

MONSTER RALLY OF O. D. A. WAS BIG SURPRISE TO THE RING

Governor Parker, Mr. McShane and Other Prominent Speakers Receive Hearty Applause

TIN CAN BAND COMPOSED OF BOYS, DISTURB MEETING.

The Orleans Democratic Association of the fifteenth ward may well be proud of the monster rally which took place on last Thursday night. It was the largest political meeting held in Algiers by the opposition of Ring Politics for the past sixteen years.

Prior to the meeting, the regulars strung a "Vote for Behrman" banner almost over the speakers stand, which had little effect on the great enthusiasm of the crowd.

Governor John M. Parker arrived unexpectedly at the meeting, and the crowd demanded that he talk. In his speech he answered the charges made by the ring against him.

"I want to say that I have done all in my power for the state of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans," spoke Governor Parker, in answer to the charges made upon him by the machine.

"I am charged by the ring with having broken promise after promise, I have made, and I call upon Martin Behrman to live up to his statement.

"What the people want is a servant for mayor, and not a great big boss, an resolved to destroy the ring in New Orleans.

"Is there a man who can say that ever gave labor an unfair deal? The ring charges me with being discourteous. The door of my office is never closed to anyone. Every man who is a decent self-respecting American is given a fair deal.

"When I was elected governor of the state of Louisiana, I resigned from every organization of which I was a member. Martin Behrman and the ring charge me with being unfair to labor. All my life I have fought the ring, and today the ring is stronger than ever, yet it has made its way into the courts where some political and not legal decision was rendered. You have not men in office who fear the ring, I can't control the courts, and they should be where no living man can control them.

The governor concluded his speech by relating the fact that the attorney-general had promised him that he would assist in keeping New Orleans in order, should aid be needed.

"These men will be committed to the rice fields and the cane fields of Louisiana, and it will be useless for anyone of you to try and get me to prison then.

McSHANE HITS RING "My administration will give the people of this city a business, not a political government," said Andrew McShane. Mr. McShane reiterated his former declaration that this campaign was not one of men, but of principles. In conclusion he warned his hearers that if Martin Behrman were re-elected there would not be another change of government in a generation. Mr. McShane's speech was brief and to the point, as follows:

"It is certainly a great privilege to address such a large and representative assembly of my fellow citizens of the Fifteenth Ward—the home ward of Mr. Behrman, my opponent.

"I am proud of the fact that I am not unknown in the Fifteenth Ward, and I have many personal friends here. I think that the result on September 14th will prove it.

"This is not a fight for any man or any set of men; it is a fight for the freedom of our city, for the emancipation of our people from the yoke of the machine. It is a fight in which I have been engaged in all my life.

"I can tell by the large and enthusiastic crowds that we have had at all our meetings that the people are aroused, and that they feel our cause is just and right, and I thank God that I have lived long enough to see our cause victorious, as I am sure it will be on September 14.

"I am standing on the platform of the O. D. A.—which you have seen published in the papers. My administration will give the people of this city a business government, and not a political one. My administration will do the utmost to give to the people a better paid and larger fire department, better streets and better system for the disposing of garbage.

"When I am elected mayor, and I can believe you, my fellow citizens, are going to elect me mayor, your accounts and records will always be open for your inspection and I pledge you that I will never appear in the courts for an injunction preventing you from inspecting your accounts.

"I will be mayor for the entire city. I will stand for the Fifteenth Ward or any other ward, with the same consideration as I will my ward, the Eleventh. I will be a square deal for every citizen.

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"We hear much these days about the great friendship of Martin Behrman for the laboring man," said Senator Stafford. "I want to warn you laboring men to beware of these false labor leaders who tell you about how unjust Parker is and how Mr. Behrman loves labor. Beware of these so-called labor leaders who carry a union card for political influence and through the use of that influence obtain positions on the animated payroll. Beware of these so-called labor leaders who hold down \$4,000 a year jobs in the City Hall.

"Just like Jack Banville," cried one of the crowd. "Such so-called labor leaders," continued Mr. Stafford, "are not the true friends of labor. They are really enemies of all honest labor. They care nothing for the interest of the laboring man, but look out only for their own places on the animated payroll."

BIG CROWD ENTHUSIASTIC The crowd fairly roared when a telling point was made by a speaker. There was one discordant note, however, sounded by a crowd of thirty or forty small boys carrying banners on which was inscribed "Who the Hell is McShane?" and "Elect Behrman Again".

Beating on cooking utensils and blowing tin horns, these young machine sympathizers created a near riot just before the beginning of the meeting.

A riot call to the police station was sent in by one of the O. D. A. leaders at the meeting. There was already one emergency supernumerary patrolman on the ground and the riot call brought only two more officers. These dispersed the youngsters, however, so they contented themselves with staging a very noisy parade through the streets of Algiers and two or three demonstrations at the ferry landing.

L. Munsterman, president of the Fifteenth Ward branch of the Orleans Democratic Association, opened the meeting and introduced Louis Acker as chairman of the meeting. Mr. Acker made a short speech, declaring that "in spite of efforts to sidetrack it, the real issue in this campaign is the record of Martin Behrman during his sixteen years as mayor."

CRAVEN IS POPULAR. State Senator Thomas V. Craven brought alternate cheering and laughter from the crowd when he told of the mayor's record in the management of the city's finances and, with burning sarcasm, lauded him for wishing to save the state \$25,000 to be spent on the probe commission.

"On Tuesday night in the Sixteenth Ward," said Senator Craven, "Mr. Font charged that the city government had incurred a debt of over \$700,000 in direct violation of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana. This debt was not authorized by you. You had expressly forbidden Martin Behrman to incur this debt. The constitution is the supreme law of the land. But what's a little thing like a constitution to Martin Behrman? This debt must be paid with our money, yours and mine, not with Martin Behrman's money. I can't see any improvements that have been wrought by this expenditure. You can't either. But what is that to Behrman? He is the king. The king is greater than any law. The king can do no wrong. A \$700,000 debt contracted in direct violation of the law. And yet Martin Behrman holds up his hands in holy horror at the thought of spending \$25,000 on the probe. To use his own words in speaking of his record, 'Can you beat it?'

"Behrman don't like the newspapers. I don't blame him. Without the press his record would be his own private property, and your money and my money could be spent as his whim and fancy moved. The papers stand between the Behrman system and civic bankruptcy. They are the only check that the people have on the extravagance of the ring. No wonder Behrman doesn't like them! Charlie Rosen has crowned Martin Behrman 'King of the Tenderloin.' John Sullivan has dubbed him the 'Duke of the Double Cross,' and I now name him 'the Crown Prince of Camouflage.'"

RECORD ATTACKED Representative Rudolph J. Weinmann, of the Fourteenth Ward, attacked the mayor's record, referring especially to the bill introduced into the Legislature last session by Representative O'Donnell, of Algiers, providing for making the ferries between New Orleans and Algiers public utilities. Mr. Weinmann charged that his measure was defeated by the machine-controlled legislators from New Orleans.

"This measure," said Mr. Weinmann, "was drawn up by citizens who felt that so vital a link between New Orleans and Algiers as the ferries should be in the hands of the public and operated for the benefit of the public rather than in the hands of private interests and operated for the benefit of stockholders. In other words they wanted to make the ferries public utilities when possible and drew up the bill with that end in view. Believing that Mr. O'Donnell would keep faith with the people he represented they asked him to introduce the measure. How he betrayed that trust you will soon see.

"While John R. Norman, Nick Hum-

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Horses & Cattle Roaming at Large

POLICE KEPT BUSY BUT VIOLATORS GO UNPUNISHED. HOW ABOUT IT?

Our present city administration is not giving much assistance to our public spirited citizens who are making an honest effort to help beautify and make Algiers the beautiful residential section that it should be.

Through the effort and persuasion of the Herald, many of our property holders have taken down their front fences to help make a "City Beautiful". They are now beginning to regret that they have taken down their fences as their property is being ruined by roaming cattle. During the past few weeks it is a common thing to see horses, mules, and cows on our public streets and in peoples' gardens, seemingly enjoying the privilege extended to the animal kingdom during this election period.

We must say a good word for our police department. They have been and do make every effort to stop the roaming of cattle on our public streets. They are often seen driving cattle and horses to the Algiers pound, but there their duties end; the cattle are released without fine or affidavit, and they are again on the street the next night to keep the policeman busy in having them put in the pound again.

What encouragement has the Algiers property holders to help beautify our section when affidavits are not made against the violators who help destroy the good efforts of a public-spirited property holder? In the Naval Station section between the viaduct and Farragut St., the cows go up on General Meyer Avenue where they make their bed for the night. Opelousas Avenue furnishes a grazing ground for many of the mules belonging to residents of that section. We now ask to whom shall we appeal for the proper protection of our property?

"Your Masonic Brethren connected with the Railway Mail Service herewith tender you this small token of their esteem and good fellowship upon your retirement after forty-five years of loyal and conscientious service. Our best wishes attend you and may Great Architect of the universe grant you many more years of usefulness accompanied with good health and success."

BRIDE-ELECT RECEIVES MAND-SOME PRESENT.

"Having the honor tonight to extend to you heartfelt congratulations, in the name of our Manager, Mr. Roberts, the employees on the ferry, and the ladies of the ferry house, I wish also to extend to you their sincere wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life with every blessing. It is also their further wish, dear Bertha, that your married life may prove to be as bright as the lights on the gift which I now present you in their name."

Such were the remarks of Mrs. E. L. Gertling in the Third District ferry house in Algiers on Saturday night the 21st instant, at which time Miss Bertha Baker surrounded by her friends and co-workers was very agreeably surprised, and presented with a handsome electric fan.

Miss Baker is very popular in our town and the near approach of her marriage to Mr. August Gaspard, has been the occasion recently for several showers, and surprises of a nature similar to the above.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nelson have been spending some time at Pass Christian.

Joseph Hughes Retires 45 Years of Service

A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE P. O. DEPARTMENT WILL ENJOY LIFE.

On last Saturday at the United States Post-office a ceremony took place in which figured one of Algiers prominent men; namely, Joseph Hughes who for 45 years has had continuous service with the United States Government in the branch of the Railway Mail Service.

John Kirber, acting president of the local association of Railway Mail Clerks in a short address reviewed the record of Mr. Hughes, and he laid stress on the fact that Mr. Hughes' retirement was not due to inefficiency nor of lack of interest in his work, but solely because of the rules of the government.

Mr. Hughes was presented with a gold monogram watch fob attached to which was a charm on which is inscribed as follows: "Remembrance from co-workers upon retirement from Railway Mail Service, August 21, 1920, after 45 years of service." Mr. Hughes was very much touched with this ceremony but was able to respond in his characteristic way, and by the time he had finished he left no doubt in the minds of the donors that he fully appreciated the gift. In speaking to the employees present, Mr. Hughes said:

"I resent the imputation that we are too old for any good work," said Mr. Hughes. "And I challenge any young man of my age to a race around the block or from the rear to the forward end of a mail car." (Here he had to pause while the applause subsided.) "Connect yourselves with good companions, be kind to your families, help your friends and do your duty to humanity and when the time comes to leave them you will have no regret."

Mr. Hughes was further honored by the Masonic employees of the Railway Mail Service by presenting him with a handsome blood-stone ring with the Masonic emblem engraved. Accompanying this ring was the following letter:

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THE WONDERS OF AMERICA By T. T. MAXEY

OUR MIGHTIEST HOT SPRING.

ALMOST in the center of Wyoming, near a bend in the Big Horn river and 4,350 feet above sea level, nature brought to the surface, for the benefit of all humanity, her most notable work in the hot-spring line. Here, from a rough-edged opening approximately 25 feet in diameter, and which may come through from China for all anybody knows—since it has been sounded to a depth of 1,000 feet and no bottom found, there bubbles forth about 18,000,000 gallons of 135-degree hot water, possessing untold medicinal value, every 24 hours.

This health fount was discovered by a wandering band of Indians. When the white man came he named it "Big Horn Hot Spring," because the water was finally tumbled over a 40-foot cliff in a beautiful waterfall to the river below. A city was built by the river. They called it Thermopolis (Hot City), because of its nearness to the spring.

The government purchased the tract on which the spring is located in 1887. Washakie, chief of the Shoshone, agreed only on condition that a portion of the water be reserved forever free for public use. Later, when the government ceded the land to the state, the same clause was inserted in the patent. Thus this great nature-made anti-toxin for many ills which beset humanity has been preserved for all time. A natural admixture of sulphur, lime, magnesia, iron and silica, this water possesses exceptional restorative properties in the treatment of blood and skin diseases and rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McMahon entertained their little grand daughter, Ira May Gaffrey on the anniversary of her eighth birthday at their home in Elmira avenue. Games were played and dancing was indulged in.

Those present were: Margaret Brown, Margaret Souhand, Winona Gouner, Beryl Gouner, Glen Boylan, Harriett, Cecil and Patricia Muntz, Marial Lucas, Grace Kissler, Gerald Kraemer, Cleo Wheatley, Irene McMahon, Louise Trahon, Ed. J. Borne, Ura Babin, Ruth McMahon, Doris Ainsworth, Genevieve Brown, Irene and Aldea Klink, Alberta Molaison, Louise Andre, Meryl Yallets, Bonely Goffney, Adet Atthoffer, Orville McMahon, Regina Boik, Louise Kessler, Norma Wheatley, Ira May Goffney, Eddie, James, Charles, Earl, Billy and Leslie McMahon, Al. Aucoin, Wesley Babin, Elwood Brown, Preston Goffney, Loyd French, Mr. and Mrs. McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. and J. W. McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Aucoin, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Goffney.

Street Car Company Offers New Contract

ADVANCE IN WAGES TO BE PREDICATED UPON RAISE OF FARE.

E. W. Burgis of the West New Orleans Light and Traction Co. has prepared a memorandum of agreement which has been submitted to the Street Car Employees in Algiers for their consideration and adoption.

Negotiations are now going on between the men and the company. The agreement submitted is as follows: "West New Orleans Light & Traction Company and South New Orleans Light & Traction Company.

Memorandum of proposed new agreement. Offered by the Company on August 17th, 1920.

Working conditions and relations with the Amalgamated Association, to remain similar to those specified in the old agreement, but with some minor modifications which, to both parties, shall appear to be fair and reasonable.

The wage scale to be increased; and the seniority bonus to remain effective, as a reward for, and acknowledgement of faithful and continuous service.

Application to be made to the Public Authorities for an increase in car fare, in order to permit the company to pay higher wages.

The intention is to change the scale of wages on September 16th, if possible; or that the change be retroactive to that date, to the extent of not to exceed thirty days.

If the base rate of car fare is made 7 cents, the base rate of wages will be increased from \$64.00 per month to \$128.00 per month, and the seniority bonus will be added thereto.

If the Public Authorities should refuse to give the relief the company will ask for, or should defer the granting of that relief, the company will, for as long a time as it is financially able, pay the conductors and motormen a moderate increase, commencing on September 16th, by advancing the base rate of wages from \$64.00 per month to \$96.00 per month, with the seniority bonus added thereto.

The proposed wage schedule would result as follows:—

The highest paid motorman (13 years in the service) would receive in a 30 day month, \$143.50, and in a 31 day month, \$148.25.

The new men would commence receiving in a 30 day month, \$122.00 and in a 31 day month, \$132.27.

In all cases, overtime would be added, as at present, at the rate of time and a half.

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BEHRMAN AS AN INDIVIDUAL IS A MERE INCIDENT IN CAMPAIGN

Will The Voters Run To The Grand Exit On September 14th, Or Will They Stay For The Finish.

(CONTRIBUTED BY E. P. GUEYMARD.)

Artemus Ward, the humorist, relates that he once owned and traveled with an animal show, that was woefully weak in animals and terrifically strong on posters. The audience detected the fraud. It soon showed signs of dissatisfaction. It grew sullen. It grew menacing. Ward was a resourceful fakir. He jumped on the platform, "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "you have seen only the beginning of this show." Then pointing to a wide opening in the tent he added, "Yonder is the Grand Exit." The crowd rushed in that direction, but it was soon in the dark outside and Ward was safe across the river. Here, you have an old "Machine" campaign trick. Posters! Posters everywhere! And not a healthy truth! Incidentally, the public is asking itself, "Who is paying for these posters? Is it thousands of admiring voters or could it be a few favored financial interests or a few favored contractors?" On September 14th, will the voters of New Orleans rush to the Grand Exit?

The writer, in this issue, will frequently name and point directly at one person, the "Head of the Ticket—Martin Behrman. The writer has no desire to be personal. He neither wishes to be offensive, nor would he give an opportunity to the "Machine" candidate to pose as a martyr, nor allow him to presume that singling him out is proof of his exceptional ability, his force of character or his paramount strength. Behrman, as an individual, is a mere incident in his campaign. He is only one of the harassing political boils that infest the body politic. His position only makes him a bigger and a sorer boil. Behrman is the main issue, because by his own repeated claims, by his public utterances, by his acts and by his manipulations, he is the titular head of this "Machine." The conceit, the supra-self-confidence that has led him to inject himself, willy nilly, in this campaign, has made him the legitimate main target. He is the type of politician that crops out spontaneously from the vitals of this political system. A little more daring, a little more ingenuity, a little more cunning, a little better knowledge of the game, and a little less scruple in employing objectionable means causes such a type to be crowned "King."

Behrman's affability to friends and supporters, is no more an issue than his conceit; his sociability, with those he likes, is no more an issue than his arrogance; his generosity to friends and political neutrals, is no more an issue than his political hatred and vindictiveness. Behrman is the main issue, because by force of autocratic habit, he not only has assumed control of his star chamber organization, but practically assumed sole direction of public affairs. He must be eliminated from public office, because when you perpetuate the head, you perpetuate the system.

Behrman is not the desirable type of man for mayor of a great modern progressive community. He represents an effete, discarded, discredited political system. He is a blurred political tin-type reproduction of Richard Croker! American municipalities, with intelligent and conscientious electorate, are fast ridding themselves of this inefficient selfish and corrupt system of municipal government.

In our last issue we mentioned among other qualifications required to be an ideal mayor, that he "must have an intelligent understanding of the fundamental principles of a representative government—he must adopt and incorporate clean sound principles of public policy—must be an administrator of recognized ability."

Behrman has a weak conception of the elementary principles of a representative government and he is woefully deficient in sound principles of public policy. The writer will select only a few of many proofs in confirmation of this statement.

By word and act, through his entire administration, Behrman has assumed that the Executive is the authorized and competent judge as to whether the laws framed by the legislative branches of government are to be enforced or not. As the infallible interpreter of public opinion, HE is at liberty to enforce them or not enforce them, when and where he pleases. A notable example of this attitude is the unwarranted liberty he has taken with the Sunday saloon-closing law.

This is a dangerous attitude, a most vicious principle and subversive of the spirit and duties of three branches of government, the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary. Although hidden

under the semblance of legality, through a "swoy down" injunction, the late arrest of the work of the Probe Commission is a manifestation of his high-handed spirit. The attitude described could be conceived only in the mind of an executive that was suffering lamentably from ignorance, arrogance or conceit or that desired the lust of illegal power.

Behrman has not respected the rightfully claimed authority of heads of other departments of municipal government. He has interfered with the ideas and the system of administration, of associates in office who were vastly superior to him in education, talent, ability and efficiency. Two notable examples of this are sufficient. One, is his unwarranted meddling with the detailed administration of dock-board activities—the scandal of the last gubernatorial campaign. The other, is the almost fanatical hankering after control of the police force. How calamitous this control has been, has long been a matter of history, and later on will be with us a matter for discussion. This very conception of duty, responsibility and authority by an official, is a public menace. It leaves the door wide open to an uncontrollable, dangerous autocracy. Once a careless electorate approves of this attitude by public preferment and by re-election it fastens a steel yoke around its own neck. On such autocratic conception of authority, does Prussianism thrive everywhere?

Behrman is not an administrator of recognized ability. He himself has on the stump taken credit for every municipal activity. This is huge conceit, but it makes him responsible for offensive control in all directions and for all dismal failures.

The finances of this city are in a deplorable condition. Favoritism, extravagance and the necessity of giving employment to an unproductive parasitical horde of political tools, has made it impossible to meet expenses with adequate revenues. It has made it impossible to grant increased compensation to deserving employes, such as the firemen and policemen, or to increase the force, or to improve the equipment.

It has caused the streets of the city, paved and unpaved, to be left in such a deplorable condition that they are an eye-sore to resident and visitor alike. It has forced the Mayor to refuse cooperation to State Health authorities and caused him to treat them with flippant sarcasm and transparently thin ridicule, when they called attention to the filthy, dangerous and disgraceful condition of the public markets. For a supposedly serious executive to ward off confession of negligence, by sneers was puerile and unfair.

This bankrupt condition has also crippled the school system, through lack of safe suitable buildings; through want of necessary equipment; or the maintenance of an efficient teaching staff. Behrman, in the first years of his administration, showed some interest, some zeal for the school system. But when he saw an anaemic tubercular city treasury; when he saw the city's revenues swallowed up by a burdensome and profitless pay-roll, he became helpless, his ardor cooled, his zeal fell to arctic temperatures and school improvements ceased.

"The Sewerage and Water Board is just now singing a lamentation of Jeremiah in the financial wilderness; and the Industrial Canal is slowly recovering from financial apoplexy, brought on by Behrman's methods.

In almost every department of public service, improvements are stagnant, efficiency mentionless, the wheels of progress idle, except in the wild imagination of the Head of the Ticket, "From whom all blessings flow." Necessary improvements to make the city not only attractive but habitable are postponed, because a profligately prodigal partisan city government cannot make its revenues meet legitimate necessary expenses. And yet, taxation, assessment, contribution have become distressingly, almost crushingly burdensome.

Is Behrman an administrator of recognized ability? With what misgivings, what doubts, what resentment must even the residents of Algiers, think of Behrman's administrative ability, when they cross on the ferries in one direction, and try to cross the viaduct in the other.

"Behrman Ideal Type of Mayor" will be continued with special side lights on Behrman's Labor Record" and his estimate of Parker Governor and McShane rival candidate.

SUFFRAGE MEETING TO BE HELD AT ALHAMBRA.

There will be a meeting held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Alhambra Club by the ladies of our town to discuss the suffrage movement and the present political campaign. Speeches will be made by Mrs. Eleanor Graham, Miss Florence Huberwald and several others. Plans will be made for a mass meeting to be held Tuesday night.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MAGNATE INSPECTS PROPERTY HERE.

Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific, was in New Orleans Friday on a tour of inspection. He left Friday evening for San Francisco En route, he will inspect the company's property along the line. Accompanying him were W. R. Scott, president of the S. P. lines in Louisiana and Texas; J. H. R. Parsons, vice-president and general manager, and C. S. Fay, traffic manager.