

DEVLIN DECLINES LANE'S CHALLENGE

Republican Committee Is Not Favorable to Proposed Joint Debate.

NO GOOD PURPOSE SERVED

Chairman Cake Writes Democratic Manager Setting Forth Reasons for Action—Opposition's Attitude Makes Plan Impossible.

Thomas C. Devlin, Republican candidate for Mayor, and Mayor Harry Lane will not meet in a public debate. While this has been a foregone conclusion ever since R. W. Montague, manager of Mayor Lane's campaign, wrote to W. M. Cake, the chairman of the Republican Central Committee, it was not until late yesterday afternoon that an official explanation of the challenge was made.

Chairman Cake does not view a meeting of the rival candidates as a proper method of enlightening the voters and does not think such a meeting as proposed by Chairman Montague would amount to anything.

Chairman Cake says the executive committee was impressed with the suggestion, but deemed it wise to await developments in the campaign before announcing the public utterances of the speakers at the big Lane meeting and says that the personal features of such a discussion would preponderate and injure the cause of enlightenment.

Chairman Cake also scores the false and improper attempt to class the Republican committee and the Republican Mayor candidate as North Enders, undesirable characters and unfit for the management of municipal affairs.

Chairman Cake's letter to Chairman Montague follows:

Text of the Letter.

R. W. Montague, Chairman Democratic Campaign Committee.

Dear Sir: I have for acknowledgment your favor of recent date, and am instructed by the Republican Central Committee to make answer to you as follows:

Assuming the only object in view in a public discussion to be, as you say in your letter, the enlightenment of the voters, as must you, that a public discussion under existing circumstances between rival candidates for the office of Mayor of Portland would amount to nothing for the accomplishment of the desired purpose.

Upon receipt of your letter, our committee was impressed with your suggestion, but deemed it not improper (and this is our excuse for not sooner answering you) to note developments in the campaign before acting in the premises, and we are now assured, since the public utterances of your speakers, that the personal feature of a public discussion would preponderate and thus injure the cause of enlightenment.

The attempt has been made, upon false and improper premises, to class the Republican party, the Republican committee and the Republican candidates, as North End and undesirable characters and unfit, therefore, for the management of our municipal affairs. This assumption and claim is indignantly resented and will be by the Republican party on the third day of June.

Reasons for Refusal.

Viewing then the public utterances of your speakers as an indication of what might be expected if Mr. Lane were engaged in a public debate with Mr. Devlin, we must respectfully decline your proposition, and also refuse to join you in the alternative plainly expressed in your letter, to the effect of "just, severe and improper influences."

I am further instructed to say that we shall not permit our opponents to plan or carry on a campaign on the ground, but hope to pursue the same with due regard to the intelligence of the voter and the exercise of all legitimate means to elect our ticket.

Assuring you of our esteemed respect for your party, your committee and yourself, I am, very sincerely yours, WILLIAM CAKE.

A petition signed by 950 citizens asking Mayor Lane to accept the nomination as the Citizens' Independent candidate for Mayor was filed with Auditor Devlin yesterday. Early in the day Mayor Lane filed his formal acceptance of the nomination. Having also accepted the nomination from the Democrats, the Mayor's name will appear on the official ballot under the designation "Democratic-Citizens' Independent."

DEVLIN ATTACKS GEARIN CHARGES DEMOCRATIC LEADER WITH SLANDERING HIM.

No Proof That Republican Candidate Stands for Interests—Rousing Rally Held at Sellwood.

Thomas C. Devlin, Republican candidate for Mayor, was the principal speaker last night at the Republican rally in Sellwood. In the course of his address he undertook to refute the charge that he was in any way tied up with the "interests," or was in league with the North End element or had paid his respects to ex-Senator John M. Gearin. Mr. Devlin quoted from Senator Gearin's speech at the Democratic rally, "Devlin does not intend to offend the interests; he does not intend to cut off his supply."

"It is implied in this remark by Senator Gearin that Tom Devlin is for the interests," he said, "but no proofs are given. Simply an unsupported statement without proof of any sort. If the Senator had proof that Tom Devlin is for the interests, he should have given it, but the bare statement was cowardly. I had given Senator Gearin credit for being more broad minded, and in view of the fact that he belonged to a firm of lawyers who handle most of the corporation business of the city and state, it was most cowardly and ill advised of him to make such an unsupported statement from the public platform. I had hoped that there would be no personalities in this campaign, but I cannot allow such a slander to go unanswerred."

Moreover, protection is afforded to some of these houses and withheld from others, bear that in mind."

Passing on Mr. Devlin discussed the Republican platform, which he said was for good government, cleaner streets and better and more economical methods in all branches and departments of the city government.

He said that there would be improvement in the police protection of the city, and spoke of the discharge of the older detectives some time ago as a most rash act, remarking that these men were all on the payroll of the city, and that good attorneys say they will be able to collect their salaries from the city. Mr. Devlin said there could and would be improvements in all lines if the Republican ticket were successful. The principles of the platform carried out would mean the best governed city in the country.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Devlin spoke of the amendments to the city charter and other questions that the voters will vote on June 3. He urged careful consideration of them all. William M. Cake, chairman of the City Central Committee, was present, and made a brief talk on the primary law, which he declared would be tested in the coming election. He maintained that the Republican party is responsible for its success or its failure. Mr. Cake spoke of the demand for a non-partisan campaign, and remarked that the demand came from the Democratic party only.

There were also present Judge George J. Cameron, Edward Weirlein and J. P. Kavanaugh, who made short talks. There was a large and enthusiastic audience present. The speakers received an ovation. Music was furnished by the Tomlinson Band, and much of the old-time spirit was thrown into the meeting. J. P. Ketchum, precinct chairman, presided. Many prominent Republicans of the precinct occupied chairs on the platform.

Young Men Are Republicans.

"A statement appeared a few days ago," said Herman Schneider, registration clerk in the County Clerk's office, last night, "to the effect that 40 per cent of the young men who registered for the coming June election are Democrats. I not only wish to contradict that statement—and I ought to know whereof I speak, as every card passed through my hands before it is filed—but I desire to make the assertion that 55 per cent of the young men who registered are Republicans—and I will back it up."

Mr. Schneider says he can prove by the figures and information entered on each card that he is in the right.

South Portland Republican Rally.

The South Portland Republican Club will give a rousing rally at United Artisans hall, Front and Globe streets, Wednesday night. This will be the first meeting the club has held since the primaries. Thomas C. Devlin, candidate for Mayor, will open the meeting and will be followed by Ion Wallace McCannant. A fine musical program has been arranged and all Republicans are invited. Women especially invited.

FOILS HIGHWAY ROBBERS PATROLMAN ARRESTS MEN WHO ASSAULTED BEN ADLER.

Suspects Deny Having Attempted to Take Victim's Money During a Fight in South Portland.

What is believed by the police to be a flagrant holdup was prevented by Patrolman Dick Stuart and two of the supposed highwaymen taken into custody on First and Lincoln streets about 10 o'clock last night. Ben Adler, a tailor, who resides at 400 Front street, was on his way home, accompanied by his sister. As they passed the corner of First and Lincoln streets three men jumped out from a dark corner and assaulted Adler. Despite the screams of the girl and Adler's resistance, they gave him a severe beating and are said to have attempted to rifle his pockets.

The Lombard brothers deny that they attempted to rob Adler. At the finding of most of Adler's money on the sidewalk about 100 feet from the scene of the fight, caused the police to believe that it was highway robbery and not a simple case of assault.

EXPOSITION RINK REOPENS Six Days' Racing to Be Held Afternoon and Evening Next Week.

The big Exposition rink will again be thrown open to the public next Monday afternoon, when a big six days' racing meet will open. Racers from all over the Coast are arriving to compete for places. The races will run 20 minutes each afternoon and evening, and there will be general skating before and after the races. Parsons' live orchestra will furnish music afternoon and evening. The races promise much excitement and are being anticipated by all skate lovers. The regular admission of 10 cents will be charged at the races and skates as usual, 25 cents.

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CHARTER CHANGES MOST IMPORTANT

Voters Urged Not to Overlook Proposed Amendments on June 3.

WILL ALTER ORGANIC LAW

Five of Sixteen Have to Do With Creating Public Indebtedness to Last for Many Years—Ordinances Under Initiative.

Quite as important in the city election two weeks from tomorrow as the voting for 14 officers of the city government will be the voting on 16 charter amendments and five ordinances, proposed under the initiative for enactment by the electors.

The charter amendments that may be approved will become incorporated into the organic law of the city to remain there perpetually, since five of them have to do with creating new public indebtedness which will last for many years to come. The proposed ordinances that are to be adopted will take a permanent place in the code of ordinances, since one grants a new 25-year gas franchise, two regulate the sale of liquor; another regulates the use of stationary engines and boilers, and a fifth the stringing of electric wires.

It is highly essential, therefore, that voters give due attention to the initiative measures, and do not overlook them in voting for Mayor and other officers.

The five charter amendments authorizing new indebtedness will add to the public debt of the city as follows:

Amendments Authorizing Bonds.

"For the construction of an additional pipe line or conduit from the headworks on the Bull Run River to the city of Portland and for the purchase of land for the construction of reservoirs necessary in connection therewith, and for the purchase of water meters and for the installation of a meter system in the supply of water: \$2,000,000 in 4 per cent 25-year bonds to be paid principal and interest from taxes to be assessed, levied and collected upon all real and personal property."

"For the purchase of lands and docks, and secondly in the construction and improvement of docks by the Executive Board: \$500,000 in 4 per cent 30-year bonds."

"For the construction of a new bridge across the Willamette River at Madison street: \$450,000 in 4 per cent 30-year bonds."

"To purchase, construct and equip an additional fire boat and to lay water mains for protection against fire: \$275,000 in 4 per cent 25-year bonds."

These five new debts amount to \$5,225,000 and will increase the debt of the city to nearly \$12,000,000, including the obligations of the Port of Portland district and the Portland school district. Those debts are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Total: \$11,991,500.

Will Increase Debt to \$11,991,500.

The new debt \$5,225,000, at 4 per cent interest, will increase the total debt to \$11,991,500, and the annual interest charges to \$542,000.

Not all the interest charges, however, bear directly on property owners, nor will all the new charges. The interest on the present water debt is paid by water consumers, but that on the new water bonds is to be paid by taxpayers. Of the \$15,000 of \$20,000 annual interest on the new \$500,000 bonds for the Madison-street bridge, at least \$15,000 is to be paid by the streetcar company for a franchise on the viaduct. It is believed also that the public docks to be secured with the proposed \$500,000 will pay the interest on that debt out of the revenues. The \$2,000,000 water amendment provides that "the city of Portland shall pay to the water franchisee the sum of \$50,000 per annum, in full compensation for all water consumed by or furnished to the city after the year 1907."

The \$450,000 amendment for construction of a new bridge at Madison street imposes as a necessary preliminary the termination of the present 20-year franchise on that structure, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. This franchise will otherwise last until 1922 and the car company pays only \$1000 a year for it. But for the new bridge it will pay 5 cents for each crossing of each car, or not less than \$15,000 a year. This plan is similar to that by which the car company uses the new Morrison bridge, paying therefor a minimum of \$10,000 a year.

The \$275,000 fireboat amendment authorizes \$125,000 for a new fireboat and the rest of the money for water mains, running electric wires, and the fireboat to connect with them and pump water for fire protection. These mains will not be used for the usual water supply. The new fireboat will be of steel and largely take the place of the present boat, which is not equal to the service required.

Improvement District.

Another charter amendment authorizes the Council to create districts for improvement of a number of streets at once. The present system requires a separate district for each street.

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Other amendments raise the salaries of the City Engineer from \$2400 to \$3500; the City Attorney from \$2400 to \$3000; the Municipal Judge from \$1850 to \$2400; the City Treasurer from \$2400 to \$3000; Councilmen from \$25 a month to \$10 a month.

Still other amendments create the offices of five sergeants of police; create a fire employment bureau, and annex Roseburg and Belle Heights.

Other proposed ordinances, one creates a Board of Engineer Examiners for licensing of stationary engineers; another regulates the stringing of electric wires; another grants a 25-year franchise to the Energy Gas Company; a fourth raises the saloon license to \$396 and limits the number of saloons for every 500 population, and a fifth fixes at lesser sums the liquor licenses of wholesalers, grocers, druggists exhibiting liquors and restaurateurs.

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UNCLE SAM POWERLESS

Federal Authorities Do Not Have Jurisdiction Over Purely State Combinations in Restraint of Trade.

It has been ruled that the Federal authorities do not have jurisdiction over illegal business combinations operating in Oregon, so long as these trusts do not apply their questionable practices to their interstate business. Therefore, before the Federal grand jury, which is now sitting in Portland, can return indictments against any alleged combination of furniture men, or grocery dealers or other association, prosecution must be offered establishing a direct violation of the Interstate Commerce Act, or of the Sherman Anti-Trust law or other interstate commerce law for the purpose of establishing this proof that Assistant United States Attorney Cole is probing into the affairs of the Oregon Retail Furniture Dealers' Association.

Several witnesses, including a number from the Sound cities, already have been examined and the disclosures before the grand jury are said to have been not at all favorable to the organization. Among those who have appeared before the jury is the secretary and attorney made to the furniture association, Frank F. Freeman, of this city, of "may and shall" fame in the lower house at the recent session of the State Legislature. The grand jury will reconvene tomorrow morning, when the examination of other witnesses will proceed.

"I am making a careful inquiry into all reports of alleged combinations of business in restraint of trade, and when it is shown that the Federal laws are being violated, prosecutions will follow," said United States Attorney Bristol yesterday. "But it is only when the Interstate Commerce Act or the Sherman Anti-Trust law as affecting the trade between states has been violated that the Federal courts have any jurisdiction. For instance, an individual dealer or a combination of dealers may bring a carload of cattle to Portland from Eastern Oregon, and propose to dispose of the product in another state. But if such a shipment of cattle should be brought into the state from Idaho, or Utah, or any other state, the combination must look to it that it does not violate any of the statutes relating to interstate commerce. It is then that the Government has an interest. But relief from combinations operating only in some community or within the state must be sought from the state authorities."

There is no law in this state which specifically reaches these local business organizations, which may be strong enough not only to control prices but to prevent legitimate competition.

The statutes of this state are uncertain of enforcement against combinations of monopolies operating or organized wholly within the state," said an attorney yesterday. "but there are sections of the code which seem adequate to give relief in proper cases affected by combinations and monopolies. A bill for a law to regulate these extortionate combinations was defeated at the last session of the State Legislature by the very interests that are now charged with maintaining trusts in the conduct of their respective classes of business."

Evangelical Conference Ends.

The sessions of the Evangelical Conference, which has been held at the German Evangelical Church for the past few days, were closed yesterday morning. The delegation deciding to meet in conference at Little Falls, Wash., the first Thursday in May next year. Officers elected are as follows: Conference treasurer, G. W. Plum; second delegate to General conference, N. Shupp; alternate delegate, E. Maurer; lay delegate, C. Lucke; alternate, V. Jones. E. Reinhardt preached at the church last night, and today there will be union meetings. Bishop Thomas Bohman, of Allentown, Pa., will preach the ordination sermon at the First German Church, Tenth and Clay streets, this morning. Ordination will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon and at 7:45 the bishop will again preach and hold a

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missionary meeting. At the First English Church, on East Sixth and Market streets, there will be a union meeting of the English churches, with sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. E. D. Hornsby.

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