

POLITICAL FORUM

Friends of the Two Mayoralty Candidates Advance Arguments for Consideration of Marshfield Voters.

FOR STRAW

A FEW REFLECTIONS.

Editor Times: Will Mr. Smith publicly disclaim a purpose, if elected, to supplant J. W. Carter, as city marshal, by the appointment of one Peters, an ex-policeman of Minneapolis, and an employe of the Smith Mill Company?

The Administration Club has not adopted the boycott to further the ends of its candidates.

Whatever else may be said for or against Mayor Straw, it never has been questioned that he is a man of convictions along all lines which go to make up his policies; and they are personal convictions—his very own. It may be well enough for a candidate whose only policy is to get office, to stand upon a hand-me-down platform inspired, if not prepared by an organization which fathers him and expects to dominate his official course, but, after all, the people will hardly be swift to rally to the standard the man who willingly wears any old collar as a passport to office.

Particularly when it is the collar of an organization, the more active and zealous members of which are instinct with negation; who are confirmed anti's, and whose every expression of policy takes the form of objection, protest, criticism, and even aspersion of personal character. One could easily designate seven or eight of such individuals but they will probably suggest themselves to the reader.

The meetings of the Administration Club are not held behind closed doors, nor does it exercise press censorship over its proceedings.

GREATER MARSHFIELD.

NORTH BEND NEWS

Rev. R. H. Pierson of the Methodist Episcopal church, went up to Al-lagan and held meetings at the Al-lagan school house yesterday.

Mrs. Dan Shannon spoke at the Tabernacle last night, her subject being "Christ Standeth at the Door and Knocketh; let Him In."

BAZAR, DEC. 3—Hot tamales.

CLAUSEN'S Shoes for ECONOMY.

FOR SMITH

THE LEAGUE'S SIDE.

Editor Times: As the opposition through the columns of The Times, have seen fit to ridicule and belittle our candidate for mayor's platform, and incidentally took a slap at the Citizens' League, let us see now what there is of worth in their position: Two years ago, when Mr. Smith opposed Dr. Straw for mayor of Marshfield, what were the conditions? Has the public so soon forgotten? In what shape were the city records? What did Squires' report show? Do our friends of "Greater Marshfield" care for a certified copy? In what condition were our city finances? What were city warrants worth? What about the city's speculation in real estate? What was the city's debt when the present administration took the reins of government? What is the city's debt now? For how much has the present administration mortgaged every foot of property in the corporate limits for running expenses alone? Will our friends of "Greater Marshfield" answer? Who placed the wedge that stopped the downward slide? Who made it possible for able men to be seated on the council? Who then voted the bond issue to pull a misguided administration out of the hole? Who was it placed the records of the city in legible shape? Who is responsible for this much shouted progress? Let us now read some past history. When Mr. Smith was defeated for mayor two years ago by the present administration, some of Marshfield's leading citizens and tax payers, began to council together as to the best means to rescue the city from the deplorable financial stress in which it was then submerged. And from this council sprung the Citizens' League. The league had a following from the start of nearly 400 members, all pledged to progress and the upbuilding of Marshfield. The next year, the league placed two men in nomination for councilmen, which by an overwhelming vote were seated on the council. These councilmen tried as best they could to plug the bigger holes and stop the financial leaks; but they were too few in number and could only fight for what they knew to be right. At last some of the administration henchmen became discouraged because they could not do as they formerly had done and resigned, then it was that our members had an equal show, and

then it was that Coke and Albrecht faced the administration opposition and stood pat, until men of recognized ability were chosen by the mayor to fill the vacancies; then it was and not until then that Marshfield began to find her sea legs. When the able mind of Powers working in conjunction with the league members began to bring order out of chaos, then it was that the league expressed their confidence in the efforts being put forth and in the personnel of the council, and voted the bonds which they had previously refused to vote. Now, then, voters and tax-payers let us not be lured by the sirens of paved streets and progress, and the claim that we are trying to steal their thunder. What is there past record for current expenses? Look it up carefully. Is your home dear to you, then why give an administration the opportunity to mortgage it under a blanket mortgage for current expenses. This has been done in the past, why not in the future? Have we any assurance that it won't be done? And all this is progress. Do you think for a minute there would have been any change in the deplorable condition of affairs if it had not been for us the opposition? You know what our credit was, you know the shape our records were in, and we can say to you candidly that had it not been for the vigorous campaign of I. S. Smith two years ago and the showing up of the skeletons of the Straw administration and the organization of the Citizens League, we would be today in the same old rut that we were two years ago under the Straw administration. That is the reason we stand for I. S. Smith for mayor, he it was that started the campaign that led to better things which has been consummated by the Citizens' League placing and being the means of placing able men on the council which has shaped affairs and brought them to their present condition. Smith is an able man and in every way better fitted for mayor of our city than is Dr. Straw. He is absolutely a man of clean record and should receive a majority of the votes cast for mayor next Tuesday.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE.

SHANNON MEETINGS ARE ATTRACTING MANY

Announced That 35 Were Converted at North Bend Revival Monday and 45 Last Night.

The revival services conducted by the Rev. Dan Shannon at North Bend are attracting large crowds every evening and promise to result in a record-breaking number of conversions before they are continued. It was announced today that 35 had been converted Monday night and 45 last night, the converts including a number of lawyers and business men.

Tonight the Sunrise will bring a large number from Coos River to attend the meetings, having been chartered for the trip. The Flyer has also been chartered by Marshfield people for this evening and it is expected that a large number will attend.

CLAUSEN'S Shoes for WEAR.

Read the Times Want Ads.



December Greeting

I wish to greet you as a friend with the niftiest line of togs for the Holidays ever shown in a city of this size. Having become acquainted with the wants of the people, has enabled me to make a most complete selection of togs unsurpassed. Don't read this and say hot air, but drop in the shop and be convinced. Now is the time to make your selections, especially those to be sent away.

SOME FEW SUGGESTIONS:

A BOX OF EVERWEAR HOSE \$1.50 and \$3.00
SILK MUFLERS \$1.50 to \$3.00
PHOENIX MUFLERS 50c to 75c
A Very Swell line of KEISER CRAVATS, 50, 75, \$1.00, \$1.50
DRESS GLOVES \$1.50 to \$2.50
INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS LINEN.
INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS SILK.
HOLIDAY SUSPENDERS 50c to \$1.50

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CITY RIGHTS ARE CONTESTED

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ing in some new piling in the wharf last summer.

Award Contract.

A. G. Alken was awarded the contract for keeping the city streets clean for three months for \$135 per month. He is to keep them in a condition satisfactory to the street committee for that sum and shall also haul the debris away. Other bids for the work were as follows: Wm. Hagquist, \$140; W. H. Lingo, \$138.50; C. R. Flanagan, \$147; A. Kolen, \$8 per day.

Paving Work.

The Coos Bay Paving and Construction Company were awarded the following street paving contracts, some of the work of which has already been completed by them:

Intersection of Fourth street and Central avenue for \$1,093. The engineer's estimate was \$958.20, but M. E. Whitmore explained that a rebate of ten per cent would be allowed from his bid for all who paid cash for their share of the improvement. He also explained that the ten per cent rebate would apply to all his other bids entered last night. Commercial avenue from Sacchi property to Fourth street for \$5,646. The engineer's estimate was \$5,387.75.

Second street from Highland to Park for \$2,358. The engineer's estimate was \$2,162.25.

Hugh McLain was awarded the contract for grading Second street from Alder to Park, its full width, laying 36 feet plank paving with six-foot plank walks on either side for \$752.50. The engineer's estimate was \$790.10.

Councilman Nelson claimed that some of the bituminous paving recently put in was hot up to the standard but no action was taken on his charge in view of the fact that the contractors have bonds up guaranteeing the work for five years.

Allow Old Bill.

D. W. Small was ordered paid \$24.40 on a claim over two years old. It seems that he was hired a couple of years ago by J. Albert Matson and Ivy Condron, then members of the city council, and Mayor Straw to dump rock in Front street, the understanding that the abutting property owners would pay for it. All paid except Henry Sengstacken who paid only \$50 of his \$75 apportionment, claiming that he had been overtaxed. In consequence, Mr. Small never received his full payment. Finally the council last evening ordered Mr. Small paid and instructed City Attorney Goss to try and recover the amount from Henry Sengstacken.

Other Business.

C. R. Peck of the Coos Bay Automobile Club, asked that the city enact a traffic ordinance governing the use of vehicles on the streets, specifying how they shall turn, the maximum speed and laws of the

highway. City Attorney Goss was instructed to prepare it. In this connection, Councilman Coke asked that an auto delivery wagon operated be required to use lights after night. He says that it is dangerous to pedestrians when running at a high speed without lights. The state law requires them to use lights after dark.

The Coos Bay Paving and Construction Company was ordered paid \$254.72 on its contract on Third street south. Also \$240 on its Commercial avenue contr. cts.

Hugh McLain was ordered paid \$1,000 on his contract for the South Marshfield sewer which he says is within a half day of completion. Complaint was made that several parties had connected up with the sewer without having the work done properly and that consequently the taps were leaking badly.

The Prospect avenue plank contract was accepted and the special improvement bonds there ordered sold.

Hugh McLain stated that he was negotiating with Portland parties for the sale of about \$10,000 worth of the special improvement bonds on the South Marshfield sewer and that when he concluded the deal, he thought he would have derived some beneficial knowledge for the city in disposing of other issues.

SALAD, mince pies, tamales and baked beans at CHURCH BAZAR.

BARLEY \$1.30 at HAINES.

CLAUSEN'S Shoes for COMFORT.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL

Carl Clinkinbeard Captain and Ernest Harrington Manager of Team.

Carl Clinkinbeard was yesterday elected captain of the Marshfield High School Basket Ball team and Ernest Harrington, manager. A successful season is assured as Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point will probably have teams. Prof. Hewitt will coach the team which promises to be a good one. Among last year's men who will try out for this year's team are: H. Briggs, Ed Wieder, S. Briggs, C. Clarke and Fred McCormac.

Enjoy Social.—The Marshfield Nest of Owls last evening gave one of their "Ladies Nights" in their hall on Front street. It was largely attended and a most delightful dance enjoyed. Refreshments were served. The last Tuesday evening of each month has been set aside as "Ladies' Night."

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