

Thomas C. Devlin Gives Some Reasons Why

Being the Second of a Series of Writings Concerning Men Who Want to Be Mayor.

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

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It is as a student of municipal government and a practical executive that Mr. Devlin is asking his fellow-citizens to make him Mayor. He has studied city government for 29 years and feels that he is fitted for the place. In other words, he stands on his record—which even his opponents are disposed to admit is a very creditable one. He has been connected with the City Auditor's office continuously since 1891, nine years as a clerk and seven as Auditor. During that long time he has been faithful to the confidence which has been so generally reposed in him. He has made the office a model of systematic efficiency. The honest and economical conduct of the city's business entrusted to him is in marked contrast to conditions in other cities which have fallen under the sway of the grafter. I've heard men say they didn't like Tom Devlin, but I never heard one say he was not capable.

The other day I asked him to tell something of his life and work and reasons why he wants to be Mayor of Portland. Now, he it known that Mr. Devlin does not, as many of our campaigners do, talk glibly of what wonderful working stunts he will perform if he's elected. He speaks deliberately and after second thought, but what he says represents what he intends to convey, which is something of a novelty in politics. I don't believe Devlin was ever caught in the act of "talking through his hat."

To begin with, he has been a student of municipal reform for many years, and would like to try his hand at putting some of his ideas on city government into execution. As an auditor of "Municipal Reform in the United States," a book which Putnam's published some years ago, Mr. Devlin has an international reputation as an authority. The entire property of this work was sold in Great Britain and the United States within one year. He has also contributed many magazine articles on municipal government, and perhaps the best library of municipal subjects on the Pacific Coast. He is identified with the National Municipal League, in which organization he ranks with Dr. Washington Gladden, Judge Hornblower, of New York, and other leaders.

To an unusual degree Candidate Devlin combines the theoretical and practical in matters pertaining to city government. He is a student, writer, expert accountant and practical politician, which combination is a mighty hard one to beat.

I asked him to define his position on various questions that are agitating the good citizenship of the community, and the first one he touched on was franchise-grading. "I stand for the cancellation of every perpetual franchise on fair terms to all the persons interested, and will do all within my power to bring about this reform in Portland if the people make me Mayor. During my career in this city I have probably had more fights with corporations than any other man in the city, and I believe that the former should be treated with fairness, but that the city



T. C. Devlin. —Photo by Butterworth.

is always entitled to a shade the best of it.

"I have always protested against the giving away of the people's property in the form of franchises. Some outrageous instances of this kind have occurred in Portland. Particularly was this true during the lean years of the early '90s, when franchises were bartered away for almost, if not quite, nothing.

"Every public-service corporation operating through a municipal franchise or grant of privilege should have the amount of its stock and bonds limited to the actual investment which it represents, and provisions should be made in its charter for the creation of a sinking fund from its earnings for the liquidation of all its debts during the lifetime of its franchise.

"For ten years I have been preaching public docks for Portland, and believe them more important to the growth of the city than any other public utility which the city might own, excepting the water system. Furthermore, I am in favor of municipal ownership of all public utilities that are necessarily monopolistic in their use. In the operation of such utilities by the municipality the income therefrom should be sufficient to cover the cost of operation, maintenance, interest and depreciation, and as their earnings increase over such necessary amounts the rates should be lessened so that the public may realize the benefits. Positively none of the profits should be diverted for the purpose of paying the cost of the city government proper. The cost of the government property is a charge upon the owners of accumulated wealth."

Mr. Devlin is confident that in the Mayor's office he could render valuable service to the city and give the city the best administration in its history. He is outspoken in saying that his election would mean reforms in the police and other departments, but declines to make a detailed statement of the changes he would make.

Politically the Auditor has been a Republican since he cast his first vote in 1884 for the Plumed Knight. He is the first Republican of his line, however, his father, who is still living, having always been a Democrat.

Mr. Devlin was born in New York State and is 47 years old. He has been in turn farmer, schoolteacher, writer, expert accountant and public official. In Missouri, Texas, Colorado, California and Oregon he has had a varied experience with men and matters. He has acquired a competence and is credited with possessing much business shrewdness.

Should he carry the primaries on May 3 and be elected in the early days of June, Portland will have a Mayor whose administration is certain to be an interesting one, and whether it be a success or failure, Thomas C. Devlin will stand responsible for it and take the consequences.

FOR LOWER WIRE RATES

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The Portland Chamber of Commerce has taken a membership in the National Municipal League of Philadelphia. The prime objects of this organization are to arouse civic patriotism, appeal to civic pride and advance the government of cities generally. The idea of uniting with the Philadelphia League is to incorporate into municipal affairs in Portland a great many advantageous features from other cities and apply them locally to the best possible advantage.

THE CRITICAL MOMENT

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Receiver for Uncle Sam Company.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 20.—Judge J. C. Pollock, in the United States District Court here today named J. C. O. Morse as receiver for the Uncle Sam Oil Company. Mr. Morse, who is manager of the telephone company at Wichita and formerly was a State Railroad Commissioner, gave a bond of \$50,000. The court also required that the three stockholders who petitioned for the receiver furnish a bond of \$10,000 to cover any injury to the company that might arise out of the appointment.

DID NOT MENTION DEVLIN

Secretary Labor Denies That He Criticized the City Auditor.

"I was misquoted this morning in the published report of the meeting of the Initiative One Hundred last night," said J. B. Labor, secretary of the Board of Trade yesterday. "I was accredited with having charged that Auditor Devlin, or some other city official, was careless in preparing the wording of the Madison-street bridge project, as it has been arranged to be placed on the ballot to be voted on by the electors of Portland. I did not mention Mr. Devlin's name, neither did I insinuate that any city official was blameable."

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Births.

WESTLING—Born to the wife of Erick Joseph Westling, April 17, at 350 Fairbank avenue, North, a son.

Marriage Licenses.

HUNTER—HUNTER—John P. Hunter, 35, city; Kate Hunter, 21, city.

MARSH—CONFER—Frank L. Marsh, 21, city; Clara Confer, 21, city.

WILSON—ROWLAND—Frank H. Wilson, 21, city; Elizabeth Mabel Rowland, 20, city.

DILLON—OLLENBECK—Tom Dillon, 18, city; Amy Maud Ollenbeck, 16, city.

FULTZ—JOHNSON—Franklin P. Fultz, 27, city; Lena Johnson, city.

OWEN—RICH—Morris Owen, Astoria; Lillian Rich, 26, city.

HIMES—HUGH—Charles A. Himes, 37, city; Elisabeth G. Hughes, 34, city.

Building Permits.

J. H. SHIELDS—Two-story frame dwelling, Vancouver street, between Killingsworth and Pearl streets, \$2000.

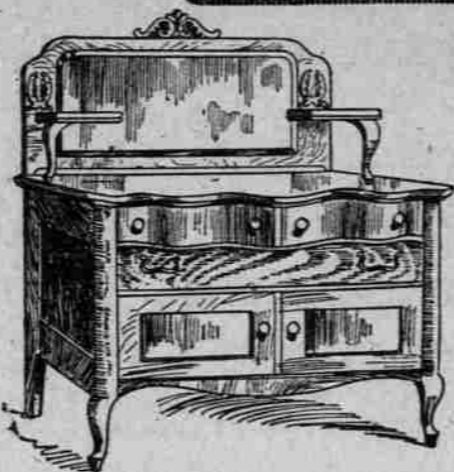
C. I. SCHOENFELDT—Two-story frame dwelling, Broadway street, corner of Victoria street, \$2000.

P. W. WINN—One-story frame dwelling, Prescott street, between Albina and North-west streets, \$600.

Deaths.

DODDS—At Phoenix, Ariz., April 20,

You Are Welcome To Credit



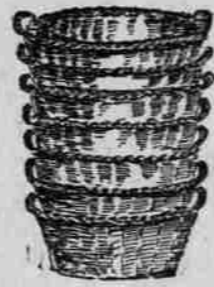
Handsome Buffet \$18.00

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A DOZEN NEW PATTERNS JUST ARRIVED

It burns hard coal, soft coal, or wood, and utilizes all the heating power of the fuel. Ordinary ranges are made of cast iron. Such ranges are fuel wasters, because when steel is bolted to cast iron it is practically impossible to make tight joints without the use of stove putty. Such a stove may work well until the bolts become loose, or the seams open between the rivets. The putty contracts, hardens and falls out. Then outside air leaks in through every seam and joint—through imperfectly closed openings at the oven door; the draft door, the ash-pan door, etc., and it takes twice as much fuel to keep up the fire.

The Monarch range is different. It is constructed with Malleable Iron frames, to which the sheet steel is riveted—not bolted.

Each of the frames around the oven door, ash door, the pouch feed, back of oven, etc., is made of Malleable Iron, which insures absolutely air-tight joints be made.

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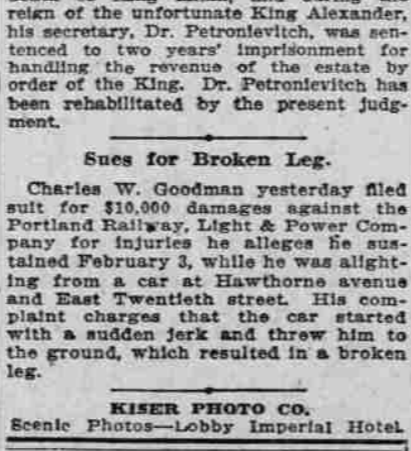
A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE

Erminia Mabel Dods, aged 32 years. Interment at River View Cemetery.

WINDFALL FOR QUEEN NATALIE. BELGRADE, Servia, April 20.—(Special.) A considerable windfall has come to Queen Natalie, widow of King Milan of Servia, as the result of a lawsuit which has been decided by the Balkan Court of Appeals. Her majesty is declared the owner of lands in Roumania belonging to the Obruovitch (King Milan's) family and worth \$120,000. The ownership of this land has been in dispute since the death of King Milan, and during the reign of the unfortunate King Alexander, his secretary, Dr. Petronovitch, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for handling the revenue of the estate by order of the King. Dr. Petronovitch has been rehabilitated by the present judgment.

SUES FOR BROKEN LEG. Charles W. Goodman yesterday filed suit for \$10,000 damages against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for injuries he alleges he sustained February 3, while he was alighting from a car at Hawthorne avenue and East Twentieth street. His complaint charges that the car started with a sudden jerk and threw him to the ground, which resulted in a broken leg.

KISER PHOTO CO. Scenic Photos—Lobby Imperial Hotel.

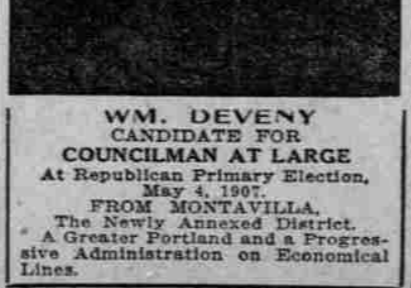


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D. A. R. INVESTING FUNDS Finance Committee Has Placed \$24,000 in Railway Bonds.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—At the closing session today of the Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution the question of the investment of the society's finances was discussed. The seal of approval was indirectly put upon the action of the committee on finance in purchasing about \$24,000 worth of railroad bonds as an investment. It has been charged by the treasurer, Mrs. Davis, that these transactions amounted to "insure speculation," and she recommended that hereafter only Government bonds be purchased.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the treasurer-general recommended approval of the report of the finance committee regarding the investment of the funds. The recommendation was accepted by the congress and it is taken to mean that the finance committee may hereafter purchase railroad bonds in its discretion.

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