

MAYOR WISE MAY NOT RUN AGAIN

Intimates in a Communication That He Can Hardly Afford to Hold Office Longer

In a communication to the Astorian Mayor Wise states that he does not feel that he can afford to again hold the office; that the expense is so great as to virtually forbid him from again seeking the mayoralty. Yet a close perusal of the communication will tend to show that Mayor Wise does not definitely refuse to again become a candidate, and the letter perhaps carries the intimation that if some adequate salary be attached to the office by a vote of the people he might again consent to run.

At the present time the office pays but \$100 a year. It is well known that Mayor Wise has lost quite heavily in a financial way during his incumbency, and many argue that no man should be expected to take an office which requires him to lose a considerable amount of money each year.

It has been frequently suggested of late that charter amendment should be prepared and carried at the coming municipal election providing for a proper salary for the office—a salary that would at least cover the expenses of the office. Yet "what's everyone's business is no one's business," and the result has been that nothing has been done to carry out this plan. There is still time to do this. All that is required is that a proper petition be gotten out and the necessary signatures secured. The Mayor's letter follows in full, and it will doubtless be read with much interest by many:

Astoria, Or., Oct. 10, 1908.

To the Editor:

Referring to the petitions being circulated, asking me to stand for another term as Mayor, I wish to express my profound gratitude to my friends for their confidence in me and approval of my official conduct. But I cannot afford another term for these reasons: The business of the city has grown so during the last few years that the Mayor must devote considerable time to his office; he must, if he has any pride or energy at all, neglect his private affairs or else hire some one to attend to them for him. During fully two of the three years I have had the honor to serve the people, I found it necessary to employ an extra man in my private business.

It furthermore seemed to me the right thing to properly entertain prominent visitors who came here and to worthily represent Astoria, while myself visiting other cities; which, together with other incidental expenses, made heavy demands on my private purse and, being a man of only moderate means, I find the drain burdensome.

The salary of the Mayor as fixed in the charter is one hundred dollars per annum, from which five dollars must be deducted whenever he is obliged to absent himself, on account of sickness or for any other reason; so that at the end of the current year I shall receive about \$70.

For the whole three years' service I shall have received about \$265 against an approximate outlay of nearly \$4000; I can no longer afford this luxury.

I would not be Mayor unless I could do myself and the City of Astoria proud; that's my way, and I know of no PROPER method of

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being reimbursed unless the people see fit to circulate a petition to amend the charter to the effect that the Mayor receive a salary at least sufficient to cover any reasonable expenses he may be under; if the taxpayers' business is worth looking after, it is worth paying for.

I do not begrudge the time, labor and money spent during the past three years, it gave me a chance to learn and do something and besides I voluntarily accepted the office knowing that it was a purely honorary one.

In view of the facts above recited, no reasonable person can expect me to serve longer without pay and to spend money in the bargain. True, it is the duty of every good citizen to serve the country or community in which he lives, but I have freely given all that I am able to give.

Astoria has many good, enterprising men who would worthily carry the honors as well as the responsibilities of the Mayor's office.

As for myself, I shall be content to enjoy the dignified obscurity of an ex-Mayor and to gratefully remember, that the good people of Astoria have been very kind to me, indeed. Very faithfully,

HERMAN WISE.

The petitions that are being circulated in Mayor Wise's favor for a second term were prepared by friends and the wording shows that his services have been fully appreciated. The petition reads as follows:

"Honorable Herman Wise, Mayor, Astoria, Oregon.

"Understanding that you wish to retire from office, we ask that you serve the city for two years longer because we believe there are momentous matters of importance to come up during this time which will require handling by a man of energy and determination.

"That you have shown yourself to be a man of such characteristics is evinced by the facts that the city now has more and better streets; more than twice the former fire protection; the City Park is a reality; you of prominence have been properly received; many improvements of minor importance have been made and the outside world can no longer truthfully point their finger at Astoria and say that it is one of the toughest places in the United States. You have had a leading part in all this and we need you for two years longer and we therefore ask you to stand for re-election."

FOOT BALL FEVER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The football schedule for to-day contains games that have several of the big eastern teams worried. Last Saturday it was Yale's turn to be worried, Syracuse being the opponent, while to-day Pennsylvania takes on Pennsylvania State a team not to be held lightly. The state men scored a touchdown against the Indians a week ago and were beaten solely because of the drop kicking skill of the red men. Probably the most gruelling game in the East to-day will be at Buffalo, where the Carlisle Indians and Syracuse meet.

It was all Yale could do to beat Syracuse a week ago and the Syracuseans are heavier than the Indians. Princeton will meet Lafayette, the latter being something of an unknown quantity. Harvard's opponent to-day is Williams who in past years has given the crimson more than one lively afternoon and is expected to prove the toughest foe faced so far this season.

The freshmen teams of Yale and Princeton will get under way this afternoon, Yale at Andover and Princeton at Exeter.

MULTNOMAHHS WIN.

First Football Game of the Season Shows Good Work.

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—The Multnomah Athletic Club took the first football game of the season on local field from Willamette University today by a score of 9 to 0. The game was full of ginger from the start and though unable to score against them, the agile Varsity team made things decidedly warm for the club men. Especially notable was the all-round brilliant work of Sullivan of Willamette. Stott and Austin of the local team brought credit to themselves by long end runs.

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ACCUSED OFFICER HAS SPIRITED DEFENSE

IN A DIGNIFIED MANNER PATROLMAN LINVILLE STATES HIS SIDE OF THE STORY.

The announcement in the Astorian yesterday morning of the suspension of Patrolman Linville pending the investigation of charges by the police commissioners was the source of much comment around the city. Commissioner Martin Foard is out of town and as far as is known the other two members of the board have taken no action in relation to the matter.

Patrolman Linville is taking the matter good-naturedly. He admits he had words with a brother police officer on the night in question, but denies that there was any public or noisy altercation—and denies with an emphasis that leaves no doubt of his meaning that he was drunk or under the influence of liquor.

Yesterday and last night the big police officer walked around town and chatted freely with friends. With eyes clear and a complexion like a girl's it would seem difficult for anyone to credit the allegation of drink in his case and that Patrolman Linville is prepared to put up a defense of the strongest kind may be taken for granted. It may turn out yet that the enemies he has gained in his police work are the worst witnesses he will have to face.

"It is simply not true that I was drunk," said he last night. "It is preposterous—laughable—to say that I was drunk. Since last January I have hardly touched a drop of liquor while on duty. In all that time I have not taken ten drinks of whiskey while on duty. I vowed then that I never again would drink to excess while I was a peace officer, and I have kept that vow strictly.

"But it is true that on this night in question I did take several drinks. I was sick—I felt bad. I took a few drinks, and just these few drinks and no more. They affected me no more than if I had drunk so much water. Now, these three or four drinks that I took that night I took with one or

more very well known citizens. All during that night I was with, or met, men who know me very well. Of course they can tell whether I was under the influence of liquor or not, and I am happy to say that they will be ready to testify in my defense.

"I do not drink—am not a drinking man—and this night I took a few drinks. That is the whole story on its truthful side.

"The quarrel that is alleged to have taken place was not a tour of boisterous affair. I had occasion to say something and I said it; said it pointedly, but quietly."

Mr. Linville intimates that the whole matter has been egregiously exaggerated by men who hate or fear him. It is known that stories of the matter were carried to police headquarters with much glee by some men, who themselves perhaps drink as much daily as the average police officer does in a month.

Apparently the whole matter is deprecated among the members of the police department, as there is a disposition to look upon it as an issue that has been brought about mainly by the influence of outsiders whose motives, perhaps, may be questioned, and who apparently are not "coming into court with clean hands."

Said a police officer last night: "I don't know anything about this present matter in any way. But I know something about the beat where Linville walks. How any man can walk that beat month in and month out without going crazy or becoming a drunkard is a mystery to me. No one who has not done that work can imagine the horrors of it. It's the same gang every night; the same women, the same men, the same drunken gangs, the same noisy pianos and screeching talking machines. Some police officers would go crazy there, and now they talk about a man taking a few drinks. Huh!"

CHOLERA DECREASING.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 10.—The cholera situation continues to decrease. For 24 hours ending at noon today 99 new cases, 54 deaths, 12 recoveries were reported.

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AMUSEMENTS

When Klimt & Gazzolo first bought the new melo-dramatic play called "The Four Corners of the Earth," it was thought the production would be too heavy to transport, as the scenic, mechanical and electrical effects were simply immense. This was latterly overcome, however, and the big melodrama is so constructed that it can be put on in detail. The story of "The Four Corners of the Earth" is decidedly exciting and takes one around the world in a very sensational race. This new theatrical offering is exploited by the well known theatrical managers, Klimt & Gazzolo, which is a guarantee of its worth. An extraordinary large company is required for this production and the organization contains a number of names that guarantee performances of exceptional excellence. The scenery and accessories which have been much admired on tour, will be brought here in their entirety. "The Four Corners of the Earth" comes to the Opera House tonight.

TENNESSEE JUBILEE SINGERS.

The individuals of this company are selected from among the best genuine negro talent in America. Every singer is thoroughly trained in the art of music and sings the very best and most old-fashioned negro melodies and songs in native dialect. Everyone has a thorough college or university training, which, combined with his high moral standards, carries each audience away through a series of artistic effects into the realm of humor until the closing number.

For many years Watkins' Tennessee Jubilee Singers have demonstrated in song and wholesome character work the negro life as existing during slavery as well as the progress of the race during 40 years of freedom.

Every singer has a keen sense of what people appreciate most; therefore every program is an education to the young people who long for the comical work of real slave darkeys, and for older people no songs appeal and are prized so much as rich, sweet, but almost forgotten melodies of "years ago," many of which are used at every entertainment, and are snug as you have never heard them since the war.

The program of Watkins' Tennessee Jubilee Singers is just what one would expect to hear from real "Ne-

gro Jubilees." The date of this attraction is Saturday, October 17.

TAFT GOING SOUTH.

Candidate Leaves Monday For Extended Southern Stumping.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 10.—"I am going South to make a few speeches in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, not so much with the view to carrying those states, as to show their people that they are a part of the Union and as such ought to vote for the party which will give them influence in the nation to which their progress, energy and enterprise entitled them." Judge Taft said this to the Taft-Sherman Club of Highland, Ky., which came to Sinton Hotel to pledge its support. His address throughout was an expression of intense feeling regarding the political condition of the South. The South, he said, made wonderful progress under the application of Republican principle of protection and yet it remained perpetual asset to Democracy of the North, to be delivered en bloc no matter what might be the issue or interest at stake. Taft busied himself during the day in clearing up office matters preparatory to leaving Monday for his campaigning trip which will keep him constantly on the road until election morning.

SIX ARE LOST.

Two Men Rescued Have Thrilling Experience While Adrift at Sea.

REPORT, L. I. Oct. 10.—Six men are believed to have perished and two others were saved only after undergoing harrowing experiences while adrift at sea on a bit of wreckage as a result of the British three-masted schooner Sirocco going to pieces on the reef on the West Indies during the storm of October 1. The survivors are Mate Joseph Laing and Cook G. Roberts. They were rescued Monday by the British steamer Liverton and were brought here.

TO VISIT BULGARIA.

SOFIA, Oct. 10.—The "Czar of Bulgaria" or Prince Ferdinand as he is still known, will make a triumphant entry into the capitol or Bulgaria Monday.