.

After entering upon the affairs of the office, I found much to do in your behalf, and in the course of my term I have succeeded and in others I have failed to accomplish as much as I have wished, yet it is but just to say that I have remembered that I have received but little help and at times met with much opposition in quarters where you are the reason and right to expect different treatment and the responsibility in such cases is due to rest where it belongs. Carefully feeling my way, trying to do the right thing, and endeavoring to assist me in the preservation of your rights, and the laws and equity and enforcement of the laws to all alike, I have gone along on my way regardless of what the efforts of those of conduct should be upon me or mine.

Made City Decent to Live In.

In the effort to properly safeguard your affairs that through me no loss or shame might come to you, I have carefully studied the needs of the community and the welfare of the people. Among the things I have tried to do is to make your city a decent and safe place to raise your children, and to give to the rights of the fathers and mothers and the little homes about the city as being of greater importance than the gambling and the harlot, and such as live by giving aid and comfort to them. I have deemed the rights and holdings and other assets of the people to be of more value to the community than the acquisition of riches by such predatory sharks as have sought by one means or another to secure unjust possession of the same. In the pursuit of the course here outlined by me, and working along these lines it has been my misfortune to part company with quite a number of persons, and some of my friends, and to find myself separated from many pleasant associations formerly open to me.

In looking over the situation at this time in addition to a number of good citizens—reasonably small, I hope—who honestly differ with me for one reason or another, and to whom all respect is due, you will find the different predatory interests and those mostly concerned in their welfare fighting back and claw to defeat me in the coming election. I have no belief that the matter is worthy of your careful and serious consideration. Inasmuch as the interests and these interests are of the type which, as a rule require to be kept quiet, and there is in it for them before embarking upon an undertaking of any sort the unanimity with which they are working against me at this time is also worthy of your serious consideration.

Steadfast Against Open Town.

At any time during the past two years that I had let down the bars, or closed my eyes, I could have a machine gun pointed to me with hoops of steel, and they today would have been lined up for me, and against you, as solid as a wall. It would have meant some specious soundings of "advantages" to be derived from open-town methods, and the "inducements" which should be held out to capital, on my part, and a grist of your children to be milled into sorrow and shame and have tied you or a generation to come, and the bargain the like of which have been vialled upon you in the past under the same false and misleading titles and have cost you millions, and will cost you millions more, unless you exercise due care in the choice of your public servants. At all times I have stood true to you and for the reason that I have done so much money is being, and is to be expended to defeat me in which event recouped will be wrung out of you a hundred fold. HARRY LANE.

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YOU ARE MOST CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A Free Lecture and Shorthand Demonstration

By Prof. C. L. Spencer, of the Spencer Business College, of New Orleans, on the Chartier System, Tomorrow (Monday) Evening, May 27th, at 8 o'clock, in Woodman Hall, 11th Street, Between Alder and Washington Streets.

This system of Shorthand Writing marks a discovery in the field of Shorthand comparable only to that of Wireless Telegraphy in the world of Electricity. It is destined to supplant all other systems in the leading schools!

This system of Shorthand, now adopted by 300 of the leading colleges throughout the country, is producing the most intense interest in business circles, owing to the marvelous rapidity and ease with which it can be mastered. Not only business young men and women, but others who have occasion to use Shorthand are adopting this splendid system, so readily acquired and so pleasant to learn. Professor Spencer will delight you with his demonstrations. He holds his audience in rapt attention, as he shows how hard, laborious work in learning Shorthand has been made a matter of past history by the Chartier system, which is simplicity itself, consisting of the alphabet and

TEN SIMPLE RULES

No contractions—no exceptions—no omissions of vowels or consonants—no long or short vowel distinctions—no dots and dashes—no prefixes and suffixes. Every word in the English language may be written without lifting the pen.

IN A WEEK'S TIME MARVELS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED

Following the lecture, there will be a clear and convincing demonstration, writing and reading Shorthand, by a number of students who never saw or heard of the system before last Monday.

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We especially invite all COURT REPORTERS, PROFESSIONAL STENOGRAPHERS and SHORTHAND INSTRUCTORS to attend this lecture and demonstration: come prepared to challenge the speaker's claims—you will be given a hearing. THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND THE LECTURE SHOULD CALL AT THE COLLEGE AND ARRANGE FOR DAY OR EVENING CLASSES.

BEHNKE-WALKER BUSINESS COLLEGE

REMEMBER THE HOUR 8 O'CLOCK MONDAY EVENING

SAV THEY WILL VOTE "NO"

WAVERLY - RICHMOND PEOPLE OPPOSE TWO ORDINANCES.

Think Proposed Issue of Bonds for Water and Fire Departments Unjust to Suburbanites.

Engineers throughout the city favor the amendment to be submitted to the voters at the June election providing for a board of engineer examiners. The act is favored by the National Association of Stationary Engineers, and it is pointed out that Portland is the only city of this size in the country which has not such a safeguard for human life and property. The amendment would provide for the expense of the board so that it will not fall on the taxpayers, but will be self-sustaining.

The examiners would decide on the qualifications of each engineer in the city, and those who are not competent would not be permitted to operate engines. The result would be, say Portland engineers, that only competent men would be placed in charge of engines and the danger of explosions and accidents would be reduced to a minimum. The importance of this is understood when it is learned that there are large numbers of boilers and engines in the heart of the city that are located under the sidewalks and which, should they explode, would probably cause a large loss of life.

It is not the purpose of the amendment, say its friends, to legislate anyone out of a job, but to have the men who run engines and manage boiler rooms should be fully qualified for their duty. Barbers, dentists, doctors, steamboat engineers and others are required to pass examinations as to their qualifications, and it is contended that stationary engineers should also prove their qualifications, either by ignorance or carelessness on their part would cause the loss of life of many who have a right to expect protection.

Engineers throughout the city are working for the passage of the amendment, and it is said the proposed change in the city charter will pass, but friends of the movement are anxious to secure its passage by a large vote. The bill would be active in its support until the election.

INQUEST DEVELOPS LITTLE

Nobody Found to Blame for Brakeman Payne's Death.

Coroner Flinsey held an inquest yesterday afternoon over the body of Clarence Payne, a Tacoma brakeman, who lost his life in the collision at Beatty Sliding Friday night. The jury did not censure anyone for the accident, but the evidence showed that the freight train that crashed into a string of loaded freight cars was backing up at a dangerous speed. The train that was wrecked was the regular through freight to Seattle, and was in charge of Conductor William Burney and Engineer E. Nelson, whose testimony at yesterday's inquest showed the train to which they were attached was being backed onto the siding "pretty fast," and in the darkness collided with a string of heavily-loaded freight cars. The rail car was wrecked and Payne crushed to death.

Payne lived in Tacoma. His body will be shipped there for burial. His wife came over from the Sound last night.

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President, Waverly-Richmond Improvement Club. ALLAN K. JOY, Secretary. N. M. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

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Do you want one of those beautiful jobs that we are GIVING AWAY on the north slope of Mount Tabor? If so, read our ad. in big circles on page 14. TEL. RENT LAND CO. 109 Sherlock Bldg.

Breaking The Furniture Trust

FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO INDICT THE FURNITURE TRUST

The members of the jury were closeted all day reviewing the disclosures of the two weeks' inquiry into the practices of the so-called trust among the furniture dealers. This consideration will be resumed when the jury reconvenes at 10 o'clock Monday morning.—Oregonian, May 25.

Princess or 4-Drawer Dresser

Full swell or serpentine fronts. Genuine solid quarter-sawn Oak, finest Birdseye Maple or genuine Mahogany, in new Tuna finish. Hand-polished, made East by very best workmanship; neat carvings adorning frames and stanchions, or without carvings. Extra heavy French plate beveled mirrors, 18x40 inches. The "Trust Stores" have pledged themselves to sell this class Dressers for \$29.00 and \$31.50. BUT OUR PRICE IS ONLY.....\$23.75

Rugs, Linoleums, Stoves, Refrigerators, Below "Trust" Prices
ROYAL OR PACIFIC OAK DRESSERS, Princess or 4-drawer; French beveled mirror, 17x30 or 20x 24-inch. Exactly the same make as the "Trust Stores" sell at \$17.50; OUR PRICE ONLY \$13.75
WHITE MAPLE OR ASH DRESSERS, The "Trust's" \$16 qualities and styles.....\$12.35
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NEW IMPROVED FORMULA

is better. The one great specific for falling hair. A new preparation in every way. Ask your druggist to show it to you, the new kind.

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