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**EDITORIAL**

**A MAYORALTY POSSIBILITY.**

Prominent among the several names mentioned as those of possible candidates for the nomination for the mayoralty of Portland to succeed Mayor Williams is that of Mr. Samuel Connell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Northwest Door Company. Many of our leading business men interested in the result of the municipal election in June are urging Mr. Connell to become a candidate for the nomination, for there would be no doubt of his election should he accept it—nor would there be any doubt of the character of the administration he would render in the event of his election.

Mr. Connell has devoted all of his mature life-time to the successful pursuit of business in Portland. He is one of the city's foremost business men, progressive in every sense of the term and a promoter of recognized ability and tact. He is in the very prime of life, active and alert. Conservative in his views on questions affecting the welfare of the local public, careful in the formation of opinions in the matter of popular controversies, and yet always ready to assist in the determination of important issues, he would make an ideal chief executive of the city of Portland during the great Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition. His fitness for the place cannot be questioned; his integrity is above reproach; his character is that of a man of unswerving honor, and his word is as good as his bond—and everybody who knows him knows that his bond is gilt-edged.

A man who has been constantly successful with his own business affairs is generally a safe man to trust with the affairs of the public. In these days of business evolution and excitement ability and tact are necessary to success in any line of activity. Proof that Mr. Connell possesses these qualities is found in the degree of his success. He is one of our heavy tax payers and most loyal citizens.

Mr. Connell is not an extremist; and that fact ought to count much in his favor in popular opinion. His own character suggests what he would desire to develop in the character of the city. He certainly would not desire to destroy the property of one faction in order to promote the interests of another. In fact, there would be no factions recognized in his official work. But there is no doubt that he would lend all of his official strength to the advancement of the prime interests of a clean and healthful city, morally and commercially.

Mr. Connell's many friends are in profound earnest in their insistence that he should accept the nomination for the mayoralty which they propose to tender.

**HON. J. C. AINSWORTH.**

The legislature certainly did a wise act in the selection of Hon. J. C. Ainsworth to be a member of the Port of Portland Commission. It could not have made a more popular choice. The position is one of honor and great responsibility. The commission has much to do with such public matters as concern the entire business community, not only of Portland, but those of other busy districts of the state. When that body, however, is rent with dissension, both internal and external, its usefulness is seriously impaired. We cannot afford to endure such a condition at this important juncture in our commercial growth. Those whose business interests are affected by the work of the Port of Portland Commission are now congratulating themselves, since the election of Mr. Ainsworth, over the fact that the official performance of duty by that body will now proceed without friction.

Hon. J. C. Ainsworth is one of the pioneer business men and bankers of Portland. His name has long been most honorably connected with important business enterprises here. He is now president of the United States National bank, one of the most substantial financial institutions in the Northwest, besides being at the head of other large enterprises. He has long been the moving spirit in

the development of many extensive business concerns in Oregon and Washington.

The name of J. C. Ainsworth, which is the synonym of integrity and honor, is well known and highly esteemed throughout the entire Pacific coast, and it is by no means a strange name in the great business circles of the East. Although carefully conservative in business matters, which makes him a safe man with whom to deal, he is thoroughly progressive and always active. Not only the Port of Portland, but the entire Northwest, will profit by his election to such an important place. It is a fitting tribute to a good and great financier and a most loyal citizen. The legislature should be commended for its wisdom in this matter. Mr. Ainsworth will be an important factor in the rehabilitation of the commission. His presence will be an inspiration to that body to begin anew the great work before it. It has much to do, and no citizen of Portland can do more to help to promote that work intelligently than can Hon. J. C. Ainsworth.

**SUPT. CHAMBERLAIN OF THE PULLMAN CAR CO.**

Mr. Fred D. Chamberlain, who is general superintendent of the business of the Pullman Car Company for this district, is one of the most popular men in the service. It has been observed recently that he has less trouble with his subordinates than men with his responsibilities ordinarily have. He is a whole-hearted man of good nature and possesses excellent executive ability. Mr. Chamberlain has been superintendent of this district for more than three years and not a word of complaint has been heard concerning his conduct of the business. The men whom he employs all like him for his general disposition



**SAMUEL CONNELL**  
Mentioned as Candidate for the Mayoralty.

of kindness and the smoothness with which the affairs of his office proceed. Being a man of integrity and honor, this result is not surprising, for he is especially fitted to fill that responsible position.

The railway commission bill, as amended by the Washington state senate, has finally passed the legislature and is promised the signature of the governor. It is extremely drastic and has been characterized by some as "an act to retard the growth of Washington and to appoint receivers for the railroads." There is little doubt among those who have studied carefully the unreasonable provisions of the bill that its enforcement will quickly bring about its repeal, or, at least, its very radical amendment.

The Portland city council has created the office of building inspector, to whom the mayor may authorize the payment of not more than \$200 per month in salary. Howard Whiting is the name most frequently used in connection with the first incumbent of the new office.

**LITTLE BY LITTLE.**

About twenty-five candidates have already bobbed up for the positions of councilmen at large provided for by the new charter. More to come.

Judging from the multiplicity of candidates for the several different offices to be filled at the June election, the present campaign promises to be a hummer.

Homer Davenport, the great cartoonist, will bring his pretty birds to Portland for exhibition at the Lewis and Clark fair. His pheasants of various kinds are the finest in the world.

Senator Sig Sichel proposes to do an official stunt or two himself. He may not have come from Missouri, but Chief Hunt has "got to show him" as to the responsibility for the escape of prisoners lately.

Dr. James Withycombe, president of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, has formally announced his candidacy for the nomination for the governorship of Oregon on the republican ticket. He will depend on the direct primary law for the nomination.

Should the reformers and the conservatives each put a ticket in the field in the coming city election, old party lines being effaced for the time being, the contest will be interesting. It would be an excellent way to settle the differences between these two elements.

Professor William Osler is either a lunatic or a fool. Has he passed the age of 40 and yet stays the hand of self-murder? Or, if not, will he kill himself when he shall have reached that age? A man who is silly enough to preach such a "doctrine" ought to practice it.

Additional interest attaches to the city election in June on account of the fact that five councilmen at large are to be chosen, making an aldermanic board of fifteen members. In addition to the election of the council, a mayor, auditor, treasurer, city attorney and municipal judge are to be chosen.

Chief of Police Hunt, who has been "grilling" some of his subordinates with considerable severity lately, seems now to be getting a dose of his own medicine. Our imperious chief should not throw too many stones until he has escaped from his own glass house. He may yet discover that he is not the highest police authority in this municipality.

Prisoners confined in the city jail laugh, like love, at rusty locks. Likewise at ransackable skylights. The chief has his own offices renovated elegantly; but there is no danger of his escaping voluntarily. Another necessary thing to do is to make the prison-house a real jail by renewing the rusty locks occasionally with new ones which every hobo in the cells can't twist out of place with his fingers.

Some people are making about as much fuss over the question "If Brownell should come to Portland?" as some other people once did over the question "If Christ should come to Chicago?" There is grave doubt that the latter event will ever come to pass; but there is a likelihood that Brownell will come to Portland. Clackamas county politicians are already looking over the field for a new Moses.

The Oregon Development League is neither dead nor asleep. It is planning a grand campaign for the development of the vast resources of the state. It will hold its second annual convention in this city on April 4 and 5, at which time, in addition to other important business, it will formulate a plan by which the league may be properly represented by competent men at the Lewis and Clark exposition. The Portland Commercial club is also rendering valuable assistance in this matter.

Senator Fulton is making an heroic effort at Washington to increase the appropriation for the improvement of the Columbia river bar and for an addition thereto for the purpose of purchasing the canal at Oregon City. The junior senator from Oregon is as strong physically as he is mentally and is thus happily enabled to do the work of the entire delegation from this state, while the other three members are awaiting the result of their trials for alleged transgressions of the law. But it is a severe test of endurance.

United States Prosecuting Attorney Heney is evidently trying to make a clean sweep of all of the prominent public officials in the state of Oregon, having just handed to the United States attorney-general and the President a "bundle" of charges against United States Marshall W. F. Matthews for misconduct in office. It is believed, however, that they are in the same category as many of those he has preferred against other prominent officials in this state. Mr. Matthews, in a public statement, denies all of them in toto.

The decision of the International Commission of Inquiry into the attack of the Russian second Pacific squadron upon the Hull fishing fleet last October supports England's claim on every count; but it serves a quantum of sop to the Russian commander

of the fleet who committed the tragic error, on the ground that he mistook the fishermen's signals. Is such a mistake pardonable on any ground? Rojevsky is either a coward or a fool. In either event he, and through him the country his fleet represents, should be held to full accountability for his criminal rashness.

Prominent politicians of France have begun to believe that, because President Roosevelt is so carefully guarded when he leaves the White House, he is afraid of the capitalistic influence among the anarchists. The condition therein implied is somewhat anomalous, for the anarchist and the capitalist represent two extremes of extremes; but it is not impossible that the madness of anarchy and the cupidity of capital may be united for murderous purposes. However, the life of President Roosevelt is especially precious to this nation just now. That is why it is so carefully guarded. We cannot forget our martyred Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley.

The "Reformers" have, they believe, discovered a "nigger in the woodpile" in the effort of the "Conservatives" to withhold the application of the direct nominations law to the forthcoming city election. The former claim that, in the event of the success of the latter in this move, there can be no city election held until June, 1907, thus enabling those now in office to hold over two years' longer. If the direct nominations law, which repeals all other laws previously governing elections, is not applicable to Portland this year, is it in full accord with the constitution of the state? If it be not, as a whole, is any part of it constitutional? It seems that the reformers have already begun to grasp at straws.

The effort now being made to appoint a day in April for a general cleaning-up of the city is a most commendable one and no doubt will be endorsed by the masses. The purpose is to induce citizens to clean up their door yards, trim their hedges and ornamental trees and destroy the litter and rubbish in the streets in front of their residences. No person with the least modicum of civic pride will refuse to do this. It is the first step to be taken to beautify the city preparatory to the reception of the visitors to the great Lewis and Clark centennial exposition. They will come by the hundreds of thousands—and many of them will observe us and our city most critically. Clean up, by all means.

Several important amendments passed by the recent session of the legislature authorizing radical changes in our city charter will have to be voted on by the new city council which will take its official seat on July 1. That amendment which authorizes the increase of the salary of the municipal court clerk from \$75 to \$125 per month is certainly a just one and ought to be endorsed by the council; as also that which provides for the better security of city money in the city banks. The amendment which "authorizes the levy of a 2-mill tax to provide for the construction of bridges across ravines and to pay for bridges constructed or in process of construction during 1904" may excite an interesting debate.

The likelihood is that there will be no straight party tickets in the field in the coming municipal election. The reformers, composed largely of politicians who have not yet been reformed themselves, are organizing their forces in desperate haste and as covertly as possible. This will probably make it necessary for the republicans and other real reformers to coalesce under a "Conservative" banner to protect the city from the reign of rogues during the 1905 fair. When has vice ever before in the history of Portland been compelled so generally to scurry to cover than right now? Has the reform movement ever before been so successful? Then, why this silly cry about reform?

The German press is engaged in making interesting comparisons between the resemblance, in the matter of official acts and purposes, between President Roosevelt and the Kaiser. The German people do not hesitate to express their admiration for the aggressive and sturdy chief executive of this republic; and yet they want the world to know that they now enjoy most of the governmental blessings for which the people of this country are now struggling. In many important respects this is true. As one of the results of the comparisons made in recent years by the intelligent peo-

ple in Germany between the conditions there and those in the United States, the immigration from that country to this is said to be rapidly decreasing.

A prominent society and club woman of Chicago bewildered her audience, a few evenings ago, during an address before the Social Economic club, in which she emphatically and specifically advocated the murder of all deformed or in any way defective children as soon as it might be discovered that they were not normal, physically or mentally. She said: "All mentally and morally deficient children should be put out of existence at their birth or as soon as their defects are noticed. We only retard our own development by retaining them in public institutions. We should have a state college of physicians authorized to exterminate such human beings. Such action is taken every day in our hospitals to hide the results of operations in which the surgeons have blundered. Why should that be any better, or worse, than the course I advocate?" It is probable that the speaker is not a mother. No mother, no matter how crippled, deformed or mentally defective her child may be, will agree with her. The lecturer seems to belong to the same class of extremists as that to which Dr. Osler belongs.

**COLLEGE PRANKS.**

Those of English Students Are Worse Than in This Country.

American students are hardly up to the British standard in the playing of college pranks. Not long ago on a wager a freshman of Trinity College, Cambridge, dressed in his sister's clothes and called on the head of the college to complain that "her brother" was being brutally ill-treated by the college authorities. He was, so "she" asserted, overworked, underfed and cruelly fogged.

The benevolent old head—a man much more sinned against than sinning—listened to these charges in helpless amazement.

"But, my dear young lady—" he exclaimed.

Thereupon "she" burst into a storm of sobs and would not be comforted. His protestations of innocence only made "her" weep the more copiously. The dear old man never had a worse quarter of an hour.

The following week he saw the Freshman play a woman's part in a comedy and the truth slowly dawned upon him. Meanwhile, the Freshman had collected the bet and spent the money in a "party," which ended in half a dozen students trying to fight the police force of Cambridge and spending the night in jail.

The old "town and gown" riots, which used to be such a strenuous feature of life in English universities, seldom occur nowadays, but there was one in Oxford not many years ago which raged for three days and nights uninterruptedly. Over 500 policemen were eventually required to restore the peace. Houses and shops were wrecked and many a townsman and townsman had to be patched up in the local hospitals afterward.

Being an ardent politician, it is natural that the undergraduates should make the college elections, which are fought on political lines, exceedingly lively affairs. Some of the leading universities return members of Parliament to represent them in the House of Commons, but they are elected by the dons and graduates without much fuss and excitement. The real fun is over the election of the chancellor, the head rector, or whatever the honorary head of the university may be called, for in that election the undergraduates take a hand.

This position is sought by the greatest men in the land—men of the caliber of Gladstone, Salisbury, Morley and Balfour. And they are willing to go through a most severe ordeal to win it.

A great statesman who sways the House of Commons and helps to shape the destinies of Europe goes electioneering among a mob of yelling college boys, and they think nothing of pelting him with red ochre, bluing and rotten eggs if he happens to be of the opposite political stripe. Election day is always a wild pandemonium in a university town. Wise people stay at home and put on the slippers.

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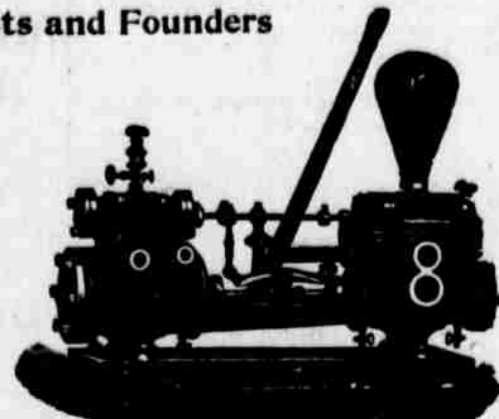
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