

POLITICS ON THE CURB

CANDIDATES ARE KEPT BUSY BUT TONHOLOG DELEGATES.

Today's County Convention and Approaching State Nominations Arouse Great Interest.

If you see two men standing together on the curbstone, the one talking earnestly, the other wearing a bored look and listening patiently but with obvious weariness, you can bet upon it that the man with the weary look is a delegate to one of the county or state conventions, and that the earnest talker is a candidate.



George A. Steel explains.

but the candidate has wiles that would make a professional process-server envious, and when he goes after his man it is policy and less worry to surrender on the spot rather than resist the inevitable.

Tact and elusiveness on the part of the delegate brings its own reward in the shape of a greater demand for interviews. If the delegate cannot obtain assurance of support he sends his friends to the unwilling one. You will see the delegate and the candidate on the streets, in the hotel lobbies and on the corners.

It is around the hotel corridors and in the Chamber of Commerce building is a Mecca for candidates and their friends. They make and unmake slates there and decide that this man or the other is in or out of the race, according to their information.



William M. Gregory watching for delegates.

When rain comes, the politicians move inside. The spacious window ledges are at a convenient height for seats, or the politicians lean upon the cases of the cigar stand, and talk things over. As a matter of fact, much that is of serious import may originate at these corridor conferences.

Political talk about the hotels has largely been confined to the state and Congressional tickets. Candidates from out of town come to the city to meet local leaders and political friends from other distant parts of the state.



A. S. Hammond talks it over with W. J. Furnish.

of town come to the city to meet local leaders and political friends from other distant parts of the state. For instance, State Senator C. W. Furnish, who would be United States Senator, has been in Portland as often as once a week for some time past.

in the hands of his friends. Governor Geer is here every week or so, and stalwarts of both parties from all parts of the state can be found in the local hotel lobbies at this particular time.

Yesterday was a busy day with the candidates, and their prey, the delegates. The unanimous approval with which Judge Williams' name has been received as a candidate for Mayor was the topic of general discussion in the morning.

Sentiment all over the city seems to be along similar lines. Everywhere is developing an enthusiasm for Judge Williams that presages victory by a large majority. The splendid independence of his statement that he would permit his name to go before the convention without true, and awakened response in enthusiasm and loyalty, that would have perhaps been denied other candidates for the same office.

Make It Unanimous. PORTLAND, March 26.—(To the Editor.)—The announcement this morning that Judge Williams consents to permit the use of his name for the office of Mayor was read with great pleasure.

The election of Judge Williams would give Portland the most prominent man in the office of Mayor of any city in the United States, not excepting Mayor Low, of New York.

Then a unanimous election of such a man would be a beautiful tribute to one who has always, and especially now, given himself unselfishly to the service of his city, his state and his country.

Judge Tanner Not a Candidate. PORTLAND, March 26.—(To the Editor.)—I note that I have been mentioned by The Oregonian as being a candidate for County Judge of this county.

SOLVED AT LAST. The much-discussed bicycle-rack problem is solved by substituting cement for wood. The new wheelrack is durable and compact, occupying a space only 19 inches wide, 18 long and 12 high.



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The Lace Sale. A typical topic for Thursday morning. They went on sale yesterday morning with a great attendance of buyers—enough left for today and tomorrow.

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