## ALLEN'S CRITICISM PROVOKES REPLY

Lombard Answers Research Man's Analysis of Commission Charter.

### FORMER REMARKS UPHELD

Republican Candidate for Mayor Reiterates That Proposed Draft Allows Too Great Power to Mayor and Explains.

Gay Lombard. Republican candidate for Mayor, who has amounced that he cannot conscientiously support the proposed commission plan of charter now before the people, yesterday issued a reply to a statement by W. H. Allen, director of the New York Bureau of Research, who is now in Portland conducting an examination of city depart. Mr. Lumbard's statement is as fol-

lows:

Mr. Allen is an expert accountant and business systematizer, whose knowledge in his own field of endeavor is doubtless great. But when it comes to his acting as an expert intimately connected with the government of this city, we far as charter conditions are concerned, it might readily be intered that it would take a longer residence in Portland than three or four days to so familiarize one's self with conditions that

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Mr. Allou's answer to my criticisms on the proposed charter is both evasive and conjectural. Taking his criticisms up one by one we first find as to civil service that he arbitrarily places me in the position of having stated that the new charter sholishes it. This is a plain mis-statement of fact, as the only statement i made regarding civil service was as follows: "If I am, both by declaration and principle, opposed to the principles of civil service, and if at the same time I am able through the power granted by the charter, to mame a majority of the civil service commission, you can readily see that I can virtually nullify the civil service provisions by my control of the commission."

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The commission is required an administrative code an each department is compelled to keep the efficiency records of its employ which should be made the basis of gotton and increase in salary. But as fourtine work of each department is as a factly under the commissioner in chart of said department, and as the Mayor. It as I have above pointed out dictat e policy of each department, it still remains a fact that each and every employe must how to the superior will of the Mayor, who is the autocrat in charge of the entire executive and administrative portion of the city government.

Mr. Allen's statement that the new charter instead of making the Mayor absolute dictator, deprives him of the power to do anything secret and compels him to file his acts in advance as ordinances, has no hearing on the subject, as the fact remains that under the charter, in section 26, the Mayor has the power to do his part to carry out his dictatorial wishes at any time simply by filing an order to that effect. The charter simply states that this order should be preserved as an ordinance, but this order is not passed upon by the commission in any way, and is not an ordinance in fact, as it is purely a proposition of one-man power.

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Mr. Allen admits the Mayor's power to distribute work at his own discretion and assign to any department any certain specific work that he desires to have so assigned, but he states that this will be nullified by the fact that the commission as a whole must vote the money for it. This is readily answered by the statement, which cannot be defied, to the effect that the commissioners will be so much in the power and under the authority of the Mayor that they will not dare to run counter to him, even along the those of expenditures, and he can readily compel the commissioners to appropriate the money according to his wishes by promising to retain them in certain departments and by holding over them the fear of his crar-like authority.

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The citizens of Pertiand are keenly seeking light on the vexed and much-discussed question of charter change, but I think they will agree with me in saying that they desire criticism and comment that is based on intimate knowledge of the local conditions, and not on the opinions of a man who has not lived seven days in this city in his lifetime. As to what forces are back of the present charter. I do not know, but I do believe that an effort is being made to folst on the people of Portland a charter radical in some of its vital provisions and dangerous to the extent that it is an absentiated departure from the principles of commission government.

## SPEED VIOLATORS FINED

Auto Truck Driver Escapes Penalty

benounced as a management on and threatened with confinement in fall for his next offense, R. J. Snow has fined \$50 for driving his automotic at the rate of 35 miles an hour, the offense occurred on East Thir-

tieth street.

For speeding across the Ford street bridge, whence many complaints have reached the police, five defendants were heard. H. E. Meyers was continued for sentence. Jesse Taibot and Walter Levy paid \$10 costs, and S. B. Houston and Harry Nudelman were fined \$20.

F. E. Dooley was assessed costs of \$10 for blocking a fire hydram with his automobile, and John P. Sbarkey excepted a like fate by pleading that someone had taken his car without his

ORPHEUM HEADLINER MAKES CONVINCING JOCKEY.



Belle Baker. Had an unseemly puff of wind not disclosed a woman's tresses snugly tucked under a jockey's cap, the story of how Belle Baker, headlining this week's bill at the Orpheum, won a wager and became a real jockey at the same time, might never have been known except to the few for whom the feat was performed.

While a guest at the Monticello Hotel, in Jamestown, Va., last No-Hotel, in Jamestown, Va., last No-

Hotel, in Jamestown, Va., last November, Miss Baker, who is a lover of horses and an expert whip, accepted a wager made by a number of prominent turfmen in attendance at the Fall meet of the Jamestown Jockey Club that she could not "work" a horse on the local course attired in regulation jockey togs. Garbed in the silks of J. McCauley, of Yonkers, N. Y., Miss Baker was mounted on Chilton Queen and cantered out N. Y. Miss Baker was mounted on Chilton Queen and cantered out on the track to keep her bargain. The crowd of attendants who had arrived early at the track and were drawn to the rail by the unusual sight of a horse being worked in colors before the race was nothing if not surprised when the wind caught the young jockey's cap and blew it off, letting her long black hair come tumbling down as she raced by the eighth pole.

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I have repeatedly asked the question as to who is to watch the bureau of municipal research. Mr. Allen's statements along this line open up an endies vista of men watching one another, and his statements in this respect, if correct, would lead every good citizen to feel that the proposition of good government is hopeless and that we might as well throw up our hands in the beginning.

I am willing to answer and meet any hopest criticism of my statements adverse to the new charter. I consider myself, from my experience in the City council and from the study and investigation that I have made of municipal government, to be fully as competent as Mr. Allen; and without conceil I feel, as far as our local situation is concerned, that I am in a better position to furnish this evidence is a question, of course, which you alone must determine."

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checkered past of the complaining witness, upon which Justice Jones placed tising solicitor for the Sunday Mercury, yesterday was held to answer to the grand jury on a charge of attempting to extort money from Mrs. Clara Kes-Chicago.

to extort money from Mrs. Clara Res-sler, proprietor of the Athens Hotel. The defense was a mixture of at-tempting to prove that Mrs. Kessler was an immoral woman, whose testi-mony was to be taken with caution, and to show that she was above sus-picion and therefore not one who would have immunity from tibelons attack

For violating traffic rules, running over a boy on a bicycle and then speeding away to conceal his ideality, Ray Goodwin, an auto truck driver, narrowly escaped a jail sentence in Munich and would pulsish them unless aloculty esterday. His plea of low wages, with a wife and child to support, saved him, but he must make good the damage he caused.

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That Mayor Would Have Czar-Like Power Denied in Address to Police.

GAY LOMBARD IS TARGET

Man Who Makes Such Assertion Is "Unfit to Hold Position to Which He Aspires," Declares Speaker. Preferential Vote Upheld.

Defending the proposed commission charter, W. C. Benbow, speaking to members of the police department at their association hall yesterday afternoon, declared that "any man who makes the assertion that the Mayor will be a caar under its provisions, is unfit to hold the position to which he associate."

Mr. Benbow did not mention any names, but because of the fact that but one candidate for Mayor had spoken against the proposed charter up to the time of Mr. Benbow's statement, it is known that he meant Gay Lombard, an aspirant for Mayor.

Truth of Statements Denled.

"There is no truth in the statements made by a person who attacked the proposed charter, either as to its giving the Mayor casrlike powers, destroying the direct primary law without giving its equivalent or as to its nullifying civil service," declared Mr. Benbow. "The proposed charter gives the Mayor powers less, if anything, than the Mayor enjoys under our present form of charter. At present, the Mayor has the appointing of 44 officials for various boards and has the veto power on all ordinances passed by the City Council. Under the proposed charter he appoints no officers and has not the veto power. "There is no truth in the statements "It has been said that the Mayor

can control legislation and appoint-ments by coercing the four commis-sioners. I deny this and to show that he could not, even were he inclined to do such a thing, I will explain that, by a section of the proposed charter, it is stated that no appropriations can be made save by a majority vote of the commission. Should the Mayor attempt commission. Should the Mayor attempt to make of the commissioners 'mere figure-heads," as has been stated he could do, he would find himself unable to do so, for he could get no appropriations to carry out his programme. It is absurd to say that he could run the whole commission and dictate all appointments.

Preferential System Indorsed. "The preferential voting system, contained in the proposed charter, is a success where tried and is all right; no one wants the direct primary in city elections, as it is expensive and party politics does no good in municipal af-

"I also deny that civil service could or would be annulled by the Mayor, were he opposed to civil service. The civil service provisions of the old charer are retained intact, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding."

George L. Baker, who has charge of the publicity bureau of the commission charter, and W. H. Allen, of New York, a municipal research agent, were pres-

## ELKS NAME COMMITTEE

Is Doing Every Minute."

Malarkey Act, Appeal to State

Commission Is Necessary.

With the idea of having "something doing every minute," Dr. T. L. Perkins, the new exalted ruler of the Portland lodge of Elks, last night appointed an entertainment committee of 25 members, whose duty it will be to provide wholesome pleasure for the lodge men and their families throughout the present lodge year.

City Council of Portland unless that body files a complaint with the State

E. W. Moore and C. W. Cather; bulletin, a Frank Hennessy, Monroe Goldstein, Aaron Harris; band, John McDonald, Guy F. Haines, William Harrus, E. E. McLaren and Frank Hennessy.

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Detective Moloney Recognizes Pedestrian From Photograph.

Out of the 10,000 photographed faces stored away in his memory, Detective Pat Moloney singled one yesterday and connected it with a man he passed on the street and whom he never had seen previously. As a result, John Barrett, alias Barnett, with a record as a buncoman extending the width of the country, is held for investigation and Moloney is out looking for the other members of a sempassed reacty.

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"Gimme that bunch of Minneapolis pictures, Jim," said Moloney, rushing

into the Bertillon room yesterday morn-ing. Sergeant Hunter handed him a packet of photographs numbering 70 or and Moloney deftly selected one

alone and is not "working."

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Sinclair, of Boise, registered at the Imperial yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Nayberger, of McMinnville, are at the Oregon.

Attorney-General Crawford was reg-stered at the Imperial from Salem yes-

terday.

John W. Palmer, a rancher of the Hood River district, is at the Mult-bomah. M. Carmino, an apple-grower of the White Salmon, Wash, district, is at the

H. H. Kidder, of Maryhill, Wash, and A. V. Kidder, of Boston, are at the Portland,

F. L. Stewart, a banker of Kelso, Wash, is registered at the Oregon with Mrs. Stewart. Ernest Lister, Governor of Washing-

CO-EDS TO AID UNIVERSITY IN REFERENDUM CONTEST.



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 10.—(Special.)—The Agora Club, an organization of university women who are study-ing political questions, will aid the university in the coming ref-erendum fight. The members will make a study of conditions of higher education in other states, as compared with those in Ore-gon, and present the facts to the voters, particularly those of their own sex.

The Agora Club was organized last Fall after women had won the ballot. Each meeting is ad-dressed by some one on current

Miss Faye Ball, of Astoria, is Miss Faye Ball, of Astoria, is vice-president and student-head of the club, Miss Mary Perkins, of the faculty, being the presi-dent. Miss Ball is a senior in college and a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She is prom-inent in other women's activities inent in other women's activities as well, having recently been elected president of the newly-formed Women's Athletic Association.

ton, registered at the Oregon Wednes day evening.

J. H. Holman, assistant general man-ager of the O.-W. R. & N. at Seattle, is at the Portland.

A. W. Follansbee, of San Francisco, marine secretary of the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company, is at the Oregon. H. S. Wooley, promoter of the new harbor at Wooleyport, near Crescent City, Cal., is registered at the Port-

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Downs, of Win-netka, Ill., are at the Multnomah, Mr. Downs is a real estate dealer of Win-

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holtermann, of Duty Will Be to See That "Something They are on their wedding trip, which will take them as far as British Co-

Meeting of Oregon Presbytery at Kenton Elects Moderator.

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Barrett denied stoutly, even after the photograph was produced, that it was his "You're crasy," he said. "That doesn't look like me."

"Mebbe so," said Moloney. "If it isn't yours we will measure you up and the Bertillon won't He."

"Oh, what's the use," said Barrett, "you've got me all right."

The Minneapolis records say that Barrett has a police record in New Orleans, St. Louis, Omaha, Buffalo and Chicago. He asserts that he is here alone and is not "working."

At the meeting of the Oregon Presbyterian Church, in Kenton, Rev. S. Earl Du Bois, of the Grand avenue Church, and Rev. Frank D. Findley, of the First Church, were elected delegates to attend the General Assembly which meets in Atlanta. Ga., May 14. J. C. Brown, of the Willamette Congregation, and L. E. Hamilton, of Albany, were elected lay delegates to the assembly.

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Rev. Mr. Du Buls was elected to at-tend the committee of missions which will meet in Washington, D. C. May 7. PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. J. A. Schmeer was elected moderator for the ensuing year and Rev.

W. F. Carter, of Astoria, registered S. Earl Du Bols was re-elected clerk.

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# RELL'S SAMPLE CLOAKS AND SUITS

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HELMER APARTMENTS VISITED FIVE TIMES BY INCENDIARY.

Wooden Building at Eighteenth and Davis Is Target and Authorities Unable to Find Clew. Five incendiary fires, one of them in

spot apparently inaccessible, all set

the floor were detected.
Yesterday morning fire was discovered in two places, one on the top floor, where turpentine had been applied, but this fire had burned out without being detected until later. At 6 o'clock another blaze was discovered in the attic of the building.
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A third fire, it was found when the building was gone over, had been isnited in a storeroom on the third floor of the building, but it, too, had burned out without spreading. Mrs. S. A. Heimer, who occupies the building, hints of suspicions which she will not disclose. The building is insured for The building is insured for

## St. Johns Notes

ST. JOHNS, Or., April 10.—(Special.) day from the Evangelist conference at Eugene. Mr. Gates lives at Dallas, Or., and has been returned to the church there for the ensuing year. He is a son-in-law of Superintendent Monshan, of the St. Johns hranch of the Portland Postoffice. His family is here on a visit. Mr. Gates will return to Dallas with his family Saturday.

The following high school athletes will compete in the Columbia University track meet at the colliseum; Magoon in the high jump and pole vault; Smith in the broad jump; Thurmond in the half mile and mile. John E. Hiller has been elected sec-retary of the Commercial Club to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. H. Lambson.

## J. E. WERLEIN SECRETARY

Work of Subcommittees for Citizenship Conference to Be Assigned. At the meeting of the executive com-mittee of seven and officers of the committee of 100 of the Second World's Christian Citizenship Conference, to be

held in Portland June 29-July 6, which was called yesterday at the Commercial Club, J. E. Werlein was elected sec-retary of the committee of seven and also of the committee of 100. A general plan of work for the varimittees of the committee of ous sub-committees of the committee of the chairmen of these committees and of the executive committees was an nounced for Monday at 12:15 at the Commercial Club. At that meeting defnite work will be assigned to as man sub-committees as possible, which will be asked to report the results of week's activities at a meeting the fol

owing Menday. \$40,000 School Hope Grows.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., April 10.— Special.)—The statement that if Cot-age Grove couldn't get a \$40,000 school ullding it would have a \$25,000 as caused such an expression of feel ng for the larger-priced building t seems as if the bond issue will hen it comes to a vote April 26, heavy taxpayer says: "If it should be possible that the proposed issue fails I

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