# ENTHUSIASM FOR TOBIN INCREASES WITH EACH OF HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND THOUSANDS ACCORD HIM ROUSING WELCOMES AT MEETINGS HE ADDRESSES

## TOBIN CONTINUES TO INSPIRE THE PUBLIC WITH CONFIDENCE IN A VICTORY FOR HIS CAUSE

### Addresses Three Enthusiastic Meetings in Widely Separated Districts and Gains for the Side of Honest Government Hundreds of Supporters

IF enthusiasm during a campaign is any criterion to support in the voting booth, the election of Joseph S. Tobin to the chief magistracy of San Francisco is assured. In whatever district the Democratic candidate for Mayor has appeared, to whatever class of audience he has spoken, the result has always been the same. He has appeared before audiences coldly critical, he has appeared before audiences prepared to ridicule him. In every instance his frank, straight-from-the-shoulder, businesslike manner of discussing the issues of the campaign and stating his attitude toward them has turned criticism to open admiration and ridicule to warmest praise.

Conservative business men have become infused with the candidate's enthusiastic advocacy of things honest and clean. He has inspired the workingmen with a belief in the sincerity of his declarations. He has made friends wherever he has appeared, among men of all classes and of every shade of political belief and as the campaign progresses he is making more friends for himself and the cause of clean, honest, businesslike city government.

Tobin spent yesterday in a vigorous canvass of the business districts. He was at the Builders' Association on Bush street and at the Builders' Exchange on the corner of New Montgomery and Mission streets. During the afternoon he made the round of the insurance offices and last evening addressed three enthusiastic meetings in three widely separated districts.

He spoke first at Masonic Hall, Fourteenth street and Railroad avenue. In spite of the fact that the two other political meetings were advertised in the same district and that he had appeared but a few evenings before in this same hall, there was an enthusiastic audience awaiting him. Richmond Hall, on Fourth avenue and Clement street, was crowded to the doors and at Saratoga Hall, 828 Geary street, where he spoke last, his reception was such as has been accorded to no other candidate during the campaign.

His address at Masonic Hall was as follows:

#### Keystone of Constitutional Arch.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: From the inspiring and elevating words, "All men are born free and equal," this country sprang into existence. Consider the words, ladies and gentlemen; they are not "some men," a particular class and proportion, a particular caste of society, but the words are "All men are born free and equal." That is the keystone in the arch, the constitutional arch upon which this country rests. "All men are born free and equal." In this city to-day, ladies and gentlemen, there is a ticket appealing to you for votes which is in direct contradiction, in direct opposition to that principle. The theory upon which that ticket is based is that all men are not free and equal; that all men are not equal, because in making their nominations for office they restricted their officials to one caste of society, because some men are fit to be upon this ticket, because they occupy a particular position upon the stage of life. Other men are not fit to be upon this ticket, not because they are not honest men, not because they are not honorable men, not because they are not good citizens, but simply because they do not belong to that caste of society.

Gentlemen, remember it well. When the Declaration of Independence was signed the men who created this country said, "All men are equal." When the Labor Union ticket was placed in the field the men who created that ticket said to the citizens of San Francisco, "All men are not equal." That some men have a right to official positions in this city and in the government of this country, but others have not, though they pay their taxes. Though they discharge their duties as citizens in every respect, they are not fit for a place in the government of this country because they do not belong to a particular caste of society.

#### Issue That Confronted Forefathers.

Gentlemen, the greatest conflict through which this country ever passed was in defense of the proposition that "all men are born free and equal." The blood of this country was shed in torrents, the money of this country was poured out in an avalanche, the citizens of this country piled their skulls mountain high upon the valley of the Mississippi and upon the valleys of all the Southern States in defense of the proposition that "all men are born free and equal. Abraham Lincoln, one of our martyred Presidents, gave up his life in defense of the proposition that all men are equal.

Gentlemen, the issue confronts you to-day as it confronted our forefathers when they stood upon the field of battle with their bayonets fixed in the face of their brother foe. The same proposition exactly confronts you now. It confronts you in another form, but it is there just the same. I say to you any ticket that appeals to you simply because it is made up of a distinct class of society, of a distinct clique in society, is an un-American ticket. It is not based upon American principles; it is not based upon the principles that actuated our forefathers, who laid the cornerstone of this country. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, this may appear to you to be a false issue, but do not mistake it. Every thinking man will speak to you as I have spoken to you. If this country is to become the battlefield upon which the classes will meet in political conflict, one party representing one element of society, another party representing another element of society, that conflict is bound to result in the destruction and the disintegration of the greatest democracy that has ever existed. The only danger, the only possible rock upon which the ship of state may strike, is the possibility of conflict between class against class, and any ticket that appeals to you as honest, patriotic citizens simply because it represents one distinct class of society makes to you a false appeal, makes to you an appeal to which you should turn a deaf ear, more particularly in the case of an election affecting only municipal offices. Municipal government consists simply in keeping in proper order our own household. It is as much a domestic affair, it is as much an unpartisan affair, as the keeping in order of your own cottage or your own house.

#### Were Given Fair Hearing.

Why should you people here in the outlying districts vote for one ticket more than another? Every householder in the outlying districts of San Francisco owes a debt of gratitude to the Democratic party (applause) for the simple reason, if for no other, that they have reduced the taxes to $1 07 on every $100. Now, gentlemen, remember that when you get your tax bills. Every man who pays taxes in the city and county of San Francisco will find that his tax bill this year is reduced exactly so many dollars or so many cents as the case may be, and after all, ladies and gentlemen, municipal government is a case—nothing more—of dollars and cents. Remember when you get your tax bills that your taxes have been reduced by the Democratic party for the last two years, and as men who are willing to repay a debt of gratitude which they owe to officials who have made that reduction, you are bound to vote for the Democratic party. (Applause.) Remember another thing. These things may appeal to you. Remember that when the men from the outlying districts appeared before the Board of Supervisors and asked to have the pound limits extended to the county line, they were given a fair hearing. They were allowed to present their proofs, and don't forget, gentlemen, that it the face of that hearing and in the face of the presentation of your proofs and your evidence a pull was exerted against you, the same pull which has proven so potent when exerted in other Boards of Supervisors. But that pull was powerless in this board, as powerless as every other pull that has been exerted in that board. Your case was decided upon its merits, and upon its merits it was decided in your favor.

The candidate upon the Republican ticket said a few months ago that this is the best Board of Supervisors that has ever existed in San Francisco. Gentlemen, remember that is the testimony of the leading candidate upon the opposing ticket. But now he comes out and says that the reason this board was better than any other board was because the law made them better. (Laughter.) Gentlemen, the argument is absolutely without foundation. Every moralist, every political economist, knows that a man cannot be made good by law. It has been proven as years and years in San Francisco have flown past that no matter how honest, how upright, the law, if you have not got honest officials, the result will be dishonesty. So that to say that the officials in office in the Board of Supervisors' chamber were honest because the law made them honest is an absurd argument. Those men discharged their duty to you, gentlemen, in lowering your taxes, in extending your pound limits and in a great many other ways, and do not forget, gentlemen, when it comes the proper time to cast your vote—do not forget, gentlemen, that you owe something to the Democratic party that has effected this for you, and nothing to the other two parties which claim your vote. (Applause.)

At Fourth avenue and Clement streets an enthusiastic audience awaited the candidate for Mayor, who spoke as follows:

#### Keynote of Campaign.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: There is neither Democracy nor Republicanism in the operation and control of the Geary-street franchise. That is the keynote of this campaign. I have come here this evening to address you, not as the representative of a political party, but as a citizen desirous of effecting something for the better government of San Francisco. You people in the outlying districts of San Francisco are directly interested in its prosperity and growth. The suburbs of San Francisco for their future prosperity are dependent upon an increase of population, and if the government of San Francisco is such that the water rates are higher, the facilities for lighting poor, the streets dilapidated, the overflowing population will be sent to Oakland, Alameda, to San Mateo and elsewhere.

There is one question that has already been solved to a great extent, and that is as to the closing of the cemeteries. It was not solved until after a long struggle. In that question was there anything present but the issue of good citizenship? Was there anything of Democracy or Republicanism in that? It was simply a question of the better government of San Francisco, of the increased facilities for ingress and egress to San Francisco from this part of the peninsula. It was the question of removing a bulwark which prevented the proper growth of San Francisco in this direction, and, gentlemen, remember that the present Board of Supervisors solved that difficulty in your favor; remember that you attended there through your representatives, presented your case, and upon the evidence submitted the case was decided in your favor.

#### No Boss Influence.

Remember that this Board of Supervisors was subject to no pull, was under the thumb of no corporation, was influenced by no boss. It was simply an honest aggregation of honest men, and that is the issue again presented to you in this campaign. (Applause.)

The leading representative upon the Republican ticket said the other evening that the present Board of Supervisors was the best board that San Francisco has ever seen. He said that a few months ago in the Palace Hotel—I heard him say it. In explanation of that now, which was an honest statement and a truthful statement, in explanation of that now he says that they were honest because the charter made them honest. Gentlemen, you know that this cannot be so. Men are not honest because the letter of the law reforms or purifies their character, but because they have honest hearts and honest characters. You know that no matter if you piled the statute books mountains high, you cannot make one honest man.

#### Wells' Argument Puerile.

The argument that the present Board of Supervisors was honest because the charter made them honest is puerile and superficial. When the leading light upon the Republican ticket said that this was the best Board of Supervisors we ever had he did not then contemplate the fact that he would probably meet them upon the stump. He is now endeavoring to explain away an honest statement of a patent fact. But, gentlemen, it is too late. He has spoken the truth, and you, gentlemen, will profit by his advice, take him at his word, and vote for that Board of Supervisors again. (Applause.)

The Geary-street franchise, he also says, is not a question for decision at this time—that the people will decide it hereafter; that he is willing to leave it to the people. Well, gentlemen, why not submit it to the people now? (Applause.) Let us submit it at this election. (Applause.) If he has any opinion upon the subject let him state it now upon the stump and let the people decide upon the 5th of November, whether he is right or wrong. He is afraid to meet the issue. He says the charter does not compel him to meet the issue. I say the charter does compel him to meet the issue. The charter is pledged to the acquisition and ownership of public utilities. You, gentlemen, every man of you who voted for the charter of the city and county of San Francisco and made that charter its fundamental law, pledged his citizenship that the acquisition and control of public utilities was a good thing for the city and county of San Francisco.

#### Submit It Now.

And if the opposing candidate wants to submit it to the vote of the people of the city and county of San Francisco, now is the time to do it. We won't wait for another election; let us submit it now.

The Democratic platform has taken the stand that the acquisition and control of the Geary street franchise is a good thing for the city. The Republican platform ignores it and repudiates it. You, gentlemen, from this district, sent a letter to the Republican convention asking them to put a plank in the platform pledging the party to the acquisition and control of the Geary street franchise, and the letter was ignored and thrown aside. Gentlemen, an issue like this must be met. If you nominate, or if you elect men who are indifferent—I won't say opposed, but I merely say indifferent—to the acquisition and control of the Geary street franchise, once they get in office they will balk you and you can never submit it to the vote of the people at the next municipal election. They will take advantage of every technicality, they will take advantage of every resource that the law affords them, and under the advice of astute corporation counsel those resources, those subterfuges, will be many.

That question will never be submitted to you if you elect men who upon the stump say at this time that this question is not an issue, whereas the charter says that the citizens of San Francisco are committed to the acquisition of public utilities.

We submit to you that we stand for the fundamental law as we find it. We meet the issue and respectfully submit that we are entitled to your suffrages in preference to those who have not only failed to meet the issue, but when confronted with it have stepped aside and ignored it. Gentlemen, I thank you. (Applause.)

The meeting at Saratoga Hall was probably one of the most enthusiastic of the campaign. The audience greeted Tobin with cheers and at the conclusion of his vigorous address every man rose to his feet and cheered the candidate. The audience was representative of the best class of local citizenship. There were men of every political faith and from every walk of life, all inspired with the same spirit that has been the keynote of Tobin's entire campaign. The candidate spoke as follows:

#### A Business Proposition.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I desire to thank you for the cordiality of this reception and to apologize for having delayed the meeting such a late hour. I have been compelled to go to various places in the city and have been unable to get here sooner.

I am endeavoring, ladies and gentlemen, to confine the issue in this campaign to principally one proposition. That point has been raised so often and your attention has been directed to it so often that it is not for me to repeat it now. It is simply for me to reiterate it for a moment, simply to state that it is a business proposition, it is the proper government of your own household. With you all, ladies and gentlemen, municipal government consists in each man taking proper care of his own domestic circle, keeping in proper order his own household. Local questions are the only questions presented in this campaign. The object of every citizen who votes at this election is or should be the future prosperity, the future improvement and the future beautifying and keeping clean of the city and county of San Francisco.

#### Issue a Serious One.

In days gone by, ladies and gentlemen, San Francisco suffered many a setback, due to political agitation, to economic agitation, to labor agitation. In the days of 1878 we were confronted by an agitation which delayed and obstructed the progress of San Francisco for years and years. Every man who owned a dollar's worth of property in San Francisco at that time had the value of that dollar cut in half by that agitation. Don't forget that, gentlemen, when you come to vote at this election. Don't forget that to Kearneyism in San Francisco was due many a foreclosure of a mortgage on a homestead, many a suspension of a business, many an assignment and many a failure.

A similar issue to a great extent is presented now before you. You are invited to do that which if you own property will depreciate the value of that property by 50 per cent. Every man who has a dollar's worth of property invested in San Francisco must know that the election of a ticket which typifies discontent and agitation means stagnation in San Francisco, means that San Francisco will be stigmatized throughout the United States as a city where it is unsafe for capital to go, where men will not be protected if they invest their capital there, and where you will be confronted by an agitation and a discontent which may ultimately end in the confiscation of any property that you may invest in there.

Gentlemen, another thing. Remember that in days gone by men have been driven from this city, men of wealth, men of standing have been driven from this city by jealousy and by hypercriticism and by discontent. We want everybody who has been born here and made his money here and lived here as an honest citizen to remain here and die here and spend his money here and help make San Francisco the great city that it should be. (Applause.)

#### No Corporation Baiters.

Gentlemen, we are no corporation baiters, or baiters of millionaires or baiters of any other class. We propose to represent no class in San Francisco. There can be in any municipal government in the United States—yes, in the whole United States there can be and there should be but one class, embracing everybody who lives and dies under the American flag. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, if we are elected we propose to represent the entire city of San Francisco; to devote our energies to the beautifying of the city; to the increasing of the number of parks; to the improvements of the streets; to the proper regulations in moderation and as the law directs they shall be regulated of all corporations supplying water and light and other public necessities to the citizens of San Francisco.

Gentlemen, we appeal to you as citizens, as men having the good of San Francisco at heart, to vote for us, not because we are Democrats or Republicans—there is no such question involved—but simply because we represent honesty and independence—independence, gentlemen, that is the first requisite, because we represent independence in public life. (Great applause.)

#### The Issue Non-Partisan.

In all parties, gentlemen, in days gone by, there have been discontented spirits, there has been irritation, there have been just charges from one party against another party, but, gentlemen, we insist now that these things are passed and gone forever. That we stand here as representatives of the whole people of San Francisco, as the plain people of San Francisco, as the representatives of the common people of San Francisco, and after all, gentlemen, the place where the plain, the common people of San Francisco and of the United States belong is beneath the flag of Democracy. (Applause.)

I say that, not at all losing sight of the issue that I have presented as non-partisan. I say that because every man in this audience knows that the Republican Convention did not represent the Republican party. Every man knows that the Republican Convention was nothing else than a coterie of corporations and coterie of bosses. You know, gentlemen, that in that convention districts refused to vote when called upon to vote because they knew they could not cast their vote with independence and honesty, and if they could not do that they refused to vote at all. Ask your Republican friends. Ask those who controlled the Republican Convention. Was it a free, independent, outspoken convention? You know, gentlemen, who controlled it. The people of San Francisco are called upon to choose now.

#### The Parting of the Ways.

They are at the parting of the ways. They have had in the last two years honest men in office. There can be no denial of that fact. The leading representative upon the Republican ticket has told you so.

Gentlemen, you are called upon to choose then between a set of officials who have served you well, faithfully, honestly and independently and a set of nominees who were named by a convention which was controlled by a coterie of corporations and a coterie of equally corrupt bosses. (Applause.)

#### Public Administrator.

John Farnham, Republican nominee for Public Administrator, ought to be supported by the voters. It is true that Thomas D. Riordan, chairman of the convention, is making a fight against Mr. Farnham, but this opposition is not grounded on principle. The position of attorney for the Public Administrator is one that Mr. Riordan aspires to fill. Frank McGowan also has aspirations for the same position. It appears that Mr. Farnham declined to engage in advance of the election the services of Mr. Riordan; therefore, the latter bolted the nomination of a convention over which he was elected to preside. As party issues cut no figure in this local campaign, the bolt is not serious. If there were ten thousand Riordans wanting the job of attorney the defection might be alarming, but as there is only one, Mr. Farnham is not disturbed. Good citizens desiring fair and honest management of affairs pertaining to the office of Public Administrator should vote for John Farnham, as he is worthy and capable.

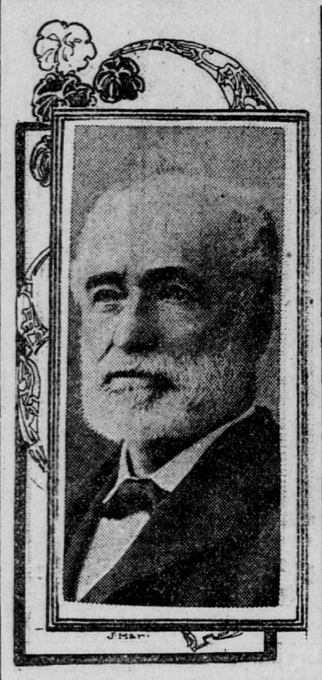
#### Pacific Parlor's Anniversary.

Pacific Parlor No. 10 of the Native Sons of the Golden West will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its institution by a grand ball in Native Sons' Hall on the evening of next Friday. The promenade preceding the dancing is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock.

**Dr. C. C. O'Donnell is still in the fight and will certainly win this time. Be sure to vote for him for Mayor by writing his name with a lead pencil at head of blank column.**

## CITIZENS' NON-PARTISAN PARTY WARNS PEOPLE OF CONSPIRACY

### Calls Upon Voters to Crush Allied Forces of Corruption and Preserve Safety of City by Supporting Tobin and Present Supervisors.



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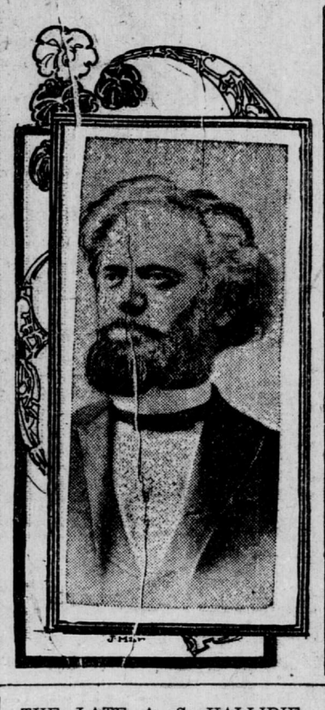

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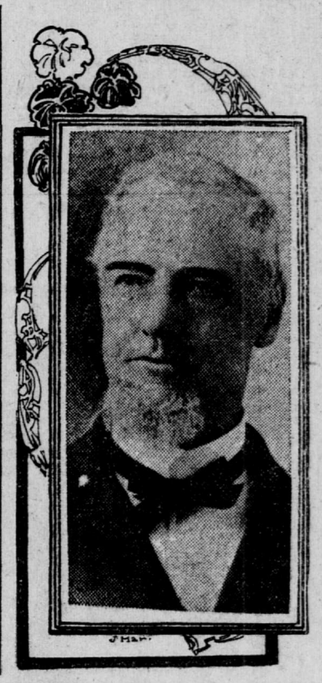

GEORGE K. FITCH, LEADING MEMBER OF THE NON-PARTISAN PARTY.

CITIZENS' NON-PARTISAN PARTY.

TO the Voters of San Francisco:

The late Joseph Britton and A. S. Hallidie, founders of the non-partisan movement, left us a record of unselfish devotion to clean government. Having been instrumental in securing the adoption of the new charter, and in electing an honest government to put it in motion, this party has not deemed it necessary to participate in recent elections. It has, however, maintained its organization, ready to act whenever any crisis in municipal affairs threatened the public good.

This party believes that such a crisis has occurred.

Aggressive and greedy corporations, controlling public utilities and franchises, in combination with every degraded boss that has ever brought disgrace on this city, have combined to force a government on the people.

If this conspiracy should meet success, honest government will be dead for years to come, and the people will be at the mercy of corporate and official rapacity.

The Board of Supervisors now in office has been honest, intelligent and effective:

It has lowered water rates.
It has lowered gas rates.
It has lowered taxation.
It has lowered carfares for school children.
It has improved street lighting.
It has improved the streets.
It has improved the municipal buildings.
It has paid the debts of the city.

As many as have been renominated should be re-elected. The all-important offices are the Mayoralty and the Board of Supervisors.

**FOR MAYOR.**

**Joseph S. Tobin has been one of this best Board of Supervisors. We recommend his election as Mayor.**

**FOR SUPERVISORS.**

**We recommend the election of the following eighteen Supervisors:**

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| James P. Booth | Incumbent | Democrat | Henry J. Stafford | Incumbent | Democrat |
| Samuel Braunhart | Incumbent | Democrat | A. Comte Jr | Incumbent | Democrat |
| George R. Sanderson | Incumbent | Republican | James Butler | | Democrat |
| Dr. A. A. D'Ancona | Incumbent | Democrat | John Landers | | Democrat |
| H. U. Brandenstein | Incumbent | Democrat | Henry Payot | | Democrat |
| Horace Wilson | Incumbent | Republican | M. V. Samuels | | Democrat |
| Peter J. Curtis | Incumbent | Democrat | Knox Maddox | | Democrat |
| John Connor | Incumbent | Democrat | Dr. Charles Boxton | Incumbent | Republican |
| Lawrence J. Dwyer | Incumbent | Democrat | W. N. McCarthy | Incumbent | Democrat |

CITIZENS' NON-PARTISAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.
G. K. FITCH, Chairman.
C. C. BURR, Secretary.

San Francisco, Oct. 29, 1901.

## CONTEST FOR MAYOR BETWEEN TOBIN AND SCHMITZ, FOR WELLS IS NOW THIRD IN THE RACE

### Splendid Indorsement of Tobin's Candidacy by Time-Honored Non-Partisans----Danger Signals Last Night----Orderly Citizens Advised to Unite

**THE magnitude of the demonstration at Metropolitan Temple last night in favor of Schmitz for Mayor and the character of the utterances made by the speakers should convince the conservative and law-respecting citizens of San Francisco that it is their duty to put aside party preferences and support Joseph S. Tobin for Mayor of San Francisco. The elements of anarchy and industrial disorder are concentrating to bring about the election of a labor candidate. Nominee Schmitz in effect promises that if elected, the police shall not protect merchants. Schmitz will be defeated if the business men, property owners and law abiding citizens generally unite their forces in behalf of Mr. Tobin's candidacy. If blind partisans, failing to comprehend the full meaning of the sentiments expressed at the Temple last night, continue to lend their support to Wells and thus divide the forces of industrial order, the candidate of the labor agitators may be elected.**

Joseph S. Tobin, nominee for Mayor, is securing large accessions of support from conservative Republicans. His election is now regarded as certain. The direct, unqualified indorsement of Mr. Tobin's candidacy by the Citizens' Non-partisan Party insures his success at the polls next Tuesday.

The lines of action are now clearly defined. Citizens who pay taxes to maintain the City Government and who hold that the administration of affairs should be clean, progressive and free from corporate dictation, are falling into line for Tobin.

Arrayed against Tobin and chiefly behind Wells are the worst elements of the metropolis. The touts, gamblers and rounders who thrive in a "wide-open town" and have no respect or regard for the principles of clean municipal government, are telling respectable, hard-working citizens that Wells ought to be elected because his name is on a ticket designated as the Republican ticket.

#### The Issue Cannot Be Obscured.

The issue presented to the people who are entitled to govern San Francisco cannot be obscured by party designations. The Wells ticket is the ticket of the looters and tax-eaters. In its make-up delegates chosen to the designated Republican local convention were not consulted. W. F. Herrin and D. M. Burns, assisted by Revenue Collector Lynch and Warrant Shaver Max Goldberg, met in secret at a room in the Palace Hotel and passed out the programme to the convention.

Every ballot was cast by the secretary. The judgment, intelligence and civic patriotism of the delegates were not invoked in the make-up of the ticket. An appeal for Republicans to give their support to a ticket produced in this fashion is an insult. The plain truth is that Herrin and Burns fixed up the ticket to protect the corporations. Money was contributed by the corporations to hire Democrats to vote the Republican ticket at the primary election for delegates to the convention.

Next Tuesday the voters will be asked to decide whether the corporations or the people shall rule the city for the next two years. Business men of the Republican party cannot afford to vote for men who will reinstate the old order of misrule and extravagance in municipal affairs. Some good has been accomplished under the new charter and the reforms secured should not be surrendered. Republican merchants, workingmen and taxpaying citizens generally should not only give their support to Mr. Tobin, but they should devote their time and energy to the cause of good local government and help elect the Supervisors on the ticket which Mr. Tobin heads.

#### Ashamed of Herrin's Ticket.

It will be observed that the men who fight the Republican battles and win the Republican victories are not shouting for Herrin's ticket. They are heartily ashamed of the ticket and deplore the fact that the silly old gentleman who was picked out to make the race for Mayor refers to Herrin as the sole dispenser of nominations. Just before the recent change which placed the news columns of the Bulletin under the business department a racy interview with Wells was published in that journal.

The nominee balked and threatened to come off the ticket because he was not allowed to name one candidate for Supervisor. The scene at the Pleasanton Hotel was described. Max Goldberg, the warrant shaver and Wells' confidential political adviser, was alarmed. In his haste to find Herrin and repeat Wells' threatened revolt he lost his presence of mind and hired a carriage to go to Herrin's house. There was no thought or hint of consulting Republican leaders or Republican delegates. Wells bluntly acknowledged that Herrin agreed with him that B. P. Flint should go on the ticket.

#### Wells Would Be Guided by Herrin.

Wells obviously entertained the notion that the Republican party of San Francisco is a corporation of which Herrin is the managing director. His election to the office of Mayor would not change his mind in this respect. His recent public utterances signify that what little mind he has is badly confused. His intentions may be the best in the world, but if he should be elected Mayor he would be guided by Herrin and Burns to do the bidding of the corporations interested in municipal legislation. He fully recognizes Herrin's hand as the hand that held out to him the nomination. What can be expected of a Mayor that talks like Wells? If he now recognizes Herrin as the boss, will he not continue the recognition in the Mayor's office if the voters should foolishly place him there? Every sense of duty devolving upon good citizenship suggests that Wells should be put aside. His career of public usefulness has ended.

## CANDIDATES GIVE INTERVIEWS ON DOUBLE TRACKS IN MISSION

### Tobin and Schmitz Outspoken, While Wells Thinks He Is Free From Railroad Influence.

THE Federation of Mission Improvement Clubs, at its meeting Saturday night, appointed a committee to interview the three candidates for Mayor in regard to their attitude in regard to the Southern Pacific double track through the Mission. The committee has issued the following statement of their work and the interviews secured:

The committee of the Federation of the Mission Improvement Clubs, pursuant to the instructions received from the club Saturday evening last, called upon the several candidates for Mayor to learn their sentiments and feeling in regard to the granting to the Southern Pacific Company of permission to lay a double-track steam railroad through the Mission district.

The first of the candidates seen was Mr. Tobin, who said among other things:

"I promise to use every legal means in my power, if elected Mayor, to cause to be removed the present tracks of the Southern Pacific Company used as a steam railway passing through the Mission district and to compel the said company to use its right of way on the bay shore, and also to faithfully execute the resolution of the Board of Supervisors requiring the removal of the said tracks from their present position."

The committee next called upon and interviewed Mr. Wells, who said:

"I have thought myself that those tracks should be removed, and that they have outlived their time and should be taken up; that is my conviction. I do not want to make any pledges. I do not intend to veto any order where the people are interested, that is as against the people. There are a great many things to be considered, and when a case comes up before me I want to be free. My conviction as a citizen is that those steam car tracks should be taken up. I have felt so for a long time, and I thought all the time that the railroad company intended to do it. I know Mr. Lynch. I think all my property down there near Bay View would be benefited if they went that way. He tells me it is their intention to have their road removed over there.

#### Says He Is Free From Influence.

"I don't think it is possible to get fifteen Supervisors to be in opposition to the wishes of the people; that is my firm conviction. When you get the consent of fifteen Supervisors it seems to me that that is the wish of the people. They come from all parts of the city, and they are supposed to represent the wishes of the people. In a case of that kind, if I became convinced that it was against the will of the people I would want to interfere. I can assure you that I am just as free, as far as I know, from any influence of the railroad as any of you gentlemen, and in all my public acts I wish to be in accord with the people who are interested. My conviction is that those tracks should be removed from the Mission, and has been for some time. It is every little while there is some one killed. Now, gentlemen, I shall be just as much interested in the fight as if I owned property and lived there. When it comes before me I shall endeavor to act as near right as I possibly can for the people. I am under no obligation that I know of to the railroad people. They have never insinuated any wish that I should be interested for them. I never saw Mr. Herrin but once in my life, and on that occasion he did not ask anything from me. If I am elected Mayor I shall be interested in the affairs of the people, and I shall give these matters the same attention as if I was a judge on the bench."

#### Wells Refuses to Give Pledge.

The committee then requested Mr. Wells to give them an assurance in writing, and Mr. Wells said:

"I do not think any of you should ask me, in a case of this kind, to give a pledge. I do not believe the railroad is entitled to any further privileges. I am firmly of that opinion; they should have no further privileges in the Mission district."

The committee then called upon Mr. Schmitz, who stated: "I am opposed to the granting to the Southern Pacific Company of any more rights than they at the present time possess. The said company possesses a franchise to operate a line along the bay shore and they should not be permitted to operate a road through a thickly settled portion of the city such as the Mission district. I further believe, and if elected Mayor will promise, that I will compel the said railroad company, after the said tracks have been removed, to repair and put the streets in good condition, and not leave the same in the condition they have left Bush street."

#### Lackmann Supporters Meet.

An enthusiastic meeting of the John Lackmann Club was held last night at 909½ Market street. C. B. Rode presided and J. J. Donahue acted as secretary. Reports from committees appointed to canvass the districts reported that without regard to political affiliations voters were strongly in favor of Lackmann's reelection to the office of Sheriff. Addresses were made by Hon. Julius Kahn, T. J. Dugan, J. A. Kirby, C. O. Burton, M. Scheppler, W. J. Horan, P. J. Kelleher, Felix Gross, W. L. Cole, William Hageman and William O'Shaughnessy. The executive committee of the club will meet every evening at 1206 Market street.

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