

SAYS RUSHLIGHT MADE NO WRITTEN OR ORAL PLEDGES

Secretary of Workingmen's Political Club Says Stories Circulated to Injure Regular Republican Candidate.

Vigorous denial of reports that A. G. Rushlight, the Republican candidate for mayor, has made any pledge to the labor element concerning appointments is contained in a statement issued today by the Workingmen's Political club over the signature of M. E. Nolan, the secretary.

During the primary campaign this club endorsed the Rushlight candidacy, and reports were circulated that certain appointments had been promised by Rushlight in return. The club denies either a written or oral promise or any understanding to that effect. The statement follows:

Misleading Statements.
"To the Citizens of Portland.—The Workingmen's Political club feels it incumbent at this time to inform the public and our friends in particular, that the 'old ring' original assembly promoters and the special privilege element have endeavored to mislead the people by circulating a lot of insinuating and cunningly constructed statements, for the purpose of discrediting the several candidates that the workingmen of this city have seen fit to support.

"The organization the workingmen formed has always been open and above board in its dealings, and its sole purpose is to encourage honest and decent municipal government, regardless of political affiliation. The workingmen in taking a live interest in city affairs were only doing their duty as taxpayers and exercising their rights as citizens. This is granted save by the employers' association, who fail to concede the workingmen any rights politically or industrially. However, the voters disregarded the ravings of these self-appointed guardians of the city's welfare and nominated candidates at the primaries who stand for the best interest of the citizenship.

"The very idea that the voters should disregard their dictum and select men for public office not approved by the high-brows was unheard of, and consequently the city was combed for a Moses to lead the 'chosen people' out of the wilderness. One after another declined to be led to slaughter, until finally in desperation, Mr. Simon, who only two years ago had organized an assembly for the alleged purpose of rehabilitating the Republican party and affording strength to party candidates, must now be brought forth to destroy what, in their insincerity, they pretended to build.

Case of Rule or Ruin.
"The reason is plain. It is a case of rule or ruin. What they cannot use to their own selfish interests they would destroy.

"In the primaries the employers' association waited until the tenth hour to send out a scurrilous letter, together with marked ballots in the interest of Mr. Lombard. The effect was so apparent that a change of policy was thought wise. The latest means of deception devised by these people is to circulate among the business men with a statement that Mr. Rushlight has made promises to the workingmen to appoint certain of their members to responsible public positions.

"In justice to the voters and to Mr. Rushlight, we deem it only fair to brand as false the reports circulated by Mr. Simon's supporters. Moreover, we wish to affirm that the workingmen represented in the club have no written, oral or tacit promise or understanding from Mr. Rushlight or anyone else, to the effect that any man or set of men shall be given appointments.

"The working people are supporting Mr. Rushlight on account of his record in the city council, where he has always stood for the people and against special interests and against street vacations—fighting for what he thought was right, just and fair to all the people. This is sufficient recommendation, and the workingmen need no promise of office to rally to the support of such a man.
M. E. NOLAN, Sec'y."

"SIMON IS TYRANT, FOE OF THE MASSES," DECLARES THOMAS

Holding that no one of the issues involved in the present campaign for the mayoralty is anywhere near as great as the issue of whether or not the Oregon system shall triumph, George H. Thomas, Democratic candidate for mayor, declared this morning that the reelection of Joseph Simon means a death blow to the primary law and another dawn of the old assembly method.

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WOOL MEN COMPLAIN LEVIES SURPASS VALUE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Baker, Or., May 26.—Declaring they are assessed out of all proportion to the market value of their property, the woolgrowers of Union and Baker counties today adopted a resolution asking the state board of tax commissioners to use its influence with the county assessors in the counties where sheep are raised to have the assessments lowered. The woolgrowers claim ewes are assessed at \$8 and yearlings at \$4.50.

WOLVERTON FAILS TO SEE HIS NAME ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT

"Bruce Wolverton, independent, opposed to trusts and rings."
Such is the neat copy of a campaign slogan circulated by the candidate of the Prohibition party for the office of councilman at large to succeed Gay Lombard.

After passing around several thousand of these cards, more or less, Mr. Wolverton was surprised this morning to note that his name did not appear on the official ballot. He called on City Auditor Barbur and found out that his name had not been included in the list filed with the auditor by the secretary of the convention that made up the list of party nominees.

"Well, that is certainly hard luck," remarked Mr. Wolverton. "I accepted the nomination and my name should have been turned in with the rest, but I suppose there is nothing to do now; the ballot is made up and I am apparently not a candidate."

Open Bids for Pumps.—The fire committee of the city executive board at its meeting in the city hall yesterday afternoon opened bids for pumps and engines proposed for the new steel fireboat that will be built for the protection of the water front. Three companies tendered bids. A. G. Long, local agent for the American La France company of Elmira, New York, and for the Jackson Iron Works of San Francisco, submitted three bids, varying with the type of engines and pumps from \$15,300 to \$29,350. The Henry R. Worthington company of New York put in two bids, one for \$19,000 and the other for \$21,000. The committee took all bids under consideration. As soon as the engines and pumps are selected bids for the fire boat will be invited.

A very nearly dustless road has been built in Pennsylvania by adding 15 per cent of crude petroleum to the concrete which forms its top dressing.

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Verdict Against Archbold

New Bedford, Mass., May 26.—A verdict for the plaintiff in the damage suit against John D. Archbold, vice president of the Standard Oil company, who was sued for killing a little girl with

his auto, was returned by the jury yesterday afternoon, awarding the girl's father damages in the amount of \$2000. The father's name is William De Molla.

Charges Stabbing.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Escondido, Cal., May 26.—Mrs. Pablo Garcia is believed to be dying today as the result of an attack upon her by Jose Garcia. Mrs. Garcia charges Jose, who is related to her husband, stabbed her with a knife and set fire to the house to hide evidence of his crime. He is in jail.

Cruisers to Be Relieved.
Vallejo, Cal., May 26.—The cruisers New York and Albany, which have been in continuous service for the last three years in the far east are to be relieved about July 1 by the cruisers Raleigh and Cincinnati, now being overhauled here.

GOLD HILL MAN SUCCEEDS FINELY ON GAME BOARD

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., May 26.—Governor West has appointed J. Frank Hughes of Gold Hill a member of the state board of game and fish commissioners to succeed William J. Finley, who resigned to become state game warden. The governor also named six delegates to represent the state at the annual convention of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, which meets in Denver June 19-21: Dr. H. P. Belknap, Prineville; W. P. Chisholm, Gold Hill; Calvin S. White, Portland; F. H. Fitzgerald, Salem; H. C. Randall, Nehalem; O. J. Gaffin, Moro.

D. R. BROWNELL ASSUMES UMATILLA POSTOFFICE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Umatilla, Or., May 26.—D. R. Brownell took charge of the postoffice yesterday, succeeding A. H. Stephens Jr. Mr. Brownell came to Umatilla 10 years ago from California and is a merchant. Umatilla is to have a postal savings bank if the new postmaster can arrange it.

Chapel Car Is Coming.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Umatilla, Or., May 26.—The chapel car St. Anthony is touring eastern Oregon and will be in Umatilla during the week of May 29. Rev. F. Fleming is in charge of the car. The holding of missions for Catholics as well as non-Catholics is the object of the car's visit in Oregon.

CANDIDATES' FORCES TO COMPLETE WORKING ORGANIZATIONS TODAY

Little activity was manifest around the headquarters of the candidates for mayor today. Both the Simon and Rushlight forces are completing their working organizations, and until this is done no speakers will be sent out. Effort will be concentrated this week in an effort to register those who have so far failed to get their names on the city's list of voters.

The committee of 105 in general charge of the Simon campaign will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Railway Exchange building headquarters. It will be called to order by Henry E. Reed who has charge at headquarters, after which a chairman will be elected and campaign plans considered. A small committee will likely be chosen to take charge of the fight for the mayor's reelection. As soon as the Chairman Apperson of the Republican city committee, which stands behind A. G. Rushlight, will announce his executive committee tomorrow morning. It will consist of 10 members, one from each ward. He is consulting the members of the committee by wards before

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