

DID INMAN SAY IT?

John Lamont Tells Story of a Promise.

THE STATE SENATOR DENIES IT

It All Hinges on the Mayorality Nomination, Which One Wants and the Other—Well, He Says He Doesn't.

John Lamont, who wants to be the Democratic nominee for Mayor, says Robert D. Inman made a promise to him yesterday afternoon that he would not allow his name to be used in connection with that office.

Lamont says further that this conference was held in the presence of some of the powers that be in the Democratic field, and named Sweek as one of the men who heard Inman make his promise.

Now, while Mr. Inman is not inclined to admit that he would accept the nomination for Mayor on the fusion ticket, and says that he is not a candidate, he is not willing to declare that he would refuse the nomination if it should perchance be carried to him on a silver platter.

Lamont has another matter which he has been holding in reserve. In the expectation that it would cause Inman to decline, but here again the nomination has been a misunderstanding of the facts in the case between the two gentlemen.

It was in front of the Chamber of Commerce building, where Democrats are accustomed to meet, that Mr. Lamont told of the compact he declared had been made. Asked in regard to the political outlook, he replied: "There was a conference this afternoon, at which a number of prominent Democrats were present, among them Mr. Sweek, and Inman promised he would not have his name go before the convention. Inman is under moral obligation to me not to run, and I hold his promise. Some time ago he told me that he would not run for the office, and that he would support me. I am still in the light. If any one nominates Inman it will be myself, and I do not expect opposition in that quarter."

After this interesting bit of news Alex Sweek was seen, and denied any knowledge of the withdrawal of Inman from his promise not to allow his name to be used. In accordance with Lamont's suggestion, Mr. Inman was asked to confirm the report, but failed to do so. "I know nothing of any such promise, nor did I make any today. You know what a man will do some-times when he is running for office. Lamont evidently has had a misunderstanding. Some weeks ago Lamont asked me if I would be a candidate for Mayor. I told him I would not. That was all the conversation we had on the subject, and I am bound only in so much as that statement could bind me."

"Would you refuse the nomination if it were offered you?" "I don't think I care to talk on the subject."

Thus the interview with Inman ended. It is evident to the average citizen that Inman does not consider himself morally bound to Lamont, and would not hesitate on that score to accept the nomination, should he eventually conclude to accept it.

The one obstacle that may confront Inman is said to be the objection of his partners to his running for office. It is declared, they argue, that his business interests will suffer, and this may induce him to decline.

Street rumors had it yesterday that George E. Chamberlain might be induced to allow his name to be placed on the citizens' or fusion ticket for Mayor of the City of Portland. Mr. Chamberlain denies in the most emphatic terms that such is the case, and says he has heard of no such rumors. "I am neither a candidate for the Governorship nor the Mayorality, if the nomination for Governor is offered me, I will accept it, but under no consideration would I accept the nomination for Mayor. Any such rumor is mere gossip, without the slightest foundation."

The Democrats are first, last and all the time for Inman, and he can undoubtedly have the nomination if he will take it. The fact that so many of the Democratic leaders are positive that he will accept is circumstantial evidence, at least, that some understanding has been reached. If there has, however, without doubt, Mr. Lamont has not been consulted in the matter.

From the present outlook, the Democratic convention will meet tomorrow to organize, select delegates to the state convention and adjourn until the fusion ticket has been fully decided upon. It was planned to hold a meeting of the committee of 19 last night, but it was found that could not be done, and this virtually means a postponement of the nominations at the Democratic convention. According to Will N. Gatens, who, with William Reid, was appointed to confer with the Republicans interested in the planning of a citizens' ticket, there was no discussion of the situation yesterday, and may not be until this afternoon or tomorrow. Consequently there is nothing for the committee of 19 to do last evening. Having no proposition before them, there was nothing new to discuss.

AROUND CYCLE WHIRL.

James Rankin, Employee at the Baker Theater, Is Badly Hurt.

James Rankin, an employe at the Baker Theater, tried yesterday to ride the cycle whirl, with disastrous results to himself, and he is now at his home, 823 1/2 First street, in a badly bruised condition.

La Grecque Corsets are modeled after the best French makes as far as it is adapted to the American figure. New styles—expert fitters; \$2.25 to \$12. (2d Floor.)

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Peau de Crepe—the new silk dress material, all the leading shades, 26 inches wide, \$1.00 yard. The largest and most complete Infants' Wear Department in the West—newest Spring and Summer things are ready. Novelties in Boys' Spring Clothing—superb styles, most reasonably priced. Boys' School Suits at special prices.

Willamette Sewing Machines are strictly high-grade in every particular: full ball-bearing, handsome cabinet work, guar'n't'd 10 yrs. \$25

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The vitality of tremendous enterprise is in evidence in the wonderful shoe bargains we tell about today. Some 3000 pairs ladies' and men's seasonal and desirable footwear at tempting prices—prices that will gladden the hearts of those economically inclined.

Ladies' Shoe Bargains

Johnson Bros.' patent kid shoes, in heavy soles; don-gola in kid or patent tip and light soles, all sizes; the regular \$3.00 values, pair \$2.20

"Cousins" Shoes for ladies in tan, all sizes and the very best styles for spring wear, \$3.50 and \$4.00 values and all sizes, your choice at \$2.95 pr

Ladies' patent tip, heavy soled shoes, rope stitched, all sizes, \$3.50 values, pair \$2.85

All the new spring styles in "Easfelt" Shoes for women now ready, \$4.00 pair.

Old Ladies' Shoes

Old ladies' shoes of glove kid, in lace or congress, \$2.00 values, at \$1.55

Matron slippers, in best styles and all sizes, special value at \$1.05

Special values in all lines of boys' shoes. New styles in infants' footwear just received.

Men's Shoes

Men's Tan Russia Calf and Willow Calf, light or heavy soles, all sizes, \$3.50 values \$2.85

Men's Viel Kid, Box Calf, Velour Calf and Enamel Shoes, heavy or light soles, new spring styles, \$3.50 and \$4.00 values at, pair \$3.05

All 10c Shoe Paste at 5c box. Large Combination Polish special 14c box.

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\$1.00 Quality, 69c yd

Thousands of yards of Cheney Bros.' famous \$1.00 Foulards, in all the latest color combinations and designs, 24 inches wide and the prettiest of dress silks, your choice of the entire stock at 69c yd

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Our entire stock of Cheney Bros.' famous \$1.25 Foulards, in beautiful color combinations and designs; these silks make handsome street or evening dresses, and are very desirable; \$1.25 line at 89c yd

Have You a Lawn Mower?

It's pleasant exercise keeping your lawn looking pretty if you own one of our easy-running Philadelphia Lawn Mowers. A dozen styles, strongly built, best steel cutters, ball bearings on the best grades, all the latest improvements. Buy one now and the saving accomplished before July 4th on having it done by strangers will more than pay the cost of the machine.

\$2.75 to \$10

(In the Basement.)

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although the other boys thought he was joking, he really meant what he said. "That cycle whirl is not so easy, after all," said the critics, after Rankin's performance.

REVIEW OF INFANTRY.

Last at Vancouver Today Before Sailing for Philippines. VANCOUVER BARRACKS, April 1.—One of the finest reviews and inspections Vancouver Barracks has ever seen will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. It will be the last review of the Seventh Infantry before its departure for the Philippines.

to display their new cannons and carriage. The Seventh infantry band will play during the review. Afterward the Inspector-General will make the annual inspection of the garrison.

the town were burned. The fire originated from an unknown cause in a shed back of Dunkle & Martin's big store. The loss is \$100,000. The heaviest losers are: McPherson's four-story hardware establishment, and \$25,000 stock of goods; Dunkle & Martin's store, with \$20,000 stock of general merchandise; Miller & Sons' store and \$15,000 stock of general merchandise.

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING Muslin Underwear Reception Days

Our grand display of Undermuslins shows that great care has been taken in selecting styles as well as in details of making, and every garment, from the 20c drawers to the \$25.00 petticoat, is "sanitary made."

Among Dress Goods and Silks We've three extra inducements for this week's buyers.

- No. 1. NEW WASH SILKS, white or Tussor color with pretty cords and stripes, 45c grades, at yard, 38c
No. 2. NEW FANCY SILKS, striped, embroidered, figured or polka dotted. Full \$1.25 kinds, for, yard, 59c
No. 3. NEW SUITINGS, all wool, 52 in. wide, grays, browns, mode and blues. Stuff's you'd always pay 85c for, now, yard, 59c

More Kid Glove Bargains New \$1.25 pique or overseam, two and three-clasp Gloves, black, white and colors, only, pair, 98c

Good selecting yet among our COTTON TORCHON LACE, Edges and Insertions, 2 1/2 to 4 inches wide, for, yard, 5c

New Embroideries On Nainsook and Swiss. The finest lot we've yet shown, from 10c to 50c yard. Dainty styles for infants from 10c to \$1.50 yard.

BUYING \$1.75, \$2.25 to \$3.50 Slippers FOR \$1.23, \$1.78 to \$2.78 Is a quick way of making money, which we invite all women to share this week. All sizes, styles the newest. Some Oxford Ties among them.

New Fancy Hose All of fashion's latest for women are shown best here. Black Lace Lisle Hose, many patterns, 25c and 35c pair. Still greater variety, including lace boots and fronts, 50c pair. Elegant collection, both black and fancy, from 85c up.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

PERFECT ADJUSTABLE CURTAIN STRETCHERS \$2.25

German Linen Gingham In all the leading colors, both in plain and stripes 38c

FRENCH VOILE RIBBED WAIST CLOTH 27 inches wide; entirely new for Spring 90c

Colored Dress Goods We are now showing an assortment of greater magnitude than we have ever shown before, comprising original ideas in weaves and designs at unequalled prices.

A few of the latest Parisian Fabrics

Panne Laine, Eolienne Mouchette, Voile Francaise, Crepe de France, Bengaline de Soie, French Crepille, Sacking Melange, Crepe Crystal, Voile Chauffeuse, Crepe Mistral.

\$1.50 to \$4 yard.

White Goods New Today. For Waists and Gowns.

Mercerized Damasks (dot, floral and striped designs) 35c to 60c yd
Mercerized Madras 40c, 50c, 60c yd
Pique Mercerized Stripes (soft finish, with mercerized wreath design) 50c
Also best quality Colored Pique (warp welt) 60c

Annual Spring Sale of Homefurnishings

Over 3000 bargains in Lace Curtains, Portieres, Tapestries, Curtain Nets, Couch Covers, Table Covers. Greatly reduced prices on Window Shades, Curtain Swiss, Brass Extension Rods, Comforts, Blankets.

Avondale Art Cushion Covers In original, artistic, exclusive designs (including top and back) 50c

Great Sale of Genuine Golden Fleece Silk Floss Cushions

Table with 6 columns: Regular, 16-inch, 18-inch, 20-inch, 22-inch, 24-inch, 26-inch. Prices range from 25c to 90c.

Demands of St. Joseph Carpenters. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 1.—Four hundred and fifty carpenters went out on a strike today. They are demanding a minimum wage scale of 37c cents an hour instead of 30 cents, as at present.

