

MINISTERS STOCK PROUD INTO BAKER'S CANDIDACY

Fastors Oppose His Nomination for Councilman and Indorse Rufus C. Holman.

CHURCHES AND SUNDAY THEATRE NOT CONGENIAL

Object to Fourth Ward Aspirant on Grounds That He Voted With the "Solid Six" and Is Not on City's Tax Roll.

Several ministers of the city are after the neck of George L. Baker, who appears to be a councilman from the Fourth ward. Yesterday in the pulpit they held his name up to unfavorable comment and the end has not yet come. They have directed down into his past history and adduce from it that he is not the right kind of a man to represent the Fourth ward in the legislative body of the city and have gone on to favoring the candidacy of Rufus C. Holman. Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, Dr. Clarence True Wilson and Dr. F. Burgette Short all took a shy at Baker yesterday.

Dr. Brougher in his sermon said that Mr. Baker might make a good representative of the north and but was not fitted to represent the fourth ward churches and best residences of the city. Dr. Wilson read a few points gleaned from the records relating to Mr. Baker and Dr. Short said that a man who opened his show every day in the city that he could get it open was not his idea of the correct representative from the Fourth ward.

This morning Dr. Brougher told of how the different ministers came to enter into the discussion. "I am not basing my opposition to Mr. Baker alone on the fact that he keeps his theatre open on Sunday, but upon other grounds," he said. "We ministers met on Saturday afternoon and discussed the matter as a result of which we drew up the statement relative to the candidacy of Mr. Rufus C. Holman for the council."

"At the time of our meeting we discussed the record of Mr. Baker and decided he was not a fit man to represent the fourth ward by the showing made in that record."

Also a bankrupt. "Mr. Baker for one thing is a bankrupt, having been discharged as such February 15, 1906. He filed his petition in bankruptcy September 22, 1906, alleging that his liabilities were \$11,652.54. The only assets not exempt were 2,647 shares of stock of the Northwest Vaudeville company, of the par value of \$5 per share. These shares were then on deposit with the London Park and American Bank limited, subject to a pooling agreement, the terms of which were not stated. He had no other property except household furniture, which he claimed as exempt."

"The stock listed was appraised at \$50 and sold for that amount and the proceeds used to pay for the proceedings. Out of the sum John F. Logan, his attorney, received \$149 and the rest went to pay the expenses of the trial. The creditors received nothing."

"George L. Baker's name does not appear upon the tax roll of 1907," continued Dr. Brougher. "Besides that the files of the Oregonian for April 12, 1909, April 19 and May 17, tell of the details of the election of William Storey as mayor by the 'solid six.' Baker was in the chair and putting the deal through."

"One of the 'solid six.'" "Again in the same paper on April 5, 1906, it is shown that the council granted the street railway company a franchise on Fifth street south from Jefferson to May 2, 1896. It is shown the details of the \$1,100,000 street improvements while on June 5 is noted the last vote of the 'solid six.'"

WRITER OF OBSCENE LETTERS GETS OFF WITH LIGHT FINE

Peter Feldhausen's previous good character stood him in good stead this morning when he pleaded guilty before Judge Charles E. Wolverson in the Tenth States district court of sending obscene letters through the mail, and was fined only \$150. His fine could have been had Judge Wolverson seen fit to give him the maximum penalty, \$12,000 and nine years in prison.

Feldhausen sent letters to Myrtle Tomlinson, a young woman living at Mount Hood, in which he stated things that are prohibited by the federal statutes. He was indicted on three counts, on each of which he could have been given the maximum penalty of \$5,000 and three years in the penitentiary.

Attorney John H. Hall made an earnest plea to Judge Wolverson asking for leniency for Feldhausen, and produced letters from a number of prominent citizens of Portland, testifying to the good character of Feldhausen.

In announcing his decision, Judge Wolverson stated that because of Feldhausen's ignorance of the law and because he had been a law abiding citizen previously, he would deal leniently with the prisoner. He then announced the penalty and Feldhausen promptly paid the fine. He left the courtroom with a smile on his face and glad because he was let off so lightly.

DRY MAINS ARE VERY WET AFFAIRS, SAYS CHIEF CAMPBELL

"The provisions of the bill providing for dry mains for the fire department do not seem to be understood by the people," said Fire Chief Campbell this morning. "At meetings of various improvement clubs the main has been discussed and some of the people who have spoken of it have been under the impression that they are to be empty mains and are therefore not a necessity. In fact the mains are to be filled from the time they are built."

NEW YORK COPIES TOWERS ON THE FIREBOAT OF PORTLAND

According to the New York papers, the Empire City will imitate the design of the Portland fire boat and install fire towers in two of the boats which it is now building. The first fire

DEMENTED ITALIAN ROAMING IN MARION

by his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. Babbini, and her 13-year-old daughter, at Sacramento, Scappoose was last seen at 8:30 last evening two miles north of the reform school. Mrs. Babbini and her daughter spent the night at the reform school.

The Tennessee house, just before its recent adjournment, adopted a resolution declaring William J. Bryan the logical candidate of the Democratic party for president in 1908. There was some opposition to the resolution, but the majority on final vote was large.

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"I am a theatrical manager and know nothing else," Mr. Baker said this morning. "I have been brought up in the theatre business. I have always tried to make the productions set out by my companies an agent for morality and not the reverse. My audiences are made up of the best and most prominent people of the city and were my plays not moral in tone these people would not patronize them."

"There are amusement-loving people just as there are church-going people. Thousands have but one day to attend the theatre and I can see no harm in providing a place for their amusement. If these places produce plays which are morally uplifting in my opinion they serve a good purpose for they keep those who would attend some place of amusement from going to some place where the influence was not good."

"I think the ministers are unjust in their criticisms, for when they censure the Sunday theatre it is the patrons and the managers who are being castigated."

"I am making my race for the council upon my record as a president in 1902 and 1906, and at the present time for I am nominated and elected. It will make the third term I have served the city to the council and had I thought that my business as a theatrical manager unfitted me for a seat in the council I would never have come out as a candidate for the nomination nor allowed myself to be elected to serve out the unexpired term of Councilman Brougher."

The indorsement of Mr. Holman by the ministers is outlined in the following statement drawn and signed by them:

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Meldrum is supposed to be on his way home from Washington and United States Attorney William C. Bristol asked the court this morning that he be apprehended immediately upon his arrival here and conveyed to McNeil's island.

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Herford Dies in Baltimore. Word was received in this city yesterday morning from Baltimore that Al Herford, one of the best known prize fight managers in the East, was shot. The message announcing his death came to Chief of Police Grimscher, who was asked to locate Herford's brother, W. M. Herford, who is supposed to be living in this part of the county.

Al Herford was Joe Gans' manager up until a year and a half ago, and also had control of young Peter Jackson. We visited Portland with these fighters about three years ago.

McManus Verdict Expected Tonight (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., April 29.—Arguments were begun in the McManus murder trial, ex-Judge Samuel White of Baker City taking the floor for the state. In his review of the case he stated that in which they are in the rear of 10 feet in the rear of his victim and killed him in cold blood for revenge. He declared the story told by McManus the stand could not be true in view of the arrangements of the place where Bates was shot. He said further that even if the story were true and Bates was attempting to pick the pocket of McManus, the latter had the right to shoot, as the law declares a man need only do so in cases of atrocious felonies or self-defense.

At 10:20 White concluded and after a short recess Attorney L. A. Estabrook of the defense took the stand in behalf of McManus. He said McManus shot a man who had attempted three times to rob him, and McManus was afraid of being snatched and robbed and probably killed.

Judge Fee will speak for the defense, after which District Attorney Phelps will conclude. The case will then go to the jury. A verdict is expected tonight.

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Ex-Surveyor-General Will Be Arrested and Taken to McNeil's Island This Week.

When Henry Meldrum, ex-surveyor general of Oregon, returns from Washington in 1875. Five years ago his wife left him at Rainier, Oregon, and a short time ago he used for divorce, alleging desertion. Mrs. Smith came back with a cross-complaint in which she charged her husband with being a spiritualistic crank and an inveterate snorer.

The only sweetheart named by Mrs. Smith is Mrs. Evelyn of Tillamook, of whom Smith bragged to J. H. Miller, his brother-in-law, and Anna Pomeroy, his sister-in-law. Once, for example, the wife sent the man of the house to town to market some eggs. He returned without the eggs and without any cash, and it developed later that he had bought a pair of fancy slippers for one of the neighbor's wives, with the egg money. At another time he ordered a dress from Mrs. Smith's own sister, who kept a store, and had it delivered to another woman.

When Mrs. Smith "got" spiritualism he tried to convert his wife. He insisted that she was a medium and could converse with the spirits if she only would. She obeyed his directions for a time, but would regularly call her out of bed in the middle of the night, make her strike the proper attitude and halloo for the ghostly being to come flocking around her. She finally tired of this and left him.

The couple have one minor child, Marie, a girl of 18, whose custody each one wants.

Two-Cent Fare Laws Affect Mileage Books (Journal Special Service.) Chicago, April 29.—On and after May 1 the interchangeable mileage books of the Western Passenger association will not be valid for trips wholly in transportation in the states which have passed laws making 2 cents a mile the maximum rate of fare. The tickets will be good for interstate trips when one or more of the states through which the trip is made has a legal rate higher than 2 cents a mile.

On 1,000-mile books good for \$50, or at the rate of 5 cents a mile, the purchaser who complies with all the conditions of the ticket. Trans-Missouri interchangeable mileage books will not be valid for trips wholly in the state of Nebraska, but may be used between points in other states and Nebraska.

Practically the same restrictions will be made as to the use of interchangeable mileage books of eastern railroads so long as there is a single state which allows a higher rate than 2 cents a mile. It is likely that the interchangeable mileage tickets of eastern roads will be discontinued within two years, but the western roads may retain them longer.

Flirting Negro Pays \$40 Fine. G. Laurence Joell, colored advertising manager of the Advocate, a weekly publication devoted to the interests of the negro community, who was arrested Wednesday, Joell approached her at 1817 Tilden street for insulting her on Fifth and Washington streets about 10 days ago, was found guilty in the police court this afternoon of disorderly conduct and fined \$40 by Judge Cameron.

The complainant in the case was a strikingly handsome, 20-year-old white girl of the Gibson type. According to her testimony, Joell approached her at Fifth and Washington streets after following her for several blocks and tipping his hat said, "I'd like to meet you in half an hour." The girl paid no attention to the remark and upon reaching Third and Alder streets the insolent fellow deliberately stepped in front of her and batted his left eye in strict accordance with the rules of flirting.

Miss Haas reported the matter to Patrolman Nelson and Joell's arrest followed. Upon taking the stand in his own behalf the defendant practically convicted himself by the rules of flirting.

Joell promptly paid his fine and will not appeal.

Dose of Deadly Drug Ends Life. Sam Grover, an aged driver employed by the Holman Transfer company, died at the Good Samaritan hospital last night as the result of an overdose of laudanum. For some reason the doctor was not called to the corner and that official was unaware of the matter until apprised of the matter through the daily press. An investigation will be made, but as far as has been ascertained Grover's death was due to an accident.

The unfortunate man was 73 years of age and had been residing at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grover, Ninth street. He complained of being ill during the past week and had been using laudanum for his ailment. Yesterday morning Mrs. Ginty found her roomer in a stupor and as he did not regain consciousness after several hours she notified the police. Grover was removed to the hospital yesterday afternoon in the patrol wagon and remained in a state of coma until the time of his death.

South Portland Hebrews May Indorse Zimmerman for Mayority Instead.

The South Portland Independent Hebrew club escaped being a part of the Devlin organization by the skin of its teeth when it was created yesterday afternoon at Artisans' hall. First and Third streets. As it is now the object of the organization is the betterment of the members and the formation of a body which can make united objection to the enactment of a \$300 peddler's license and various other things not to the liking or advantage of the personnel of the club.

According to the story regarding the formation of the club some of Mr. Devlin's friends conceived the idea that it would be a good thing for the Hebrew residents of South Portland to take a stand indorsing Mr. Devlin's candidacy. A meeting was therefore called and Mr. Devlin, Mr. Kavanaugh and some few others were invited to attend. Mr. Zimmerman, however, discovered that the meeting was about to be held and some of his friends were in attendance at the appointed time.

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Captain Flynn of New York and Captain Bell of Seattle Among Skilled Sleuths of Government Who Worked on Coon Counterfeiting Case.

This Assistant United States District Attorney Cole does not intend to allow any member of the famous Coon counterfeiting gang to escape indictment by the federal grand jury was shown when it was learned today that in addition to Secret Service Operative Thomas H. Foster, Captain Bushrod W. Bell of Seattle and Captain W. J. Flynn of New York are in the city to testify against the counterfeiter.

Captain Bell is in charge of the Seattle district and the counterfeiting case will be the last one he will have anything to do with in an official capacity because of his resignation from the service May 1. Captain Bell had charge of the Coon case and was assisted by Mr. Foster, who rounded up the crowd near Huntington, Oregon.

Captain Flynn is in charge of one of the most important districts in the country at New York and is recognized as one of the most efficient officers in the service.

Captain Flynn recently worked with Chief W. Cole on the Honours lottery cases at Mobile, Alabama. While in the city he is at the Oregon hotel.

Mr. Foster will succeed Captain Bell as the head of the Seattle district. Captain Bell quits the service to assume his duties as president of the Puget Sound Wood Products company.

Another secret service officer in Portland is Steve Connell, who escorted Prince Henry of Germany on the trip around the country. Mr. Connell was also in President Roosevelt's party that came to Portland. He will leave Portland tomorrow.

Mr. Cole will probably present the evidence against the counterfeiter to the grand jury tomorrow or Wednesday.

CAMPAIGN OF REFORM BUREAU IS LAUNCHED AT SELLWOOD

Dr. G. L. Tufts of the International Reform bureau discussed the leading social evils of today at different places in the city yesterday. In the morning he discussed the question at Calvary Baptist church and last night before the Trinity Methodist Episcopal and the First United Evangelical congregations.

The plan is to select 25 or more of the most aggressive citizens of the district to work for a pure ballot and a morally clean community. In a resolution the meeting expressed its indignation at the illegal voting at Sellwood at the last election and denounced the proper officials for lack of zeal in prosecuting the offenders.

BREWING COMPANY BREWS TROUBLE OVER ATTORNEY

A row among the board of directors of the Portland Brewing company got Attorney J. L. Taucher a client at \$50 per month. In two weeks the prevailing element on the board was ousted and Taucher was told that his services would be needed