

POLITICS LACKS "PEP"; "JAZZ" MAY COME LATER ON

So Far Nobody but Candidates Is Cutting Handsprings; Spell-Binders to Be Brought Here.

By Ralph Watson "Speaking of politics," as one old timer mournfully phrases it, "they ain't no such livin' thing no more. They ain't no pep and they ain't no ginger. What's the matter, anyhow? Has everybody got the locomotive attacks yah?"

And that is about it, though maybe there is time enough for the patient to perk up between now and the second day of November next. But the lists are closed, the entries all posted and it is possible to look over the field to see whether the political actors seem to be working out in form as they are warming up in front of the political grandstand.

There does seem to be a great apathy for politics in concerned, if not except the various candidates themselves. They, or some of them, are running rings around themselves and the available voters, but that is to be expected and is merely natural. The voters themselves do not seem to be turning any part sitting in the grandstand silently, not talking much about who they are going to put their bets on, and waiting for the big day in November. The great majority, in all probability, have their minds already made up and see no reason to get excited themselves, or to allow anyone to excite them. It may be that when the spellbinders come on from the East, as it is said they are about to do, the political pulse will quicken up a little, and maybe it won't. That depends a great deal upon the spellbinders.

FRIGHT FOR SENATORSHIP So far as the general state campaign is concerned there is only one point of interest in the whole list, that being the fight over the United States senatorship, and the people do not seem to be very much agitated over that. The battle between Congressman McArthur and Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy is beginning to warm up and give indications of being a real live scrap, but it is confined to Multnomah county and does not interest the voters of the first and second districts more than casually.

Frankly speaking, there are not very many people to be found who express any other opinion than that Senator Chamberlain will be re-elected without difficulty. At the state headquarters in the Morgan building, where no other position could be taken in good manners, as assumed, there is Stanfield talk, but even there it is not over enthusiastic. At the Stanfield headquarters in the North-western National Bank building they contend, of course, that he is making headway, but when you get away from those places it is a different story. It is assumed throughout the state, as a result of the election, that Chamberlain's success is as certain as election day. You hear it in the Coast counties, in Southern, Central and East-Oregon counties, and in the valley. It is the tenor of the talk in Portland wherever you go among the people.

HAYES NOT FEARED Frank Scott Myers is trying to beat Chamberlain with Thomas A. Hayes, his independent candidate, but the entrance of Hayes into the race looked upon by politicians generally as of benefit to Chamberlain, and this belief does not stop outside the doors of the Stanfield headquarters by any manner of means. Business men and those interested in the efficiency of the service to be rendered in behalf of the state by the members of the Oregon delegation at Washington, are too well acquainted with the power of Hayes to be attached to seniority and the assignments of place that go with it in the senate that they can fall to see the loss of working efficiency that would result through the retirement of Senator Chamberlain, particularly at this time when Oregon so vitally needs all of the political influence it can keep at Washington for the next few years.

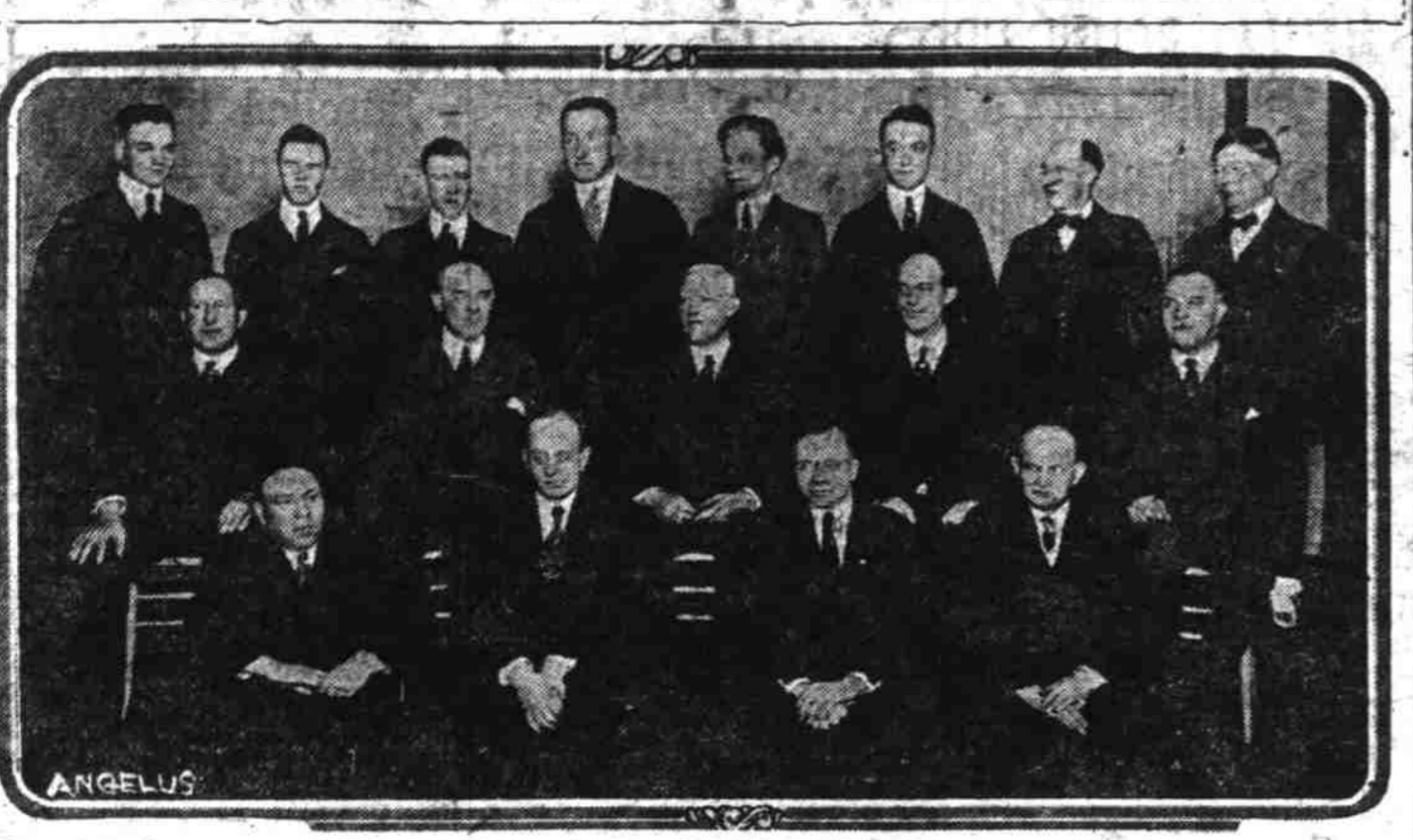
Turning from the senatorship to the contest for congress in the third district, there is more apparent ginger being breezed in this scrap than in any other. McArthur, the race looked upon along in a complacent mood, but there are a lot of people who are very busy cooking up campaign dynamite against him and in the interest of Dr. Lovejoy. Business men and those interested in the Headquarters have been opposed to the Panton building by affiliated groups actively behind her candidacy and they promise that they are going to shoot a bolt of lightning into the campaign when McArthur know he is in a fight before they have gone very far with him.

So, what with the big guns that are to be imported from the East to help the presidential campaign along, and all the local bombardment that is being prepared, it may be that the days of political quiet have passed over and that the big celebration is on.

DEBATE ON PEACE LEAGUE That this country approved the League of Nations until the question became a football party politics was the declaration made Thursday by Richard W. Montague, speaking against Thomas Mannix in a debate staged at the Portland Press club luncheon. He pointed out that the plan big fair succeed when all others had failed and that it is no longer a project but a fact. Unless this country joins it, the United States will stand with Bolshevist Russia, Mexico and Turkey, he said.

Mannix, on the other hand, declared the league would mean national suicide.

SHOE MEN HOLD FIRST FALL SESSION



From left, lower row—O. Sussman, George L. Greenfield, John L. Zingleman, Director; S. Stone, Middle row—Joseph Levy, director; William Knight, chairman board of directors and past president; W. E. McIlhenny, president; J. G. Caldwell, secretary and treasurer; H. Brock, first vice president. Standing—H. Tanner, W. Harris of the wholesale division, G. N. Scherer, George Williams, W. B. Brazelton, second vice president; D. Caldwell.

The Oregon Shoe Retailers' association held its first winter session at the Multnomah hotel Thursday night in the hollyhock room, where a banquet was served. Discussions of important subjects pertaining to the shoe industry occupied much of the evening, particularly the price question. Other meetings are to be held during the winter.

S. P. CO. IS BLAMED FOR CAR SHORTAGE

Chairman Buchtel of Public Service Commission Complains to Clyde Aitchison. Salem, Sept. 25.—Failure of the Southern Pacific railroad to give proper attention to the movement of cars on its line is held largely accountable for the present acute car shortage in Oregon in a letter forwarded today to Clyde B. Aitchison, chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission, by Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the Oregon commission.

Frequently two or three days are allowed to elapse after a car has been loaded before it is picked up and started toward its destination, Buchtel states. DELAYS RESPONSIBLE Delays in switching of cars from the transfer track at Albany have been quite noticeable and a number of specific cases mentioned wherein it appears that the Southern Pacific company has been negligent and not handled equipment to the best advantage, he adds. Another source of delay and cause for complaint by shippers, Buchtel points out, is the length of time consumed on shipments from California points, destined to Portland, appearing that whereas the premier schedule ordinarily carries four or five days, now trips from seven to 10 days are not infrequent.

INDUSTRY SUFFERS Oregon's industries have suffered the additional handicap of acute car shortage, particularly on the lines of the Southern Pacific, regularly for years, while other states have been able to reap an advantage through our inability to secure cars for shipment. Buchtel adds that if the commission's information is reasonably accurate California has never been nor it is now content with Oregon's unfortunate car shortage. Buchtel calls attention to the fact that where the Northern lines in this state have accumulated a surplus of cars, the Southern Pacific has considerably decreased of late, with a present shortage of more than 2000 cars.

Dickey's Testimony Causes His Removal

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 25.—(U. N. S.)—Walter S. Dickey, who testified at the senate investigation of slush funds that he had contributed \$25,000 to the Republican campaign fund, has been removed as treasurer of the Republican state committee, it was learned today. Dickey's removal was made by the committee at a "secret session," news of which was withheld until today. He was succeeded by Thomas K. Niedringhaus of St. Louis.

and that Article X "put a straightjacket on the world." "Where will it be interpreted?" he demanded. "It's all right to be a socialist, but we want to know who is going to run this league. Are you willing that 38 men in Geneva shall dictate our foreign policy? The league covers everything and means nothing. It is contrary to our constitution and would undo the government set up by George Washington." His opponent answered that the league may be compared to the Monroe doctrine in what it proposes to do, for the world and that continuance of the present plan would lead to other wars. Mandatories, he emphasized, will go to nations only who are willing to accept them. The luncheon was held in the Press club rooms in the Elks building, where seating capacity was crowded to the limit. In the future all Press club gatherings on Thursday will be held at this place.

YOUR FIRST ASSET YOUR appearance is an asset, socially or in business. Your teeth make or mar your looks. It is essential then that they be healthy, clean and natural—three qualities which I make the basis of my practice. DR. FRED MELLISH 108 1/2 FOURTH STREET Bet. Wash. and Stark EXAMINATION FREE

Such as the rejoinder issued today by Wilton Lackaye, actor, to the sweeping denial to John McGraw, of the Giants, as Lackaye's original bill of complaint in the Hoquiam case, he would have since learned that is one of McGraw's most favored forms of indoor sports.

Prospector Cannot Sleep Because Law Withholds His Dog

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—The law has separated Dave McBea and his dog. For 15 years the dog has been McBea's sole companion. And McBea, an aged prospector, has not slept for three nights, worrying over the fate of his only friend.

The dog, according to reports to the sheriff's office from Quincy, has gone on a hunger strike and is dying. McBea is in the county jail here, held for several officials on a charge of setting a forest fire. He was brought down from the mountains back of Quincy by Deputy Marshal Conlan.

McBea's plight has stepped from the pages of Bret Harte, paced the corridor outside his cell today, refusing comfort. "His head is long and unkempt, and dirty gray in color. His hair is uncombed and what skin is revealed is burned a dark red brown. If I only thought he was dead or that someone was taking care of him, I could sleep all right again."

Fireproof Cloth Test Is Declared To Be Successful

Apparent success of an Oregon man's invention of fire and water proof cloth was recorded in tests of the fabric conducted on Saturday in the office of Fire Marshal Grenfell. "It satisfies me. I shall recommend it to the fire commissioners and ask them to officially require its use in the manufacture of awnings," said Fire Marshal Grenfell. The invention is by Joseph Lindsay of Waluga, Or.

Formerly a dry goods salesman traveling from Chicago, Lindsay came to Oregon two years ago to continue experiments with a process of fireproofing canvas and maulin cloth. Six months ago he claimed to have succeeded in his efforts, and a few days since interested the fire marshal to such an extent that a complete test of the cloth was made at the city hall Saturday. The test was a trial, but the fire did spread. From the time the blaze was started until the embers were entirely consumed, about 20 minutes, a dozen or more firemen watched the fire. The cloth was held beneath another piece of the cloth, with the same result. A cloth would crisp, but the fire would die out, and in the language of the test, it would "follow"—that is, continue to burn until the building was reached. Several similar tests were made with like results. At Lindsay's office it was stated that the fireproofing process is being perfected and to establish a factory in Portland in which fire and water proof garments will be manufactured.

Student Body at Willamette Names Executive Committee

Willamette University, Salem, Sept. 25.—Four members of the student body and one faculty member were elected today to serve with the officers of the student body as the executive committee of that organization. Dr. Charles L. Sherman was the faculty member elected. Rein Jackson, a senior, of Boise, Idaho; Lawrence E. Davies, a senior of St. Helens, and Loriel Blatchford, a junior of Salem, were elected to the executive committee. Fred McGraw of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was put in charge of the Willamette booth at the state fair, in cooperation with Professor E. C. Richardson of the English department. Three students will be at the booth throughout the fair week.

Effort Is Made to Halt Stores Using Name of U. S. Army

United States Attorney Humphreys and District Attorney Evans are following up the effort of the Better Business bureau of the Portland Ad club to prevent proprietors of stores advertising sale of surplus army stocks. The bureau, through C. W. English, its manager, charges that several stores are advertising that they have "army stores," when, as a matter of fact, the government no longer conducts such stores in Oregon.

Declaring that such advertising is misleading to the public, English wrote Major Tingley of the army quartermaster department and Tingley replied on behalf of his department that the government disposed of its Fifth and Pine street stores August 7 and is not now operating any longer. The Ad club is endeavoring to compel store owners to advertise their own names, without the suggestion of government backing.

Hoquiam Attorney Unlucky Old Claim Yields Millions

Hoquiam, Wash., Sept. 25.—Ead Atterney James P. H. Callahan of this city has been lucky the wheel of fate would have spun out a cool half million for him, rather than being a modest counterclaimant in a lawsuit. There is no doubt he has been numbered among the magnates of Colorado. Callahan parted with his third interest in a silver mine in a Colorado town for a \$250 debt, which is today producing \$1,000,000 a year.

While struggling along as a lawyer in Colorado, Callahan took long walks as a nerve tonic and one day discovered silver ore-croppings which assays proved to be valuable. Investigation showed the claim had been located but never worked. Callahan with two friends named Myers and Merriam secured possession and a little work showed promise of good results. Then a prospector happened along and offered \$10,000 for the claim, \$1500 down and the balance in the form of a bonded lease. Sixty shifts a month were to be worked until the claim was proved. Callahan and

GORDON PLEDGES BUSINESS RULE IF MADE MAYOR

Candidate Refers to Needs as He Sees Them; Reduce Taxes and Encourage Private Ventures. Contending that his sole idea in becoming a candidate for the office is to be of service to the people of Portland, Herbert Gordon, president of the Lawyers' Title & Trust company and nominee for membership in the house delegation to the legislature from Multnomah county, formally announced his candidacy for mayor last night.

Mr. Gordon has been looking over the political field for some time, and it has been current rumor that he would ultimately become a candidate in what the platform upon which he would seek election Gordon issued a statement in which he said: "My reasons for entering the mayoral race are: "As a business man, I am convinced that the business affairs of this city must be run in a most unbusinesslike fashion. And, as a business man, I can safely promise that I shall bring that same business acumen to the affairs of the city I have brought to my personal affairs.

"Taxes are high. No sudden reduction can be promised. We must reduce taxes by becoming more efficient in what can be done to cut out the 'trimmings,' reduce expenditures to the proper basis. All of which means that the business of the city must be run in a most unbusinesslike fashion. And, as a business man, I can safely promise that I shall bring that same business acumen to the affairs of the city I have brought to my personal affairs.

"We have been increasing the taxable wealth of the city. We have failed to encourage private investment, which will give us a greater field for taxation, in place of increasing the taxes of the present property-owners. I feel that private investment should be encouraged. Every encouragement should be placed of building of houses and factories in Portland.

"I have waited long for some Portland citizen of recognized business reputation to offer himself for office. "We must be prepared for sober, hard work. We may, in the next few years, have a permanent office which will be honest, constructive and conservative effort. "Realizing this, I am announcing my candidacy for the office of mayor to succeed Mr. Baker's record.

"I do not wish to disparage Mr. Baker. He made a remarkable war record, but I think the citizens of Portland feel that war days are over and we must be prepared to work. Talk will not help us now. Hard work, sane business sense is required. "As to my personal qualifications: For five years prior to coming to Portland I was a merchant, making a success of my business. "I have lived in Portland 13 years and all my interests and everything I possess is invested in Portland.

"I am a member of the Lawyers' Title & Trust company. I have a direct knowledge of legislation and experience in handling public finance, which is very much needed in Portland at this time in the conduct of city affairs. The records of those sessions speak for themselves. I carried forward the soldiers and sailors relief bill and with the support of patriotic citizens, secured its passage, of course, as did all patriotic citizens, supported every patriotic cause, measure and effort. I did my part to relieve the housing situation by building dwellings and homes for hundreds of families in Portland.

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"My sole idea in running is to be of service to the citizens of Portland. JOINT QUARTERS OPENED BY DRYS AND W. C. T. U. FORCES Headquarters of the state prohibition committee, the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U. were opened jointly in rooms 313-314 Panton building, with Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, executive secretary of the state prohibition committee, in charge. E. A. Baker, president of the Anti-Saloon League, and Mrs. Mattie Sleeth, president of the W. C. T. U., are the other two members of the executive committee, which has entered actively into the campaign in support of Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy's candidacy for congress from the Third district in opposition to the reelection of Congressman McArthur.

Dr. Lovejoy will speak tonight at the W. C. T. U. She will also make a brief address at the meeting of the Russellville grange and will be the chief speaker at a meeting of the W. C. T. U. Saturday night at Gresham. There she detailed her experience as a war worker in the devastated regions of Europe, depicting the beautiful death of her mother and children, and expressed her feeling that there should be some effective means of stopping war forever. Her words were received with repeated applause.

WATER SUPPLY'S PROMISED ALL OF 'OUTLYING ZONES'

Surveys of Needs Asked by Commissioner Mann; Plenty of Water Now in Sight for All. Water supply and fire protection for outlying districts is promised in a communication from Commissioner John M. Mann to F. M. Randlett, engineer of the bureau of water works. Mann requests that an immediate survey of the requirements of the various districts be made by the bureau, so that plans may be laid "at once" for perfection of such service.

Recent improvements in the headwaters of the Bull Run supply make possible the extension of service in Sellwood and Rose City districts and St. Johns districts, according to Commissioner Mann. His letter to Engineer Randlett contains these paragraphs: "St. Johns district has grown very rapidly and is now the home of extensive manufacturing interests. We are informed that several new plants will be erected soon in that part of the city and it is my desire that the water supply contribute as much as possible to the attractiveness of our city relative to the securing of more and larger industries. "All our outlying districts like Sellwood, Lents, Rose City and Alberta are growing rapidly, even at the face of extreme high cost of material, and we must make sure that our improvements keep pace with the supply and demand. "In the Alberta district, in fact all territory adjacent to the new million gallon standpipe, it will be well to pay particular attention to the installation of permanent mains in advance of paving. Where it is at all possible we want to continue the laying of permanent mains in advance of the paving in order to avoid the economic waste incident to laying mains after hard surface improvement."

Eight-Hour Day Opposed Spokane, Sept. 25.—The Traction Street-car company of Spokane has not and does not intend to agree to an eight-hour day for the platform men of the system, according to F. E. Connors, vice president and manager. Mrs. Ettie Young Sustains Scalp Hurt In Auto Accident Mrs. Ettie P. Young, 71 West Twentieth street north, was injured slightly last evening when struck by an automobile driven by J. G. Peters, 171 King street. The accident occurred as King was turning the corner at Twentieth driving north on Washington street. He told the police he was traveling at only eight miles an hour. Mrs. Young was removed to St. Vincent hospital, where a scalp wound was dressed. She had been hit by the fender of the car and knocked to the pavement. Physicians at the hospital said her injuries were not serious.

Bank of Winlock To Help Finance Paving of Street Chehalis, Wash., Sept. 25.—The Winlock State bank has agreed to take the bulk of the bonds issued for the paving of Walnut street in Winlock, and \$1500 will be raised by popular subscription. Sufficient money to go ahead with the work has been raised. Grading will begin within a week and if weather conditions permit the paving will be laid this winter.

A marriage license was issued Friday to Bowler G. Edwards and Lillian B. Johnston, both of Montezuma.

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