

# STRAW VOTE SHOWS LANE SENTIMENT INCREASING

### Discussions in Public Places Prove People Are With the Present Mayor Regardless of Personal Political Views That They Entertain.

Lane sentiment is on the increase, according to the straw votes being taken on cars, in restaurants and other places where men congregate during brief intervals between business hours. Yesterday a prominent business man, while eating lunch with two companions, raised the political question of the day. Upon putting the matter to a vote he was found that all three at his table were Lane supporters. The next table was polled and the four men at the table cast a solid vote for the present mayor. Three other tables were polled, with the result that out of the 13 men eating at them eight were back of the Lane movement with their votes. All of the seven men at the first two tables were Republicans, but it is not known what the political affiliations of the other voters were.

A mining man of the city, who whopped it up for Roosevelt at the last election, tells the story of a straw vote taken in a downtown cafe yesterday. With a friend he went into the place, and while there the issues of the city campaign were taken up by 12 men who had happened into the place at the same time. Few of the men were known to each other, and no record was made of the political affiliations of the gathering, but the straw vote gave 10 ballots to Dr. Lane and two to Mr. Devlin. Reports of other canvasses made all point the same way, and while it is expected on all sides that the contest will be close, it is shown by the indications among the downtown business and professional men that the present mayor has the sentiment of the great mass of the representative voters of the city with him.

"I should judge that Mayor Lane will be re-elected by a vote at the rate of three out of five," said a well-known barber this morning. "Just to satisfy my own curiosity," he continued, "I have carefully canvassed my customers, men from all walks in life, and find that fully three out of five are determined to cast their ballots for Lane. "It would surprise you to hear the reasons they give for having so concluded. For instance, men I know to be confirmed nickel-in-the-slot fiends tell me they will vote for Lane simply because he was instrumental in having the money-devouring devices banished from the cigar store counters. Now one would think these fellows would be inclined to vote against an administration that deprived them of what they termed a pastime. But not so. These men confess that the nickel machine was a curse, whose tempting grasp had gotten so strong a hold upon them that they were simply at its mercy. Many frankly admit that the habit of pumping slugs into the slot would have led to ruin. They don't want the machines brought forth again, and so will vote for a continuation of the present administration.

"Many other reasons are given, but this nickel-in-the-slot proposition is one that has impressed me more than any I have heard for some time. These fellows are in earnest. They have decided to vote for their own salvation."

A Republican, who has been making a canvass of the east side in an effort to determine how the vote will go for the mayoralty candidates, said yesterday that the vote across the river would be split almost evenly between Lane and Devlin with the probability that Lane would receive a slight majority. This man refused to allow his name to be used, but stated that as near as he could learn the change of heart among so many Republicans in favor of Lane was due to the good record of the city's executive and to the fact that voters were against Devlin because of the allegations made in regard to his alliance with the saloon element. "The Republican, by the fact that many saloon keepers, who have heretofore been strong Democrats, have aligned themselves with the Devlin crowd. Many of these men have come out flat-footed for Devlin and have been urging their friends and patrons to vote for the auditor. This man believes that women will play an important factor in the city election because of the war raging

around the saloon element. Mothers and wives, he said, have been conducting a campaign for Mayor Lane by the curtain-lecture and heart-to-heart methods with husbands and sons, which is expected to swing many votes.

"Lane has an immortal clinch on precincts 23, 24 and 25," remarked a well-known South Portland Republican politician, "and I firmly believe that the will carry the entire south end of the city from Grant street, south, by a heavy majority. I have been told by old line Republicans, who have never before scratched the head at the tickle in their coat-tails, that for the north-end, corporation candidate and were going to vote for Lane."

The same citizen made a canvass of six South Portland blocks in the vicinity of his residence and found but two Devlin Republicans out of a total of 200. The 25 and 30 registered Republican voters.

"Bill" Storey, former sheriff of Multnomah county is to be the next chief of police should Thomas C. Devlin be elected mayor, according to the latest information. Mr. Storey has contended that he has no promises to any prospective office holder. Mr. Storey runs a little counter to the declaration and has told some of his friends that he is to be the next chief and has been promised the job should Mr. Devlin be successful. Storey, before the primaries, was mentioned as a possible candidate for mayor, and later went into the race as a councilman to oppose R. A. Preston for the nomination. He came out third in the race. He was defeated for reelection as sheriff by Tom Watson. He is now in the coal and wood business.

That there is no dissonance in the ranks of the old line Democrats and that with the independent voters they are "standing pat" for Dr. Lane, is the message of the mayoralty campaign, was the assurance by H. W. Parker, a member of the Multnomah Democratic club, this morning.

Mr. Parker was one of the staunchest supporters of Mr. Thomas in the primaries, but is now exerting every effort to aid in the reelection of Mayor Harry Lane. Not only is Mr. Parker working for Dr. Lane himself but he is likewise urging his friends, who were associated with him in the Thomas campaign, to become active in their efforts to assure the election of the independent candidate. He said: "I am advising all my friends to work for Dr. Lane. It is simply a matter of choice between a man who stands for the rights of the people, on one side, and a political machine on the other. I am for the man of the people every time."

## GAVE WIFE BEER CONTAINING POISON

San Bernardino, Cal., May 23.—Because his wife refused to longer live with him, C. H. Vinson made a deliberate attempt to kill her and his mother-in-law, Mrs. James Price, at the latter's home here last night, giving both beer which he had doctored with strychnine. Both are in a critical condition and will probably die. Vinson has been arrested.

Last night Vinson visited the home of his mother-in-law, taking with him a lunch that included two bottles of beer. One of these was found this morning containing strychnine. From this bottle he had poured beer for the women, but when Miss Eva Whitton, a 16-year-old girl who is visiting them, attempted to drink it Vinson snatched the glass away.

**Eastern Excursions.**  
The Canadian Pacific has announced very low rates to eastern points during the summer months. Tickets on sale June 6, 7, and 8, July 2, 4, 5, August 2, 9, 10, September 11, 13 and 15. Make your sleeping car reservations now for the June excursions.



The Lonely Woman.

The woman who is low spirited and despondent, who fancies that she is not appreciated and that it is some one's fault that she is not happier and more contented is not rare. She is often found in boarding houses, or she is a childless woman, living much within doors, or a woman whose outside interests in life have dropped away from her.

For all such lonely ones we are sorry, but we sometimes long to give a word of advice, for after all their troubles are not of the incurable sort. The thing they need to bring them to a real healthy interest in life is not some one to tell their troubles too, a sympathizer, not more money, not a sea trip, not a different sort of a husband.

What they need each and every one, is to open their eyes to the duties which lie right at their feet. Let one of these lonely women take a drive out to Clifton home. Surely, a depressing place, you say? Well, that's as you look at it. That there is sorrow and vice and real trouble in the world, is sad and depressing knowledge at any time, but to realize it and to exert one's influence toward alleviating it is not depressing at all.

Here are poor girls who have never had a chance. Let the woman who has had much and given little, I do not mean of money, alone, but of time and opportunity, and happiness, prove herself a friend to even one of these ignorant misguided girls.

They are not all evil minded; they have not come to disgrace because they wanted to. They are there because they did not know and because they ignorantly trusted some one who was untrustworthy. They will not hurt the lonely woman who is alluring them to speak. She would be afraid of offending them perhaps, but if she will go out there in a friendly spirit, and show to the matron and the officers that she wants to help, she will find plenty to do.

She may be an expert needleworker. Then let her gather a few of these girls around her and teach them to sew. She may be able to tell a helpful story in an entertaining way. Then let her do that for many of them have no knowledge of books. She may understand the needs of childhood; then let her go out there and tell these women in a plain and practical way how to take care of their little ones. She may have some knowledge of a trade. Then let her teach a few of them that, so that when they leave the home they may be fitted to earn a livelihood for themselves and their children.

If this kind of work does not attract the lonely woman or offer her the opportunity she seeks, let her go to the officers of the day nursery and ask them how she can help. They will tell her. Are there not hospitals, where a friendly visitor would be glad to see roses are like rays of light in a darkened room? Are there not little children convalescent who find the hours long and the diversions few?

Are there not old ladies and old men whose eyes are dim and who would advise anyone who would help them to bring them flowers, or just talk to them? She may find these at the Patton Home, the Home for the Aged, or the Odd Fellows Home, and at all of them she will find a ready welcome.

If she is not much of a talker she may flow her head and heart into the life of one of the pleasant things in life to the old, to those who have passed the busy hurrying years and who have stored up odd experiences and bits of life philosophy which they are only too glad to share. The trouble they find is that everybody is too busy to listen.

If these things are not sufficient for her activities, and she wants to do something that is harder, suppose that she offer her services to the Visiting Nurse association. She need not necessarily seek out contagious diseases, nor get down on her knees and scrub floors, although the visiting nurse has often to do both of these. There are lonely children, very sick ones, helpless ones, enough and to spare to occupy every minute that the seeker for occupation can crowd into a busy day.

But the lonely woman may say that these things do not sound as though they would relieve her own distress of mind. It sounds as though she would get deeper and deeper into the slough of despond.

I can only repeat what I said before. The relief of a busy and distressing never dull, uninteresting, nor painful. To be doing something to help is not to be depressed but helped, and the woman whose ailments are only those of lack of occupation will surely as can be found her own troubles sink into insignificance as she becomes really a helpful factor in the busy world instead of a looker on.

**For the Housewife.**  
Clam Cakes.—One pint sour milk, 2 eggs beaten, 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in the sour milk, ¼ teaspoon salt, flour enough to make a stiff batter. Stir in 1 quart clams chopped fine. Fry in hot fat, using about 2 tablespoons batter to each pan of cakes.  
Veal Loaf.—Two pounds of raw lean beef and 2 pounds of veal chopped fine with ¼ pound of fat salt pork, 1 nutmeg grated, 1 onion chopped fine, 2 tablespoons of butter, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon red pepper, 2 well-beaten eggs and ½ pint of stock. Mix well together, form into a loaf, pressing it very firmly, cover with fine bread crumbs and bake for 2½ hours, basting frequently. To be served cold.  
Cocoanut Cream.—Scald 1 pint milk in a double boiler, stir in 1 tablespoon flour made smooth in a little cold milk, ¼ saltspoon salt, 2 tablespoons sugar and let cook 5 minutes. Remove from the fire and add 1 cup grated cocoanut, the beaten yolks of 3 eggs, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, 3 drops lemon extract, then fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Pour into pie plates lined with rich pastry and bake in a moderate oven until firm.

## CRUISER BIRMINGHAM WILL BE LAUNCHED

Boston, Mass., May 23.—The scout cruiser Birmingham, built for the United States by the Fore River Shipbuilding company, will be launched at the shipyards at Quincy tomorrow, and a large party from the Alabama metropolis after which the ship is named has arrived here to attend the launching. The christening ceremony will be performed by Miss Mary Campbell of Birmingham.

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Per-Don spoke briefly concerning his preparations which are performing so much good here in our city amongst the sick and afflicted, and told of the work of the Per-Don medical experts and their system of bloodless surgery and mentioned the new "Syrthall" treatment by which appendicitis (when taken before the pus is formed), rheumatism and other dreaded diseases were made to disappear and health became assured.

With pathos in his voice he related how a man from Salem, Oregon, by name of Bronson was brought into the offices of these learned physicians upon a cot, suffering from appendicitis. He told how the loving wife who accompanied Mr. Bronson begged with tears in her eyes for help for the poor sufferer and how under the influence of the treatment the awful threatening death was averted and joy brought back into the life of the now happy couple.

The old saying that "good news travels slowly" has assuredly been disproved in the case of these experts. Their good works seem to be known everywhere, and every day finds each incoming train bringing its quota of visitors to the offices at 352 Washington street. From eastern Oregon, California and Washington persons have come to visit and consult these men, eager to find relief and a cure for various diseases. Some, it is true, must go away disappointed, for some persons are incurable. These are told so in an honest straightforward manner for one of the Per-Don's maxims is "dishonest money will work me more harm than good," and the Per-Don medical experts are not allowed to accept a cent from anyone whom they cannot cure absolutely.

Per-Don, upon being asked by a representative of the local business by mail, pointed to a basket containing packages of letters, scores of them which were being opened and answered. "Yes," said he, "my mail is enormous. Many persons who cannot visit the offices personally and who send their requests by mail, if my doctors find the case to be curable we forward the treatment by express, so in a great many cases we never see the patient, and perform a cure just the same. Yes, I have been very successful in that line and would advise anyone who cannot call to mail a letter stating his or her case clearly and concisely and each will receive expert attention. Why, see here," and he brought forth a number of the letters, "here is mail from all over the country. It comes from Boston, one from Schenectady, New York, one from Dallas, Texas, and I get them from everywhere."

## STANDARD OIL LOSES MONEY IN JAPAN WELL

### International Company Sells Its Holdings at Echigo for Four Millions Below Cost.

Tokio, May 23.—Reports that the International Oil company has sold out its wells and plants at Echigo to the Nippon Oil company for 1,750,000 yen (\$375,000) are confirmed. The former company started with a capital of 10,000,000 yen (\$2,000,000) and had the backing of the Standard Oil company. Though it employed the most skillful experts and spared no necessary expenses it failed to succeed. The Nippon company buys the International company's wells and machinery on remarkably favorable terms and its prospects are excellent. It is reported that the International company is contemplating a large extension of its business of importing American oil in bulk by means of tax steamers.

## SAYS PEOPLE LIKE TO BE SHORT-WEIGHTED

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 23.—"The people of this country would rather buy a pound of 15 ounces of any commodity, than one of 16 ounces," was the statement of W. B. Stratton, head of the United States bureau of weights and measures, in a speech here before the university students.

"The United States has sent accurate scales, which cannot be tampered with, all over the United States, but now they are rusting in the basements of the places to which they are assigned. Only one state, Massachusetts, enforces her laws, compelling the merchants not to cheat in weight." Thus Mr. Stratton characterized the results of the efforts of Uncle Sam to protect the households of the country.

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