

ranted use of my name on the eve of election by Mr. I. S. Smith in a speech made by him in the Odd Fellows' hall, in which he said substantially that it had been reported that he was advised to consult with me and secure my approbation as to his accepting the nomination for mayor.

made? I have never aspired to the honor of a political boss from the first day that I have had the privilege of voting till now. I have never canvassed votes among the people who look up to me as their spiritual leader or among those who look upon me as a fellow citizen and friend. It would be an insult to their intelligence and selfrespect for me to do so. I have never made a political speech in my life or helped to prepare one for anybody else. 1 have lived for over seven years in this community; have always believed a bright future was in store for it, and feel rejoiced that my fondest anticipations have been almost fully realized. I have never forced myself to the forefront in anything, but have tried to take an humble part in what tended to progress and substantial development. I have never hesitated to express my honest opinions on what concerned the general welfare of Coos Bay. In these things as in everything else I have been and am now always ready to give a reason for the faith that is in me. Our city and section is cosmopolitan. All kinds of people, all kinds of nationalities are represented, all kinds of creeds are professed by its inhabitants. I am one of those that do not believe in mixing up religious pre-

or direct affairs. They only claim the same rights as any other American citizens, no more, no less, and there is no body of people in this community more free to vote as they please, than they are, and Father Bonnelly claims only the same right, himself, as every other American citizen.