EVADE THE ISSUE

Candidates Straddle That of Closed Town.

WHAT THEY ALL PROMISE

Declare They Will Enforce the Ordinances and Labor for the Best Interests of the City, but Are Not Specific.

mises of Candidates for Primary

Nominations for Mayor. GEORGE H. WILLIAMS-I shall labor the best of my judgment and ability promote the material and moral adment of our people of this city. H. S. ROWE-I will endeavor to en orce the laws of the City of Portland

and the State of Oregon,
H. R. ALBEE-Enforcement of law and a square deal for every man. W. B. GLAFKE-Business principles

DR. HARRY LANE-I will faithfully nd to the best of my ability enforce all laws and ordinances of the city. GEORGE H. THOMAS-Less taxes. Honest and efficient government. Obe-

Another candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor-H. Russell Albee-came out of the woods yesterday, and another aspirant for the head of the city government-Dr Emmet Drake-appeared. And Dr. Hurry Lane filed notice of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination. And T. C. Devlin, City Auditor, filed

notice of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Auditor, The crop of candidates and willing

eligibles for Mayor now comprises the following: George H. Williams, now Mayor; prinary petition filed. H. S. Rowe, agent for Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; primary petition

H. R. Albee, insurance agent; primary petition filed. W. B. Glafke, commission merchant; candidacy announced, but petition not

Willis Fisher, traveling salesman; andidacy announced, but petition not H. C. Bowers, notel manager; has not announced candidacy.

Fred T. Merrill, Councilman; will run George -H. Howell, member of Executive Board; candidacy not publicly announced

I. Zimmerman, President of Coun-il; candidacy not announced. Ralph W. Hoyt, bank casaler; candi-

Dr. Emmet Drake, dentist; candidacy not publicly announced.

All the foregoing are Republicans and to them should be added the following two Democrats:

Dr. Harry Lane, physician, primary petition filed.

George H. Thomas, insurance agent; primary petition filed.

Straddle the Question

All the aspirants above catalogued are straddling the closed-town quesof a closed town too closed nor of an open town too open. Each and every one stands for "enforcement of law," and Albee, himself, who is the favorclosed-town element, goes no further in his declaration on that point than does Rowe or Glafke or Howell. And even the two candidates who are most liberal in their philosophy-Merrill and Fisherbelieve in "enforcement of law"; at least they say so.
All say they will endeavor to the

best of their ability, to administer the sity government "on business principles." In this last declaration the can-fidates are braver than when uttering heir sentiments on the closed-town

is the candidates are skirting cound the closed-town issue as if it were loaded. They are all reluctant to liscuss it and even Albee has not come

ter nomines would make his platform to suit; likewise if Albee should win the Republican nomination. Consequently, Dr. Lane says nothing about closed town and contents himself by deal for every man." declaring that he will "enforce all laws and ordinances of the city" and by tak-ing a whack at those responsible for the Tanner-Creek sewer scandal.

What Lane Says

"If I am nominated and elected," says Dr. Lane in his petition, "I will, during my term of office, conduct the same in a business-like manner, keeping before me at all times the interests

of the whole body of citizens.
"I guarantee that there shall be no Tanner-Creck sewer or other like scandals during my administration, but a strict and careful investigation will be made of every contract before it is let, and every job of work, before it is accepted or paid for, and I will faithfully and to the best of my ability en-force all laws and ordinances of the

city."
Dr. Lane's hope of election, course, lies in his ability to win Re-publican votes enough to beat Republican candidates, for there are not enough Democrats in the city to elect a Mayor without Republican aid. ican entering the field, such as Howell, to receive the vote of the reform ele-

Split in Party Probable.

Whatever the outcome of the Repub-ican primaries, the prospects are favor-thic for a spilt in the party. Should Wil-lams or any other of the self-proclaimed appirants for the nomination than Albee win the contest, the reform element would probably come out for some independent, and should Albre win, the "liberal" element would doubtless try that strategy tself indeed Merrill sunounced last sight that he would stay out of the prinight that he would stay out of the pri-maries and run as an "independent peo-ple's candidate." Another of the Repub-leans who seems likely to stay out of the primaries is George H. Howell. Said one

maries, sure enough." Albee's platform was studied by leaders THE MOST POPULAR IRISHMAN IN PORTLAND



DAN M'ALLEN AND HIS BLACKTHORN WALKING STICK.

"It's a dream, and dreams go by contraries," said Dan McAllen when he awoke yesterday morning after a sound sleep in which he dreamed that he was in Ireland and that a kind fairy had presented him with a beautiful blackthorn walking stick because he was the most popular Irishman in Portland. But on investigation he was glad to find that he was still in the Rose City of the Pacific Coast, and that he had won the most votes testifying to the fact that he was the most popular Irishman.

But if Mr. McAllen had still any lingering doubts as to the ownership of the blackthorn, these were dispelled when he arrived at his place of business. For shortly thereafter, a committee composed of three officers of the United Irish League of Portland-Dr. Andrew C. Smith, president: J. H. Murphy, vice-president, and Charles Duggan, secretary, called on him, and Mr. McAllen beheld the handsome blackthorn he had seen in his dream 'No more patriotic Irishman than yourself exists along the Pacific Coast. You're a good fellow. By a majority of 17 votes you're declared to be the most popular Irishman in Portland. And here's your blackthorn," were a few of the compliments handed out to Mr. McAilen, and he sultably repiled. The blackthorn grew in County Mayo, Ireland, and was sent by Connor O'Kelly, member of Parliament, to Dr. A. C. Smith, of this city, who started the voting contest which decided that the stick belongs to Mr. McAllen. The master of ceremonies when the votes were counted was James Hennessy Murchy.

Dan McAllen-here's to you and your blackthorn, with its silver shamrocks and harps, and a bit of ribbon of Irish green.

prominent members of the Municipal As- trained in dramatic musical and artistic

sociation. He says:
"If I am nominated and elected I will fiscuss it and even alose has men-forth for a closed town unless "en-forcement of law" should close the littles from entering into the city's busi-ness transactions, appoint and retain only ness transactions, appoint and retain only fer to wait a bit, just to see how the cat is going to jump, for should Will-lams be nominated by the Republicans or Dr. Lame by the Republicans or Dr. Lame by the Republicans lams be nominated by the Republicans or Dr. Lane by the Democrats, the latter nomines would make his platform ing remedies wherever necessary with im-

> Curtain for Columbia Stock Company Rings Down Tonight

Ring down the curtain on the Columbia Stock Company, after a brave attempt to weather the gale for 30 weeks.

The last performance of "A Contented Woman" is tonight, and commencing from tomorrow morning the theater will be dark. A new deal is now being considered, however, by which the company may be reorganized on a new basis, under which the higher selary list which ruled. which the high salary list which ruled until recently may be cut in proportion to the admission prices charged to

"My lense of the Columbia Theater does not expire until July 1." said Manager A. H. Ballard, last night. "I may put on something later, but no more just now. As to my experience, well, I have ex-ploited the field, and in many ways I con-Dr. Lane is hoping that Williams

Will be the nominee of the Republicans, for fin the outcome he sees a good chance of an independent Republican entering the field, such as Howell, to receive the youte of the reform electron receive the youte of the reform electron receive the reservoir and the reform electron receive the refer to receive the to receive the vote of the reform element, which will support Albee in the
primaries. Likewise, if Albee should
win the Republican nomination, Lane
sees a good chance of a "liberal" independent Republican, like Merrill or
Fisher, splitting the Republican
mightiness of the city.

mere monetary setback. There is a certain element among Portland people
which has been our steady patron, week
in, week out, but others again have rushed
off to cheaper amusements that do not
give artistic employment. If Portland
people had more blood in them, and less
water, I should have had a procession of
patrons coming up Washington street to patrons coming up Washington street to the Columbia that would have enabled me to finish even on my season, instead of being \$600 behind. In short, what may be fermed the masses are variable—you can't depend on them. One night they rush over each other to attend evangelistic meetings, and the other night they patronize cheap vaudeville because it's

The Columbia Theater was opened last Summer, under the direction of Manager R. G. Weich, when Mrs. Lezlie Carter presented "Du Barry," but the stock sen-son did not begin until September 4, when "Cantain Letterblair" was played. cans who seems likely to stay out of the funaries is George H. Howell. Said one if his boomers yesterday.

"Things will be doing after the prinaries sure enough."

L. Baker was in charge for averal weeks, and early last December Mr. Bellard beautiful and the statement of the prinaries and early last December Mr. Bellard beautiful and the statement of the prinaries are should be and the statement of the prinaries are should be allowed by Charles W. York.

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subjects, Mr. Ballard could scarcely be said to be a novice in the theatrical field, if it am home and the street and he brought hard work, vigilant superto forts to the city's interests, conduct the business of the city on strictly business knowledge to hear on the situation. As vision, attention to detail and practical knowledge to bear on the situation. As a result, Mr. Ballard presented many plays at the Columbia for which high royalties were demanded and paid, plays that were recent New York, Brooklyn and Chicago successes. In this class are Heidelberg." The Holy City." Neidelberg. The Holy City, "Quo Vadis?" "Joan of Arc" and others. His selection of plays included tragedies, society plays, comedles and royalty attractions. His first presentation was "Mistakes Will Happen," and the others followed in this order: "The Prodigal Daughter," "Camille," "Charity Ball," Daugnter, "Camille, "Charity Ball,"
"The Last Word," "The Holy City," "The
Wife," "The Crime of Dubosq," "The
Moths of Society," "Sweet Lavender,"
"Quo Vadis?" "Lady of Lyons," "Old
Heldelberg," "Aristocraey," "Joan of
Arc," "Thelma" and "A Contented Woman." During the past week the theater has been managed by the stock company on a co-operative basis, under Mr. Ballard's direction.

The house has had three leading men: Edgar Baume, Heward Gould, who played up to and including the "Thelma" engagement, and Donald Bowles, who has played one week. Miss Countiss has been eading lady. The other well-known names are: William Bernard, William Dills, Scott Seaton-but why go on? They are too well known, and esteemed among Portland theatergoers.

Put a Nine in Field.

M'MINNVILLE COLLEGE, McMinn ille, Or., April 1 .- (Special.)-At a recent meeting of the student body it was de-cided to put into the field a baseball team. It is thought that the college can have a representative team, as there are several old players in school and plenty of new material from which to select. William Elmore has been selected as temporary manager, and is arranging a schedule of games. The necessary funds for converting a portion of the athletic field into a baseball diamond have be voted by the student hody, and work will begin as soon as weather conditions mit. Twenty-five men have signified their willingness to attend practice.

Sorosis Girls Take Debate.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 1 .- (Special.) The second debate in the series for the Gatch cup was won last night by the Sorosis Society girls in a contest with the Zetagathean Society. The Sorosis team was: Miss Leona Webber, Miss Pauline Davis and Miss Edna Irvine, and the Zetagatheans, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Forest and Mr. Clark. The question was: "Resolved, that the President of the United States should not have the veto power." The judges were E. R. Gryson, Professor Hor-ner and Professor! Tartar. The Sorosis girls had the negative and the Zetaga-theans the affirmative. The decision of the judges was unanimous.

Mother-Johany, why are you hopping ground on one foot? Johnny-We're playing horse, and I'm the one paps bet on York Sun.

SEED HAS TO PAY

Property Is Found Subject to Judgment

SEQUEL TO DIVORCE CASE

Contractor Must Give Orville D. Jennings Six Thousand Dollars for Alienating the Affections of Latter's Wife.

The property of John S. Seed is subject to the execution of Orville D. Jennings, who holds a judgment against Seed for \$5000 damages for having allenated the affections of his wife, Helen Cynthia Jennings, Judge Sears so decided yesterday, and Seed can only save his property from sale to satisfy the judgment held by Jennings by appealing from the decision to the Supreme Court, and filing

Seed transferred the property, con-sisting of houses and lots in Caruther's Addition, to his son, J. G. Seed, who was then a minor 20 years old. The son, while still under age, deeded the preperty back to his father with the unhis majority it was to be reconveyed to him. After Jennings levied upon the property the son, with the assistance of Attorney J. C. Moreland, endeavored to have canceled the deed he made to his father on the ground that he was under age when he signed and delivered it, and it was not binding. Judge Sears passed upon this and other legal questions involved, and held that the transfer from father to son was made after Seed was involved with Mrs. Jennings, and was a scheme to defeat Jennings in his damage suit. Jennings besides suing Seed secured a divorce from his wife. The divorce trial was very sensational in character. Jennings is a locomotive engineer, and Seed is prominent as a building contractor.

New Trial Denied Schneider. A new trial was denied by Judge Sears yesterday in the case of Cap-tain Herman Schneider, convicted of conducting a saloon at Montavilia in defiance of the prohibition statute. Counsel for Schneider, Ed Mendenhall, argued that the return of the Sherin did not show that the election notices were placed in public places, and also that there was no evidence that Schneider sold liquor, or his servant or agent. The court decided that the election, having been held on the day of the Presidential election, was a special election at a general election, and did not come within the strict rule which the authorities applied to notices governing special elections. Schneider will appeal to the Supreme Court and test the law.

For Taking Woman's Diamonds. Bob Patterson, former North End saloon and dancehall keeper, who has frequent-ly been accused of criminal offenses, was arraigned before Judge George yesterday on a charge of stealing diamonds valued at \$770 from Marie Palm. Patterson in the past has always succeeded in squaring things and keeping out of jail, but in the present case he failed to procure ball, and present case he falled to procure ball, and was locked up in the County Jall along with the common herd. He came into court without a lawyer and asked and was allowed time until Monday to enter his plea. Marie Palm says Patterson drugged her and took her jewelry from her. J. Moore, a former partner of Patterson, states that the latter deposited the diamonds with him for safe-keeping.

Hess Wins Suit Against Pullman.

In a decision rendered by Judge Sears yesterday the Pullman Company was held liable for a suitcase valued at \$65 lost by Albert Hess while on a trip from Caldwell, Idaho, to La Grande. When Hess boarded the train the porter took the suitcase from him. When he got ready to leave the train at La Grande the suitcase could not be found. Judge Sears held that the Pullman Company got possession of the suitcase through its porter and must account for it or its value. The and must account for it or its value. The defense made by the company at the trial was that Hess was gullty of contributory in not taking proper care o negligence in his property,

Profit in County Clerk's Office. Profit in County Clerk's Office.

For the month of March a profit of \$2281 was realized in the County Clerk's office, over and above all expenses, which is the best showing the office has ever made. County Clerk Fields submitted a report to the County Court of the receipts and disbursements as follows: Receipts, \$4250.20; expenses, salaries, \$1700.85; supplies, \$278.21; total, \$1979.09. A comparative statement of this office for the month of March for four years past follows:

Expense to county, 1962.........\$1,346.66 Expense to county 1962 \$1,345.69
Profit to county 1903 1,345.69
Profit to county 1904 712.18
Profit to county, 1904 2,281.11

Articles of Incorporation.

The Portland Riding Club filed arlivery stable and riding club.

Articles of incorporation of the Butternut Bread Company were filed yesternut Bread Company were died yes-terday by William Pfaff, John Perry, A. C. Vogel and Herman Wirth, capital stock \$5000. The objects announced are to conduct a general bakery busi-

Sues for Balance on Notes. L Lachman has sued the Rees Kruse Company in the State Circuit Court to Recorder, J. W. Hanks: Treasurer recover \$841, balance due on notes held. Valentine: Councilmen-at-Large.

by L. Michael: In the complaint it is set forth that Michael sold the Rees Kruse Company stock of the Coal Creek Improvement Company for \$2000. receiving notes in payment. It is al-leged that the defendants gave to leged that the defendants gave to Michael infinitesimal payments on the notes with a desire to keep him short of money and force him to assist in shady enterprises. Lachman holds an assignment of the claim due Michael.

Sues to Condemn Right of Way. Suit to condemn a strip of land for Suit to condemn a strip of land for right of way purposes was begun yes-terday in the State Circuit Court by the Portland, Vancouver & St. Johns Railway Company against George W. Force. A. E. Force and W. J. Gregg, The land is adjacent to the south bank of the Columbia Plant in the of the Columbia River, in the Joseph R. Switzler donation land claim. The strip desired is 30 feet in width and 4612 feet in length.

Files Petition in Bankruptcy. A petition in bankruptcy was filed yes terday afternoon before the United States Commissioner by Ruth A. Blair, of Weston. Mrs. Blair in her petition alleges that she was formerly a merchant of Weston and that she has debts amount-

ing to \$3421.94, with assets of \$1520. The case will be referred to Deputy Commissioner in Bankruptcy Thomas Fitzgerald,

of Pendleton, for settlement,

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St. Johns Will Hold First Town Election.

THREE TICKETS IN THE FIELD

Chief Fight Is for Mayor, Which Will Be Determined Tomorrow Night, When the Polls Are Counted.

In the new city of St. Johns the polls for the first municipal election under the new charter will open tomorrow morning at 9 and close at 7 o'clock in the evening. In the First Ward the polling-place will be in the Council Chamber, and in the Second Ward the polling-place will The Portland Riding Club filed articles of incorporation yesterday in the office of the County Clerk. The incorporators are W. G. Brown, J. P. K. Irvin and George W. Joseph, and the amount of capital stock is \$5000. The objects announced are to carry on a black of the county of the county of the county of the first ward the polining in the First Ward the polining in the Second Wa votes are counted Monday night it is any-Following are the tickets in the field:

Citizens' ficket-Mayor, T. J. Monohan; Recorder, M. F. Tufts; Trensurer, H. B. Bickner; Councilmen-at-Large, A. S. Douglass, G. H. Carlson, C. L. Johnson; Councilmen First Ward, L. A. Crane, Daniel Brecht; Councilmen Second Ward, H. W. Brice, G. M. Hall.

Independent ticket-Mayor, W. H. King; Recorder, J. W. Hanks; Treasurer, F. W. Thurston, P. J. Peterson, G. H. Carlson; Councilmen Pirst Ward, C. D. Edwards, C. A. Lindquist; Councilmen Second Ward, H. N. Brice, W. C. Walker, D. C. Good Government ticket-Mayor, W. V.

Jobes; Recorder, J. W. Hanks; Treas-urer, F. W. Valentine; City Attorney, S. H. Green; Councilmen-at-Large, E. C. Thurston, B. F. Leggett, C. S. Thompson, Councilmen First Ward, C. D. Edwards, C. A. Lindquist; Councilmen Second Ward, J. H. Shields, H. W. Brice. No combinations have yet been formed and it now appears that it will be straight three-cornered fight. was effort made to unite the Indepen-dent and Citizens' tickets by the withdrawal of W. H. King and Thomas J. Monnhan, who head these tickets as candidates for Mayor, and the nomination of A. S. Douglas for Mayor, Monation of A. S. Douglas for Mayor, Mona-han said he was willing to withdraw if King would, but Mr. King refused to consider the proposition and sug-gested that Monahan get out of the way, but the latter said he would re-

main in the field if King did.

The Good Government League ticket was put out by this organization some time before the others were nominated and represents opposition to the men who got up and brought about the adoption of the new charter. Marshal C. R. Organ is the active figure in this organization. This organization unces the present charter, declaring

credit. These two tickets are also sup-posed to represent the members of the Commercial Club, and for this reason a commercial Club, and for this reason a strong effort was made to bring them together. The Good Government League is fighting both these tickets and pointing that the charter for which they are responsible is fatally defective. By an adroit movement the managers of the Good Government League succeeded in placing most of its candidates on one or both of the Chinene. didates on one or both of the Citizens' and Independent tickets. The big fight will be on the Mayor.

Festival of Purim Celebrated.

Parsons' hall was well filled last night with a happy, joyous throng, to celebrate the Purim entertainment and masquerade ball under the auspices of the children's guild of personal service of the Temple Beth Israel. The programme follows: Address, President Nathan M. Simon; German comedy, Harold Germanus and Leo Shapirer; sword and doll drill; vocal bright musical future before her; and junior class.

that it is fatally defective and that it the little Portland minstrels, under the was railroaded through the Legisla- direction of George A. Eastman and Leo was railroaded through the Legisla-ture without the people being given a Shapirer, one of the best-sung songs being chance to amend it.

The Citizens' ticket is supposed to represent "the progressive" element of St. Johns, those who brought about the adoption of the new charter, aithough the Independents claim some of the Shapirer and Hazel Altman won the prizes offered by the Evening Telegram for the funniest couple in the masquerade.

Ferry to Underwood Landing.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 1 .- (Speiai.)-A movement is on foot to establish a steam ferry between Underwood Landing and this city. With the com-pletion of the new bridge over the White Salmon at the mouth of the river and a good road leading up the valley to the Trout Lake region, a country with 4000 population will be made tributary to the business of this city by the operation of this ferry.

Junior "Prom" at Pacific.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—A junior prome-nade took the place of the regular college reception last night. The evening was entirely in charge of the class of '06, which introduced some novel and pleasing meth-ods of entertaining. The promenade was led by Professor George B. Woods and solo, a selection brilliantly sung by Miss led by Professor George B. Woods and Ethel Abrams, one of the best of the his wife. Refreshments were served by younger soprance of the city, and who has Misses White. Sorenson and Ferrin, of the

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