

## SIMON PETITION QUICKLY SIGNED

Thousand Names Secured in Few Hours After Circulators Begin Work.

### WARM INDORSEMENT GIVEN

Citizens' Committee Opens Headquarters and Is Overwhelmed by Voluntary Offers of Aid in Efforts.

#### WHERE TO SIGN PETITIONS

Headquarters of the Citizens' Committee, having charge of the details of the campaign for Joseph Simon as the independent candidate for Mayor are on the ground floor of the Railway Exchange building, 266 Stark street.

Those wishing to sign the petitions may do so by calling there during the day or evening. Any registered voter of whatsoever party may sign under the law.

More than enough signatures to place the name of Mayor Simon on the ballot for the June election as an independent candidate were secured by the circulators of petitions, operating under the direction of Henry E. Reed, campaign manager of the citizens' committee, yesterday. More than 1000 names were secured. In addition, 1000 signatures to the law, to assure a place on the ballot.

Citizens' headquarters were opened at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at 266 Stark street, on the ground floor of the Railway Exchange building. Having been named to handle the details of the campaign on behalf of the citizens' committee, he had Simon to make the race for re-election. Mr. Reed was waiting at the office of the Railway Exchange building at 9 o'clock yesterday morning to rent headquarters. He has desks and office furniture installed by noon; painters had completed signs on front and rear windows and operations were under way for the securing of names to the petition.

#### Response Is Immediate.

Having ordered petitions from the printer early in the day, Mr. Reed assembled his force of circulators at 1 o'clock and sent them out. The result was gratifying to the degree. From all sides there was a ready and willing response. Voters of all classes signed. One circulator secured 25 signatures from 1 o'clock to 2:15.

"We have met splendid success and am greatly encouraged," said Mr. Reed. "The number was surprising how willing people were to add their names to the petitions. We got more than 1000 signatures in the one afternoon, as the circulators did not get under way until about 1 o'clock. Hardly had they put signs on the front windows than petitions of all classes began coming into headquarters to sign the petitions. Among those who came in were a good many Democrats, who explained that they felt Mr. Simon to be the best candidate."

"I feel greatly pleased with the progress made today. We had until Saturday to receive our petitions, but we shall not need that long. We got today, in a single afternoon, more than that number. We shall keep the circulators in operation, however, until Saturday. We shall get a large number of names. It is no trouble to me to get the All of the boys who took out petitions reported that they met with a ready response."

#### Registered Voters May Sign.

Any registered voter of any political affiliation or of no such affiliation may sign the petitions for an independent candidate. None but registered voters are permitted by the law to sign, however. So long as the petitions hold out the circulators will endeavor to cover not only the downtown buildings, public places and the like, but will try to reach the suburbs. Any one wishing to sign the petitions may do so at any hour of the day or in the evening at the headquarters, 266 Stark street.

There was a general response from business and professional men in the downtown districts when the circulators were sent out. Everywhere the petitions were received with enthusiasm, and men of various callings signed them gladly.

Several business men down town secured petitions for circulation in their establishments and in this manner many signatures were secured.

#### Law Requires Only 865.

City Auditor Barber yesterday instructed his deputy, C. F. Wren, to ascertain the exact number of names necessary on each petition to insure its place on the ballot. The law requires, in this instance, 865. It is probable several thousand will be secured with comparative ease, judging from the results of yesterday.

Many Simon was the recipient yesterday of a large number of personal congratulations from his friends, who called at the City Hall executive office to assure him of their warmest support in the race it is hoped he will make to defeat A. G. Rushlight for Mayor June 1. He was told many men and telegrams offering him assistance.

For a long time yesterday morning it required all of the Mayor's time to answer telephone calls from all classes of people in every section of the city, who, with one accord, assured him of his popularity, and would accept the task at the request of citizens in general and run for re-election. As fast as he would finish a conversation with someone, another would be on the line, waiting to offer help.

#### Many Call in Person.

Many called him by telephone to offer their services in circulating petitions, while numerous others wished to sign the petitions and to show their good will and sympathy. During the day a large number called upon the Mayor personally and tendered him their aid and told him they felt him to be the man of the hour.

Among the telegrams received was one from Edgar M. Lazarus, a Portland architect, who was on a business trip to Clatskanie. He telegraphed:

"Please affix my name to your nominating petition for Mayor of Portland." Another was from L. Y. Keady and A. H. Bentley, who were in Medford, and read:

"We notice by the press that you will run for Mayor, provided 1000 request you. We want to be on the list and will pledge you our unqualified support. We want you."

"I want to tell you how delighted I am to learn from this morning's paper that you will consent to run for re-election," wrote Dr. S. E. Joseph.

"I appreciate the sacrifice you will

make by so doing, but as a citizen of Portland, I realize how very important it is that we shall have a sane business and honest administration in the Mayor's chair. In you I am sure we have such and I shall take great pleasure in supporting you for re-election."

#### Past Administration Commended.

The following letter is from Paul C. Bates, who is identified with a large insurance company in Portland:

"Notice by the morning paper that you have consented to become a candidate for Mayor to run yourself, providing the public give evidence of their strong support of your candidacy by Saturday. The writer is firmly convinced that you have given the city, during the past, one of the best administrations of any that he has witnessed during the 17 years of his residence in the city, and that all issues have been met in a business-like manner and treated and disposed of from

## SIMON RECEIVES STRONG SUPPORT

Rushlight Unfitted for High Office, Is Opinion of Many Republicans.

### PLEDGES OPERATE AS BAR

People Besiege Executive Offices and Telephone and Telegraph Messages Come Fast—Vigorous Campaign Planned.

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during the day. One of the most gratifying features was the surprisingly large number of signatures secured for the petition which is to be filed to bring Mr. Simon out as an independent candidate against A. G. Rushlight, the Republican nominee. While it was believed by the citizens having charge of the circulation that time was short, it being necessary to file the names by Saturday night, more than the requisite number were obtained during the afternoon.

While the law requires only 865, the circulators obtained more than 1000 names. Henry E. Reed, in charge of the citizens' headquarters at 266 Stark street, was highly pleased with the work accomplished. He will continue the circulation of the petitions until Saturday, and it is believed that a large number of names will be filed.

Equally encouraging was the announcement by City Treasurer Werlein that he will unqualifiedly support Mayor Simon. In announcing his stand and declaring his support in favor of Mayor Simon, Mr. Werlein denounced A. G. Rushlight, Republican nominee, as unfit for the high position to which he aspires because Mr. Rushlight, he charges, is tied up and could not, if elected, act freely in important public matters.

Pledging certain positions to certain classes and making pre-election agreements to such an extent that he is unable to administer the business of the city in a fair and impartial manner, was also charged.

Werlein Pledges Support.

Mr. Werlein called on Mayor Simon early yesterday morning and offered him support, if he would accept the urgent call of the citizens of the city and make the race against Rushlight. Feeling that the interests of the city would best be conserved by the continuing of Mayor Simon in the office, Mr. Werlein urged him to enter the race.

"I am going to support Mayor Simon for several reasons," said Mr. Werlein. "In the first place, he has been my personal friend for many years and that goes a long way with me, although it is not the most important item. I investigated the situation and found that Mr. Rushlight had tied himself up in so many ways that he would not, were he elected, be able to administer the city's affairs in an impartial and businesslike manner. Making pre-election promises as to certain positions and in promising so many things in advance, in my opinion, makes him helpless to carry on the public business in the right way."

#### City Should Progress.

"Being interested here as a citizen and taxpayer and expecting to remain in Portland all of my days, it is only natural that I should wish to see the city advance steadily," continued Mr. Werlein. "Mr. Simon has made an admirable Mayor. Under his guidance the city has made marked progress. He has conducted the office in a dignified, businesslike way, and while I was defeated in the primaries, I am not taking this stand because of this, for I have no ill feeling whatever over my defeat. I shall retire to private life gladly, but shall always claim the privilege of participating in political campaigns for the good of the city at any time."

"Finding that Mr. Rushlight had violated not only the spirit, but also the letter of the law in making pre-election promises and in pledging certain offices to certain classes or individuals, I came to the conclusion that I could not support him. Under ordinary circumstances I should support the party nominee, but these, I consider, are not ordinary circumstances. Conditions have evolved themselves into a grave emergency, calling for prompt action by the citizens to save the city from the hands of those who, I believe, are not qualified to administer its business. I naturally turn to Mr. Simon as the man who is able to direct the city's affairs in a manner which seems to me to be proper."

Citizens' Duty Plain.

"I feel that every citizen should take a part in public affairs and that all should act according to the dictates of their own consciences. That is why I refuse to support Mr. Rushlight and why I shall support Mr. Simon in this campaign. I feel very grateful to the public for all the favors extended to me during my career as a public official and wish to say that I shall never forget the kindness shown me many times by the people."

Mr. Werlein referred to the charges that Mr. Rushlight has promised to appoint "Andy" Matson, of the Longshoremen's Union, Chief of Police or to allow the labor organizations to dictate the appointment of a Chief, in the event of Mr. Rushlight's election. Mr. Werlein also said that he believed Mr. Rushlight had allowed certain interests to name his Executive Board and other officers, for support of his campaign, and denounced this in emphatic terms.

Mayor Simon's friends were surprised at the spontaneous response of the public yesterday, following the announcement of his candidacy for re-election. For a time in the forenoon the Mayor was literally overwhelmed with telephone calls, telegrams and personal visits from those wishing him success. The telephones in the executive office at the City Hall were busy for hours, people from all sections of the city calling him to express their wish that he accede to

the demands of the citizens in general and make the race.

Men who were temporarily absent from the city, on account of the announcement in the newspapers, telephoned their best wishes and asked Mayor Simon to consent to run as an independent.

From all parts of the city men telephoned to the Mayor, assuring him that if he would but consent to run, they would not only vote for him, but would "get out and work" for him.

In many cases men would not give their names, but would state their political affiliation. Among these were Democrats and other party men showing that the demand for an independent candidate to oppose Rushlight was not confined to Republicans, but is general among all classes of citizens.

At the headquarters of the citizens' committee, 266 Stark street, this was exemplified repeatedly yesterday, when well-known Democrats went in and signed the petitions. Among them was Major Reed, who was assured by many of these that they were glad to have an opportunity to affix their signatures to the petitions, as they regarded Mayor Simon as the best man for the position and would not care to vote for the party nominees.

The generous response of men in all walks of life in signing the petitions carried by the circulators again served to demonstrate the general desire for a strong man to oppose the party nominees. This was one of the surprising features of the day's work.

The work of organizing the citizens' committee is only started. It is planned to have a large, representative managing committee. This will be composed of men who are influential in the city's affairs and who see the urgent necessity of a continuation of a same business administration.

LOMBARD ENDORSES SIMON

Portland Faces Crisis, Is View Expressed in Statement.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—(Special)—Informed tonight that Mayor Simon had consented to become an independent candidate for the office of Portland, Gay Lombard, 26, is at the St. Francis hotel, where he issued the following signed statement:

"I am indeed gratified that Mr. Simon has agreed to be an independent candidate against Mr. Rushlight and Mr. Simon will have my most ardent and cordial support. Since the nomination of Mr. Rushlight at the recent election, I have thought most emphatically that the city is facing a crisis and that the gravity of that crisis was, in my opinion, not appreciated or felt by the majority of our citizens. The election of a man of Mr. Rushlight's type as the chief executive of our city would only have one effect, and that disastrous."

"I consider Mr. Rushlight as typical of the worst in American political and municipal life. He does not stand for principle or progress, but his sole aim and desire in his search for public office is personal aggrandizement and gain, and a city committed to his care and policies will not be taking a downward step."

A man like Mr. Rushlight, shunning the publicity in open dealings that should characterize any aspirant for office, cannot be expected, if he achieves his ambition and is elected Mayor, to fulfill any ideals except those that are the product of the vicious and demoralizing forces back of his personality."

"I regard Mr. Simon very highly and consider that he will be a faithful and capable Mayor, and that the people of Portland will choose Mr. Rushlight as against Mr. Simon is incredible and unbelievable to me."

"My only interest in this campaign has been to advance the cause of good government and I should indeed be derelict in my duty to those who have supported me and a traitor to the statements I have made on the platform if I do not urge the people of Portland to support Mr. Simon and return him to the Rushlight back to the oblivion he so justly deserves."

GAY LOMBARD.

Mr. Lombard further said that he would return to Portland within a few days.

THOMAS SAYS HE WILL WIN

Democratic Nominee Does Not Fear Independent Candidate.

George H. Thomas, Democratic nominee for Mayor, declared yesterday that he was confident of success in the election, to be held June 5. He said he did not fear any independent candidate. He issued the following statement:

"The race is not to the swift nor to the battle to the strong."

"I believe I will be elected and as Mayor I shall insist upon the immediate adoption of a nonpartisan commission form of government to the people. If I should be elected for only three months and then be defeated, I shall insist upon the establishment of cleaner government in Portland I will be satisfied."

"I shall assume the duties of the office of Mayor with a keen sense of responsibility. Great contracts are to be entered into and I shall insist upon the same being let on a competitive basis. To administer these financial and legal affairs I shall call to my assistance as members of the executive board the best equipped men in the city."

"But when it comes to the moral phases of municipal life, the standards which I have placed upon the standards for the guidance of us all, I shall assume personal responsibility."

"It will not be necessary for a grand jury to investigate my chief of police, but to do so in the interest of justice and to satisfy from time to time such investigations as may be deemed advisable to members of the public."

"The accident occurred July 7, 1910, Miss Brown, with another young woman, was riding with A. L. Owsley, of



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