

MAJOR WILLIAMS AT SELWOOD

Delivers Eloquent and Convincing Address Before Republican Club.

STATES CAMPAIGN ISSUES

Speech Is Logical and to the Point. Large Audience Hears Him. Other Candidates Address Those Assembled.

Had Dr. Lane, Democratic candidate for Mayor, attended the rally of the Sellwood Republican Club in Fremont's Hall, Sellwood, last night, instead of the Democratic rally in Gomez' Hall, Albina, he would have felt the touch of Mayor Williams' oratory, gentle, however, for the Mayor spoke of him as his "distinguished" and "honorable" opponent.

Twice the Republican candidate for reelection mentioned his Democratic rival, once to say that Dr. Lane's promise, as uttered in South Portland Tuesday night, to inspect improvement works for flaws showed that the doctor had little knowledge of the imminency of the task; and again to remark that the doctor's promise to carry out the views of the Almighty in putting bad men to work would entail a big job finding out what those views were and in making them conform to the ordinance of the city.

Furthermore, the Mayor announced that in his speech Monday night, wherein he was quoted as saying that the preachers who had attacked him were liars and scoundrels, he intended the "liars and scoundrels" to be members of the Municipal Association, who before the primaries had issued pamphlets about his administration, alleging graft and corruption.

"I say," he declared, "that men who publish such stuff as that about honorable men are liars and scoundrels, and deserve the reprobation of every honest citizen in Portland."

Goes Into Detail.

The Mayor's speech covered much the same ground as that delivered at Albina Monday night, but not so extensively. It went into more detail to show the many improvements that have been made in the last three years as to streets, sewers, bridges, hills, sidewalks, ferry-boats and the fireboat.

The attendance numbered some 300 persons, many of them women and children. They applauded often and loudly. A band of music and a vocal quartet stirred political ardor with martial music.

Chief over all was William M. La Force, who, as president of the club presided, made several fine speeches of his own and introduced the others who had remarks to make. After Mayor Williams had finished he was followed by lesser plants, such as T. Devlin, candidate for Auditor; L. A. McNary, for City Attorney; George J. Cameron, for Municipal Judge; A. G. Rushlight, for Seventh Ward Councilman; A. W. Williams, for Councilman-at-Large; John P. Sharkey, for Councilman-at-Large; Elmer E. Colwell, chairman of the Republican City Central.

The Mayor said in part: Many accusations have been made against me and my administration, of one kind and another, all of which are unfounded in fact and can be refuted or explained to the satisfaction of every reasonable person. In the three years I have been Mayor hundreds of contracts have been entered into for sewers and streets and other public improvements. It is extraordinary if, in all this business, there was not something those persons might criticize who are disposed to be unfriendly and to impute motives not consistent with honesty and good faith.

Here the Mayor produced a statement from the City Auditor's office, showing by comparison the big advance in public improvements in the last three years over the three preceding. In figures the comparison was:

Item	1899 to 1901	1902 to 1904
Highways	51,971	181,780
Streets	2,202	10,200
Cement sidewalks	15,817	701,301
Asphalt	none	5,530
Wood-block sidewalks	1,275	1,275
Stone-block streets	643	4,879
Bitulith pavement	none	18,875
Macadam streets	50,970	186,904
Flank and elevated road	1,969	23,140
Ways	2,100	10,000
Graded streets	27,139	99,697

Improvement an Issue.

I presume the people of Portland are more interested in improvement of the city than in anything else, not excepting the so-called moral question, raised by so-called reformers. This matter of improvement is one in which every property-owner is especially concerned. During my administration there have been from five to ten times as many improvements as during the preceding three years, notwithstanding I am considered by some persons a very old man. I have done more work than any five Mayors who have held the office. And I am as physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the office as ever in my life. In view of all the work I have done in the last three years, I believe that I am not a fit candidate to be chloroformed or kicked out of office.

Mayor Williams explained the Tanner Creek sewer, the Front-street bridge and the Morrison-street bridge, and then arrived at Dr. Lane.

Inasmuch as I have been Mayor for three years, necessarily I am on the defensive. My distinguished opponent has no administration to defend. He never has held an office. Once he was superintendent of the Oregon State Insane Asylum. He ceased to be superintendent. Perhaps you know what has been printed recently with reference to his disconnection from the asylum. I do not wish to disparage him, but to say that in view of the fact that I have held important legislative, judicial and executive offices and have lived in Oregon 32 years and have been Mayor of this city the last three years, I think I may claim to be as well qualified to be Mayor as my honorable opponent.

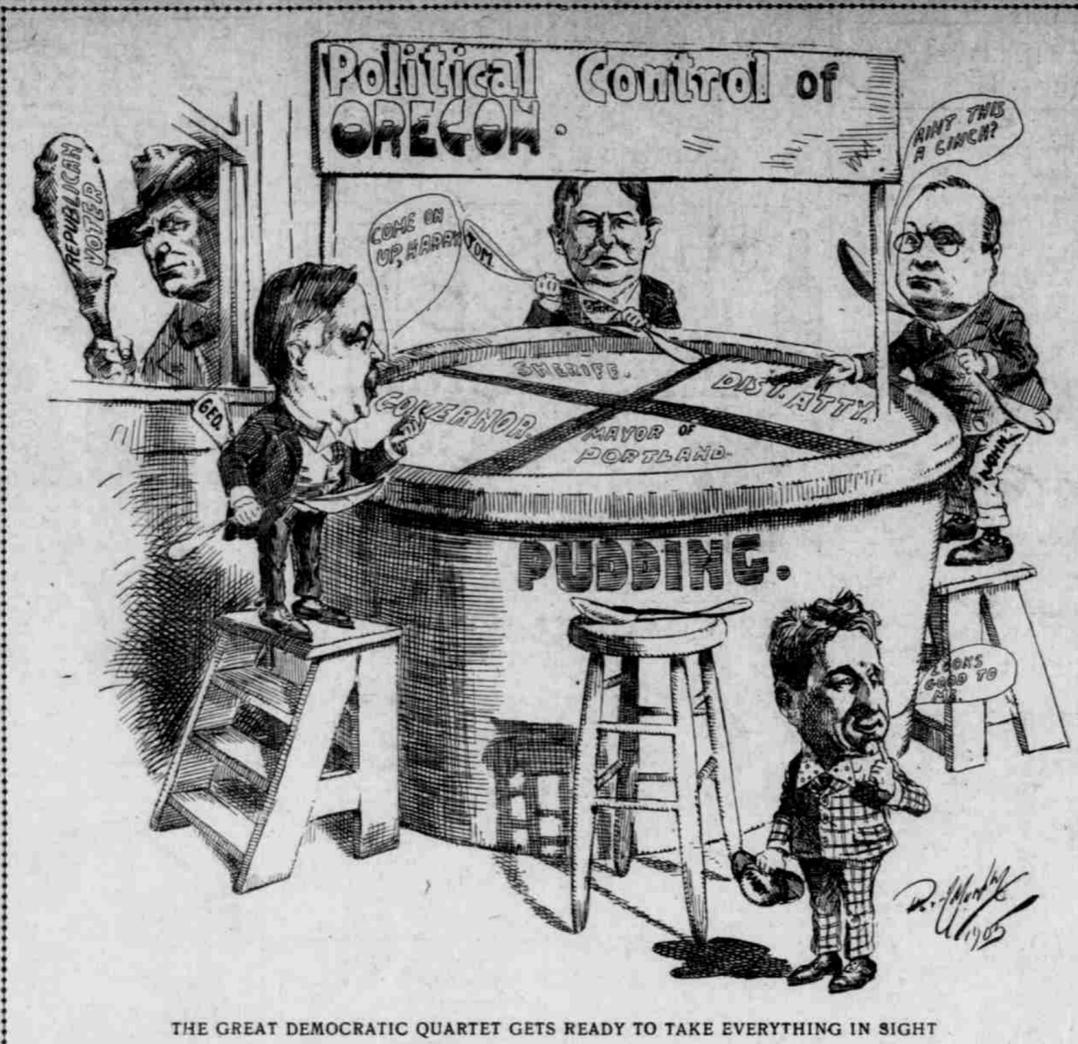
My distinguished opponent made a speech last night and said that in order to show how much better qualified he is than I, he would make personal examination of sewers to determine whether they are good or bad. Now, if he thinks it possible for the Mayor to examine the 30 or 40 sewers under construction at one time and the many streets under improvement, it is evident that he has little knowledge of the tasks of the Mayor.

Dr. Lane also said that he was going to administer the affairs of the city according to the views of Almighty God. Well, I've been so much disturbed by the Ministerial Association and the Municipal Association that I've had a hard time finding out what those views are. If he is going to follow out the views of the Almighty he will have some little difficulty making them conform to the ordinance of the city.

The Lane is a funny man and a nice man, and I like him very much. I do not say he's unequalled to be Mayor, but I fall to see what experience he's had more than I to qualify him better than I.

Political Meetings Billed.

Republicans will hold a rally tonight.



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