

HILL FACES HARD MAJORITY FIGHT

Startling Issue Is Occupying Lighthouse, Even as in Campaigns of Yore.

POLICE CHIEF ACTION VITAL

Refusal to Discharge Official Accused of Drinking in Public in Cafe Features Contest. Enemies Rally to Fight.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Hill, easily the most unique character in the political life of the Northwest, is facing, in the Seattle city election of March 7, important of his mayoralty campaigns.

This is Hill's mayoralty record to date:
1910, elected.
1911, recalled.
1912, defeated for election.
1914, elected by the largest majority ever given a Seattle mayoralty candidate.

1916, candidate for re-election. In spite of the overwhelming nature of Mayor Hill's victory in 1914, his supporters this year are by no means overconfident. On the other hand, they are inclined to back Oliver T. Erickson, of the Seattle Council, the leading opposing candidate. Hill will have a close race for re-election. Hill's enemies say the Mayor is destined to other descent in his strange up and down career.

Gill Barely Defeated in 1912.

There has been a startlingly different issue in ever city campaign in which Gill has participated, and the present campaign is no exception. In 1910 Gill was chosen on a frank open town platform. Disclosures of police graft and the failure of the Mayor to discharge Chief of Police Wappenstein swung the majority strongly in favor of elimination of the existing restricted district and Gill was recalled, being succeeded by Mayor George W. Dilling.

Dilling decided to retire and the next year the deposed executive ran again, asking the public to exonerate him from the charges against his political record. In a neck-and-neck struggle Gill was defeated, largely through the radical support that his opponent, George F. Cotterill, was able to win in the most radical of all years, 1912.

Radical Class Is Big Factor.

Two years later another chance of scene occurred. With Mayor Cotterill finishing his term, business men generally decided it was time for them to take a hand in naming a city executive. They chose for their candidate John D. Trenholme, who had been prominent in politics as chairman of the Democratic county central committee.

What happened is a matter of history. With Trenholme's campaign frankly sponsored by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and allied interests, the rank and file of the radical support flocked to Gill, to which was added the former Mayor's strong personal following.

There is a square face about the present campaign. The business men who were chary of Gill as a professional politician two years ago are his strongest supporters today, while his opponents are counting upon the same radical strength that elected Cotterill in 1912, that largely went to Gill in 1914 and which may prove or may in 1916 and which may or may not entangle.

Clean Campaign Promised.

In starting contrast to some of Seattle's other political struggles, this promises to be a comparatively clean campaign. Aside from his strong personal appeal to the followers of the fortunes of the present campaign, Gill's greatest strength comes as a result of his victory over the recalcitrant Council majority in the protracted fight, carried to the State Supreme Court, on the city tax levy.

Taxpayers generally, facing mounting debts and tax bills from the extension of city business and the elaborate programme of the Seattle Port Commission, welcomed almost without exception the Mayor's objection to some \$70,000 in the city budget and the use of the veto.

After the Supreme Court had decided that the five to four Council majority could not adopt the vetoed levy by resolution, to circumvent the executive disapproval, a compromise was reached which was distinctly a Gill victory.

Erickson Relies on Unions.

Councilman Erickson, recognized generally as the strongest contender against Gill, is a pioneer single tax advocate and counts heavily upon support from the union labor element and from the Scandinavian vote, aside from being the upholder of radical measures generally.

Austin E. Griffiths, the third mayoralty candidate, Progressive National Committeeman, will at the primaries of February 21, two weeks before election, divide with Erickson the radical support. Griffiths was a mayoralty candidate at the primaries two years ago. After the election of Gill, Griffiths was appointed chief of police.

This was a clever political stroke by Gill to convince citizens generally that he was in earnest in making his campaign pledges of keeping a clean town. After a few months, however, Griffiths reached the decision that his genius did not lie in the direction of police work and resigned.

Police Chief Enters Campaign Issue.

Louis Lang, the present chief of police, is likely to be made one of the principle issues of the campaign. Lang some months ago was charged with drinking publicly in a cafe, meeting an entertainer there and accompanying her later to her apartments. An investigation by the Council made links to this effect, transmitting its report to the Mayor without recommendation. Gill declined to discharge Lang and the chief, who contends that he made the clandestine visit merely to trace down a "leak" in his department, has not seen it to be his duty to resign to save his superior from embarrassment.

Opponents of Gill profess to see in the Lang incident a repetition of the situation when Gill refused to discharge Chief of Police Wappenstein. The Lang case never aroused Seattle, however, as did the Wappenstein disclosures. There is another difference in the fact that from present appearances neither liquor nor the social evil are likely to prove campaign issues this year.

Although King County, in the general election of 1914, went "wet" by more than 12,000, Mayor Hill promised months ago that as long as he was Mayor the state prohibition law would be enforced strictly within the city limits.

Bootlegging Well Punished.

During the fortnight that prohibition has been effective, Seattle has been kept effectively "dry" and the few that have attempted bootlegging have been

apprehended speedily. Nor has the restricted district attempted a reappearance under the Gill regime.

The presence of a number of gambling houses in Seattle has been charged against the Gill administration. While the operations of the sporting gentry generally are admitted by Gill backers, the contention is made that the situation on the whole is better than during the Cotterill administration.

The extended fight between Mayor Gill and the Council majority has resulted in the present campaign. In situation more nearly resembling party politics than at any time since the non-partisan election feature was adopted. Both Gill and Erickson apparently are determined to go through the campaign with a selected list of teammates as candidates for Council and other positions.

Gill Forces Are Rallying.

On the side of Gill, former Mayor William Hickman Moore and former Engineer R. H. Thomson are expected to lend strong support as Councilmen.



Captain E. G. Davis, Candidate for Governor of Idaho.

candidates, and thus give Gill, in the event of his re-election, a friendly council.

Corporation Counsel James D. Bradford, as a candidate on the Erickson ticket, is likewise expected to lend strong support to the anti-Gill wing.

In one other feature, thus far, the present city campaign is a notable one, and stands in its comparative divorce from state politics. Every state politician who has had a hand in a Seattle campaign has lost a finger in the machinery thus far, and it is evident now that wisdom is coming with experience.

Hay Defeated in 1912.

In the 1912 campaign former Governor M. E. Hay experienced a particularly embarrassing defeat when State Tax Commissioner Farish, whom the executive was supporting personally and nominally for Mayor, was defeated in the primaries. J. C. Lawrence, at that time May's strongest opponent for the gubernatorial honors, did not meet for himself with his lineup at that time with Gill.

Two years ago the business men, in backing Mr. Trenholme, did so with full understanding that his close personal and political connections with Governor Lister probably would result in the State Administration taking a hand in affairs. The expected happened, but what followed was that Republican politicians took a hand in the campaign also and flocked to Gill's support.

Race for Governor Declined.

The effect on state politics of Gill's re-election is a subject for conjecture. He has been urged constantly as a candidate for Governor but has declined as repeatedly.

Three years ago Mayor Cotterill set a precedent by declaring that a man chosen as Mayor had no right to use this office during his term as a stepping stone to the Governorship, and this stand was generally applauded at that time.

Still it has been a long time since a Seattle resident has filled the Governor's chair, and the state politicians, while not participating actively in the city campaign at this time, still are keeping their eyes open and watching proceedings closely.

BIG WHEAT YEAR LIKELY

RECORD YIELD OF 1915 PROBABLY REPEATED, SAY EXPERTS.

If Snow Remains for Another Week and Then Is Melted Gradually Growers Expect 42,500,000 Yield.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Only the most unusual Spring conditions can prevent Washington's wheat crop from arriving at the May and June maturing period with prospects for an average production per acre equal to the record season of 1915.

A reduction in acreage from 10 to 15 per cent will result in a total production of from 42,500,000 to 45,000,000 bushels against a crop in the state last year of 44,000,000 bushels.

The keeping of the present coat of snow throughout the Inland Empire for another week or more and its removal then by a gradual thaw are the conditions necessary to bring the fall-sown wheat safely through the rigors of the winter and guarantee a fair amount of Spring moisture.

LOGES INSTALL OFFICERS

Junction City Eastern Star and Masons Hold Ceremonies.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Junction City Chapter No. 111, Eastern Star, installed officers and held a banquet Tuesday evening. The honor of worthy patron was conferred on L. W. Mallory.

LEBANON INVITES MEETING

Methodist Church Conference for Oregon Is Sought.

LEBANON, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The Methodist Church of Lebanon on a congregational meeting last Sunday voted to invite the Oregon Conference next September. The invitation was sent to Portland at the meeting of the district superintendents of the several districts of the conference in Lebanon.

WINNER SURPRISES PARTY

Appointment of Homer Woods as Postmaster Ends Heated Race.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The scrimmage over the postmasterhip of this city came to an end this week with the announcement that Homer Woods had been named. Mr. Woods' appointment was somewhat of a surprise to the older Democrats of this section. He is a brother-in-law of

CAPTAIN DAVIS RUNS

Native Son Seeks Idaho Governorship at 42.

PLATFORM IS GIVEN OUT

Republican, Former West Pointer, Says He Will Enter Race as Ardent Champion of Primary Law—Captain Is Retired.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The opening gun in the Republican gubernatorial campaign was fired here this week when Captain E. G. Davis, of Boise, delivered his keynote address at Nampa and declared that he was the first native-born son of Idaho to enter a race for the high office of chief executive of the state.

The nature of Captain Davis' address, for he hinted broadly that if the occasion demanded it he could shake more political bones than any other candidate, will attract statewide attention.

Not only did he enter the political ring as an ardent champion of the direct primary law, but he asserted he was no man's man except his own and positively was not a machine candidate. The formal entrance of Captain Davis into the gubernatorial race, witnessed the withdrawal of Frank A. David, of Moscow, from it.

In the platform which Captain Davis launches he says in part: "I am a Republican. I believe in the principles of the party and in honest party government. In the coming primaries I shall be a candidate on my party ticket for the nomination of Governor. I shall confine myself strictly within the intent of the primary law. I shall make no promises to secure votes. I shall not enter into political combinations. I owe no debt which I shall be obliged to pay with a political appointment. I shall never allow by vote or action as Governor to be influenced or controlled by any political effect upon myself or party."

"I shall appoint to office competent persons. I shall oppose taking care, at public expense, of former holders and all others. I shall oppose special privileges and favoritism in lending public money. I stand for true temperance. I am opposed to railroad passes for public officials. I shall limit the cost of government by stopping wasteful leaks. I shall reduce the army of tax-collectors, holdovers and all others. I shall begin in the Governor's office where I shall dispense with the position of private secretary as an unnecessary luxury."

Captain Davis is a retired Army captain. He is a graduate of West Point and later was an instructor of law and history there. Following retirement because of injury to his foot, he returned to his home in Idaho, was elected to the Legislature and served through one session and a session extraordinary, after which he returned to Boise, became private secretary to Governor Haines, after he had served as secretary to the state central committee and later was assistant to the present Attorney-General during the last administration. He is 42 years old.

CARPENTERS TO STUDY

PORTLAND UNION MEN TAKE UP UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT WORK.

Class Is Formed to Meet Friday at Benson Polytechnic School Upon Request of Labor Delegates.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—As a result of a petition to the university from 15 members of the carpenters' union of Portland, the university school of architecture will undertake its first extension work. The class was organized this week in Benson Polytechnic School, where all classes will be held. Class work will begin this week under the instruction of Professor E. F. Lawrence, director of the school of architecture, and Percy P. Adams, assistant.

The study of graphostatics and quantity estimates will be taken up. This study will enable the members of the class to figure out the strength of beams and other building material, and aid them to find from plans and specifications the quantity of material necessary for the construction of a building, so that small jobs of contracting can be undertaken.

B. W. Slesman, one of the leaders of the Portland carpenters' union, was the first to suggest such a course. Professor Lawrence, whose home is in Portland, met a committee of the carpenters and arranged for the organization of such an extension class. Through L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of the Portland schools, the use of a room was secured in the Benson Polytechnic building.

The first lecture will be given by Professor Adams Friday night. At this time it will be decided as to how often the classes will meet.

ALBANY CONTEST UNLIKELY.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—From all indications J. B. McDowell has decided not to undertake the contemplated contest of the seat of T. D. Leigh as Councilman from the First Ward here. He did not appear at the

County Clerk of Polk County, who is a Democrat.

The incumbent, Mr. Merwin, has been in office three terms, and was an applicant for reappointment. He has not decided what he will do.

STAYTON MUTUAL ELECTS.

STAYTON, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The Stayton Mutual Telephone Company, in annual meeting, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Henry Smith; vice-president, J. H. Ringo; secretary-treasurer, E. D. Alexander; directors, E. M. Orlmat, J. W. Mayo and John Thomas.

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