

WILLIAMS MAKES RANGING SPEECH

Bold Challenge to His Detractors Given.

HE NAILS CAMPAIGN LIES

Says His Official Life Is Free From Graft.

HE POINTS TO WORK DONE

In Language Vigorous and Terse, Republican Candidate for Mayor Opens Municipal Campaign in Albina.

Mayor Williams made his first campaign speech last night in Gomez Hall, Albina, before a gathering of 400 persons, most of them residents of that district of the city. In the gathering were prominent citizens from all parts of Portland and on the platform beside the Mayor sat W. B. Glafke, one of his rivals in the primaries for the Republican nomination; Willis A. Fisher, who, as vice-president of the Republican Club, an organization which endorsed H. S. Rowe for the nomination and has now swung into line behind the nominee, presented the Mayor; J. C. Jameson, captain of the Ninth Ward of the Republican Central Committee, who acted as chairman; J. E. Werlein, candidate for City Treasurer, and J. P. Sharkey, candidate for Councilman-at-large.

The Mayor spoke an hour in vigorous fashion, and when he left his voice was as strong and clear as when he began. The speech reached many climaxes, the chief of which was his declaration that ministers had been uttering falsehoods against him.

The audience greeted this utterance with loud and long cheers. Many times in the course of his remarks the speaker was interrupted by applause. His Honor spoke with his firm erect, his eyes gleam, his gestures so forceful that they made the platform shake, and his face lighted up with frequent smiles as his words found their way home to his audience and brought back responses of cheering and hand-clapping.

The most important part of all the Mayor's speech was that in which he said that he had been imposed on as a gambler as a temporary expedient, and described the conditions under which the system had been inaugurated. Another important utterance was that in which he said he had made no compact with liquor interests and that he had not solicited their support. The Mayor explained in detail the contracts which the Executive Board had entered into for Tanner Creek, Front-street bridge and Morrison-street bridge, and asserted that taxpayers had been fully protected as to their interests. He challenged his detractors to name the dishonest person among his appointees, and naming members of his various boards, prominent in the city's life and affairs, asked if they were grafters.

Other speakers were: J. C. Jameson, who presided; Willis A. Fisher, who introduced the Mayor; W. B. Glafke, who announced that he would support Williams, and J. E. Werlein and J. P. Sharkey. The Mayor said:

Now, gentlemen, I come to the great question that has agitated and disturbed the people of this city and has worried our good friends, the Municipal League, until some of them have become almost ill for the business agitation and the question of grafting. It has been said that I made promises before my former election that I would do this thing or that thing or the other thing. The statement is a falsehood.

I defy any man in the City of Portland to show that before my former election I made any promise as to whom I would appoint or as to what I would do in respect to the Mayor, and I will make no promise at this time to anybody as to what I will do or what men I will appoint. It is reported that I have made in the past a public man and upon my services. The Mayor of this city for the last three years, then I cannot be trusted after making promises, for I have found from my own experience that men who make the most promises for the sake of obtaining office are the most ready to break them after they have attained success. (Great applause.)

I made every effort in my power when I came into office to put down gambling in this city. Every man who is acquainted with me knows that I am opposed to gambling as much as any person in the City of Portland; and when they tell you that I stand for an open town they know that they lie. I have never said a word or done anything to indicate that I stand for an open town. There is nothing of the kind.

Council and Board Made Plans. While I was trying to put down gambling, and not with much success, for juries were constantly acquitting the men when they were arrested and falling down, and some of the Executive Board had a secret meeting without my knowledge and consent, in which they decided to try the question of gambling. When the matter came to my knowledge I objected to it, and the argument was made to me that we have no money in the City Treasury, we are down to bedrock; the Lewis and Clark Fair is approaching and we must have some money with which to put the City of Portland in a presentable condition when the Lewis and Clark Fair comes on.

HAS DEATH TAKEN ROJESTVENSKY?

Method Confirmed With Law. It has been said that the law was not enforced, and that all those proceedings were in violation of the law. I say the law was not enforced, and that all those proceedings were in violation of the law.

Paris Has News Russian Admiral Is No More and Nebogoff Commands. The Russian Admiral, Admiral Nebogoff, is no more, and the command of the Russian fleet is now in the hands of Admiral Nebogoff.

COLLIERS SEEN ON FIRE

Ships Will Be Total Loss—Russian Fleet Will Rendezvous at Islands North of Luzon to Dodge Togo's Torpedoes.

Special Cable. PARIS, May 22.—A sensation has been created here by the circulation of a report that a Russian fleet of French banks, who have been active in the past in floating the Russian loans, from their confidential agent at St. Petersburg, stating that Admiral Rojestvensky has died of dysentery and that Admiral Nebogoff has assumed command of the joint fleets of Russia in the Far Eastern waters.

The report caused a semi-panic in certain quarters, but it is impossible to trace it or to determine where it originated. At the Russian Embassy the agent of the Publishers' Press was informed that, while they had heard such a report, they had received no advice of that character from the home government, and the secretary declared that if such a report had been received at St. Petersburg, it would have been communicated to the Embassy without delay. He was not inclined to believe the rumor, although he admitted that it might be so.

On the other hand, persons best acquainted with Admiral Rojestvensky's condition declare that the report may be well true, as the last information received from the Baltic fleet stated that he was very ill and had to have a surgeon in constant attendance upon him.

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SEES FROM HIS FAR-OFF CELL

Foss Murder First Reported by Prisoner. SCENE OF CRIME MILES AWAY

Mysterious Gang Is Said to Be at Work.

WREAK SPITE ON RANCHERS

Remarkable Statements of Inmate of Wasco County Jail at the Dalles Regarding Killing of the Mount Hood Farmer.

THE DALLES, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—Was the death of Frank Foss, the aged farmer who was shot and cremated on his little farm, 18 miles south of Hood River, the victim of an organized band of outlaws?

The officials of Wasco County are not yet prepared to believe that such a gang exists, but they are quietly at work on the supposition that a band of men, oath-bound and terrible in their vengeance, have been guilty of the many depredations that have been recorded in this county for several years past. The startling information that a number of men had organized themselves into a sort of Whiteleg band, who took it upon themselves to harass farmers and neighbors against whom they had a grudge, fancied or real, came from a prisoner now in the jail here.

This prisoner, less than a year ago, when Foss was tried before the County Court here, on a charge of insanity, declared to Jailer John Fitzgerald that old man Foss would be killed in less than a year. This prisoner said that he had been marked by this band, but nothing was thought of it at the time.

SCHOOL LAND NOT AFFECTED

Richards Decides State May Still Make Indemnity Selections. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 22.—Land Commissioner Richards, in response to an inquiry, has advised Oregon State Land Agent Oswald West that the act of March 3, 1905, repealing the lien-law has no bearing whatever on the right of the state to make indemnity selections of land in place of school sections which the state may lose in forest reserves. Whenever school sections are hereafter included in forest reserves in Oregon or any other state, the state will be entitled to make indemnity selection as heretofore, regardless of whether the school sections so included are surveyed or unsurveyed.

Chaffee's Tour of Alaska.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 22.—General Chaffee, Chief of Staff, and Quartermaster-General Humphrey, on their Alaska tour, will visit Skagway, Forts Seward, Egbert, Gibbon, St. Michael, Davis and Idscum.

Rural Carriers at Molalla.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 22.—William T. Eberhard, has been appointed regular Class B, Deputy carrier, rural carrier, route 1, at Molalla, Or.

Prisoner's Prophecy of Murder.

The killing of Foss was done between 9 and 10 o'clock Thursday night, May 11. During the whole of Thursday the prisoner, whose name at this time is withheld for reasons, was extremely nervous. He complained of his nervousness to Nightwatch Egbert when he went on duty, and it was while he was complaining of this condition that he suddenly stopped in the middle of his recital to exclaim:

"Something has happened to old man Foss. Mark what I tell you, you will hear some news from Hood River in the morning."

How true this prophecy was is shown by the subsequent events which followed. The next morning Sheriff Sexton was notified by telephone of the killing and cremation of the aged farmer. Sheriff Sexton hurried to the scene of the crime and with the coroner viewed the remains of Foss.

Suffered at Avenger's Hands.

This prisoner stated to the correspondent of the Oregonian tonight, after reciting over again what he had told Jailer Fitzgerald and his assistant, Egbert, who were both present, that when the proper time came he would give a detailed account of the depredations done by this band of avengers. He refused to talk until assured that his name at this time would not be used. He himself alleges that he has been a victim of this bloodthirsty crew.

It Was Known That He Had Trouble With the Man Who Is Accused of the Crime.

At first it was thought that the murderer and the subsequent burning of his cabin, after he had been shot to death, was the result of a neighbor's quarrel. That was before the aburned widow Riggs' name was connected with the killing, before the officials were given the empty cartridges found at the gate and just outside of where the door stood before the cabin was burned down.

Shells Fit Widow's Rifle.

These empty shells fit the caliber of the rifle owned by the widow Riggs and this fact led the officials to hunting up an entirely different motive for the crime. Since the death of Foss and the finding of the empty shells that fit

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, MAYOR OF PORTLAND, WHO OPENED HIS CAMPAIGN LAST NIGHT



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