

PRESENT SYSTEM BLAMED FOR MAYOR

Too Much Paid for Supplies Because He Has Not Time to Check Purchases.

CAMPAIGN STRAIN TELLING

Mr. Rushlight Compelled to Cut Short His Meeting in Upper Al- bina—Amusing Incident Is a Feature of the Evening.

Payment of excessive prices for city supplies is attributed by Mayor Rushlight to the present city charter and government, and not to any carelessness on the part of the chief executive. At a meeting last night at Mair's Hall, in Upper Albina, the Mayor declared that he knows the city has paid more for supplies than it should have, but he says there is no practical way of stopping it under the present charter. "I have been criticised because the city has paid excessive prices for supplies in the various departments. I admit that the city has paid more than it should for some things, but it has been no fault of mine. There are so many departments in the city government and so many different things to be purchased that it is impossible for the Mayor to check up on the transactions."

"To give you an idea of what a Mayor has to do I will recite my program for today. I got down this morning at 9:30 o'clock and went into the Council session. I remained there until 3:30. I then went out to lunch. Upon coming back I had to sign more than 100 orders in bonds, which is a hard task. Every day is occupied by just such tasks as these. It would be a physical impossibility for me to examine all the requisitions which come to my office for my signature."

Better System Promised.

"Conditions will be changed under the commission form of government. One man will have charge of one entire department and will have charge of the making of purchases and signing regulations. That will take that work from the shoulders of the Mayor. He will, and accordingly, cut his political speech short and went home."

An amusing incident took place as he was leaving the hall. An elderly man who had listened to his speech arose and asked if he might ask a question, and James Kertchen, who accompanies the Mayor to the various meetings and serves as presiding officer and speaker during the same, stepped forward to ask the question off, expecting that a fuss was in store.

The Mayor brushed Kertchen aside and told the old man that he would answer the question.

"Will you solemnly swear," began the old man, "that during your administration you have represented the masses and not the few?"

"I will," answered the Mayor, rather dubious about what the old man had in store. "Then," began the old man again, "then—" Kertchen, fearing something was brewing, jumped up and tried to head off the next question.

Reply Relieved Anxiety.

"Let him talk," shouted half a dozen people, including the Mayor.

"Then," said the old man, "I guess I can vote for you as Mayor."

The programme of the affair was rounded off with a speech by ex-United States Senator Fulton, who endorsed the Mayor. "I have known him for more than 20 years ago," he said, "and he has kept them all. He promised to reduce taxes, and he fulfilled his promise. He promised a commission charter and he kept his promise there."

Waldemar Seton, a member of the Rushlight Executive Board, wound up the programme with a "friendly denunciation of the city which don't like Rushlight."

Political Notes

Robert G. Dieck, candidate for Commissioner, spoke last night at the Lincoln Methodist Church and at the Sunnyside School. Mr. Dieck is a forcible speaker. He realizes that the average audience these busy days doesn't want a quantity of talk, but quality and expression. He never speaks more than 15 minutes at a time. Besides, he is conducting a personal canvass, and is coming into contact with the men and women voters generally.

L. Victoria Hampton, in her address before the Kenilworth Welfare League last night, spoke of the work she has done during the past 12 years for civic betterment. She has visited in the homes, calling attention to voluntary chemical work in analyzing the Willamette River water, which was supplied to Portland when the Bull East water pipe broke and the city was threatened with typhoid fever, to the ordinance drafted by her requiring the addition of lampblack to all cement sidewalks to protect the eyes from the injurious effects of reflected white light; to her fight which prevented the emptying of sewage into the Columbia Slough, which would have menaced the health of the entire city; and pledged herself, if elected, to continue her fearless fight for enforcement of law and justice to all.

Principally because of the part he played in donating to the city a large strip of land for the new Torwiller boulevard in the southern end of the city, the South Portland Boosters' Club has endorsed Frank J. Richardson as a candidate for Commissioner.

J. E. Werlein, candidate for Commissioner, was the principal speaker at five political meetings on the East Side yesterday. He spoke twice in Upper Albina and three times in Lower Albina, explaining at each meeting his activity in municipal affairs during the last 12 years.

The South Portland Boosters' Club held a smoker tonight at St. Lawrence Hall, Third and Sheridan streets. Among speakers will be Frank J. Richardson, George L. Baker and Frank E. Watkins, candidates for Commissioner.

ALBEE WINS IN STRAW VOTE

Tenth Ward Test Shows McKenna Is Second Choice.

The Tenth Ward is strong for Albee for Mayor, according to a straw vote taken yesterday. Ballots were cast at stores and other business places and 113 votes were cast for the head of the ticket.

McKenna, 19, 51, 8; Rushlight, 18, 4, 7; Smith, 2, 2, 10.

The significant points of this result are that Albee has a majority of first-choice votes and the large second-choice vote given McKenna.

Eighty-four votes were cast for Auditor, with the following result: Barbur, 46, 9, 10; Helms, 9, 4, 6; Moser, 24, 17, 7; Richardson, 5, 22, 13.

For Commissioner, McKenna, whose home is in the Tenth Ward, was the only candidate to receive a majority of first-choice votes. None of the others received a majority even by the addition of second-choice votes, their positions as winners being determined by their pluralities, or the addition of first, second and third-choice votes.

The result for Commissioner, 387 first-choice votes being cast, making 51 the first choice and 12 for Commissioner, as there are four Commissioners to elect.

HERE'S THE WAY TO MARK A BALLOT.

Below is a properly marked sample ballot for Mayor, showing how the vote is cast for three choices. Each voter is entitled to three votes for each office—Three for Mayor, three for Auditor and 12 for Commissioner, as there are four Commissioners to elect.

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Black		x	
Jones	x		
Brown			x
Williams			

The first choice vote is cast for Jones, the second choice for Black, and the third choice for Brown. Only one choice can be marked for any one candidate.

Below is a sample ballot properly marked for Commissioner, the voter voting four first choices for four candidates, four second choices for four others, and four third choices for four others; 12 votes in all.

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Brown	x		
Smith		x	
Williams	x		
White	x		
Black		x	
Green			x
Jones			x
John	x		
James		x	
Alfred			x
Will		x	
Edward			x

10, 6; Munly, 21, 7, 7; Stoppenbach, 14, 16, 5.

The vote was conducted by the Oregon Multigraph Company.

PRaise IS GIVEN ALBEE

BUSINESS DEALINGS LAUDED

BY MR. GOLDMAN.

Competitor Declares That in 16 Years of Active Acquaintance Broad Caliber Is Shown.

Indorsement of the most emphatic kind has come to H. R. Albee, candidate for Mayor, from one of his competitors in the life insurance business, and for the reason that it comes from a competitor such indorsement is carrying with it a peculiar weight and influence.

Mr. Albee is general manager in Oregon for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, and has no more active competition in his business than that presented by William Goldman, manager for the Manhattan Life Insurance Company. Yet Mr. Goldman is doing his utmost to secure Mr. Albee's election.

"I have met Mr. Albee in competition for making a man of my caliber," he said yesterday, "and I know of no fairer or squarer man in any line of business. He is absolutely honest and honorable in all his dealings, including those with his competitors. I have known Mr. Albee for 16 years and in all that time he has worked in competition against him, so I think that if there were any mean or unfair or small about him I would have found it out in that time."

"In all my experience with Mr. Albee I don't know of a single case in which his methods were not on the square. I have lost some pretty nice business to him, and on the other hand I have been successful in winning some business that he was trying to get, but in either case—whether win or lose—I could always take him by the hand and know that he was with me all the way toward me. In all of our competition, in the cases that he has lost, he has been a good loser, and that in the long run is a pretty good test of a man's caliber."

"If he is elected Mayor next Monday, and I have no doubt that he will be, the insurance field will lose one of its most valuable workers, and the profession one of its most palestraworthy members. Although he has been a formidable competitor to all of us there isn't a man on the face of the Portland who doesn't regret the probability of Mr. Albee leaving the field, as a man of his character and ability so much elevates the standard of the profession."

"I believe nearly every insurance man in Portland will support him. I was talking to some of the men today who had been undecided between voting for Mr. Albee or one of the other candidates for Mayor, but he has made up his mind to support Mr. Albee, and is working for him."

"When Mr. Albee goes into office next month he will give it the same detailed attention that he has given his own business, and I bespeak for him the same success. He is not a radical man, but broad-minded, careful, conscientious and conservative. I know of no man on the face of the earth—and that is a pretty big territory—who has a higher moral standard, and he will give the office of Mayor the same dignity that he has given his own life and his own business."

KELLASHER ATTACKS RECORD OF MAYOR

Charges of Resenting Raid on Resorts and Plot Against Official Are Made.

RAILROAD ATTITUDE IS HIT

Rushlight Declared Guilty of Retard- ing Growth of City by Ac- tion on Harriman Franchise.

"If I am elected Mayor I won't try to have one of my associates in office indicted by the grand jury because he makes a raid on some wicked resorts in the North End like Mayor Rushlight did with John E. Coffey, the present county clerk, when he was a member of the Mayor's executive board," declared Dan Kellasher, mayoralty candidate, before a large crowd in a hall at East Seventeenth and East Alberta streets last night.

"If I am elected Mayor," he continued, "I won't lay a vile plot to assassinate the character and reputation of an excellent young man like Mayor Rushlight did with Frank Collier, who was a deputy district attorney. You remember how Rushlight and his crew marked \$400 in paper money and tried to catch Collier in accepting a bribe. But Collier was too honest for them."

Kellasher provided the principal verbal shots in a whole battery of oratory last night. Besides him there were 10 commissioner candidates and an aspirant for the auditorship on the program. Most of the committee of 10 proved to be a favorite pastime of all the speakers, including those that had been indorsed by the organization as well as those who were not included among the "select 12."

Kellasher Scores Committee.

"I know who was responsible for it," exclaimed Kellasher in referring to that committee. "It fizzled and blew up as it was intended to do so if we were found to be necessary. That includes all of the public utilities, such as the gas, electric lighting, telephons, and I certainly know one thing—the public service companies do not need the Mayor or the Commissioners to look out for their affairs. They employ their own men for that purpose. Therefore, if I am elected, I shall make it my business to look out for the city's side of the case. I will devote my talents to the people's side of the business for I know from experience that the others can and will look out for their own interests—we need not worry about that."

"The liquor question is always an issue; people are, of course, deeply interested in that problem, and have been since it was first introduced, and it has been said that, if elected, I will close all of the saloons with one fell swoop, or something like that. The Federal, state and city governments license the liquor business and I could not, if I were Mayor, or Mayor or Commissioner would, be up all of the saloons. What I will do, if elected, is to enforce the laws regulating the business, with the same impartiality and the same strictness, as I would enforce the laws relating to any lines of business, like grocery stores. That ought to be plain enough."

Mayor Is Accused.

"But what did you find?" he asked. "The Mayor turned his back on the law the people had passed and left the city with the Council repealed it. That's why you find appointed advisers, subordinates, but in each case I have said to all of them that I had not even given the subject of appointments any thought, and that I would not be responsible for anything that they would do in that respect, for it will be ample time for that if I am elected. I do not believe that statement. I think it is safer to say that 80 per cent of the men are honest and do not do the evils that I mean by this report," he asked. "Nothing. There is no use in appointing a commission if we are not going to remedy conditions by it. It was just another Rushlight false alarm. It merely was to kiss off the proposition that he ought to have taken by the neck and handled himself."

Gas Franchise Attacked.

He devoted considerable attention to the Portland Gas & Coke Company's franchise, which he has been seeking to revoke, and promised to continue his efforts in that direction whether elected Mayor or not.

Rushlight's record on water meters came in for further criticism. The bill passed an ordinance authorizing the

ALBEE MASS MEETING TO- NIGHT IN LINCOLN HIGH.

H. R. Albee, candidate for Mayor, will address the voters of the city tonight at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Lincoln High School, Park and Market streets. Mr. Albee will discuss the issues of the campaign and will also answer any questions that may be asked of him. Dr. C. E. Chapman will also speak. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

CANDIDATES MAY TALK THIS IS POLITICIANS' NIGHT AT THE OAKS PARK.

Office-seekers will be allowed to make 3-minute addresses with rigid time limit.

"Politicians' night" will be celebrated at the Oaks Amusement Park tonight and every candidate for office at the June election will be allowed to make a three-minute address from the bandstand to the crowd, beginning at 8:45 o'clock.

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If You Don't Vote for Me Boost for the Other Fellow

FOR COMMISSIONER
William Schmeer
NUMBER ON BALLOT, 44

Present Councilman of Eighth Ward
Resident of Portland for 62 Years

I respectfully call your attention briefly to a few ordinances I have given my hearty support:

1. Ordinance prohibiting public dancehalls.
2. Ordinance prohibiting girls working in shooting galleries.
3. Ordinance against power of attorney held by brewers.
4. Ordinance reducing minimum charge on gas.
5. Ordinance requiring public service corporations to refund deposits collected by them.
6. Ordinance removing oil tanks outside the city limits.
7. Ordinance granting Northwestern Electric Co. a franchise in order that we might have competition in lighting.
8. Ordinance requiring streetcar company to make transfers good for one hour, thus granting the individual extra time for shopping.
9. Common-user ordinance for East Side lines.
10. Have carefully guarded the interests of the public in regard to street improvements.

If I have served the public well as Councilman you have reason to believe that I will do the same as Commissioner.
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