

MOUSKER PLEDGED TO BE CANDIDATE

Republicans Desire Opponent to Lafferty for Representative in Congress.

BULL MOOSE NOT POPULAR

La Follette Supporter Believed to Have Necessary Qualifications for Success-Progressiveness Is Unquestioned.

Petitions have been prepared and will be placed in immediate circulation requesting Thomas McCusker, prominent Republican Progressive and ardent supporter of Senator La Follette, to become an independent Republican candidate for Representative in Congress from the Third District in opposition to Representative Lafferty.

"I have been requested by a number of prominent men in the district to become a candidate for Representative in Congress from the Third District," admitted Mr. McCusker yesterday. "Included among those who have made the request were supporters of La Follette, Roosevelt and Taft."

"If I should become a candidate in opposition to Representative Lafferty, I am still a Republican and a progressive."

Independent Has Been Sought. Ever since Lafferty came out and declared for Roosevelt and the organization of a third party, Republican voters in the Congressional district have been looking for an independent to pit against him.

La Follette's campaign in Oregon in the Spring and secured second place for the Wisconsin nomination. Besides La Follette, La Follette carried this county, the Third District, by nearly 1000 votes.

McCusker is counted a strong candidate by those who are urging him to get into the contest.

"Bull Moose" Is Unpopular. In the first place the rank and file of the La Follette following in Oregon and particularly in Multnomah County, are entirely opposed to the "Bull Moose" or third party programme of Roosevelt, whom they charge, double-crossed their idol in the Presidential campaign last spring.

McCusker's probable candidacy, say his friends, is the fact that, although not compromising his progressiveness, he has not left the Republican party. La Follette supporters, has no sympathy with the third party movement and, Lafferty having declared himself out of the Republican party, it would probably not be objectionable to the Taft people.

More speed regarding the Portland public auditorium and a public men's club in a letter to Mayor Rushlight and each of the Councilmen.

The club believes that the people are against adding more money to the auditorium, mainly because of the long delay in getting it under way. It believes that the \$600,000 already levied is enough to build a public auditorium. Denver has one which cost less than that amount, furnishings and all.

The Milwaukee auditorium, one of the best in the country, is also within the limit. The main reason for the club's standing against the raising of more funds toward the building is the need of more necessary things.

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Central Committee Chairman Is for T. R. and May Quit for Taft Man.

NO SUCCESSOR CONSIDERED

Action of Rest of Republicans on Committee, Who Are for President, Halted Until Man From La Grande Resigns.

Having unreservedly identified himself with the Roosevelt forces at Chicago, prior to the nominations that were made by the Republican National convention, Bruce Dennis, of La Grande, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, is expected to resign and make way for the election of a chairman who is in sympathy with the championship of the candidacy of Taft and Sherman, the party's nominee.

Aside from Mr. Dennis, who was elected chairman of the committee at its first meeting following the April primary, a majority of the party's committee are supporters of President Taft.

Mr. Dennis arrived in Portland yesterday from his Eastern Oregon home, but during his stay in the city he was unable to learn from him what his plans are. For the same reason it could not be ascertained when he expects to call the Republican State Central Committee together. For the last two weeks the Republican voters of the state have been expecting some word from the members of the committee as to their action at Chicago, when he aligned himself with the Roosevelt forces. But that word has not been forthcoming.

What his mission to Portland at this time may be is a matter for further speculation. It is regarded significant, however, that it is on the eve of the "progressive" or third party convention that is to be convened on the East Side tomorrow.

There is a report that when Mr. Dennis does call the members of the committee together he will tender his resignation. Not that Mr. Dennis desires to quit the leadership of the state committee, but that he is resigning out of harmony with the members of the committee as they were chosen by the precinct committees of the various counties who were elected in the April primary election.

The members of the state committee owe their election to the members of the committee in the last primary and with few exceptions all are for Taft and the regular nominees of the Republican party.

Mr. Dennis has not gone as far as F. W. Mulkey, who permanently severed his association with the Republican party, and he is not a candidate of the proposed National Progressive party for United States Senator.

At the same time, so his friends explain, Mr. Dennis is resigning out of harmony with the members of the committee, who he knows is dominated by Taft men. For this reason it is presumed he will tender his resignation as chairman when he decides to call the committee together.

Successor Not Yet Decided. There has been no speculation as to the probable successor of Mr. Dennis when he steps aside. It is evident that he desires to quit a position to which he has been elected. This contemplated action on his part will not be opposed by the majority of the members of the committee, but the choice of his successor will not be considered until it is known definitely that he will quit the chairmanship.

REPORTED SALE DENIED

NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC OFFICIAL MAKES STATEMENT. Herbert Fleishacker Points Out Terms in Proposed Portland Power Franchise.

Absolute denial was made yesterday by Herbert Fleishacker, of the Northwestern Electric Company, of the several accusations recently circulated that various power development concerns in which he was interested have been sold to or merged with competing corporations.

Before entering into a discussion of the situation relative to the application which the Northwestern Electric Company has made to the City Council for a franchise permitting it to engage in the electric business in the city of Portland, Mr. Fleishacker took a fling at the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. He said: "The Northwestern Electric Company does not intend to bring in new competitive power to Portland or is not able to do so, then there is no reason for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to get excited. Its very opposition is the strongest proof that we are going to bring relief to the citizens of Portland."

Mr. Fleishacker also makes a detailed explanation of the transactions at Stockton, Cal., and at Sacramento, Cal., which were represented to have been sales of California city water, in rivalry and competing concerns, presenting facts tending to prove that he and his associates were not in control of any of the properties reported sold. He stated, in fact, the sales referred to did not remove competition.

He points out that the franchise pending before the Portland Council which the property shall pass into the hands of the city if an attempt is made to sell it to a competing concern and that the Council has power to regulate its rates.

"It is perhaps the introduction of such a modern, liberal and public-spirited franchise," he says, "which has caused the citizens of Portland to be so anxious."

Mayor Rushlight yesterday received from Mayor Rubenstein, of Stockton, Cal., a telegram, in which the Mayor of California city says that the Fleishackers would be welcomed into Stockton. A previous telegram to Mayor Rushlight from Mayor Rubenstein was published in the Oregonian, and Mayor Rushlight received it and an investigation followed. It was to make certain that his attitude was clearly understood that Mayor Rubenstein telegraphed yesterday.

Mayor Rubenstein's telegram was as follows: "My attention has been called to the fact that my previous communication to you has been used for the purpose of prejudicing the application of the Northwestern Electric Company for a franchise in Portland. On further investigation I find that the Fleishackers sold their plant to the Western States Gas & Electric Company, who subsequently acquired the competing plant of the Stockton Gas & Electric Company. They always did splendid work for the people of Stockton in the way of good service and active competition. We gladly would welcome them into the field as active competitors at the present time. The Fleishackers control the Central California Traction Company, which operates local and interurban lines in and around this city, and their service has been of the best, and they endeavor to please the public in every way."

The Northwestern Electric Company, back of which are the Fleishackers, is now trying to enter the field in Portland for the sale of electric light and current. The franchise will be up for action before the City Council this morning, when it is believed it will be ordered published, as required by the charter. It has been ordered published before the City Council for passage. After being published, the Council must then pass or refuse to pass it.

Pure oil is used chiefly in the United States in connection with the manufacture of explosives. It is also used in making artificial essences.

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MORE FISH ARE PLANTED

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The Multnomah Anglers' Club is carrying out its plan of distributing three carloads of trout fry every week, in conjunction with the Bonneville hatchery of the State Fish and Game Commission. Two carloads left yesterday afternoon and last night for Scappoose and Clatskanie rivers, where some distributions were made last morning. The rest will be planted this morning.

Deputy Fish Warden Craig is in charge of the shipments and he and a few of the members of the Anglers' Club usually accompany the car until the fish are poured into the rivers. Scappoose and Clatskanie rivers are popular with the Portland fishers because of the good opportunity to make a one-day trip. The shipment consisted of 75 cans, approximately 75,000 fish.

The other carload of fish for this week's programme will be sent out Saturday afternoon over the West Side line. The streams which will be stocked are: Gales Creek, Patton Creek, Scoggins Creek, Wilson Creek, Rock Creek, Johnson Creek, Gaston Creek and York Creek. The Tualatin River and the Roaring Fork will also receive a number of cans.

The itinerary originally included Dairy Creek, one of the best trout streams in the section. However this is one of the streams which the farmers have taken for their own use and plastered its banks with wire-mesh fences. Therefore it will receive no fish on this trip.

The fish will leave the hatchery at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and lay at the Union Depot until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. They will be planted during the afternoon and evening of the same afternoon.

The streams about Gaston will receive the biggest shipment, 80 cans to be left there, 20 at Hillsboro and 40 to Redview.

The Multnomah Anglers' Club would like to hear from fishermen in different parts of the country who know of streams which should be stocked. The application for fish should tell of the streams which could be handled on the same trip, and the stations where the fish may be dropped off. Dr. E. C. McFarland, 108 Sweetland building, is the secretary of the club.

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