### DEVLIN BUILDS A MAN OF STRAW

Gearin Answers Open Letter of Republican Standard-Bearer.

INDULGES

Renews Chairman Montague's Proposal That Both Parties Make Public All Facts in Relation to Campaign Funds.

The present municipal campaign will go down in history as the first of its kind in Portland. It is not merely a speaking campaign; the trusty typewriter has become an important weapon. Thomas C. Devlin, Republican candidate for Mayor, a few days ago set the typewriter keys to flying in his answer to the first speech delivered by an United States, Senator, John livered by ex-United States Senator John M. Gearin. Yesterday Senator Gearin busy with his typewriter and answered.

Devlin. And so the war of writing of Deylin. And so the war of writing agelines goes merrily on.

Mr. Gearin rebukes the Republican can-

for what Mr. Gearin calls an attempt to read something into his speech He twits Davlin on "constructing a man of straw to his own satisfaction" and then, "hysterically demanding proof that he is a real man." He also has something he is a real man. He also has sometimes to say about "the tempest of grief" into which he says Devlin has blown himself.

Mr. Gearin then takes up the challenge issued to W. M. Cake, chairman of the Republican campaign committee, by R. W. Montague, chairman of Lane's campaign, and renews Montague's demand for the publication by both committees of the amounts contributed by candidates and others for campaign purposes. Mr. Gearln says he assumes that Mr. Devlin has seen Chairman Montague's letter and if not. he promises to have one sent him, con-taining this challenge, and adds that, intaining this challenge, and adds that, in-asmuch as Devlin said, "Let us be hon-

he cannot but comply with Mr. Montagues request.

Touching on that part of Mr. Devlin's letter in which Mr. Devlin referred to Mr. Gearin's "matchless description of the North End." Mr. Gearin says it can be better answered by Mayor Lane, who, he evlin's attention to the fact that Mayor Lane is eager to discuss the matters re-ferred to in public debate and adds, "in such debate you might give the names of the houses referred to by you in your speech at Sellwood." Mr. Gearin's let-ter in full follows:

#### Text of Gearin's Letter.

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and sak what I meant by it. While
language may not be an accurate ret of what I said, it is sufficiently so,
the text needs no emendation. There is port of what I said, it is sufficiently so, and the text needs no emendation. There is no charge made against you in this excerpt of any dishonesty or unworthiness whatever, and certainly none was intended. I made none in any part of that speech, nor at any time, nor did I mean to be understood as making any. On the contrary, I stated in that speech, among others things: "We have nothing against Mr. Devim, and shall say nothing against Mr. Devim, and shall say nothing against him." Did you overlook this statement purposely or by accident? I have nothing but the kindlest feelings for you, and neither against you nor anybody do I harbor malice. But you should not attempt to read into my speech something not contained in it, neither by direct averment nor innuende, and then, having yourself constructed a man of straw to your satisfaction, hysterically demand proof that he is a real man. You may delude yourself by this process, but you will delude no one else. And if the public refuse to become interested in this tempest of grief which you have blown up in the teapot of your imagination you may be pained perhaps, but you will have no reason to be surprised.

With this explanation, where indeed no explanation at all was necessary, this answer might very well end. But there are real things involved in this campaign besides the whimsical ribings injected into it, and one of those things is the question, or whether money in large quantities is

it, and one of those things is the question whether we are to have a clean election, or whether money in large quantities is going to be used to influence the election or control the result. It has been currently reported for weeks on the strents and at least once in the public press that a large campaign fund was being raised in your interest and to promote your election, and that rich corporations, commonly reterred to as "the interests," were contributing, or were expected to contribute to that fund. I read as a part of my speech an article from The Evening Telegram of May 9, to which I now call your attention, since you choose to overlook it. That article, among other statements, contained the following:

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"While Chairman Cake asey fittin money will be used in the compaign, the state ment has been made by ardent Republicans that the campaign and will be better filled than at the last election, since the banks and railroads are more liberal in their contributions, and is this campaign sack being raised? I then, in connection with and particularly the following: "The Republicans and particularly the following: "The Republicans, and the present charter probables than the course of the campaign sack being raised? I then, in connection with and particularly the following: "The Republicans, and the present charter probables that the course will dead that repeal is possible, no matter where or how or by whom they were granted, because we believe that the courts will dead that repeal is possible, no matter where or how or by whom they were granted. The cause we believe that the courts will dead any rights and privileges of great monetary value which belong by every principle of right to the community in its complain, ordinary "tommyrot," and my audited and the court of the campaign condend that they are appointed to the compaign of the campaign of the same party for Municipal Judge, gets the number 23. The party for Municipal Judge, gets the number 23. The party for Municipal Judge, gets the number 23. The same of "Portland generally. If it is not will you kindly explain in your next speech," and your friends by two to one? Just tell the people in your next speech—you med not write you will deny it. And it is just as generally conceded that they are going to try and your friends by two to one? Just tell the people in your next speech, who have a supporting you. They have, a right to you should want to offend them—and do you really intend to offend them—and do you really intend to offend them—and do you really intend to offend them, new? And if you do, why do you fly and the proposed to the proposed to be mad

that "supply," if there is to be such "supply"?

And then, again, is there to be such a "supply"? Of course, I don't know, but I would like to know. If I was in error in stating to that hig audience that a campaign fund was being raised, I shall be very glad to correct the error. Or, if I was right in so stating and you, becoming informed through my remarks that such a fund was being raised, have forbidden in righteous indignation the doing of such work, I shall be delighted to make that fact public for the general welfare. And here is where you can help me out, for my peace of mind and your own everlasting glory. I called your attention to a letter written by Mr. H. W. Montague, chairman of the Lane campaign committee, in which a request is made that both committees make public statements of the various amounts contributed by candidates and others for campaign purposes. I assume you have seen this letter. If you have not, I will have Mr. Montague mail you a copy. I am quite hopeful that you will cause the request contained in that letter to be complied with as soon as your attention is called to it. You really cannot do otherwise, you know, because you have seen his letter. If you have not, I will have mr. Montague wait in your tester to me. "Let us be honest," and "honesty" means in this case an honest election, free from even a suspicion that money is being used as a controlling factor. There are certain expenses that are proper and have to he met—legitimate expenses—and to the discharge of these obligations a reasonable amount of money must be raised. The use of any more money than that is not a legitimate use of money in an election. And the question of what is or what is not reasonable is for the publication is raised. The use of any more money than that is not a legitimate use of money in an election. And the question of what is or what is not reasonable in for the public way from now up to the experience compiler to determine, and not the managers. Let us give the people the opportunity to determine our

Lane's second term.

The concluding portion of your letter, referring to my "matchless description" of conditions in the North End, can be better answered by Dr. Lane, who will be pleased to do so if you will give him an opportunity. And, by the way, why don't you? He wants And, by the way, why don't you? He wants to discuss these matters with you in public, and you have been invited to debats with him your respective claims for popular support and approval. In such debate you might give the names of the houses referred to by you in your speech at Sell-wood, where you say (Oregonian report). The red-light district is the same under the present administration as under the last Moreover, protection is afforded to some of these houses, and not to others? Bear that in mind." What do you mean by this anyhow? That is a pretty grave charge, you anyhow. That is a pretty grave charge, you know. But perhaps you had better tell Lane about it.

#### Quotes Shorthand Report.

And now in conclusion permit me to say I wrote the foregoing letter assuming that the statement in The Oregonian was correct. My speech was not a written speech, and, while I knew that I had said nothing to impugn your honesty or malign your character or reflect upon yourself or your family. I did not know what I actually did say. But just at the moment of closing there has been handed me a shorthand report of my speech, and I find that The Oregonian chap got it wrong. After commenting upon the article in The Telegram and the statement in regard to parpetual franchises above quoted. I used this language, and no other:

"What does this mean? What does he think you mean, when he comes before you with a declaration of that kind, and bases his campaign upon the correctness of his statements? He knew they were not in favor of repealing perpetual franchises, and he knew they didn't do it, and he knew they were not going to do it. Nobedy asked him to make the declaration: it is not in issue; but he volunteered that statement to you intelligent voters of this city when he knew, and the record was fresh before him, that the only time they had a chance to repeal a perpetual franchises they positively refused to do it, because they don't intend to do anything that will hinder them from carrying on a campaign of special education here by special interests, and if they do they know they have no further interest in the election at all if that supply of money is let out."

As I have written the letter, however, I will let it go as it is, and trust you will As I have written the letter, however,

will let it go as it is, and trust you will be perfectly satisfied what I did say, if you are not with what I was reported as say-

Local Option Meeting at Sellwood. L. F. Zimmerman, of the Anti-Saloon
League, was the first speaker at the
local option meeting last night in the
Sellwood Presbyterian Church, and he
discussed the elimination of salsons
from the residence district as an important move, and said that it was also
important as an education of the
people and their consciences along the
line of public purity. Rev. E. S.
Muckley and E. Quackenbush spoke
along the same lines, Dr. Thompson
said that an effective campaign is being carried on. Literature is being prepared for distribution. Friends of the pared for distribution. Friends of the cause are supplying money to carry on

Twenty members of the Union Labor

Twenty members of the Union Labor party, constituting a quorum, did not appear at the hall last night when the regular weekly meeting was scheduled and no meeting was held. It had been predicted that this session would prove of interest since an explanation was to be demanded of B. E. Radding, secretary of the campaign committee, for failing to file the Labor party ticket with the Auditor so as to give it a place on the official ballot. By the time for holding another meeting it is more then probable the incident will have been dropped, Such a course is advocated by the more con-

Organization Perfected and the Dates Named for Display of Floral Beauty.

### PARADES TO BE A FEATURE

General Committee Includes Representation of Many Important Bodies, Which Will Work for Success of the Enterprise.

Dates-Thursday and Priday, June Multnomah Club or Forestry building. President-E. W. Rowe.

Secretary—E. B. McFarland.
At a meeting held last night, per-mannent organization accomplished and much enthusiasm shown. Committees appointed to raise funds and

Portland is to have a rose show and

Portland is to have a rose show and carnival on June 20 and 21.

The movement was definitely organized last night and committees named to work out the details of the project. From the apirit shown at the meeting and organization of the Portland Rose Show and last the context has been christened. Flests, as the project has been christened, held in the Chamber of Commerce half last night, there need be no doubts of the ultimate success of the show. The willingness shown by all to work for the affair assures it of becoming a big suc-

In deference to the Oregon Development League, it was decided to hold the show Thursday and Friday, June 20 and 21, instead of earlier in the month. The annual convention of the League has been fixed for June 21 and 22 and by reason of the dates chosen for the show, the delegates from all parts of the state will be able to attend

E. W. Rowe was chosen president of the project at the meeting last night, and E. B. McFarland secretary. The following executive committee chosen at last night's meeting: I Rowe, Elks; Mrs. W. Wynn Johnson,
Portland Rose Society; W. S. Sibon,
Portland Rose Society and Chamber of Commerce; D. E. Keasey,
of Portland Heights; E. F. Cannon,
Portland Automobile Association and
East Side Club; W. Wynn Johnson, Ini-N. Black, Portland Ad Club; Tom Richardson, Oregon Development League; J.

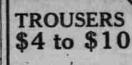
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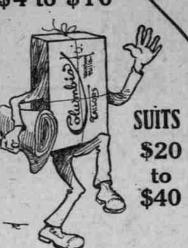
Temporary organization was effected by the election of W. S. Sibson as chairman and E. B. McFarland, secretary. Permanent organization was hindered by several nominees for chairhonor with the plea of a rush of busiaccept the nomination and was forced Ainsworth. He protested that he is and can hardly give the matter the time and attention it deserves but said he will do what he can, provided all will do their part also.

Tom Richardson, managers of the Portland Admen's Club to assist him in this work.

Secretary McFarland was instructed Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial Club, talked of the financhairman of a committee to arrange

pared for discovering to this, there will be a rose carnival in which elaborate parades will be





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sentative of that body, which will be

The chairman named a music com-

mittee as follows: C. N. Black, J. L. May, J. S. McCord. A ways and means committee was appointed, as follows:

W. Wynn Johnson, D. E. Keasey, J. C. Ainsworth. C. N. Black was appointed a committee of one on publicity. He promised to enlist the services of his

in the parade.

izations of the city, and secure their active co-operation to make the show a great success. President Rowe was authorized to enlist such assistance as he may need. It is expected he will employ a manager and an assistant secretary. The executive committee will meet next Friday night at the Chamber of Commerce.

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