

CHALLENGES LANE TO FAIR COMBAT

Thomas Says He Will Support "Little Doctor" if Latter Is Renominated.

WILL MAYOR BE AS FAIR?

Party Candidate Throws Down the Gauntlet at Joint Meeting of the Democratic Clubs - McAllister Makes Debut as Spellbinder.

Members of the Bryan Democratic Club met last night with the members of the Multnomah Democratic Club at Seiling-Hirsch Hall and for two hours listened to speeches and heard letters from C. E. S. Wood and M. V. Munly, two prominent leaders of the party who were not able to attend in person.

Mr. McAllister is a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat and a good spellbinder. His maiden speech before Portland Democrats made a great hit.

George L. Hutchin presided over the gathering of the faithful. In his opening remarks he made it plain that Mayor Lane did not have a corner on Biblical quotations, for he quoted from John: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth in some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

Mr. Thomas defended his stand for partisan politics and charged Mayor Lane and his friends with playing subtle politics. He threw down the gauntlet to Mayor Lane and his followers, and asked the Democrats who believed in his policy to vote for him, and the Republicans for Mayor Lane to write Lane's name in the ballot.

Mr. Thomas' address in part was as follows:

Thomas Defends His Stand.

The spoils of office are spoken of disparagingly by the press, and by many people. In this connection, I wish that the Democrats would particularly observe the activity against me of those Democrats who, by the grace of Dr. Lane, Mayor, have held or now hold the spoils of even that independent office which is to be a strange sound to hear organized partisan workers coming from such headquarters proclaiming that whether their candidate runs as a Democrat or as an independent they propose to support only him in the June election.

I assert that the spoils of office, like a Democrat, can be harvested and made to serve the best interests of this community by building up a clean minority party. The subplots of the Democratic party from the days of Thomas Jefferson has been "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none," and he who administers this axiom faithfully and who does not belittle his party, for personal advantage, serves both the people and his party best.

If nominated and elected Mayor, I will give a Democrat as much as I can of the spoils of office that I will be able to select a man from the ranks of the Democratic party to serve competently as Chief of Police.

We now have a bridge across the river and I will advocate municipal ownership of the streetcar tracks on the bridge, and for a sufficient distance beyond the bridge above equal opportunity for crossing those bridges to any new and competing streetcar company.

Depends on Central Committee.

Good or bad partisan government depends largely upon the character of the members of the county central committee. Under the Oregon primary law the members of either party have it in their power at the county elections to make such changes in the personnel of their county committee as will make the organization representative of their ideals. The primary law grants equal opportunity to all to contest for partisan nominations, and directs how a candidate's name may be printed on the primary ballot.

The present Mayor followed this straight-forward course two years ago. This year he is pursuing a more subtle method, as was outlined in last Friday's Oregonian. Since he has not repudiated that article, we must assume that it has the endorsement of his friends, and his own, even if he did not initiate the write-up. It is suggested in that paper that Dr. Lane's adherents vote for his nomination by writing his name on the primary ballot. The real reason is now apparent, why the Mayor withdrew from his proposed entry into the Democratic primary.

Namely, if he had contested by the straight gate for the nomination, the same as Coffey, Devlin, Kellaher and Zimmerman up in the Republican ticket are doing, and had lost the nomination in me at the polls, he could not have thereafter, in honor, made the race as an independent candidate.

But under this proposed scheme, he merely seeks a Democratic endorsement. In other words, he would like to run as an independent candidate, endorsed by the Democrats. He could then use the Democratic party as a tail to his proposed independent candidacy.

Exposes the Mayor's Scheme.

Dr. Lane has not asked the Democratic party for the nomination for Mayor, and in the event of his defeat in the primaries, he will claim that the vote he received was merely a protest against my nomination and that he could not, and would not if he could, attempt to control the acts of his friends at the primaries, and he would decline to be bound by the result.

On the other hand, in the event of a victory for him, he would expect harmonious Democratic support in June.

I believe in fair play, and in the interest of party harmony, and notwithstanding that I entered only that Democracy might not be without a loyal candidate in the primaries, I make the proposition: Let the Democrats who favor my adherence to Democratic principles and the primary law, and who believe that organization is an essential part of the life of our party, go to the polls next Saturday and vote for the nomination of George H. Thomas, and let those Democrats who applaud the Mayor's attitude toward the Democratic party and the primary law, and who would place the man above his party—vote for Dr. Harry Lane. If he wins I will support him. If I win, will he support George H. Thomas?

Final Rally of South Portland Club.

The South Portland Republican Club will give its final rally and smoker before the primaries tonight at the Artisans' Hall, Front and Gibbs streets. Judge George H. Williams was to have delivered the principal address but was called out of the city last night and in his stead ex-Councilman George S. Shepherd will address the club on all the initiative amendments

and ordinances to be voted on at the June election. The candidates for Mayor will be present. The committee on arrangements has prepared a fine musical and literary entertainment, and a good time is assured for all those who attend. All Republican candidates are invited to be present.

Proposed Charter Amendments to Be Explained to Voters.

Voters of Portland are to be informed fully concerning the proposed charter amendments and ordinances that are to be on the ballots for decision at the coming city election.

A joint committee composed of special committees appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Commercial Club, Federated Trades and Taxpayers' League is to meet at an early date to consider the provisions of the proposed changes and amendments, and to prepare a report to the voters. The views of the joint committee as to the desirability or otherwise of the different measures.

FIGHTING SUBURBAN SALOONS - Prohibitionists Busily Circulating Local Option Petitions in City.

Prohibitionists are circulating petitions for local option in the residence sections on both sides of the river, and say that it looks as though a number of precincts will have a chance to vote on the saloon question this year.

Teamsters to Take Half Holiday. Portland union teamsters last night voted to suspend work at noon Saturday to go to the polls to vote. The transfer companies are willing that the men shall take a half day off. The freight houses in North Portland will be closed also, for without teams they cannot receive or despatch freight. The subject was brought up at the regular weekly meeting of the teamsters last night in Union Hall.

Honest, now! What's the use choosing from a small retail stock and paying retail price during THIS SALE?

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

MATINEE AND NIGHT.

Walker Whitehead in "The Magic Melody," at the Heilig.

There will be two performances at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, today. The eminent actor, Walker Whitehead, is presented in a well-known theatrical form of Liebler & Co. in the delightful comedy-drama, "The Magic Melody."

"The Dictator" a Delightful Comedy.

Never has a more entertaining or delightful comedy been written than "The Dictator" by Richard Harding Davis, and there has never been a comedy presented in a more up-to-date manner than the Baker Theater Company, presented in the same play this week. The play sprang into fame and popularity through William Collier's famous production, but many who have seen both companies declare that the stock company of Portland is fully up to the very top notch. It is a \$2 show for 50 cents.

Fine Work by Seaman Company.

The new Seaman Stock Company is making a great record at the Empire by its fine work, individually and collectively, and people who have not been to the stock company are now attending regularly to see the fine productions offered by the stock company. "Equal Rights to All" is the latest strong melodrama, in this week's offering. There is a special mid-week matinee today.

"For Mother's Sake."

Marie Heath's famous comedy-drama, "For Mother's Sake," is the attraction at the Star Theater this week and it is one of the most entertaining plays of the season. Miss Verna Pelton is appearing in the role of the boy, the part created by Miss Heath, and has done her best during her engagement in Portland. This is the first time the play has been presented in Portland at such a bargain price. There will be matinees Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

"Sealed Lips" Makes a Hit.

Read what the critics have to say concerning "Sealed Lips," the famous melodrama given at the Lyric this week, for then you will want to reserve seats. It is the farewell week of the Lyric Stock Company, and all the favorites are in the cast. Matinee every day.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Advance Sale for Murray and Mack in "Around the Town."

The advance seat sale will open tomorrow (Thursday) morning, at 10 o'clock, at the box office of the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets. For the first time Irish comedians, Murray and Mack, who come next Saturday and Sunday nights, May 4 and 5, will be seen in the city. They will present their latest musical-farce-comedy, "Around the Town."

Seat Sale for Lillian Russell.

America's famous beauty, Lillian Russell, supported by an excellent company of players in the effervescent comedy, "The Butter-Br." will be the attraction at the Heilig Theater next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, May 6, 7, 8 and 9. The advance seat sale will open next Friday morning, May 3, at the box office of the Heilig Theater.

"The Silver King."

"The Silver King" will be played at the Star Theater next week by the new stock company. This is a standard melodrama which has been in constant demand since it was first produced in London many years ago. The Baker Company has been selected with care and will be given one of the strongest melodramatic companies in the West.

"The Cowboy and the Lady."

The Baker Theater Company is preparing "The Cowboy and the Lady," one of the most popular Western dramas ever written, for next week's attraction. This great favorite was produced here during the days of the Nell Morosco Company, but in the hands of the Baker players it will be even more artistically presented. The first performance will be Sunday afternoon.

Mass Meeting in Seventh Ward.

The Brooklyn Republican Club will hold a general meeting tomorrow evening in the hall of the Sacred Heart Church, Boise and East Fifteenth streets, at 7 o'clock. The speakers will be all the Republican candidates to be heard. This will be the final meeting before the primary election next Saturday night.



OPENS THIS MORNING, 9:30 SHARP

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A GRAND DAY AND NIGHT MILLINERY SALE

SMART STREET HATS A lot of wonderful values up to \$4.50, to be sacrificed to early-comers, while they last; all newest models and latest Eastern styles, for... 98c

STYLISH SUMMER SHAPES Milan Braid Dress Shapes in a large assortment for choosing: values to \$2.00 and \$2.50, in the sale at... 49c

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AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

"Only a Joke," at the Grand.

In "Only a Joke" the patrons of the Grand this week find one of the funniest vaudeville sketches of the season. It is played by Edmonds, Emerson and Edmonds.

A Good Vaudeville Show.

Comedy, novelty and cleverness combine to make the new bill which opens at Pantages today something worth while. Ben Sears and company will supply the comedy. Bicycle Bill, the educated pet, George Armstrong and others will furnish the novelty, while the whole staff of new entertainers contributes the cleverness. See the show, you'll like it.

MILLINERY SALE

At Le Palais Royal begins today; 1/4 off all trimmed hats, 375 Washington street.

Gets License at Long Distance.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 29.—(Special)—A long distance marriage license was issued today by County Clerk Greenman to Emerson C. Mooney, of Hood River and Miss Louisa Margaret Guttridge, of Clackamas County, with O. D. Stranahan as witness. Mooney wrote to the clerk a few days ago and requested the issuance of the license without coming to Oregon City, and was allowed to have his witness make the necessary affidavit before a notary public. The license was mailed to Mooney upon receipt of the affidavit.

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