

# HAHN IS ATTACKED

### B. F. Allen Presents Pointed Statements.

### RECALLS EPISODE AT SALEM

#### Postoffice Appointment Does Not Meet With the Approval of One of Clatsop County's Ex-Legislators—Considers Party Betrayed.

Astoria, Ore., Feb. 5, 1905.

Dear Sir: As I have in a previous issue of your paper entered a protest to the appointment of John Hahn to the postoffice of Astoria, and in fact protest I referred to a letter that I had written to him over a year ago, in which I accused him of things that ought to disgrace any man, if true, in any community, and the admission of the truth this letter contained, by his failing to make denial, I now consider it proper, and furthermore, a duty I owe to the public, to give them the whole facts as I know them, thus showing to the public the character of the man who is expecting to administer for them the government of the Astoria postoffice.

I accused John Hahn of being a traitor to the republican party; I accused him of offering me a bribe of money, that he thereby, through my disgrace, would profit in a financial way. As you all know the occasion of which this affair I claim took place at Salem, it is not necessary that I should go into detail, therefore, I will proceed with the facts after stating that the contest of the senatorial election was a most decided one, and the result was not obtained until the last minute of the session. At the noon recess of the last day, Mr. John Hahn called me to one side (on the west porch of the capitol building), and commenced conversation by stating that George Hill was then in Salem in the interest of Corbett, and that he would approach me with the endeavor to secure my vote for Corbett. Mr. Hahn said:

"Ben, don't you have anything to do with him (Hill) because he wants to make money out of the deal," and continuing on, he said: "If you want to vote for Corbett, you may as well have all there is in it."

As this method was new to me, I was anxious to learn more. I, therefore, said: "John, how am I to secure all there is in it?"

John said: "I, myself, can get it for you."

"Well," I said, "John, how much is there in it?"

John said: "Do you want to know?"

I said: "Certainly, if I change my vote for money, I want to know how much I am to receive."

John said: "All right," and forthwith he left the building. When he returned I was in my seat (the legislature had convened). As John took his seat, I said: "Did you find out?" Mr. Hahn said: "Yes," and forthwith made the figures of \$2000 on a slip of paper, and handed it to me. I shook my head and said, "No." He then whispered in my ear: "Five hundred more." I still said, "No." He then asked me how much I wanted, saying: "I am not limited to that, I would get the money," he said, "ain't I good for it?" I said: "I suppose you are." He then said: "I will guarantee it." Then to encourage me, he said that "they all do it," meaning the members would all sell their votes if they could get a purchaser. He further stated that Shumann would vote for Corbett during the coming session, and it would be a good time for me to follow with my vote, I said: "John, there is plenty of time; I will think it over." As the record will show Shumann did vote for Corbett during the evening session. How Mr. Hahn knew that Shumann would change his vote during the evening, I will leave to the imagination of others, but I believe that his method of finding out that secret was the same as it would have been in my case, had I accepted his terms. I know that he tried to make money out of my vote because no man would subject himself to such a disgraceful and criminal condition, unless he expected a reward. From the fact that he made first a bid, then raised that bid \$500, and finding that would not be sufficient he then asked me how much I wanted, saying the last offer was not the limit. After first guaranteeing me all there was in it, he shows plainly that John was endeavoring to raise his salary, in a quiet way, on the side. I have mentioned Mr. George Hill's name in this affair because I wished to quote Mr. Hahn just as the conversation took place. I will state here, that Mr. Hill had no conversation with me at any time in this connection. I have accused Mr. Hahn of being a traitor to the republican party, and I will further say that especially the branch of that party known as the Clatsop county organization. Mr. Hahn has denounced it in the most bitter terms, not only to

me but has spoken from the platform during his associations with the citizens party. He has denounced the leaders, especially C. W. Fulton, privately to me, publicly to the people of this county. He has declared himself to socialist, privately to me, and in an open meeting of the socialist organization. He promised that party that he would become a full-fledged member on his return from the state legislature (the last time he served), but in some way during that last time in the legislature, the principles of the republican party that he had denounced to me and others, began to look good to him. The leaders of that party, and especially the leaders of the local organization of that party, whom he so bitterly denounced, looked still better to him, and on his return, instead of the socialist organization adding the Hon. Mr. Hahn to its roll of membership, the local (or what Mr. Hahn was pleased to term the "ring republican organization" of Clatsop county), secured the Hon. Mr. Hahn.

It was on account of the most unprincipled political procedure for a man who had for years tried to make the people believe that he cared more for honor than money, who ever posed as a man who would sacrifice money for the benefit of the community in which he lived, who was willing to serve the people, sacrificing his business and money for the benefit, on this account of the proof of his dealing in politics for personal gain, associating himself with a party that he has no sympathy with. In order to receive a reward; on this account, more than that of his offering me a bribe that I decided to expose him. The matter of the deal that he tried to make with me was between ourselves and while it was a disgrace to Hahn, it was no injury to me. Through the advice of some of his friends, I decided to let it go, so far as making it public was concerned; but, as the saying goes, "It was the last straw that broke the camel's back," so with me, in this matter of the expose of Hahn. When I saw that he was still keeping up the same method for personal gain, working a party to whom he had no respect, whose principals he denounced with the sole object of personal gain, I concluded to tell the people what I know of him. It is said that Mr. Hahn will be our postmaster for the next four years. Well, if so, we must accept the issue, but if the citizens had their way, he wouldn't come as near getting that office as he did getting the office of city treasurer over a year ago, and by what I can learn, he would not receive one-third of the republican votes of the city.

B. F. ALLEN.

### Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Clatsop county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the court house as follows:

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Commencing Wednesday, February 8, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, February 11, at 4 o'clock p. m.

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Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

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First, Second and Third Grade Certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

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# WAR IS DECLARED

### Democrats Throw Down Gauntlet, Republicans Pick It Up.

### THE HANSEN RESOLUTION

#### Attacks Tuttle Charter Bill in a Fiery Resolution Imputing Ulterior Motives to the Republicans Which They Will Resent.

War has been declared! Councilman Hansen introduced and passed a resolution in the common council Monday night that will result in stirring up business conditions in Astoria, which in the end will result in a much needed renovation and a purification of the political atmosphere. The resolution was written by A. M. Smith and the interlineations are in Mr. Smith's handwriting. Following is the resolution:

"Be it resolved by the common council of the city of Astoria, that the common council of the city of Astoria, individually and collectively is unalterably opposed to passage of senate bill No. 146, amending the charter of the city of Astoria. The bill is an unjustifiable attempt at legislative tyranny and oppression in legislating away the term of office of city officials for partisan reasons and in creating a police and fire commission with autocratic powers entirely independent of the council and without leaving the council power to limit the number of either policemen or firemen or to fix their salaries. The enactment of such a bill will result in serious injury to the prosperity and progress of the city of Astoria and we respectfully petition the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon and particularly the members of this county to defeat said bill."

Councilman Hansen, in advocating the adoption of the resolution stated that if the Tuttle charter was adopted it would place the police power in the hands of the republicans, who would swear in a large number of extra police and firemen on election day for political purposes; that they would purchase supplies without limit, and entail unnecessary expense on the city. The democrats have been doing this for eight years, and the republicans have entered no protest. The democratic members of the council, being representative citizens, the public has had confidence that the affairs of the city would be honestly and economically administered. On the same hypotheses, the republicans being interested in an honest and economical administration of business affairs, would be just as careful. The business of a city ought to be administered on the same lines with a democratic administration as with a republican administration. Business principles will not be eliminated and superseded by political principles.

To accuse the republicans with maladministration of public affairs, is a far-fetched argument and cannot be borne out by the facts, but the imputation will be resented by the republicans. If vice and crime and gambling is to run rampant under the protection of a democratic police force, the republicans have as much right to put a check to it by the imposition of the sheriff authority. The police in Portland never did anything to suppress vice and crime, it was Sheriff Word that wiped out existing evils and he is supported by nine-tenths of the people of Portland, irrespective of party affiliations. It can and will be done in Astoria, and the Hansen resolution furnishes the incentive for such actions. That it will have the support of a large majority of the people of Astoria is an established fact, and will be more clearly apparent as the war wages. If the democrats want to join issue on these questions, the republicans will accommodate them.

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