

LOMBARD ATTACKS COUNCIL AGAIN

Mayorality Candidate in Home Ward of Rushlight Urges Change of Rule.

COMMISSION WAY LAUDED

Campaigner in Speech at Sellwood Repeats Promise to Work for New Form of Government if He Is Elected.

Invading Councilman Lombard's home ward, Clay Lombard and J. E. Werlein last night addressed the voters of the Seventh Ward in Strahlman's Hall, Sellwood. Mr. Lombard did not attend the meeting, at which A. N. Willis, ex-Councilman, presided. One hundred and twenty voters were present.

"Fully one year will elapse from the time a commission form of government for this city can be prepared and adopted and placed in effect," said Mr. Lombard, who opened the joint discussion, "but it may be depended upon that in the meantime I shall enforce the provisions of the present charter until that instrument can be amended or the commission plan of government supplied."

Promise of Change Renewed.
Mr. Lombard renewed his promise that if elected he would immediately appoint a committee of 15 members to draft a commission form of government for this city to be submitted to the voters not later than June 1, 1912, and go into effect July 1 following. He pointed to the fact that such a plan for administering the affairs of the city had been introduced by Dr. Harry Lane, Mayor Simon I. Lang, of the Park Board, and T. B. Wilson, of the Water Board, all of whom had criticized the present charter because the city had outgrown it since its adoption in 1902 and for the further reason that its provisions were not adequate to meet the demands of the Portland of today.

Council Called Trust.
Reiterating the charge that the city was mismanaged and that the present Council was a "trust," Lombard, confronting the people of Portland, Mr. Lombard insisted that an efficient and economical administration of municipal affairs cannot be expected from a system under which responsibility for official conduct could not be placed. This constituted one of Mr. Lombard's strongest arguments for a commission form of government. Blame for existing conditions, argued Mr. Lombard, rested largely with the voters themselves, who had failed in other elections to take the proper interest in the selection and election of candidates to the Council.

"My advocacy of a commission plan of government," continued Mr. Lombard, "is no afterthought with me. When I first announced my candidacy for Mayor I advocated such a change from the charter under which we are now operating. I voted for this commission plan two years ago because I believed in it, and I am stronger for it now than I was then."

Werlein Deemed Evasive.
"In his argument tonight Mr. Werlein has evaded and avoided all reference to a commission form of government. By this attitude he is evading the demand of the people for a change in their present charter. Why does he not commit himself on this question which has been voted on in the past? Is this campaign? The truth of it is that in Mr. Werlein's candidacy is represented the hope and aspiration of the old regime in conditions carrying with them an evasion of responsibility, will be continued."

Mr. Lombard frankly told his audience that they could not hope reasonably for reduced taxes. The growth of the city, he said, necessarily would entail increased taxation. One of the most direct means of reducing taxes, he contended, was to effect a consolidation of city and county governments and thereby dispense with a multiplicity of officials, each with his own record-keeping and miscellaneous administrative expenses.

The only reference by Mr. Lombard to his absent opponent, Mr. Rushlight, was indirect when he said he was opposed to any policy of reticence, believing that any man seeking the office of Mayor should not shrink from public scrutiny but, on the contrary, should go before the people and let them know who he is, what he stands for and what may be expected from him if elected.

Paving Bidding Approved.
Mr. Lombard endorsed the Hills amendment providing for competitive bidding in street paving, but disapproved of the proposed \$1,000,000 bond issue for a municipal paving plant, holding that the necessity of such an enterprise could be dispensed with by the appropriation of \$40,000 for a repair plant owned and operated by the city.

After denouncing editorial attacks by an afternoon paper, Mr. Werlein referred to the argument of Mr. Lombard as one of "glittering theories." Declaring that he stood for government, Mr. Werlein explained that until the present charter is amended or replaced with some other form of government, the affairs of the city must be administered under the provisions of that document. He said that as Mayor it would be his purpose to administer public affairs as he had managed his private affairs.

As evidence of his efficiency and honesty as a public official he referred to the fact that two expert investigations within one month had revealed a faultless system with every cent of public money accounted for.

"The city taxes have increased from \$600,000 in 1906 to \$1,000,000 in 1911," said Mr. Werlein, reverting to the subject of taxation. "This is due to the system or lack of system on the part of the City Council, showing the absolute lack of ordinary business intelligence in the management of the city's business. When anything required by the city and costing over \$250 is needed, bids are invited, but all other supplies are purchased in the open market on requisitions. If I were Mayor I would obtain estimates from every department at the beginning of the year covering the probable requirements of every department for the year and I would then have supplies bought under competitive bidding and distributed to the various departments through a stockkeeper. In this way a great saving to the city would be effected annually."

Discussing street paving, Mr. Werlein declared that the interested property owners should have the right to say what kind of paving should be laid along their property. He said all such improvements were determined by or-

distance passed by the Council. Ordinances providing a character of paving not agreeable to the homeowners, said Mr. Werlein, could be vetoed by the Mayor.

"The Mayor is responsible for the administration of the city government," charged Mr. Werlein, "and he is indeed a coward who would undertake to evade or to shift that responsibility. As Mayor, in my appointment of a Chief of Police, I would assume the responsibility for that officer's conduct with respect to law enforcement. The present Police Department not only lacks an executive head, but also the respect and confidence of the subordinates in their chief which should prevail."

Jury Inquiry Urged.
"The Mayor has power under the present charter to appoint and remove every city officer with the exception of Councilmen and the people have that power. If I had been a member of the Council for two years, and knew that the corruption existed in the Council which the other speaker has charged, I would have considered it my duty to place the facts before the grand jury and wait to make a sensational exposure of such alleged conditions during a political campaign."

Replying to this remark by Werlein, Mr. Lombard said that his record in the Council was one of uninterrupted turmoil and strife in his persistent efforts to defeat special interests from gaining their wishes. He declared that conditions in the Council today were only the same as he had to contend with during his service as Councilman and of which the average voter had general knowledge.

Most Favor Commission Plan.
In response to an invitation for questions, when he had concluded his remarks, Mr. Lombard was requested by J. P. Kerthum to ask for a standing vote from the audience as to their position on a proposed commission form of government. Mr. Lombard acquiesced and requested those favoring such a plan to stand up. Fully 40 per cent of the voters present arose. When the opportunity was given those opposing the commission plan to express themselves, not a man arose.

Last night's joint discussion probably will be the last one in this campaign. While Mr. Rushlight refused to take part in either of the two debates that have been held, the attendance and interest on both occasions were good. The remaining 16 days of the primary campaign are thoroughly occupied with individual meetings in various sections of the city by both Mr. Werlein and Mr. Lombard.

LOMBARD ATTACKS PLATFORM

Candidate Says Rushlight Has Added New Plan at Late Hour.

"Indorsement by Councilman Rushlight of a commission form of government, comes as an eleventh-hour confession," said Mr. Lombard, yesterday. "The platform of the present Mayor, Lombard, issued at the time he announced his candidacy for Mayor shows that he made not the slightest reference to the commission plan. On the contrary in his platform Mr. Rushlight, discussing the character of men with whom he would surround himself on the various boards and committees, plainly contemplated a continuation of the present system in our municipal affairs as prescribed by the present charter. His sudden conversion to the efficacy of a commission form of government for this city can only be construed as a deathbed deposition."

"Mr. Rushlight goes further and declares he always has favored a commission form of government for Portland. The fact is that prior to his forced interview, which was published in the Oregonian this morning, Mr. Rushlight at no time committed himself to the commission plan. If he always has been such a firm believer in that plan of administering the city government, why was he so mute on that subject when he issued his platform? As I understand a platform and its function, it is a vehicle through which a candidate for office informs the voters what he believes in and what his candidacy represents."

"There is another thing the people of Portland would like to know and are entitled to know. Should Mr. Rushlight be nominated and elected to the office he is now seeking would he serve as Mayor? The voters have no assurance that he would. In announcing his candidacy for Mayor, Mr. Rushlight committed himself to the same declaration he did last year when he became a candidate and was elected Representative in the State Legislature from this county."

"The substance of that declaration involved a solemn pledge that if he should be nominated and elected he would qualify and serve the people in the capacity to which they elected him. But did he? He was elected Representative and was the only member of that body of 60 members who did not qualify and discharge his duties to his constituents as a regularly elected legislator."

"If he is elected Mayor, will he take the oath of office and serve? A pledge is a pledge, whether it was made last year or a month ago. Having violated this pledge a year ago, it is naturally assumed that he is apt to disregard the same promise at this time. When a candidate for office makes a promise to qualify and serve his constituents he is expected to live up to his pledge. Failing to do so in one instance, that is established ground for believing that he will fail to deliver the goods next time."

BOOKLET GOING TO VOTERS
Auditor Preparing to Send Out 35,000 Copies Authorized.

The big task of sending out to the 35,000 voters in Portland a copy of the booklet authorized by law, containing the proposed amendments to be voted on in June and the candidates' statements, will be begun in a few days by City Auditor Barber's staff. He will mail to each voter a copy, which for the first time will contain the complete texts of all measures to be decided by the electorate.

Mr. Barber is also giving instructions to judges of election now, and is holding personal conferences with each one, with a view of securing more harmony and co-operation and intelligent direction of the work. Clerks are being engaged and where vacancies occur, they are to be filled by the judges.

The voting booths are nearly all in place. There are 155 precincts in the city and as many polling places.

DEMOCRATIC ASPIRING QUIET
Mayorality Nominee Thomas Preparing Platform, but Is Silent.

While the three Republican candidates for Mayor are waging a bitter fight for their party nomination, George H. Thomas, probable nominee for that office on the Democratic ticket, is garnering in all the votes he can. He is not making a public platform, but is willing to allow the Republicans to furnish the fireworks for the present. Following the primaries, he promises to touch off some interesting set-pieces to say nothing of political skyrockets. In the meantime he is devoting a portion of his time towards compiling an announcement of his views on municipal questions, including the present city charter and the proposed commission form of government which has been introduced as an issue in the pending campaign.

FEDERALS FIGHT TO EXTERMINATE

Boy Lieutenant in Mexico Leads 30 Men in Battle With 400 Rebels.

ALL KILLED EXCEPT TWO

Train Is Halted by Rebels and, Surrender Being Refused, Fustilade Follows—Tears of Family Save Official.

MEXICO CITY, April 27.—Refusing to surrender or to leave the train on which he and his command of 30 soldiers were being brought to the capital, a Second Lieutenant, little more than a boy, yesterday engaged in a battle with 400 rebels at Cajones, Guerrero.

At the conclusion of the brief encounter, the Lieutenant and 25 soldiers were dead and the remaining two of his men were prisoners. One of the arms of the Lieutenant was shot away.

The rebels were under command of "General" Prudencio Figueroa. Learning that troops were being carried on the Camanaca division of the National Railways, the rebel leader marched to Cajones, a station some distance below Cuernavaca. When the train stopped he sent forward a messenger to demand the surrender of the troops, and a request, if they would not surrender, to abandon the train in order that the lives of the passengers be not endangered.

Boy Refuses to Surrender.
Fresh from the School of Aspirantes, a military training school, the boyish officer sent back word that he had his orders to continue on that train. But little time was lost in beginning the fight. The rebels poured down the embankment on either side of the train and almost simultaneously the shooting was begun by them and by the soldiers on the train.

Passengers who had been imploring the young officer to yield were in a panic. The cries of women and children were heard in the roar of the rifles and the shots raked the sides of the train, many entering the coaches occupied by passengers.

Man Killed on Wedding Eve.
But one, however, did personal damage. That one killed Luis Rascamante, a young civil engineer on his way to the capital to be married. Bustamante was kneeling beside a frightened little girl passenger, attempting to comfort her, when he was shot.

Passengers who arrived here on the train late last night brought the story of the battle to the capital and today there stood in the yards of the railway the bullet-riddled coaches, mute evidence of the encounter.

At no time during the engagement did the federalists betray signs of cowardice. With the blood of their companions running from the doors of the little second-class coach, the men coolly fired into the ranks of their assailants until but two remained.

In the first-class coach, immediately in the rear of the soldiers' car, was riding the Jefe Politico, or Jefe Guerrero. The rebel leader, who was traveling with his wife and five children. These surrounded him, and with their running down their faces, begged the rebels to spare his life. A short consultation and the rebels told the wife that the entire family might continue their journey.

March on Capital Planned.
After the fighting, while the dead federalists were being taken from the car and the rebels were being taken to the dead and wounded—and none could tell how many of them had been hit by the federalists—an American talked with Figueroa. The rebel leader, who had been commissioned a general by Madero and placed in command of the troops in the States of Guerrero, Puebla, Oaxaca and Morelos.

General Figueroa added that he was now concentrating his forces for an attack upon Aguila, whence they would march upon Cuernavaca. Once that point was taken, he said, he would be outlined if there will begin a general advance by the rebel forces in the south on the national capital.

SALOON BOLDLY ROBBED
BARTENDER AND SEVEN OTHERS LOCKED IN BASEMENT.

Two Criminals Command "Hands Up," Take \$160 and Calmly Escape Under Bright Light.

The bartender in the Old Home saloon, at Seventeenth and Northrup streets, and seven men were marshaled into the basement at 8:35 o'clock last night by two robbers, who took their time about rifling the cash register of \$160 and escaping.

The two men entered the saloon about 15 minutes before they robbed it. They bought drinks, talked to Ed Higgins, the bartender, and watched a game of pool. Then they started to play a game of pool and were about half through, when the tall man, with a light suit, suddenly whipped out a revolver and commanded "Hands up."

As he swung the revolver right and left, the seven men in the saloon and the bartender complied. The other highwayman, who was short and wore a dark suit, lifted the basement door and the tall man commanded all to enter.

In single file, with hands in the air, the patrons and bartender complied. As the last man disappeared in the darkness the door was slammed and the two robbers took the money from the cash register. As soon as the prisoners in the basement heard the door was unlocked, they cautiously lifted the door and peeped out. When he saw the coast was clear they re-entered the saloon and notified the police.

Neither of the highwaymen appeared to be nervous or uneasy while they were committing the crime, although they were outnumbered and an arc light was burning over the front door.

Cattle Quarantined for Scabies.
SALEM, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Governor West today declared quarantine for scabies against cattle in Klamath and Lake counties. The moving of cattle in or from those counties except after legal inspection is forbidden.



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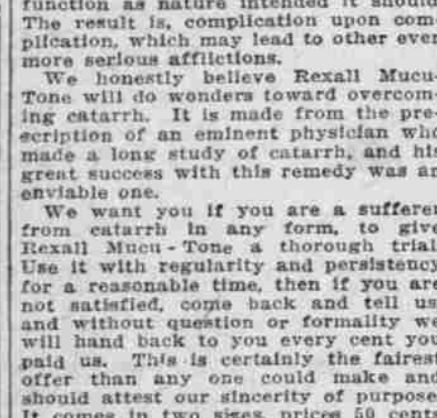
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The film showing the destruction of the battleship Texas, a song by Miss Etta Allen, a song by the Star Trio, and another film, "The Troublesome Secretary," furnished additional entertainment.

Mr. Stevens will be entertained at a dinner in the Arlington Club Tuesday night by E. S. Josselyn, C. R. Gray, who succeeds Mr. Stevens as the head of the Hill system on the Pacific Coast, will attend.

Portland Contractor Bankrupt.
Charles O. McClaren, a Portland contractor, filed in the Federal Court yesterday a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. It shows his debts to be \$182,94 and his assets \$290.

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