

WERLEIN DEFEATS HIS TWO RIVALS

Candidate for Mayorality Challenges Lombard and Rushlight to Debate.

CITY THEMES PROPOSED

City Treasurer Writes to Opponents Asking Them to Confer With Him to Arrange Five Meetings to Discuss Problems

Shedding his coat and taking on his fighting garb, City Treasurer Werlein actively initiated his campaign for the Republican nomination for Mayor yesterday.

He started things by issuing a challenge to his opponents, inviting both Mr. Rushlight and Mr. Lombard to meet him publicly and discuss municipal questions.

The challenge was issued in letters addressed to each of his rivals.

Letter Contains Challenge.

The letter to Mr. Rushlight, identical with the one sent Mr. Lombard except as to names, is as follows:

Honorable A. G. Rushlight, Portland, Or.

Dear Sir: I have read with much interest the ideas which from time to time you have, through the press, presented in reference to the conduct of the office of Mayor, and what you would do if elected to that high office. I believe that you are sincere in your expressions and I further believe that every man, woman and child ought to be interested in the following campaign of education which you propose.

I respectfully request that you, or your personal representative, meet me, or my personal representative, on Monday morning, the 10th inst., at 10 o'clock in the City Treasurer's office, City Hall, the object of this meeting being to arrange for a series of joint debates along lines of municipal economy, said debates to be held at such times and places as might be agreed upon.

That the public is interested vitally in the subject of municipal economy is manifest at every place our citizens are prone to gather. Believe me, gentlemen, that my sole desire in this matter is to bring before the people in an educational way what each stands for.

A similar communication has been addressed to Mr. Lombard and I might add that the attitude of mind of you in reference to this proposed series of debates is unknown to me.

I am, dear sir, for a brighter, better, more prosperous, more economically-governed city. Yours very respectfully,

W. W. WERLEIN, Candidate for Mayor, Republican Primary.

Debate Plan Liked.

"I am convinced there is a desire on the part of the voters of this city to hear the issues in this municipal campaign discussed by the different candidates, especially those seeking election as Mayor," said Mr. Werlein. "They are entitled to that discussion. As for my part, I am more than willing to go before the people, define my position on all questions touching on the administration of municipal affairs and inform the voters what my policy is expected of me if I am elected."

"Both of my opponents have made promises that, if elected, they would keep the taxes down by inaugurating reforms in the present system of our city government. But they are not specific. They do not undertake to tell the people how they will bring about these reforms and accomplish the retrenchment in public expenditures to which they have committed themselves. What the people would like to know is how they are going to bring these results about."

"I claim to have a practical solution to every municipal problem confronting the people of Portland today and before this campaign is over I shall tell just as many people as I have time to address what that plan is and how I propose to introduce it in my administration as Mayor."

"If agreeable to Mr. Rushlight and Mr. Lombard and they will agree to meet with me and discuss municipal affairs publicly, I would be in favor of holding at least two large meetings on the West Side and three on the East Side. The time of the evening could be divided equally among the three candidates. I would be willing to begin the discussion, but would expect ten minutes at the close for rebuttal. The West Side meetings, at least one of them, should be held in the Armory."

GIRL PURSUES SUITOR

Astoria Woman Says ex-Soldier Ran Away on Eve of Wedding.

Miss Elizabeth M. Ebsen, of Astoria, came to Portland last night in pursuit of David E. Grass, ex-quartermaster sergeant at Fort Stevens, who, she alleges, promised to marry her yesterday. Invitations had been issued and preparations made for the wedding.

Grass had been stationed at Fort Stevens seven years, was well liked by his officers, was considered a steady young man and received several promotions. His last enlistment expired March 12, and on March 29 he received \$2300 out of the bank at Astoria and left that city. It was the last seen of him then, although Grass left his trunk and clothing at the home of Miss Ebsen's parents, where the wedding was to have taken place yesterday. At the time Miss Ebsen was visiting in Portland and Grass told her parents that he was coming to this city and would return with her for the wedding. Miss Ebsen did not hear from him here and went to Astoria. As the wedding day came and no word was received from Grass, she returned to Portland and instituted a hunt for her intended. She learned that he was preparing to leave for the East today and asked the assistance of the police department in finding him before getting out of the city.

Miss Ebsen was loath to believe that Grass was running away from her, but as she began to view the affair in that light, she said she wanted to find him to demand an explanation.

Creditors Select Trustees.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—The creditors of the bankrupt firm of Moore & Hardin, contractors, met today and appointed H. L. Parcel trustee. They will meet again April 15.

The Sound Sleep of Good Health

Can not be overestimated and any ailment that prevents it is a menace to health. J. L. Southern, Esq. of Chicago, Wis., says: "I have been unable to sleep soundly nights because of pains across my back and soreness of my kidneys. My appetite was very poor and my general condition was much run down. I have been taking Foley's Kidney Pills but a short time and now sleep as sound as a rock, my general condition is greatly improved, and I know that Foley's Kidney Pills have cured me." Good results always follow the use of Foley's Kidney Pills. They are a positive corrective of urinary irregularities. Try them. Sold by all druggists.

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ACTION IS URGED

Taft Sends Reciprocity Bill to New Congress.

NATION APPROVES, HE SAYS

Duty to Masses Impels President to Ask Congress to Act Without Delay--Agreement Helps Manufacturers and Farmers.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Taft transmitted to Congress a message urging early action on the reciprocity agreement with Canada. He said that he sent this message in deference to popular sentiment and in duty to the great masses of the American people. The message follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives: I transmitted to the Sixty-third Congress on January 26 last, the text of the reciprocity trade agreement which had been negotiated under my direction by the Secretary of State with the representatives of the Dominion of Canada. This agreement was the consummation of a long effort, extending over a period of nearly a year, on the part of both governments to effect a trade arrangement which, supplanting as it did, the amicable settlement of various questions of a diplomatic and political character that had been reached, would mutually promote commerce and would strengthen the friendly relations now existing.

"Public Opinion Approves. The agreement in its intent and the terms was purely economic and commercial. While the general subject was under discussion by the commissioners, I felt assured that the sentiment of the people of the United States was such that they would welcome a measure which would result in the increase of trade on both sides of the boundary line, would open up the reserve productive resources of Canada to the great mass of our own consumers on advantageous conditions, and at the same time offer a broader outlet for the excess product of our farms and many of our industries.

"Details regarding a negotiation of this kind necessarily could not be made public while the conferences were pending. When, however, the full text of the agreement, accompanied by correspondence and data, explaining both its purpose and its scope, became known to the people through the message transmitted to Congress, it was immediately apparent that the ripened fruits of the careful labors of the commissioners met with widespread approval. This approval has been strengthened by further consideration of the terms of the agreement in all their particulars. The volume of support which has developed shows that its broad national scope is fully appreciated and is responsive to the popular will.

"The House of Representatives at the full text of the arrangement, with all the details in regard to the different provisions, has been laid before it, as they were before the American people, passed a bill confirming the agreement as negotiated and as transmitted to Congress.

"Early Action Is Urged. This measure called for action in the Senate. In my transmitting message of January 28, I fully set forth the character of agreement and emphasized its appropriateness and necessity as a response to the mutual needs of the people of the two countries, as well as the common advantages. I now lay that message and the reciprocity trade agreement as part of the present message before the 61st Congress, and again invite earnest attention to the consideration therein expressed.

"I am constrained, in deference to popular sentiment and with a realization of my duty to the great mass of our people, whose welfare is involved, to urge on your consideration early action on this agreement, the most important subject of the negotiations, the representatives of the two countries bound themselves to use their utmost efforts to bring about the tariff changes provided for in the agreement by concurrent legislation at Washington and Ottawa.

"December Would Be Too Late. I have felt it my duty, therefore, not to acquiesce in relegation of action until the opening of the Congress in December, but to use my constitutional prerogative and convolve the 61st Congress in extra session in order that there shall be no break of continuity in considering and acting upon this most important subject.

"A fight in the House over the adoption of the new Democratic rules was interrupted to permit the reading of the message. The message was listened to with some interest, but there was no applause at its conclusion. It was referred to the committee on ways and means. After the message was read in the Senate, it was referred to the finance committee.

RESERVES MAY BE OPENED Chamberlain Offers Bills to Let Whites Take Oregon Land.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 5.—Senator Chamberlain has prepared and will introduce bills providing for the opening to entry of the surplus unallotted land of the Klamath, Warm Springs and Umatilla Reservations. The bills provide that the surplus land shall be classified and thrown open to white settlement under appropriate land laws.

Alaska Postmaster Named. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 5.—The President today nominated Daniel W. Higgins as postmaster at Ketchikan, Alaska.

FLOOD DESTROYS GRAIN LEVEE BREAKS AND LETS WATER INTO RICH DISTRICT. Colusa Basin Overflows 25,000 Acres of Grain in Sacramento Valley and Ruin Spreads.

COLUSA, Cal., April 5.—(Special.)—The levee of reclamation district No. 168, south of Colusa, broke today near the Yolo County line and the district is filling with water from the Colusa Basin. A heavy wind caused waves which battered away the embankment. Twenty-five thousand acres of growing grain that would have made a heavy yield will be ruined. Probably not more than 1000 acres will be left out of water. Three large dredgers were rushed to the scene and are trying to stop the flood.



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FEDERAL PLAN URGED

PREWEN SAYS ASQUITH'S HOME RULE PROGRAMME WRONG.

O'Brien, Nationalist, Resigns From Parliament to Give Healy Seat and Scores Veto Bill.

LONDON, April 5.—Moreton Frewen soon will resign his seat in Parliament for the northeast division of Cork County, as he opposes the Government veto bill and desires to create a vacancy for Timothy Healy, who was defeated in the last election. Discussing today his proposed retirement, Mr. Frewen said: "I am convinced that the veto bill includes every wrong method for winning public opinion in England to rational home-rule views. A second chamber of destruction instead of construction is incompatible with the Federal solution which is the only solution. It is quite impossible to achieve such a constitutional rearrangement as is desired without the co-operation of both great parties.

Frequent Washing Not Good for the Hair

(Marian Harlow in Woman's Sphere.) "The best method of promoting a healthy scalp, and a growth of long, glossy hair, is to use a good dry shampoo once a week. Women find frequent washing of the head hardens the scalp and makes the hair brittle, straggly and thin.

"Dry shampooing exercises the scalp and invigorates the hair follicles and when this condition exists the right amount of oil is fed the delicate tissues and hair roots and the hair takes on new life.

William Hummel Dies. William Hummel, a veteran of the

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