

LANE'S FOLLOWERS PLANNED COUP

Attempt to Capture Thomas Love Feast and All But Succeed.

FOILED BY ADJOURNMENT

Mayor's Friends Develop Unexpected Strength at Joint Meeting of Democratic Clubs—Primary Ticket Is Named.

At a joint meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Club, the Multnomah Democratic Club, the Democratic ticket to be voted on at the coming primaries, minus a City Auditor, was chosen. The ticket made up follows:

- For Mayor—George H. Thomas.
- For City Treasurer—D. M. Watson.
- For City Attorney—G. Ernest Baker.
- For Municipal Judge—Frank Schiller.
- For Councilmen—Fifth Ward, Mark O'Neill, conditional on consent to run; First Ward, T. J. Conannon; Fourth Ward, J. B. Ryan; Sixth Ward, John Herkimer; Seventh Ward, D. T. Sherrett; Eighth Ward, A. A. Kaddery; Councilmen at Large, A. F. Pielgel and George Lewis.

All that had been promised to make a hot time at Drew Hall last night came to pass. The little room in which the Democratic hosts gathered was charged with suppressed emotion from the very start. Flights of fervid oratory shattered the smoke-begrimed ceiling, but just as the meeting was warmed up to the point where it looked as if the Lane element present was about to capture the meeting, J. J. Malley, who presided, heard George L. Hutchins' voice shout, "Move we adjourn" and Colonel Killfeather's cry of "Second!" and the meeting was stopped with a jerk.

Reads Letter From Thomas.

As soon as President Malley declared the meeting opened, George L. Hutchins rose and read the report of the joint committee which had been named by the Multnomah Democratic Club and the Young Men's Democratic Club, naming a number of candidates for office. He also stated that he had a letter from George H. Thomas which he wished to read. He read the letter and that message, together with the report, was adopted. Just what Chairman Hutchins had in view when he made the letter which is reported to have been read on the meeting is not stated in the letter, nor was it stated by Hutchins. It seemed to please those who were present, but not until later that the fireworks were let go.

The fun started when E. A. Ream rose and asked a question of the address of the meeting. Ream wanted to deny an interview, or at least he said he did, when he took the floor, but beyond making that statement, and saying that he and the committee of which he was a member had accomplished what they had set out to do, he did not touch again on the interview.

An instant after getting the floor Ream began making a political talk and was soon called to order by the chairman, Murphy. Then it suddenly occurred to those present that the meeting was now a free-for-all for a number of orators, and a number of speakers began burning with a desire to get in and clamoring for the floor. Citizen Parker touched off the fireworks when he moved, after a fiery Democratic talk, that Chairman Thomas' letter be read and placed on file as "a real Democratic document."

Lane Forces Get Busy.

Here was a chance for the Lane forces. Oglesby Young, who had declined the honor of being a candidate for Municipal Judge, rose and wanted to know what was in the letter and what had been done with it. Mr. Hutchins, who had read the letter with feeling, Colonel Killfeather, who had moved that the letter be adopted, and the man who seconded the motion, were on their feet simultaneously. So was Pat Powers, who seconded an attempt to capture the meeting. Young made the mistake of saying that he was not present when the letter was read. This was enough for the parliamentarians present. When Young moved for a reconsideration of the letter the storm broke. Everybody present shouted at once, some for a reconsideration of the letter, some against it. Paddy Maher warned the brethren that Captain Bruin had a patrol wagon down stairs waiting for war to break out, but what he said was lost in the babel of voices.

In an instant the Lane forces present began yelling for Young's motion and out of the crowd rose a Lane follower by the name of Johnson. He had been present when the letter was read and had voted. Now he claimed the right to put the motion for reconsideration. President Malley was beating the table for order, but nobody paid any attention to him. Then came the happy motion to adjourn. Some shouted gaily, but it made no difference. President Malley was equal to the occasion and the meeting broke up amid a din that must have been heard a block away.

Without question the adjournment nipped the capturing process in the bud. Had the letter come to a vote it would have been a fight to a draw. The names of the stalwarts who had been present at the meeting had gone and the forces were about equally divided. As it was, a number of spirited arguments took place after the meeting had been declared adjourned. There was some talk of reopening the meeting, but a wise and cooler head blocked the move, and when the sun was out the lights the faithful lit the trail.

Of course the Thomas people carried out their plan to place his name at the head of the ticket. Ream during his talk in answer to a question asked by Murphy, another of the Lane leaders at the meeting, admitted that Lane still had a chance to return to the fold, but the "ifs" that his honor had rejected in his letter to Chairman Thomas were there.

This is the letter from Chairman Thomas that the row was over:

elect a Democratic sheriff and he was the best Sheriff this county ever had; yet Tom Word went down to defeat last June because a party is weak in numbers to the point of insignificance.

By fusing with Republican factions, Democratic fathers and leaders of Democracy have made the path by which these sons have gone to the Republican party. The great land frauds of Oregon are directly traceable to such fusion. A weak party of opposites to San Francisco is responsible for the graft there.

Many of the Democrats elected to office here in days gone by have entered the Republican ranks about the time of the expiration of their term. Occasionally a Democratic official has ignored the duty elected party organization, but such an one has permanently kept the minority party weak and are chiefly responsible for its weakness.

A number of Portland Democrats have been busy for some time in devising this city to a policy of decency in municipal government. I believe the present temper of Republicans and Democrats alike is against raising to what is known as the "open town." What is needed in Portland now is a minority organization virtuous enough to trust to the majority to do the order and strong enough to compel the Republicans to do the same or lose political control to the Democrats.

I believe in organization. Every business house is organized to succeed. If organization is not a good thing, why is the Republican party organized? If the Republican party is not made strong by giving the clerkships in the City Hall and Courthouse to its party workers why are there no Democrats holding those clerkships? If organization amounts to nothing, why did Lane seek a Democratic partisan organization two years ago?

If he runs independently for Mayor this year will he not attempt to build a personal political machine? I believe that in the absence of a strong minority party we are apt to drift back to an open town rule through the act of some czar, imagining himself greater than his party. Defeat of the candidate or the death of the incumbent means loss of the office when the people rely upon independent political movements and they are evanescent at best, and even when the people elect a victor at the polls the Legislature is an opposition majority party may undo at Salem what was thought to have been accomplished at the polls. Principles are greater than men and live longer. Principles are important enough to be backed by great political organizations, and in a republic there should not be to persons, but to principles.

I think it good sense, politically, just now when Jonathan Bourne, the new Portland State Senator, is commencing to erect a new Republican machine, for the Democrats to be alert and strengthen their own party. Very truly,
G. H. THOMAS.

Murphy's Conception of It.

If the devil came to Portland his first social call would be on that bunch of crass Philistines assembled here tonight, whose conception of the genius of the Democratic party is to make them official seal bearers of the swag and building up the appetites of the plug uglies—or appointing them guardians of them of explained pups and bearded ears of anything else that panders to their bellies, for that is the seat of their civic patriotism.

Tonight we attend the obsequies of the Democratic party heretofore, which was consigned to the States' Jefferson, embodied in the splendid personality of William Jennings Bryan, and expired with a serene smile in my mind's eye, was spirit striking toward more peaceful realms to be met at the celestial outpost with a "No, you've got the wrong H. Turn the other way", and from less congenial quarters the warning, "Get out of here, we have trouble enough as it is, and you've perched on a kopie of his own with flaming banners inscribed: "Multnomah Democratic Club, the himing one of the earth, slammed out of heaven and jammed out of here."

HAS NO TESTIMONY

Defense in Taft Case Relies on State's Witnesses.

HOLDS CHARGE UNPROVED

Moves for Dismissal of Forgery Indictment When the Prosecution Rests, But Motion Is Denied. Conspiracy Is the Plea.

That the charges of forgery against W. H. Taft, former real estate broker, are the result of a conspiracy, was the assertion made in the State Circuit Court yesterday by the defense. The statement was made by Taft's lawyer, W. R. McGarry, that two former business associates of Taft, J. S. Simonton and J. H. Deitz, with the aid of a man named Gardner, were engineering a plan to get Taft sent to jail for a long term in order that they might get possession of his property.

The defense declined to introduce any testimony. On cross-examination of George D. Peters it was brought out that Taft disposed of notes to the face value of \$2500 and that he has since returned to Dr. Peters, who bought the notes, a total of \$3500.00, covering interest and principal; furthermore, that the doctor claims \$700 is yet due him on the transaction, though for what consideration was not made clear.

The prosecution ended its case at 3:40 P. M., whereupon it was announced by the defense that no witnesses would be placed on the stand in Taft's behalf. Motion for dismissal was made on the grounds that the state had failed to prove its case. This motion was argued at length by Mr. McGarry and District Attorney Manning, and was denied by Judge Crawford.

Final arguments were then taken up. Mr. Manning opened for the state and Mr. McGarry for Taft. The arguments will be concluded this forenoon and a verdict is looked for during the day.

A rather acrid exchange of sarcasm developed during the proceedings when A. E. Clarke, of counsel for Taft, objected to the District Attorney's action in introducing notes and exhibits without having them entered on the record. "Very well, I'll have them placed on the records and I'll give you my photograph to put in the records with them," said Mr. Manning drily.

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During a rift in the clouds and under a temporary flood of sunshine yesterday afternoon, ground was broken for the clubhouse of the Catholic Young Men's Club, of St. Mary's parish, on the site on Morris street, near Williams avenue, in the presence of Archbishop Christie, Mayor Lane, officers and members of the club and children of the parish school. P. E. Sullivan, president of the board of directors, had general charge of the exercises. Archbishop Christie, armed with a spade, and Mayor Lane, who acted as master of ceremonies, were the chief figures in the proceedings. A song by the children started the short programme when Rev. Father William A. Daly, pastor of the parish, delivered the following address:

Address of Father Daly.
Most Reverend Archbishop, Your Honor, the Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen: This assembly is in no sense a political campaign; but we have been observing the work of politicians and we find that men like his Honor here, must frequently use the big stick to keep them in the ways of righteousness.

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AGAINST STEAM RAILROAD

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CAR FIGHT IS ON AGAIN

Companies Resume 5-Cent Fare in City of Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, April 5.—Negotiations for a settlement of the traction question terminated today by the Cleveland Electric Railway Company announcing that it declined to turn over its property to a holding company on the basis of \$60 per share. The company also withdrew the sale of tickets at the rate of seven for 25 cents and resumed the old 5-cent cash fare. The fight between the company and the city administration will be resumed at once.

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REPLIES TO LOWNSDALE

Hood River Man Contributes to the Apple Controversy.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 5.—(To the Editor.)—In view of the unwarranted attack on Hood River and Hood River apples by Mr. Lowndale, of Lafayette, through the columns of The Oregonian, I feel that it is but justice to put its readers in possession of some facts that that gentleman has not seen fit to mention.

Mr. Lowndale's articles have been mainly screeds full of venom and malice and directed not only against Hood River but Rogue River as well. What has Mr. Lowndale ever done to bring about the splendid reputation which the Oregon apple enjoys at home and abroad? While both Hood River and Rogue River have been ready and willing to impart any information that would better the condition of the apple-growing industry in Oregon, Mr. Lowndale has kicked, frothed at the mouth, fought the officers of the State Horticultural Society and resolutely refused to adopt the progressive methods of growers in other parts of the state. According to him we

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When Mr. Lowndale states that there are no apples being shipped from Hood River at present it is very evident that the nearest he has been to the truth is Lafayette. A carload of apples was shipped from Hood River to the place right from the ranch on March 20 and another will leave on April 8. Both of these consignments, in addition to those shipped from the ranch across the Pacific will be sent 3000 miles into the interior of Siberia. There are 2000 boxes of apples in Hood River Valley, most of which have been in cold storage and which on the word of an experienced apple buyer are in better condition than any of the cheaper varieties and are bringing from \$1.75 to \$2 a box.

The assertion of the mouthpiece of Lafayette that Hood River is trying to snatch everything in sight, and that its reputation for the fruit is due to its great advertising is not borne out by the statement of Horace G. Day, of the firm of Spohn & Day, one of the largest apple-buying firms in New York City, who bought the Hood River Spitzbergen the first three years that they were sold in carload lots. Mr. Day stated in the hearing of the writer at Hood River that he had bought 1000 boxes of apples, from here they erased the labels on them so that other dealers would not know where they came from. We get our fancy apples from Hoodberg and Newton from Hoodberg and Rogue River. It will be a long time before Hood River, the gem of the Cascades, will exchange her mountain laurels for Valley willows.

Hood River has been patient under Mr. Lowndale's abuse and misrepresentation, but in one of his letters and interviews he states that he has been in Hood River, Oregon last November was passed by farmers, when to the writer's knowledge some of the boxes were from Hood River. Johnson, one of Hood River's best packers.

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SAY HENRY HIATT LIED

Miss Disney's Relatives Resent His Statement Regarding Her.

Friends and relatives of Miss Grace N. Disney, who was shot and killed Sunday night by Roscoe H. James, her former lover, indignantly resent the statement of Henry E. Hiatt to the effect that he saw Miss Disney and the young man who was her escort on the night of the tragedy come out of the Tunwater saloon shortly before the shooting. They characterize Hiatt's statement as a willful and malicious lie designed to tarnish the reputation of the dead girl.

Hiatt's statement is without the slightest foundation, said Mrs. A. J. Maxon, sister of Miss Disney, yesterday. "J. G. Powers met Grace on Yamhill street, and as she was alone and unprotected, asked permission to accompany her home, which was granted. As she walked home with Mr. Powers, Grace said to him, 'I feel as though some great tragedy is to come into my life.' She did not explain why she felt so. A few moments later James fired the fatal shot and killed her."

The friends and relatives of Grace, and the community at large, feel that Hiatt has escaped very luckily. They believe he could have prevented the tragedy if he had desired to do so. Roy Campbell, a friend and roommate of James, said that if he had been with Roscoe the shooting would not have occurred.

Roscoe was deeply in love with Grace. He wished to marry her this Spring or next Summer, but my sister would not consent, as she was only 17 years old. She wished him to wait until next year, telling him that she would then be more fit to fight the battles of life. We sympathize with the relatives and friends of Miss Disney in their affliction and wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us."

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner.