## TACOMA CAMPAIGN MILD AND POLITE

Party Rancor Is Absent, and Also Old-Time Party Enthusiasm.

#### COMMISSION PLAN TRIED

Half Hundred Candidates Are Seeking Half Dozen Well-Paid Jobs. No Issues to Guide Voters or Confuse Candidates.

TACOMA, Wash., March 12 .- (Spe cial.)—Much on the order of a "pink tea" affair is the municipal campaign now well under way in Tacoma—its first venture at the commission plan of government. Election day is April
5. There are only six offices to be
filled under this new plan—a Mayor, a
Controller and four Commissioners.
There are already 43 self-nominated
candidates in the race and a dozen or
so more who will likely file.
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All the enthusiasm of the old-time ampaign is lacking. Gone are the rallies, spellbinders and bands which have always marked city campaigns in the past—for this election is to be strictly non-partisan, every man for himself, individually, and with the expenditures of each candidate limited by law to \$500. Quietly and politicly of an even-ing the candidates many of them at least—go out and attend meetings of the men's brotherhoods or some im-provement club. Here the candidate makes his talk. Those at the meeting who wish question and cross-question

#### Civic Purity Made Issue.

The churchmen are seeking to take a more important part in the election. The women are also in the little game, although they cannot vote but hope to some day. This week the Women's Club, a leading organization, decided it would get right into the fray and voted to appoint a committee which will prepare a list of pointed questions. These questions will be submitted to each candidate. Civic purity

will be an important issue.

There are no issues in this campaign, nebody knows what any of the

candidates stands for.

"Gumshoe" work and letters to voters play a prominent part. Some candidates attend none of the church or improvement club meetings, but with their friends are hustling about town foling all the personal work possible. Nobody has opened headquarters. A light vote is predicted. Even registra-tion is not nearly up to what it is ordinarity. Sentiment among business nen seems to be that the voter who has one or more friends in the race ordinarily. will get out and vote/and that the voters who have no one in particular on the ticket in whom they are interested and to whom the new law allows no party in whose victory they may take pride, will stay home and see how the new arrangement works out.

#### Jobs Are Attractive.

Candidates are thick because the new twelve" went to work and after much India it falls short of 25.

Mayoralty candidates to Councilman Johnson Armstrong, a doctor; James A. Sproule, a butter merchant, whose name for years has been often seen attached to communications in the daily papers; A. V. Fawcett, the daily papers; A. V. Fawcett, from 16 to 40. The death rate has been decreasing during several centuries. In now out as a non-partisan, understood to stand for a wide-open town, and who is a vote-getter from 'way back; Councilman E. A. Lynn, a photographer: Charles D. Atkins, ex-City Treasurer, ex-City Controller and often a candidate for other offices with less success; John M. Bell, manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, a thoroughly aggressive business men, and Samuel R. Balkwill, real estate dealer and choice of the "committee of twelve"

### Expense Limit in Controversy.

The only lively incident of the campaign thus far that has furnished much local reading involved A. V. Fawcett, who was charged by F. W. Cameron, publisher of a local labor paper, with having already exceeded the legal limit of cam-paign expenses. This question got before paign expenses. This question got before the Central Labor Council and was in-vestigated. There was considerable dif-ference of opinion expressed, \$250 of Faw-cett's expenditures having been a loan to Cameron on a note which Fawcett as-serted he expected Cameron to pay. Fawcett asserted at that time he still had \$50 to spend before getting up to the maximum of \$500. He had receipts to show and it was decided that he was about right and the incident has been forgotten, along with the Freeland-Cameron libel suit, which was dismissed. Frawcett started out strong. He was one of the first candidates in the race,

is a man who has had years of experi-ence in the political game, and his ener-getic "gum shoe" work made him until recently the strongest candidate in the dd. Gossip among those who profess know is that Fawcett has lately been falling off in strength, although, at that, be is likely to be one of the two candi-dates voted upon at the second election. The new charter provides that where no candidate receives a majority at the elec-tion April 5 there shall be another elec-tion at which the two candidates who received the most votes for that particu-lar office shall be votetd upon again. Fawcett has every hope of being one of the lucky two and eventually landing the lucky two and eventually landing that \$4000 job.

#### Bell Strong for Mayor.

John M. Bell is probably the likeliest andidate out to date for the Mayoralty. Ie has served two terms from his ward in the City Council, has a wide acquaint-ance and is known as a thoroughly clean man and an able business man who would be able to carry out the idea of the char-ter commission. The same is to a large extent true of S. R. Balkwill, with the advantage in Bell's favor that he is a advantage in Bell's favor that he is a

vote-getter and a hustler.

There is no prospect that the first election will decide the four commissionerships. Bay Freeland has an excellent prospect of getting enough votes to give him a majority on the first election, according to men most interested in the campaign. To date Freeland, McGregor, Roys, Hickey and Wood are the strongest men in the tace and are most likely to be at the top, although each of the others is confident.

Canby Forms Commercial Club. CANBY, Or., March 12 .- (Special.)- Tom Richardson, of Portland, addressed the people of this vicinity this afternoon on the benefits of community publicity and a "boosters" organization. The meeting resulted in the organization of a Canby Commercial Club, with a membership of 28, and the appointment of Messrs, Romig, Newton, Cobb, Gordon, Wait, Bair, Coe, Vineyard and Walker as a committee to select officers.

#### CONGO ABUSE IS AIRED Dislike of Ballinger Is Blamed Author Declares That Slavery Is

Still in Existence There.

LONDON, March 12 .- (Special.)-Arthur Conan Doyle, the author, has written another letter on the abuses

in the Congo. He says: Two successive Foreign Secretaries of State have pronounced the Belgian system of forced labor in the Congo to be indistinguishable from slavery Yet by the budget of 1810 nearly half the total taxation of the country is to be raised by this means. These natives who are treated in this fashion are our who are treated in this fashion are our wards, whom we are sworn to protect. In the face of this fact, what is the force of Mr. Campbell's or Lieutenant Learmonth's contention as to the condition of one particular province in that vast country? What we demand is the fulfillment of a treaty to which we have been a party. Why should any treaty in the future have any binding force, when this one has for 20 years been so notoriously abused?

It is admitted that the condition of the Congo, and especially of Katanga, has in some respects improved, though the problem is still far from a complete solution. Mr. Vandervelde, the highest authority in Belgium, has ascribed this improvement entirely to the unselfish efforts of Mr. Morel. In the face of such an opinion, Mr Morel will no doubt continue his philanthropic work without waiting for the approbation of Lieutener.

tion of Lieutenant Learmonth.
Speaking generally, I would say that
all pro-Beigian testimony from the
Congo should be most carefully examined before being accepted, the reason being that there are very strong financial interests which are directly concerned in the defense of the present order, while all who attack it locally do so to their own discomfort and detriment. In writing a small namely to the control of the control ment. In writing a small pamphlet upon the subject recently I gave cred-it to two British apologists who traveled in the country, as if they were impartial authorities. Since then I have had an opportunity of seeing a letter from the British Consul-General of the Congo which made it clear that they had been sent out by him to the Congo to furnish a report. Their con-clusions would certainly have been dis-counted by the public had this been generally known. Again, the friends of the Congo regime made some capof the Congo regime made some capital recently of the report of some. British zoologists who traveled in the notorious Kasai country, and declared that all was well there. Had the public known what the leader and spokesman of this expedition was an excongo Free State official of Hungarian nationality, they would wish to come into more direct contact with the British zoologists.

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Lieutenant Learmonth finished his letter by saying. "It is time that this agitation against a friendly power should cease." Can he give any reason why it should cease until the conditions of the Treaty of Berlin (namely, free trade and kind treatment of the natives) shall have been failural. Is natives) shall have been fulfilled? Is it a friendly power which, in spite of all remonstrance, systematically breaks a treaty which we are pledged to up-hold?

#### Length of Life vs. Mortality.

National efficiency depends largely or natural resources, partly on the integrity of social institutions, partly on human vi-tality, and is a reaction against the old Candidates are thick because the new jobs pay well—from \$3800 to \$4000 a year. The salaries were put up by the charter commission with a hope of attracting new blood into civic management, and getting rid of some of the old-time politicians who are to be found somewhere at the public crib year after year. When the new blood did not appear the "committee of the committee of the deliberation picked out a ticket. It caused a furore for a time, but has increased in 350 years from less than 20 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, almost fallen from sight now.

Mayoralty candidates to date include creased in 350 years from less than half a century, it has increased in 350 years from less than half a century, it has increased in 350 years from less than 250 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, in less than half a century, it has increased in 350 years from less than 250 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, in less than 250 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, in less than 250 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, in less than 250 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, in less than 250 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, in less than 250 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, in less than half a century, it has increased in 350 years from less than half a century.

> the 17th and 18th centuries it was 40 to 50, and during the pest periods rose as high as 80. It is now 15. In Havana the death rate after American occupation fell from over 50 to about 20. The greatest reductions have been effected among children. The mortality beyond the age of 50 years has remained stationary. Special diseases have decreased, such as tuberculosis, which is now one-third as tuberculosis, which is now one-third as prevalent as two generations ago; typhold fever, which in Munich, after the elimination of cesspools, decreased 97 per cent, and in Lawrence, Mass, after the introduction of a public water filter, decreased over 80 per cent. Smallpox has practically disappeared since vaccination was employed and yellow fever since its mosquito origin has been known.

15 MINUTES ISN'T VERY LONG

ENGINEERS SHOW PERSONAL GRUDGE

to Failures to Gain Promotions.

#### NOT EFFICIENT SERVICE

Witness Admits Ground for Secretary's Disapproval - Senator Nelson Clashes With Attorney for Pinchot.

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- Chief En-

gineer A. P. Davis admitted on the witness stand in the Ballinger-Pinchot hearing today that the reciamation service was "demoralized."

The question came up on the cross-examination, which was completed this afternoon before the committee additional services.

Attorney Vertrees asked Mr. Davis whether Secretary Ballinger had reflected at any time upon the efficiency of the service in the reclamation bu-"He don't regard the service as ef-

## ficient," replied Mr. Davis. "You admit yourself," said Mr. Ver-trees, "that it is not efficient; that it is demoralized, don't you?" "Yes," was the reply.

Engineers Not Satisfied. Mr. Davis said that there was dis-satisfaction among the engineers in the service, "because of the unsympathetic attitude of the present Secretary in failing to promote them, although rec-ommended for promotion by the super-vising engineers."

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The witness said that the engineers would not remain unless treated "fairly," and that he had had a hard time to prevent them from resigning in a body at one time as a protest against Secretary Ballinger.

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The witness took issue with Secretary Ballinger with reference to a letter written by the Secretary in support of the \$20,00,000 bond issue for reclaof the \$20,00,000 bond issue for recla-mation work. In this letter, Secretary Ballinger spoke of the hardships which resulted to settlers on some of the projects where co-operation agree-ments had been entered into by former Secretary Garfield. He also claimed that inducements had been held out to settlers to come on the land and that at Toluca, Mont., there had been erected a large signboard inviting settlers to come there. This sign included the statement: "Settlers can work out their payments." Mr. Ballinger said he ordered this part of the sign their payments." Mr. Ballinger said he ordered this part of the sign

#### Statement Is Contradicted

Mr. Davis contradicted practically ev ery statement in the Ballinger letter. He said he was with Mr. Ballinger when be saw the sign; that no orders bad been given to paint out the words, and that up to a few days ago they had not been Mr. Davis said there had been no co-

operative agreement or certificates at Toluca; that no such signs had been exected anywhere else and that no undue inducement had ever been made to set-tiers to go into the co-operative work.

At Toluca, the reclamation work had been completed and there was more water available than land under cultiva-tion. The lands were public and it was decided that they should be taken up.

The witness related the so-called

vertise reclaiming in a black tent to advertise reclaimation work.

It came to the attention of service officials that Perkins, in addition to gettin ga salary of \$3300 a year, was receiving an allowance of \$500 a month from the Harriman railway lines. The Hill lines protested that Perkins was Hill lines protested that Perkins was coming into their territory and lectur-ing about projects on the Harriman

Mr. Davis said Perkins proved his fidelity to the Harriman lines by shipping 59 per cent of the material from Cchleago to Mexca, Ariz, where the re-clamation service has been engaged in a project, by way of their lines, which made the longest and most expensive

### Perkins' Dismissal Advised.

Mr. Davis said he recommended Per-kins' dismissal. Director Newell did not agree to this at first, but later wrote to Perkins and in a "polite" way requested his resignation. Secretary Ballinger reprimanded Newell for in-terfering in a matter which was being personally conducted by himself.

When his direct examination had been concluded and he was being questioned to ride on a Union avenue car. Get off at Knott street, walk one block east and you come to the Cream of Irvington, Portland's perfect addition. All improvements in, waiting for your inspection.

## Men's Bible Class Membership Contest Tie After Warm Campaign

Numbered high among the many achievements which have been achievements which have been credited to Taylor-street Methodist Episcopal Church in past years is the record of the growth and development of its young men's Bible class. It was organized two years ago under the leadership of Professor Norman C. Thorne, of Portland Academy, with

a membership of about 15 men. This enrollment increased steadily, and last October had reached a total of about 65 men, with an average attendance of about 35. At this time it was decided to start a membership contest, to end on the last Sunday in December. Many predicted failure along this line of endeavor, but the class decided to go ahead, and was acthe contest into two sections, called

the "north" and "south" sides. A hot campaign was waged, the tide of battle flowing one Sunday northward and the following Sunday in the opposite direction. When the smoke of battle finally cleared away it was found that the contest had ended in a tie, that the membership had been more than doubled, and that a spirit of enthusiasm and class fellowship had been engendered which is destined to lead the class into larger fields of activity.

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One of the most noticeable results of the campaign was the formation of of the distribution of the campaign was the formation of a more effective working organization. An employment committee gives aid to those of the members who are seeking positions. Social, membership, sick and publicity committees are kept busy in their respective fields. A T. M. C. A. committee handles the work in the Association building, from



where almost 30 per cent of the new

members were recruited.

#### WHY YOU ARE THIN: HOW TO GET FLESHY

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Everybody is about the same, but certain elements and organs of blood and nerves are deficient and until this is corrected, thin people will stay thin. The nutrition stays in the body after separation by the digestive functions instead of passing through urinsed, when this valuable treatment of blended medicines is used. Fractically no one can remain thin who uses it, for it supplies the long-feit need.

Mix in a naif pint bottle, three ounces of syrup of rhubarb. Then add one once compound essence cardiol. Shake and let stand two hours. Then add one ounce compound essence cardiol. Shake and let stand two hours. Then add one ounce compound essence cardiol. Shake and let stand two hours. Then add one ounce of tincture cadomen compound (not cardamom). Shake well and take a teaspoonful before and after meals. Drink plenty of water between meals and when retiring. Weigh before beginning.

or consciously done a wrong act. I do not believe he has."

Senator Sutherland interrupted to in-quire if the witness didn't regard the Umatilia project in Oregon as a failure. "I certainly do not."

"Well, I understand the people out there think so," said Senator Suther-

"They think the land is worth from \$170 to \$300 an acre," was his tart reply.

Mr. Davis said Secretary Ballinger, regarded this project as a fallure and this was one of the many instances in which he disagreed with him.

#### Nelson Charges "Trifling."

A sharp clash occurred between Senator Nelson, chairman, and Attorney Pepper, counsel for Mr. Pinchot, near the close of the session. M.r. Nelson accused the lawyer with "trifling" with the committee. Mr. Pepper demanded to know if that was the judgment of the committee, and when several members exclaimed, "Let it pass," he said that a reflection which he resented had been cast upon him and he questioned the Senator's right to make such an average of the senator of the senator.

and he questioned the Senator's right to make such an accusation.

Mr. Pepper was referring to several letters in the record in an endeavor to have Chief Engineer Davis of the reclamation service, who was on the stand, refute several statements attributed to Secretary Ballinger to the effect that restorations of certain lands in the West to public entry after they had been withdrawn under Secretary Garfield had been made on recommendation of the reclamation service. Chairman Nelson thought it was a waste of time to go over ground already covered and objected to the reading of the letters. In each instance in which the question was put the witness replied that Mr. Ballinger had made a misstatement.

"Now I have come to the point I was after," said Attorney Pepper. "At the conclusion of your direct examination this morning you said: 'I want it understood that I do not wish to insimuate in anything that I have said that Secretary Bailinger has intentionally on Ballinger has intentionally or consciously done a wrong. I do not believe he has.' Will you explain your statement more fully?'

tion. The lands were public and it was decided that they should be taken up.

The witness related the so-called "black tent" affair. He said that under orders of Secretary Ballinger, E.

T. Perkins of the Chicago office of the Reclamation Service went through the West lecturing in a black tent to advertise reclamation work.

The lands were public and it was decided that the words and not list statements, for many of them were wrong. He did not indicate whether he thought works reclamation work.

SO BELIEVES REPRESENTATIVE M'CREDIE OF VANCOUVER.

Cry for Postmaster Candidates Wins When Congressman Makes Announcement.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12 .- Representative Mc-Credle, of Washington, is satisfied that "it pays to advertise."

Several weeks ago Mr. McCtedle announced that he had experienced difficulty in finding postmasters to serve a dozen or more little postoffices in his dozen or more little postoffices in his district, and that unless applicants for the postmasterships came forward immemiately, the offices would be discontinued. The names of the offices were given.

No sooner had The Oregonian article containing Judge McCredie's announcement reached the various communities affected than candidates sprang into artistence and soon the Congressmen was existence, and soon the Congressman was flooded with applications. In almost every instance appointments were made inside of 10 days.

"I have come to the conclusion that advertising is a great thing," said Judge

#### ARITHMETIC AND FOOD School Children Must Be Fed Right,

A young girl in Ind. says no one has a better right to speak of Grape-Nuts food than she.

"I was in school, but in poor health, until Mamma began to give me Grape-Nuts food. I began to improve at once both mentally and physically, and I im-proved so in my work at school that I got 100 in arithmetic and during that time I gained 2 or 4 pounds in weight. "There is no one has a right to recom-

mend the food more highly than I. Mamma neglected to supply it for about three weeks, and I began to fell in health again, so I commenced the use of the food over, and now I don't intend to do without Grape-Nuts on the

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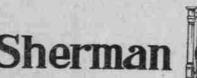




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McCredle, "particularly when you have something to give away. I discovered that postmasterships that apparently were going begging in my own state and district, were attractive to some of the

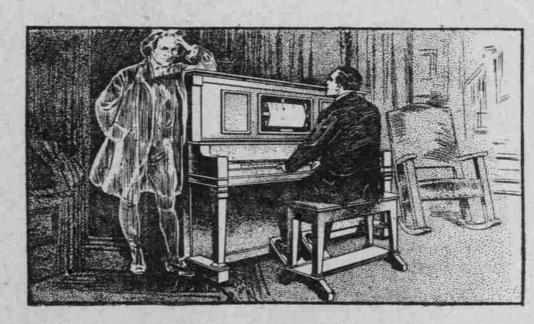
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