

CHARGE IS HURLED

Postmaster Myers Alleged to Be Using Position to Build Up Political Machine.

PETITIONS SENT OFFICIALS

H. M. Esterly Boosted in Race for National Committeeman—Old Chamberlain-Lane Fight Recalled—Harmony Hit Hard.

When F. E. Myers, Postmaster of Portland, induced H. M. Esterly several weeks ago to run for Democratic National Committeeman from Oregon for the avowed purpose of defeating W. H. Canon, of Medford, whose friends had been figuring that he would have a clear field, he poked his foot into a choice little political row.

Now George Fox, editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune and warm supporter of Senator Chamberlain and Mr. Canon, has preferred charges against Mr. Myers of "pernicious political activity." Mr. Putnam has sent these charges to Postmaster General Burleson, at Washington, and insists that he will push them to a finish.

Mr. Putnam charges in effect, though not quite in these exact words, that Mr. Myers is trying to build up a personal Democratic political machine in this state, with himself as its boss; that he is using his position as Postmaster here to further political ends, and, specifically, that as Postmaster, he sent out letters to other postmasters of the state, by saying that he circulate the nominating petitions of Mr. Esterly.

To the general purport of these charges Mr. Myers has offered no denial and challenges Mr. Putnam to go ahead. He admits that he sent Esterly petitions to postmasters. He explains this, however, by saying that as he is a Presidentially-appointed Postmaster, not subject to civil service regulations, and holding what amounts to a political office, he is free to do as he sees fit. He says that he sent the petitions only to other Presidentially-appointed postmasters, who, though subject to civil service rules, he hasn't done a thing for which he can be called to account.

Democratic Harmony Gets Blow. Just the same, the affair has dealt the much-vaunted Democratic harmony in this state a hard swat. It has virtually made the election of Mr. Canon or Mr. Esterly an incident in the primary election. It has got leaders of the party involved on one side or the other, and it has caused a deal of hard feeling generally.

Behind the whole incident looms the old Chamberlain-Lane unpleasantness that caused so much trouble during and after Dr. Harry Lane's campaign for United States Senator two years ago. At that time the Lane men openly charged Chamberlain Democrats of the state with luke-warmness, and a leaning toward the candidacy for re-election of Senator Bourne. Though the Chamberlain men finally came out and worked for Lane, it was not until so late in the campaign that the doctor had a pretty close squeak.

All this has rankled and continued to rankle in the hearts of Dr. Lane and his supporters. Dr. Lane got back at the Chamberlain men by endorsing the famous coup by which he got the Federal patronage for this state, and sent through a solid state of Lane faithfuls for the big Federal jobs. The Lane men, now postmaster, was Dr. Lane's secretary prior to his appointment to the Portland plum.

Mr. Canon, who is ex-Mayor of Medford, was one of the Chamberlain men used out in this deal. Canon was an aspirant for United States Marshal. According to the Lane men, the business brought by the Lane men, John Montag got the place.

Old Feeling Crops Out. Now, with the Democratic leaders yelling and crying, the old feeling has cropped out again. It is generally understood that this alleged lack of enthusiasm for Dr. Lane's candidacy is the main reason for the lack of political unity, which he has not taken any particular pains to conceal, toward Mr. Canon at this time. His ostensible reason for being so straight-out party man, is that Mr. Esterly is a strong Wilson man, thoroughly in sympathy with Mr. Wilson's policies, who would work as National committeeman for greater harmony with his administration than Mr. Canon could do.

On the other hand, the supporters of Mr. Canon in his race for National committeeman are not a whit less bitter against Esterly, Mr. Myers' candidate. They say that Mr. Esterly is not, and never has been, a straight-out party man, and give in evidence the fact that he openly asserted before the Baltimore convention in 1912 that if Champ Clark were nominated he would not support him for President.

Like his sponsor, Mr. Myers, Mr. Esterly is and has been closely identified with Dr. Lane and his following. Dr. Lane was Mayor of Portland, Mr. Esterly was on his executive board. Their relations have continued to be close. This only serves to emphasize that the present fight is a continuation of the Chamberlain-Lane ill-feeling.

The opponents of Mr. Esterly concede that he made a brilliant political move—though Mr. Myers is generally given credit for suggesting it—when he adopted as his slogan "I am for Woodrow Wilson." Mr. Canon, whose nominating petitions had been filed before Mr. Esterly got into the race, ran without a slogan.

committee and chairman of the county central committee. He gave Dr. Lane loyal support, but no amount of work could offset the gratitude Jackson County voters felt toward Bourne for the results accomplished at Washington. But because of Jackson County's large Bourne vote and small Lane vote, Mr. Myers became active in trying to secure an opponent to Judge Canon, and at length by personal solicitation induced H. M. Esterly to run for the race.

To further Esterly's cause, Postmaster Myers writes Democratic postmasters, sending them Esterly petitions to circulate and instructing them to take charge of the campaign for Esterly. Petitions were sent to the Democratic postmasters of Jackson County, and one of them, at least, is circulating them. Other petitions were sent applicants for postmasterhips at Ashland, and elsewhere, and they are circulating them.

Mr. Esterly is an estimable person, but has never been active in politics. He has not been a member of any party organization or in campaign for any office. His political views are those of a Democrat. His success is probably due to the appointment of more Oregon postmasters, including the reappointment of Mr. Myers. Whether the Democrats of Portland will early in the year elect a Democrat to the Portland office remains to be demonstrated. If they do, there is no question of Canon's success, as Postmaster Myers' partnership of the postmaster at Portland.

LABOR PICKS ITS MEN NO CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR APPROVED BEFORE PRIMARY. Workmen's Political Club Gives Indorsement to Republicans for State and County Offices.

No candidate for Governor is to set the indorsement of organized labor before the primary election. This was decided after considerable debate at a meeting of the Workmen's Political Club in the Labor Temple Saturday night. T. H. Burchard, president of the State Federation of Labor, is also president of the club.

The following ticket of candidates for other state and county offices was indorsed: For Attorney-General, J. J. Johnson; for Representative in Congress, Third District, A. W. Lafferty; for Sheriff, T. M. Hurlburt; for State Senator, Arthur Langguth; for Joint Representative, D. E. Loggrem; for Representative in the Legislature, Oscar W. Horne, R. W. Gill, H. A. Darnall, R. C. Wright, Everett Logan, F. A. Willison, E. Southard, J. G. Richardson, B. E. Youmans; for Circuit Judge, C. U. Gantenbein; for District Judge, J. J. Jones, Department No. 2, and Arthur C. Dayton, Department No. 3; for Coroner, Republican, Dr. F. H. Dammach, and Democrat, Mrs. Nellie C. Hughes; for Constable, Andy Weinberger.

At a meeting of the club a week ago P. H. D'Arcy, Judge Lawrence T. Harris and Judge Charles L. McNary were indorsed for Supreme Court, Republican. All the candidates indorsed, with the exception of Mrs. Hughes, are Republicans.

OBSEVE GOLDEN WEDDING Family and Friends Shower Best Wishes on Mr. and Mrs. Godley.

In celebration of their golden wedding, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Godley, of 379 East Sixth street, were entertained at a line of sons and daughters Tuesday night when an evening of music was enjoyed after a day of congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Godley were married in 1844.

Mr. Godley is 75 years old and his wife, Sarah, is 62. Both enjoy the best of health. Remembered gifts and flowers were showered on the couple by their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Shillock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godley, had the only bereavement in the family circle when she lost her husband, Max M. Shillock, former Portland newspaper man.

Those taking part in the reunion were: Mrs. Robert Romine, of Milton, Or.; Mrs. Godley's only sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Godley, of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bressler, of Halsey, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Doyle and Mrs. Anna C. Shillock, of Portland.

Y. M. C. A. HELD TAXABLE Legislative Exemption Acts Attacked by Judge; Millions Involved.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 3.—Superior Judge Albertson, of Seattle, decided Saturday that the special acts of the Legislature exempting the Y. M. C. A. and Young Men's Christian Association and Young Women's Christian Association from taxation are in conflict with the state constitution, and that a building occupied largely by dormitories, laboratories, natatoriums, bowling alleys, barber shops and cafes should not be held to be used solely for religious purposes. The decision was rendered in the suit of the Seattle Y. M. C. A. for an order restraining the City of Seattle from collecting taxes on its building.

If today's decision is sustained it will go through to the taxable property in Seattle and millions in the state.

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TRUST PROGRAMME IN HOUSE MADE UP Ironclad Rule to Rush Administration Measure Into Law Is Proposed.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The anti-trust legislative programme in the House was made up today, when the judiciary committee ordered favorably reported its omnibus bill designed to cover the Administration recommendations, and Chairman Clayton introduced a resolution proposing one of the most ironclad rules on record to rush the measure through.

The bill is mainly the same as when introduced less than a month ago as a revised combination of separate bills on holding companies, interlocking directorates, etc.

The House rules committee will meet early next week to decide upon the rule. It contemplates 15 hours of general debate, five-minute speeches on any item, but restricted in the total to a maximum of four hours—an unusual limitation—the bill then to be voted upon without intervening motions.

LABOR SECTION LITTLE CHANGED. The so-called labor section is changed but little. It declares that "nothing in the anti-trust laws shall be construed as forbidding existence and operation of fraternal, labor, consumers, agricultural or horticultural organizations, orders or associations organized for purposes of mutual help and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such organizations from carrying out the legitimate objects thereof."

The words "operating under the lodge system" were struck out of the provision. The labor group in Congress is expected to fight for further union recognition.

The anti-interlocking directorates section, the committee added provisos exempting "mutual savings banks not having a capital represented by shares" and the following: "The director, officer, employee of a bank, etc., may be a director, officer or employee of not more than one other bank or trust company where the entire capital stock of one is owned by stockholders in the other."

Nothing in this section shall forbid a director of Class A of a Federal reserve bank from being an officer or director or both in one member bank."

FURTHER STIPULATIONS MADE. After two years no person may be simultaneously a director in two or more corporations either of which has capital, surplus and undivided profits aggregating more than \$1,000,000 except wholly or partly in commerce other than common carrier, if the corporations are, or have been, competitors by agreement between them, or would constitute a violation of any anti-trust laws.

THE ELIGIBILITY of a director under this provision "shall be determined by the aggregate capital, surplus and undivided profits, exclusive of dividends declared but not paid to stockholders." The committee here added: "At the end of the fiscal year of the corporation next preceding the election of director."

THE HOLDING COMPANIES section prohibits any corporation engaged in commerce, directly or indirectly, from acquiring all or part of the share capital of a similar corporation where the acquisition would eliminate or "substantially lessen" competition between the corporations or create monopoly of any trade in any section or community. The word "substantially" was a committee change.

Most of the other provisions in the bill are identical. Representative Clayton, of Alabama, who today was confirmed as Federal Judge in Alabama, said tonight he would remain in the House until it passed the bill.

JUVENILE ACTORS WARNED Judge Gatens Announces He Will Make No Exceptions to Law.

Judge Gatens announced Saturday in Juvenile Court that he will make no exceptions to the law that provides that juveniles shall not perform at public entertainments, at which an advertisement charged, more than one month, and then only after permission has been granted by the Juvenile Court. Complaint was made to the court by Marie and Leonard Arpin, 12 and 11 years old, respectively, were singing and dancing every week and sometimes offering in picture shows.

The little black-haired, black-eyed tots are recognized by many of the smaller moving picture houses as stellar attractions, and their services are in demand. Judge Gatens was advised by a revised combination of mutual help and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such organizations from carrying out the legitimate objects thereof.

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