

REPUBLICANS LOOK FOR STRONG MAN

Stalwarts Seek About in Party Ranks for Mayoralty Timber.

LANE LIKELY TO RUN AGAIN

Business Man Is Wanted, but Up to Date Nobody Has Entered Contest Whose Strength Is Thought Sufficient to Win.

With the municipal primary nominating election only six weeks distant, Republicans are groping about for a candidate possessing the necessary qualifications on whom the party can unite to wage up against the "little doctor." While Mayor Lane will not commit himself definitely, it is strongly suspected that he will be the Democratic nominee, particularly if he thinks he can win out by reason of dissension within the ranks of the opposition, to which he owes his election for a second term. The nearest thing to a declaration that he will run has been made by Mayor Lane when he announced yesterday that should he become a candidate, he will make the race on the fight he has made against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. Republicans, however, do not regard Lane the formidable candidate he was two years ago and point to the fact that several developments during the last two years have served materially to disorganize his strength.

At the same time, the Republicans are aware of the fact that the prime essential in accomplishing the defeat of Lane for a third term lies in selecting the strongest possible candidate for the nomination. It is generally conceded by Republicans that the party's nominee must be a representative business man and a taxpayer who has not heard the real interests of the city and the administration of its various departments. The recent agitation because of excessive taxation, which resulted in the appointment of a special investigating committee of 15 members, is regarded by property-owners as most timely. It has had the effect of causing voters who pay the taxes to become interested in municipal problems. Not only is this interest manifested in the selection of a candidate for Mayor that can win, but it applies equally to the election of seven members of the Council whose terms expire in July. Responsibility for the city government, aver these awakened voters, is divided between the Mayor and the Council and it will be their aim to bring about the election of a Mayor and a reorganized Council that can work in harmony.

Republicans to Work Together.

There is a determination on the part of Republicans to get together and pull together they can hear the real Democratic domination in municipal affairs. How that result may be assured is the problem with which the majority of the party is wrestling. All members of the party are agreed that the need for getting together never was more imperative, but there is a diversity of opinion as to how that shall be accomplished. Many are suspicious of the proposed assembly, which they pronounce an intentional evasion of the provisions of the direct primary law that will be repudiated by the mass of voters.

Supporters of the Assembly Plan are Just as Insistent in Requiring that it will serve in other than an advisory capacity and in no sense of the term will have any "strings" attached to it in the interest of any candidate or combination of candidates. They maintain that the purpose for which this gathering of party workers has been planned is to enable the party to test the capacity of the men best qualified to fill the offices.

But the question of who is the strongest man among the Republicans for the job is the problem that awaits the solution. Several have been "mentioned," but as a rule, objections of some kind have been urged against each. It is admitted that if the party can unite on a strong candidate, no concern need be felt for the result, regardless of whether Mayor Lane runs again or whether some other Democrat shall be nominated.

Friends Urge I. N. Felschner.

Influential friends during the last week have been urging I. N. Felschner to become a candidate for the Republican nomination, but he has given no assurance that he will enter the race. The demand that Senator Selling accept the party at the hands of the voters has not died out, but has been revived with more or less earnestness in some quarters during the last week. Senator Selling has refused to discuss the subject. It is known that should he decide to become a candidate, he will not seek the endorsement of the Republican assembly or any other similar gathering, but will go directly before the people for the nomination and election. Other men mentioned for the nomination as representative citizens with fixed interests as heavy taxpayers are Gay Lombard and D. C. Pelton.

Phil Metschan, a State Treasurer and proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, was urged last week to enter the race, but he declined. Postmaster Minto likewise passed up the request that he become a candidate. Colonel D. M. Dunne from the beginning of the campaign agitation has been a candidate only in event that the members of the party could get together and agree to support his nominee. F. E. Beach, of the Union Republican Club, also has been suggested as a likely candidate from among the business interests of the city. R. L. Sabin is still another man from the business interests who has been urged to enter the contest.

Others who have been proposed at different times since the municipal campaign opened are C. E. McDonnell, Master Fish Warden H. J. McAllister and Councilman John Annand. McDonnell is the only one of these three that is seriously considered for the subject. However, he has not announced his candidacy, and for that matter not a single aspirant for the nomination of Mayor has filed his declaration with the City Auditor. Senator A. A. Bailey is the only candidate who has formally declared he will be a candidate, but he has not yet complied with the primary law and filed an official announcement. He has until April 23, however, to make that announcement.

Rushlight Ready to Run.

Of the members of the Council, A. G. Rushlight is grooming himself as a candidate for mayor. The fact that he is the only hold-over member of the Council against whom the Sunnyside Improvement Club does not propose to invoke the recall has given him encouragement, and on the strength of that endorsement, it is said, will seek the nomination at the hands of the voters. Councilmen Willie and Baker, who early in the game had aspirations for the office held by Mayor Lane, are out of the running. Senator Dan Kellaher, an ex-member of the Council, may become a candidate. Kellaher during the recent

session of the Legislature played for popular favor, and by reason of his activity in boosting the removal of the Courthouse to the East Side and the removal of the state capital also to East Portland, is said to feel that he has made good with his constituents, especially those residing across the river, and in return for that activity may ask their support as a willing candidate to become Mayor.

During the last week City Auditor Barbur and City Attorney Kavanaugh filed formal announcements in the City Auditor's office advising the voters that they would be candidates to succeed themselves for a second term.

Members of the tax investigation committee recently appointed by C. K. Henry, while not proposing to take an active part in city politics, will lend their efforts towards inducing representative men to become candidates both for Mayor and for membership in the City Council.

A. B. Manley, temporary chairman of the Republican City Central Committee, still has under consideration the appointment of an executive committee of ten members, authorized at the meeting of the Central Committee last Wednesday night. Subject to the recommendations of the precinct committeemen, this committee is to propose the names of the Republicans that are to constitute the membership of the Republican assembly on Wednesday, April 7. Mr. Manley said yesterday that he would announce the members of the committee for a few days.

NEWS THAT STIRRED EVANS

FIGHTING BOB DEEPLY MOVED WHEN FLEET RETURNED.

Admiral Who Was in Command on First Lap of Great Voyage Will Soon Speak Here.

"Fighting Bob" Evans, the most picturesque and heroic naval figure in America, sat in his room in the West Hotel, Minneapolis, on Washington's birthday, when the Atlantic fleet returned to Hampton Roads. The guns that boomed out a welcome to the homing battleships echoed in the heart of the old sea fighter, as he received the first telegraphic news of the fleet's safe arrival.

A Minneapolis newspaper telephoned the information to Rear Admiral Evans that the fleet had arrived safely. Mrs. Evans was standing at a nearby table arranging a vase of roses when the telephone rang. The brave old sea dog who bears the scars earned in fighting his country's battles, answered the telephone message and then placed his hand affectionately to his wife's shoulder.

"Mother, the boys are home," he said, and a single tear coursed down his seamed and wrinkled face. "It's been a great cruise; it will go down in history. I wish that—"

"But God bless the boys, every one of them, from the fellow down in the hold to the men up above," said the admiral as he squared his shoulders and walked back to his chair. Mrs. Evans looked on silently, and her eyes, too, filled with tears. Suddenly Admiral Evans smiled and said: "Well, the fleet was 10 minutes ahead of time all around the world. What do you think of that?"

Rear Admiral Evans will lecture on the voyage of the Atlantic fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco, when he was in command, at the Army, on the night of March 31, under the auspices of the Portland Commercial Club. The seat sale will open at the club office March 25, and will continue the following day. After that, seats may be had at Rowe & Martin's drug store. All seats are reserved.

LIAR CANNOT BE CITIZEN

Gabriella Leonetti Denied Admission by Judge Gantenbein.

Gabriella Leonetti, an Italian bootblack, was denied admission as a citizen of the United States, yesterday afternoon, because it was thought he was a gross liar. He attempted to lie to Circuit Judge Gantenbein during the hearing for admission as a citizen and the court decided that a man of that sort was not fitted to become a citizen.

It seems Leonetti was very busy polishing shoes yesterday, Saturday being the rush day in that vocation. When he learned that his application for admission as a citizen was to be passed upon in the middle of a profitable forenoon he decided to remain away. Joe Morak, an Italian who is said to be continually nosing about in public places and getting the sat upon arose in court and suavely explained that Leonetti was sick and unable to be in court. Another Italian advised the officials that Leonetti was busy shining shoes and in order to learn who was lying the judge ordered the bootblack brought into court at 2 P. M.

Leonetti attempted to explain that no one had notified him to appear at the forenoon session. The reason he was away was that he believed his hearing was set for next week, he said. This was shown to be a fabrication and Leonetti was turned down. He cannot now apply for admission as a citizen until a period of five years has elapsed.

"WATCH THE MOVEMENT

down the river." See Harborton adv. Page 5, Section 2.

PROHIBITION LAYS PLANS

Hope to Make Entire State Dry in 1910.

ALL FORCES TO COMBINE

Party Leaders Will Meet Tomorrow Night and Outline Fight to Drive Out Saloons at Next Election.

The Prohibition party of Oregon, the Anti-Saloon League and the Women's Christian Temperance Union will unite in preparatory work for the campaign of 1910, which is to be waged with a view to making the entire state dry. The law which is to enforce this condition, if passed, has been prepared by Rev. J. R. Knodell, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, with the aid of E. C. Miller, field secretary of the Prohibition party, and Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh. All arrangements for the dissemination of literature, the holding of meetings and the bringing of good speakers into every county and district will be made and provided for. It is declared by workers of the Prohibition party that 1910 will see Oregon enter the ranks of "dry" states. It is also asserted that the entire church element in the state will assist, and is already assisting in the campaign. Activity is prophesied all along the line and a lively night may be expected when the opposing forces commence operations.

Plans already made will be elaborated tomorrow night, when a meeting will be held at the residence of I. H. Amos, 853 Hawthorne Avenue. It is expected that representative party men from all districts of the state will be in attendance. J. P. Newell, state chairman, will preside. The following persons are expected to participate in the discussion: W. E. Elmore, Mayor of Beaverton; N. A. Davis, Mayor of Milwaukie; Mrs. Henrietta Brown, president State W. C. T. U.; R. B. Hood, The Dalles; Leslie Butler, Hood River; Rev. Hiram Gould, Forest Grove; Professor Henry Sheak, Philomath; T. P. Hackleman, Albany; D. A. Snyder, Dayton; B. Lee Paget and E. O. Miller, Portland.

Letters will be read from National Chairman Charles R. Jones, Eugene W. Chaffin, recent nominee for President; Aaron S. Watkins, recent nominee for Vice-President, and members of the National executive committee, as follows: A. G. Wolfenbarger, W. G. Calderwood, Felix T. McWhirter, A. A. Stevens, Samuel Dickle, Finley C. May, of Portland; Clinton N. Howard, Rochester, N. Y.; Guy Fosson, chairman of Washington State Prohibition; and William P. F. Ferguson, editor of the National Prohibitionist.

FOSTER-CHILD CRIES FRAUD

Mrs. M. E. Clinton Accused of Manipulating Estate.

Mrs. M. E. Clinton, widow of Richard Clinton, who died last July, leaving an estate appraised at \$12,312 and said to be worth \$30,000, was charged with attempting to defraud her adopted daughter of an interest in the estate, in a petition filed with the County Court yesterday afternoon. The petition asks the immediate removal of Mrs. Clinton as administratrix of her husband's estate, demands a new appraisal of the estate and asks that the adopted daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Hatlie Clinton Muller, be allotted the interest in the estate. Her father alleges that the appraisal is far too low and that the debts presented are greatly in excess of what actually exist.

Clinton died intestate. Two weeks after his death, Mrs. Clinton appeared with a petition for letters of administration, representing to be the only heir. The letters were given and the settlement of the estate has been progressing since that time.

That Mrs. Clinton sought willfully and wrongfully to dispossess her is the allegation presented by Mrs. Muller. It is alleged that the widow well knew of the existence and claim of her adopted daughter but that she thought to get the estate disposed of to her own advantage. It is further alleged that the sat upon arose in court and suavely explained that Leonetti was sick and unable to be in court.

Mrs. Muller finally alleges that Mrs. Clinton is not a proper person to entrust with the administration of the estate and that she is failing properly to perform her duties. Hearing is asked to prove the allegations set forth. An order, too, is asked staying a distribution of the estate pending settlement of the adopted daughter's petition.

Would Restrict Immigration.

MILWAUKIE, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the Milwaukie Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, today it was declared that more stringent laws should be adopted restricting immigration to this country, or American institutions will be destroyed. The question was discussed for over an

A DEAL OF GREAT MAGNITUDE

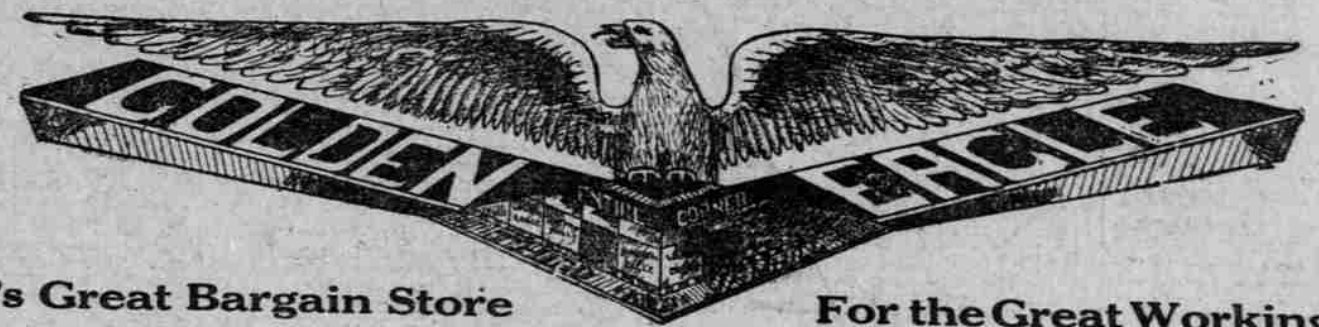
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hour by E. Dye, E. Bonnel, W. Young, Miss Kate Young and John Kelso.

Institute Closes With Banquet.

The institute conducted by the county W. C. T. U. in the Evangelical Church at Lents closed Friday night with a banquet. Discussion of topics of interest to workers was held during the day, including settlement, constructive reform and other questions. The tables for the banquet were beautifully decorated with daffodils and Oregon grape. Mrs. L. H. Addison was in charge as toastmistress, and performed her duties in good form. Mrs. M. L. Sleeth responded to the toast, "Our Creed." Mrs. Francis Townsley, of Chicago, spoke on "The Woman and the Book." Rev. William Ingalls, "Chris-

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Children's ribbed Cotton Hose, reg. 20c value, pair... **9c**

\$1.50 Sateen Petticoats 59c

Another big value for Monday shoppers—100 black mercerized sateen Petticoats, in plain or striped effects; regular 59c value... **59c**

of Portland, county president, presided during the day. The attendance was larger than usual.

Chaplain Eaton III.
OSWEGO, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—All over Oregon, wherever the Patrons of Husbandry has been organized, the news will be heard with deep regret that "Father" Oscar Eaton, the

venerable state chaplain, has been very ill. He is somewhat improved today, but his condition causes his friends great concern. "Father" Eaton was absent from the Oswego Grange Saturday, March 13, for the first time in seven years because of his illness. Recently Chaplain Eaton celebrated his 88th birthday. It is now feared that he may not be able to attend the next State Grange, which meets in May in McMinnville.

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