

BUSINESS BEFORE PARTY POLITICS

Slogan of Speakers in Twenty-Second Ward Is for Peace And Prosperity.

ADMINISTRATION INDICTED.

Audience Told Some Facts Regarding Squandering of City's Funds on "American" Mistakes.

In the Twenty-second ward amusement hall last night, the Citizens-Democratic rally was well attended and the speakers were received with applause and enthusiasm. Percy A. Hill acted as chairman, and after the rally was called to order the audience sang "America."

George N. Lawrence, candidate for city attorney, was introduced as the first speaker. In opening his remarks he said:

"I am not here tonight to advocate the political supremacy of any party or individual. I am representing here tonight a movement which advocates a non-partisan business administration for Salt Lake City. The purpose of this movement is to eliminate politics from city government and make our city a clean, moral place in which to live. This same movement has been started in other cities and has accomplished good results."

"The 'American' party was organized on the strong principle. It appeals to the religious prejudices of the people, and has wrought great evil among the citizens of Salt Lake. It has resulted in a mad slinging fight which is revolting to the broadminded residents of our city. A morning paper has done more to retard the growth of Salt Lake than any other one cause. The stories which have been sent out broadcast throughout the country have driven away capital. Home seekers refuse to come and live where there is strife and turmoil all the time. I believe that the time has now come to clear up the situation and the revolting conditions which exist here.

"If the energy of all the parties

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were diverted from this mud slinging contest and concentrated on some well founded principles for the uplifting and upbuilding of our city, what a difference it would make. I tell you that now is the time to get together and make a stand for the principles on which the fusion movement was started."

FUSION OUTLOOK.

William R. Wallace received a round of applause when he was called as the next speaker. He outlined the work of the fusion committee in a few words and then said:

"As a result we have complete fusion in the First, Third and Fourth wards which means the election of six councilmen. If we can stop the illegal voters in the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth districts from casting their votes, we have a good chance of electing two more councilmen and defeating Martin E. Mulvey, the saloon keeper."

"On the general ticket there are three Republicans endorsed by the Citizens and Democrats, who are candidates on the Republican ticket. They are A. H. Peabody for treasurer, John A. Edwards for auditor, and George N. Lawrence for city attorney. These men are all good men and will be elected. The remainder of the fusion ticket consists of two Democrats. Their chances of election are not bright but they will have to lean on the support given them by the same citizens who vote for the three Republicans."

"In summing up the whole matter, there are two Democrats on the general ticket and three Republicans. On the councilmanic ticket there are five Republicans and three Democrats. This ought to put an end to all the stories that the Democrats have not been in this fusion movement and held out for more than their share of the ticket. The Citizens-Democratic ticket is the only fusion ticket in the field. The 'American' party has been

holding up the improvements made in Salt Lake as a reason why its ticket should be re-elected. The 'American' party did not pay for these improvements. It is the individual taxpayers who pay for them.

"The Citizens-Democratic party is pledged to carry on improvements. If we are elected we will spend more of the people's money for improvements but we will give you \$1 worth of work for every 100 cents."

SALOON PROBLEMS.

Mr. Wallace then reviewed the conditions of the saloons in Salt Lake, he told of the prohibition bill which was passed by the last legislature and killed, giving no relief.

"I am interested in that bill," he continued, "and I tried to get the factions together and agree upon some measure. At that time I told those politicians that I would hate to be responsible for the conditions which would exist here for the next two years if some law was not passed. But they could not see things as I believed I could, and now what have we today? The saloons in Salt Lake are dens of vice, catering to the trade of women and children. The streets are crowded with women and I want to advise you good people right now to keep your boys at home. Don't let them go up town and become contaminated with the element that runs at large upon the streets."

"There is another proposition which is staining the people in this neighborhood in the face, the stockade. I am amazed that a man of Mayor Bransford's standing would stoop to such a proposition of building an institution in this city as was planned."

"I do not maintain that the Citizens-Democratic ticket, if elected, could eradicate all these evils, but they would be reduced to a minimum. I am proud of the position I hold in this campaign, and I trust that I can help this movement along. If we are not successful this year, we can elect a ticket two years from now."

As soon as Mr. Wallace finished his address, he and Mr. Lawrence left the meeting and were rushed to the Twenty-sixth ward amusement hall in an automobile, where they attended another rally.

FERNSTROM INTRODUCED.

Councilman F. S. Fernstrom was introduced as the next speaker. He said:

"The condition that confronts us now is serious. It can be truly stated that we have reached the point where the 'American' party ought to pass out of existence. Some obstacles have been encountered in the way of progress, but we have started to defeat the 'American' party, but it is now on its feet. The critical time presents itself now to put the 'Americans' out of business and establish a business administration, away with party influence and party politics. Business men are sick of the conditions which exist here, and they are willing to assist in putting an end to the strife which has been carried on here for so long."

"We do not appeal to you tonight as Democrats or Republicans, but as citizens and we are pledged to the best interests of Salt Lake City and the citizens who live here. The 'American' party is making its campaign on the improvements that have been made in the last four years. We will grant you all their claims, but will they stand for the mistakes that have been made?"

"The 'American' party boasts that it has not raised the taxes in Salt Lake. The fact is that that party raised the taxes 1 mill the first year it was in power."

"I want to call your attention to a few of the things that the 'American' party has done for you. During the Morris administration the contract for building the Big Cottonwood conduit was let for \$23,000. When the 'American' party came to power, its official took charge of prosecuting this work and numerous changes were made in the plans. The result was this conduit cost the taxpayers \$447,000, which is nearly double the original contract."

SOME COSTLY MISTAKES.

"The intercepting sewer was let by contract under the Morris administration for \$135,000. After a lapse of four years, of 'American' rule, it is still uncompleted. It has now cost the taxpayers \$250,000 and before it is finished it will cost several thousand dollars more. It is openly charged by The Tribune that L. C. Kelsey, former city engineer, made the fatal mistake which cost the citizens \$100,000 on this improvement."

"The residents of Salt Lake City are paying \$200,000 a year to insurance companies because of the employment of Fire Chief Glor. The insurance underwriters promised a reduction of 20 per cent in the rate in Salt Lake City two years ago. After the 'American' party was elected the rates were not reduced. Mayor John Bransford went to San Francisco to see why the rates were not reduced. When he went there he found out that the insurance officials knew the situation in Salt Lake better than he did."

"After talking the matter over with the underwriters, the insurance was told that if former Fire Chief Bywater was placed at the head of the fire department the reduction would be made. Mayor Bransford told this to the council and an effort was made to get together but they failed. Glor was appointed and the reduction was never made. Now that reduction would have meant \$200,000 saved by you in insurance if a capable man had been placed at the head of the department."

Mr. Fernstrom told of the reorganization of the fire and police departments under the administration of former Mayor John Clark. At that time the departments were not in politics and efficient work was accomplished.

WILL ELIMINATE POLITICS.

"We promise you this," Mr. Fernstrom said, "that we will eliminate politics out of these departments and attempt to secure a reduction in the insurance rates which we are entitled to."

"I venture to say that if Kelsey cost the city \$100,000, and Glor \$200,000, the board of public works has cost the city \$300,000. That is the kind of an administration that we have now and I hope that you will see fit to vote the Citizens-Democratic ticket and elect a non-partisan business administration to handle the affairs of this city."

JOSEPH S. HYDE.

Joseph S. Hyde, candidate for the council in the First ward, was then called to address the audience. "I have come to the conclusion," Mr. Hyde said, "that we can go to the polls and do a duty without politics entering into it. It is a matter of dollars and cents, a clean city and a clean government. There are thousands of dollars flying over our heads every day and being invested in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and other cities that belongs here. And it would come here if this everlasting fight would cease. The business men are tired of it, whether they be Mormon, Jew or Gentile, and it is time that we endorse a movement which will do away with all these things."

"The fusion movement believes in improvements, and if the ticket is elected the residents are going to get them when they ask for them. The foundation of this movement is a square deal and that is what you will get if this ticket is elected, no matter who you are or what you believe."

JOHN HOLLEY.

John Holley, candidate for re-election to the council from the 11th ward, declared that he had done the best he could for the good of the city while he had been a member of the city council. He told of the obstacles he had encountered being with the minority in the council. He said that if he were elected again, he would try to carry out the principles of the fusion movement. Chairman Hill then announced that the rally was adjourned.

SAN FRANCISCO

Where Parades Are Miles Long And Everybody Gets The Spirit.

ECHOES OF PORTOLA WEEK.

Festive Throngs Grasp the Opportunity to Establish New Records in Pageantry—Where All Boast.

(Special Correspondence.)

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—This is a city of carnival, a city of parades. He who would describe them must deal in superlatives. Here parades are miles long, instead of blocks long; "hundreds" will not do, "thousands" is the word.

Do not jump to the conclusion that this is going to be an expose of newspaper exaggeration or of civic enthusiasm flooding over the walls of varacity. These things are matters of uncolored history; records of fact and figure.

As I write this, the city is in the midst of Portola, a five day celebration in commemoration of the discovery of San Francisco bay by Don Gaspar de Portola, 143 years ago.

Two parades, already held, were greater than any of their nature ever held in the United States and one of them has never seen a predecessor in the world. But this is going a bit too fast.

CARNIVAL UPPERMOST.

San Francisco has always been famed as a gay city and a city's exuberance finds expression in carnivals. Three years ago this city was an ash heap. Today it is a reconstruction. The city is now on its feet and from the strength-and-cost-of-building standpoint. And from the moment that it regained its grasp on life, after the catastrophe of the earthquake, it has been in one of three conditions, namely, preparing for a carnival, enjoying a carnival or recuperation from the effects of a carnival.

The first New Year's eve following the fire saw hundreds of thousands of merry-makers on the streets. It was a wonderful show of indomitable spirit.

Then came the welcome to the fleet, a year ago last May. Thousands of sailors in the United States and one of the organizations marched in line. The whole nation wondered at the procession and the wonderful recuperative power of the city. It has since seen hundreds of thousands 24 months after it had been shaken to the ground and then consumed by fire.

But it was left to Portola week to see the real demonstration of gaiety which lived through quake and fire.

REMARKABLE CROWDS.

The city of San Francisco has a population of 800,000; cities around the bay aggregate a population of 1,000,000 and from interior points came another quarter of a million to take part in the Portola festivities. And every mother's son, daughter and grandchild can be found on the streets, eager to see everything in the long day's program. The crowds are something remarkable.

Said a New Yorker: "I have seen big celebrations in my own city; I have seen Mardi Gras in New Orleans; I have been in Chicago during big show-weeks; I have seen London and Paris in gala time; but I have never seen anything like the crowds I've seen here in San Francisco during Portola week."

And the spirit and gaiety of the crowds are as much more noticeable as the difference in the size of the crowds, themselves. New York on New Year's eve or election nights sees no larger crowds than any city during such festive throngs. So much for the carnival spirit of the city. Now for the matter of its parades.

MUST BE LARGEST EVER.

It does not matter what kind of a parade it is, it must be the largest ever held. Take the recent war horse parade held here before we were back. It was five miles long. It stretched from one end of Market street to the other and two-thirds of the distance on the court-martain and Market street is 20 city blocks long! Nothing like it was ever seen in America, said those who ought to know and the city was satisfied, and not surprised. It would have been surprised had the verdict been otherwise. And to add another record-breaking feature, the parade company was represented in this parade by a 92 horse team.

Another opportunity to establish new records in pageantry came the opening day of the Portola celebration. San Francisco grasped it. It had sailors from men of war of a half dozen different nations in one parade, something that had never happened in this or any other country. The nations represented were the United States, England, Germany, Holland, Italy and Japan. And never before have men of war flying so many different flags been gathered in one port.

Although this parade I've mentioned was a military display it probably did as much to create the fellowship of man as all the peace conferences and Hague ever held. Fighters from the six nations chatted together and throughout Portola week mingled like members of one huge family.

ALL NATIONS THERE.

The third day of the Portola saw one of the greatest exhibits of cosmopolitanism the country has ever seen. In a grand and imposing parade of 2,000 marchers, native sons and daughters of this state marched along with gorgeously costumed natives of Greece, Russia, Italy, Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, China, Japan and other countries. This parade took four hours to pass a given point.

A few days before the Portola festivities opened President Taft was a visitor to the city and after he had ridden through miles of city streets lined along both sides with solid masses of humanity, he said but one reception on his whole trip would compare at all with the one accorded him here. That was the one that turned out. Within a few days Portola week will have become history but will the people of this territory rest back and settle themselves for a long breathing spell? Not much—they are already talking about the coming New Year's

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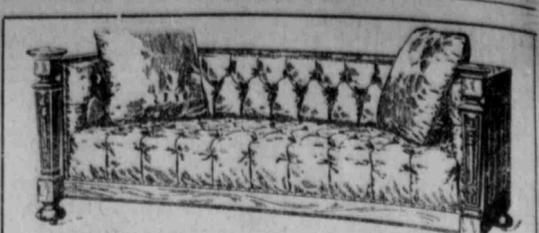
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