

# NOMINEES GREETED WITH CHEERS

## FIRE FIRST GUNS

### Non-Partisan Candidates Present Issues

### Are Cheered to the Echo by Sympathetic Audience

All Nominees Speak and Tell Why the City Campaign Should Not Be Affected by State or Nation

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minds that every American citizen align himself under the banner of principle and sterling worth, regardless of party. The best man for the best place should be the slogan. There is a place where partisanship may be a virtue, but it is not in the matter of appointing public officials.

San Francisco an Example  
"Municipal policy must be divorced from party bias. Crimes are often heaped upon the city simply because the elect of political machines are but



JOSEPH SCOTT  
For Member School Board

unconsidered merchandise to be gambled with by opposing political bosses. "San Francisco now lies in moral ruin because of the neglect of non-partisan principles. Los Angeles has awakened to the dilemma that has been upon it for the past years of political domination and is arising like a phoenix from the ashes of past disgrace.

"While on a train a few days ago I overheard the conversation of two gentlemen near me. They were discussing non-partisan ideas. The first speaker said: 'When fifteen men can gather and elect a ticket to suit themselves republican government is gone.' I turned and inquired, 'Isn't that about fourteen better than we have been having?' They did not answer and I suppose their silence gave assent.

"Party organization has made it possible for a few to dictate to the community. When the non-partisans met in convention they determined to gather the wheat from the chaff of political office-seekers and in doing this the whole city not one man, was given the opportunity to select the best men to be found in Los Angeles. Leaving myself entirely out of consideration I challenge any one to say that a better ticket has ever been presented to the city voters by any party.

"If I were elected mayor of Los Angeles, even by the Republican party,



EMMETT H. WILSON  
For Member School Board

I should not be a Republican mayor. I should be the mayor of the people. The mayor or any public officer who permits party feeling to influence him in any official act should be removed from office, as he is violating the public trust in catering to the desires of a few rather than the needs of the people who placed him in authority. Non-partisan principles should obtain in the party as well as in the candidates of that party.

"Overhead (pointing to a banner bearing the name of Joseph W. Folk) is inscribed the name of one of the most illustrious Democrats in the republic. Next to Roosevelt he is America's most illustrious sponsor of the non-partisan doctrine. Another is William Travers Jerome of New York. We all honor him, and I thank God that the time has come when we do honor such men, regardless of party. (Enthusiastic applause).

"One purpose of the non-partisan movement is to achieve personal liberty in behalf of the people. There is no political 'boss' that any public officer has the right to obey—there is but one boss of the officials, and that boss is the people. (Applause.) That boss I shall always recognize if elected mayor of Los Angeles—no other power. "Every public officer owes three allegiances:

- "First, conscience;
- "Second, judgment;
- "Third, the people.

"I ask to be elected on these principles only. In nominating the candi-

dates for municipal offices the non-partisan committee put into effect those principles. These principles were the manner by which the party was brought into being. Men were selected by reason of personal fitness rather than through any claims upon political indulgence.

"In electing a man to public office only two questions should be asked: First, is he honest? Second, is he capable? I think I can say that all of the nominees of the non-partisan committee measured up to this standard.

Will Not Withdraw  
"The newspapers and politicians of Los Angeles have been continuously injecting and intruding this proposition: That I should withdraw from the race for mayor on the non-partisan ticket in favor of the Republican nominee. In answering this proposal I wish to say that I appeared at the Republican convention and demonstrated to them all the dangers of nominating another candidate. They took no heed of my warning, and the responsibility for their rashness must now depend upon them.

"The Owens river enterprise is one of the most urgent issues of the present campaign. It is a project that will tax the city's finances to the uttermost. The advisability of municipal owner-

ship of the Owens river water system has been advanced, but it seems to me that any man who argues such a course falls to recognize that the system will be as expensive as the water-works of London. To adopt municipal ownership of the Owens river water system, as must be clear to all, would destroy our credit to sell the bonds necessary for its construction.

"In conclusion let me say that if any voter believes the candidate of the non-partisans to be incompetent it is your duty to vote for the candidate of another ticket. But you cannot find a better man than those represented by the non-partisan ticket.

"If the non-partisan candidates possess the virtues essential to the efficiency of a public officer, we ask your votes and pledge to keep the trust of authority unswayed."

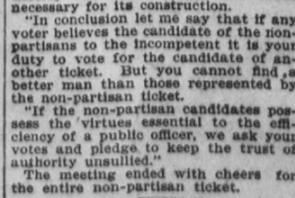
The meeting ended with cheers for the entire non-partisan ticket.

EVERY NOMINEE ON NON-PARTISAN TICKET WELL KNOWN CITIZEN



R. W. DROMGOLD  
For Councilman First Ward

From the day the announcement was made of the selections for the non-partisan city ticket the committee has been overwhelmed with congratulations



LESLIE R. HEWITT  
For City Attorney



W. C. MUSHET  
For City Auditor

on the excellence of the personnel of the ticket.

Every nominee is well known as a professional or business man of integrity, and the remark has been made that possibly in no other city in the entire country has there ever been named for city officers men who, as a whole, stand higher in the community in which they live and who are more fitted for the positions for which they have been selected but for the nominations for which they did not seek.

Following is a brief sketch of each of the nominees:  
**Mayor**  
Lee C. Gates has been a resident of Los Angeles for the past fourteen years, during which time he has been foremost in the advocacy of good municipal government. He was born in Ohio in 1856, studied law in Dayton and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He came to Los Angeles in 1892 to act as counsel for the Los Angeles Abstract company, which afterward became the Title Insurance and Trust company, and for which he now is the chief counsel.

**City Attorney**  
Leslie R. Hewitt was born at Olympia, Wash., in 1857, and came to Los Angeles with his parents in 1876. He attended the public schools and graduated at Berkeley. He studied law with Wells, Monroe & Lee and with Judge York and was admitted to the bar in 1893. He is completing his eighth year as deputy city attorney.

**City Clerk**  
Harry J. Lelande is a native son, born in Sonora in 1870, and came to Los Angeles with his parents in 1871. He was educated in the public schools and graduated at Phillips academy,

long known as one of the substantial citizens of Los Angeles.

**Fifth Ward**  
A. J. Wallace, vice president of the Sinaloa Land company, stock and bond broker and a leader in public improvements.

**Sixth Ward**  
J. V. Akey, druggist at Vernon and Central avenues, and who has the respect of every resident of his ward.

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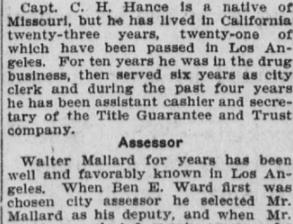
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**Board of Education**  
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**City Treasurer**  
Capt. C. H. Hance is a native of Missouri, but he has lived in California twenty-three years, twenty-one of which have been passed in Los Angeles. For ten years he was in the drug business, then served six years as city clerk and during the past four years he has been assistant cashier and secretary of the Title Guarantee and Trust company.

**Assessor**  
Walter Mallard for years has been well and favorably known in Los Angeles. When Ben E. Ward first was chosen city assessor he selected Mr. Mallard as his deputy, and when Mr. Ward was elected county assessor he took his deputy with him. Owing to his long experience and his close official connection with Mr. Ward, the non-partisan nominee for city assessor is said to be better fitted than any other man in the city for the position.

**Tax Collector**  
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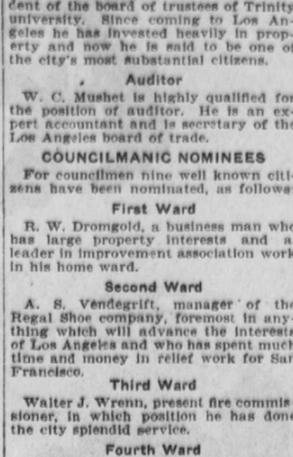
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