

LOMBARD OPPOSES PROPOSED CHARTER

Republican Candidate for Mayor Points Out Defects as He Sees Them.

"MAYOR WOULD BE CZAR"

Commission Form Draft Does Away With Direct Primary and Adequate Substitute, He Says—Support Refused.

WHY GAY LOMBARD WILL NOT SUPPORT PROPOSED CHARTER.

He says it gives the Mayor despotic powers, which he himself would not care to possess, and which he thinks no man in Portland is big enough to use without abuse.

He declares the Mayor can abrogate control legislation by manipulating appointments and that he can force the commissioners to do his bidding or make them mere ciphers, as the proposed charter gives him authority to assign them their work.

He says it also abolishes the direct primary, without substituting anything as good or better, and he denounces the proposed preferential voting system as fatally defective and designed to make it easy for machine politicians to win every time.

Mr. Lombard also says that, in effect, it abolishes civil service, which he considers very vital to good government.

Declaring that the proposed commission charter has fatal defects and that it is not going to give good government, in that it does away with the direct primary and substitutes for nothing that will produce majority representation and that it will make the Mayor a czar, Gay Lombard, Republican candidate for Mayor yesterday announced that he cannot conscientiously support it.

While he says there may be minor defects which, if not coupled with the two chief and what he terms fatal ones, would not be worth calling attention to, he bases his refusal to recommend and support the proposed commission charter on the ground of its destruction of the direct primary law in city elections and substitution of the preferential voting system and on the vast powers which he points out it gives to the Mayor.

Mr. Lombard asserts that the only other charter which contains the voting system proposed in the charter to be voted on here May 3 is in Pueblo, Colo., and that the Pueblo charter has been condemned by the best commission charter experts who declare that its preferential balloting system is fatal to majority rule and elects machine men every time.

Reasons Summed Up.

That he has tested the preferential voting system proposed in the commission charter that is now before the voters of Portland and has found that while a majority of the voters may want a certain candidate, that one whom they do not want is able to be elected, is another reason.

Summed up, Mr. Lombard's decision, reached yesterday, that he cannot conscientiously support the proposed charter and that he will not recommend it to the public, is based on the two features—vast powers granted to the Mayor and abolition of the direct primary and the preferential voting system. It is anything that will give majority rule.

He declares that, under the provisions of the proposed charter, the Mayor is an absolute czar; that he is granted authority not only to assign the four commissioners who are to serve with him, but to name their duties, to transfer them, to remove them without giving any reason, and that he can, if he sees fit, make any of the commissioners a mere figurehead.

As an example of what the Mayor could do under the proposed charter, Mr. Lombard cites the case of the Commissioner of Public Safety, who nominally would have charge of the police and fire departments. If that commissioner should refuse to do the bidding of the Mayor, says Mr. Lombard, the Mayor, under the proposed charter, could so change the department's work that he could make the commissioner go out and take charge of the dog pound and do nothing else. What he says is showing the extreme use of the power to be vested in the Mayor, nevertheless, he declares, it is possible and should not be in his opinion, be granted to any man.

Alleged Defects Pointed Out.

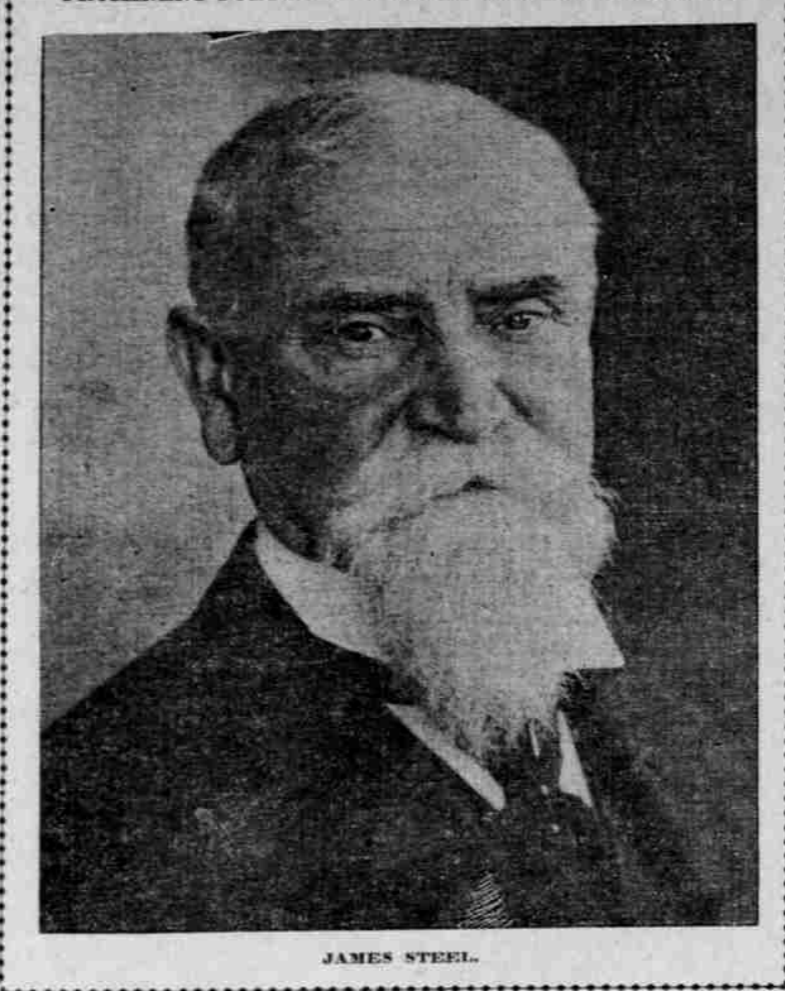
"After having spent three weeks studying the proposed charter," said Mr. Lombard yesterday, "I must say to the public that I cannot conscientiously support it. I cannot recommend it to the voters of this city as an instrument which they should adopt as their governing document. It has two fatal defects—it vests in the Mayor powers that make him the absolute dictator of the city and it abolishes the direct primary in city elections without giving any suitable substitute therefor. The plan of preferential voting, contained in the proposed charter, is, so far as I can ascertain, an experiment and is in vogue only in Pueblo, and one of the best experts in the country on that form of government, says it is fatally defective as to giving true representative majority rule."

"Now, I favor commission government. I stood for that form two years ago and I stand for it today, but I will not go before the people of Portland, with whom I have always been fair, and tell them that I favor a charter which makes of the Mayor a positive czar or dictator and which does away with the direct primary and does not give anything in return for it. I will not recommend this proposed charter because it is not going to give good government. I am a candidate for Mayor, but I will not proceed to urge people to vote for such a charter as this. It may be that it will hurt my chances for becoming Mayor, but I propose to let the people know what this charter will do, if it is adopted and if officers are elected under its provisions.

Figureheads Are Feared.

"Autocratic and absolute powers are vested in the Mayor under the provisions of this proposed charter. The commissioners to be elected supposedly to work with the Mayor are going to be nothing more than figureheads, if the Mayor elected sees fit to make them so, unless they do his bidding. Personally, if elected Mayor, I do not want such power as this and, as a citizen and one interested in the city's future, I will not vote for any one else having that power. The feature of the proposed charter to which I especially object in connection with the powers of the Mayor is that he is granted authority not only to assign the commissioners to the various departments, but he is also vested with full and undeniable authority to

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change the name of the departments and will distribute the work to the departments at his own discretion and, if he sees fit, he can force all of the commissioners to do his bidding or make them nonentities, by assigning to his own department all of their work, except some such thing as watching over the dog pound. Positively, the charter gives him this power. I challenge anyone to deny it. I will debate the question with anyone at any time.

"My position two years ago, as published at the time, and my position now is that we should have commission government, but I do not consider myself a big enough man to be Czar of Portland, and I do not believe there is a man in Portland who is big enough to handle the vast powers granted the Mayor in this proposed charter without bringing about abuse. I would not ask the people to give me such powers, and I certainly shall not ask them to vote for this charter for this reason and the further reason that it destroys the direct primary.

Primary Feature Opposed.

"Why, the Mayor, under this proposed charter, could name every appointee—City Attorney, Municipal Judge, Treasurer, simply by forcing his terms on the commissioners before assigning them to departments. In the same manner, he could dictate legislation. He could tell the commissioners that he did or did not want a certain law passed, if they sought to gainey him or to balk him, he could, without giving any reason, take all of their powers away from them and make of them the poorest of figureheads. It is but reasonable to suppose that in this manner the Mayor could compel the commission to do as he should see fit. I say that a charter like that is not a good charter and shall not recommend it."

"I also strongly oppose the abolition of the direct primary, without substituting therefor something that will be as good or better. This charter proposes to install what is termed a preferential balloting system, and it has been claimed for it that it will result in giving the people majority rule. I have tested this plan and I can show where a man can be elected, despite the fact that the people do not want him, simply by the use of the machine. No second choice vote at all. In this manner, a machine slate could be put through in spite of the wishes of the voters, and it is reasonable to suppose that in this manner the Mayor could compel the commission to do as he should see fit. I say that a charter like that is not a good charter and shall not recommend it."

Second Choices Held.

"The method of using second choices practically gives the Mayor two votes, while the result of the counting of this second vote may be to defeat the voter's first choice; so when the third choice votes are added to the first and second choices, the counting of a voter's third choice may help to defeat his first. If, recognizing this, the voters largely refrain from making any first choice, then the basis of the preferential vote is gone.

"Another thing about this charter is that it automatically abolishes all boards and commissions, save the civil service commission, at the end of six months after taking effect of the charter. However, it gives the commission power to revive these commissions and to create more, if the commission deems wise. Now, in this manner, I see where a Mayor and commission could build up a machine here in Portland that would simply dictate the policies of the whole city; it could perpetuate itself and no one could overthrow it. The Mayor, who names the civil service commission, could even get control of that body by naming his friends on it. If he did not favor civil service, any one can see what he could do to civil service in this manner."

Promise is Extended.

"I believe that, under the provisions of this proposed charter, the Mayor is supreme and a dictator, and it is unnecessary to spend \$25,000 a year for the four commissioners, who become mere clerks without power, if the Mayor wishes to exercise his full authority on any occasion. Furthermore, it is not right that the people of this city should be compelled to vote upon a matter of such vital importance and have scarcely four weeks in which to study the proposed charter. Thousands of people have not yet received their copy of the official charter, although the election is to take place May 3. I will say to the people that if I will, if elected Mayor, immediately appoint a commission to draft a good commission charter, not filled with jokers and not an experimental one, and will give them the opportunity of voting upon it as soon as possible. I will not wait until 30 days before my term expires to propose a charter to vote on and then set out one like we now have before it."

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TRAVEL TIDE RISES

Big Movement to West This Summer Is Predicted.

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F. W. Graham, Industrial and Immigration Agent of Great Northern Railway, Cites Need of Eastern Exhibit.

Union Has Humane Society.

Some Sensible Advice On Womanly Beauty

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C. C. Chapman, of the promotion bureau of the Commercial Club, yesterday afternoon concerning the policy of the bureau with reference to Oregon exhibits in Eastern land shows.

Mr. Graham recommended that Oregon send a good exhibit to the Chicago Land Show and also to the shows which may be held in cities further East, under the auspices of the Northwestern Development League, provided these shows are decided upon. He also recommended that Oregon make an exhibit at the Dry Farming Congress in Oklahoma this year, and said that the Northern Pacific Company will pledge \$250 toward the expense of such an exhibit.

"Oregon wants to attract farming people," he said, "and the people of Oklahoma are of exactly the class that this state is seeking."

"Land prices are high in Oklahoma, and if they can be offered attractions that will bring them to Oregon, either to purchase farms or take up homesteads, it will mean much toward furthering the movement to settle the soil in this state."

Union, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—At a meeting of citizens Thursday a hu-

F. W. Graham, Western Industrial and Immigration agent for the Great Northern Railway Company, predicts an unusual movement of tourists from the Atlantic Coast cities to the Pacific Northwest in the coming Summer.

Mr. Graham has just come from New York, where he attended the "travel show," which was held there for the purpose of interesting people in the "See-American-First" movement. Exhibits by all of the great railroad companies were displayed, and the Western trip for tourists, and the attendance was more than 100,000.

"They were people of the class that usually select the Bermuda Islands or Europe as the place for their Summer trips," he said. "But interest manifested in the scenic offerings of the Northwest was intense, and countless indications have been received that a great proportion of this former European travel will come Westward this year."

"In the department of the company I represent we laid emphasis upon the work of the Pacific Coast Festival Association and the great chain of Summer festivals that will be offered in the Northwest, and I believe that this will prove to be one of the important features that will attract them here."

"The greatness of the Pacific Northwest in its beginning. I believe that when the Panama Canal is opened one of the most popular tourist routes in the world will be from New York to the Pacific Northwest by way of the canal, with the many scenic attractions of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana as the tourists' principal objective."

Mr. Graham was in consultation with

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mane society was organized, with the following officers: President, E. W. Seavert; vice-president, Mrs. S. A. Purcell; secretary, Mrs. E. G. Cameron; treasurer, W. B. Gassett. Constitution and by-laws were adopted and steps taken to maintain an active organization.

CHAMBER WIRES PROTEST

Strenuous Campaign to Be Waged in Case of West Umatilla Project.

Telegrams protesting against the attitude of Secretary of the Interior Lane regarding the West Umatilla Irrigation project were dispatched from the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday and a strenuous campaign will be begun to persuade him to abandon his position regarding the project as a new issue and thus making ineffective the work of the past four years, through which the project had been brought to a condition where its beginning was thought to be assured.

J. N. Teal, chairman of the State Conservation Commission, will also dispatch a letter to the Secretary of

the Interior, urging that the West Umatilla project be not abandoned, since it is regarded as the most promising of all the projects which are being developed in either Oregon or Washington.

Governor West has also been addressed by those in Oregon who have been most active in the efforts to secure the carrying out of the Umatilla project, and he also will probably add his voice to the series of pleas which are to be launched upon the Secretary of the Interior from individuals, officials and commercial organizations of Oregon in behalf of the project.

Mount Pleasant Sends Spuds.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—Residents of this locality have shipped a car of potatoes (110 sacks) to Columbus, O., to aid in relieving the flood victims. The railroad furnished the car and the people donated the potatoes. This is the first car to be loaded on the new spur which was completed last Thursday. There are 60 to 70 families tributary to this town and the farms are well kept and the soil productive. Potatoes and onions are yielding as high as 200 bushels an acre.

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