

SHANK CLAIMS CITY UTILITIES SELECT MAYORS

Says Street Car Company contributed \$7,500 to His 1909 Campaign.

Mayors of Indianapolis for years have been selected by the street railway company and other utility corporations. Lew Shank, ex-mayor and candidate for the Republican mayoralty nomination, charged in a meeting at McLean Place and Illinois street last night.

"The street car company contributed \$7,500 to my campaign fund in 1909," he said. "I didn't know what they wanted in return until I had taken office. When we insisted upon extension of car lines the company hollered, 'murder.'

"The chief reason why the city park board spent its money on big parks is to benefit the street car company. That is why Indianapolis is backward about the establishment of neighborhood playgrounds, such as all other cities have today. The car company wants the traffic to big parks lying far out."

"I'll admit they foisted me for a while when I was mayor. Dr. Henry Jameson was head of the park commission then. His efforts were always directed toward making big parks attractive with city money. That same Dr. Jameson is now president of the street car company."

CONSIDERS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUNDS NECESSARY.

Mr. Shank declared that community playgrounds are a necessity to prevent accidental deaths of children who now play in the streets.

The street park board has spent half a million on golf links, notwithstanding the fact that comparatively few citizens play golf. Shower baths and nice dressing rooms are provided for golf players, but the amateur baseball players who play at the parks haven't even a place to wash their hands. That is rank discrimination."

His competence in the operation of the garbage reduction plant, purchased by Mayor Jewett from former Governor Goodrich for \$175,000, was charged by the speaker.

"Two-thirds of the flies that infest Indianapolis in the summer are bred at Sellers farm," he asserted. "Flies coming down there can not be controlled which is why Indianapolis is informed that much of the garbage sent to the plant is never reduced, but is turned over to hog raisers. That may be one reason why the plant can not be operated save at a loss."

PROMISES FALL CHEER BRIDGE.

"When I was mayor Sam Rauh owned the garbage plant and it was kept in spick and span condition. They even had a goldfish fountain and lawn in front of the place."

Construction of a bridge over Fall Creek at Delaware street was definitely promised by Mr. Shank in the event of his nomination and election.

Charles Hutchinson, member of the board of works in the Shank administration, paid much tribute to the candidate in an introductory speech.

BORISSEN'S MEETING

FRIDAY EVENING.

Mr. Shank spoke at noon today at the Fairbanks-Morse plant. Tonight he will speak at Bates and McKim streets, 901 North New Jersey, and 455 West Elkhorn street.

Visiting presidents for Edward J. Robinson's annual meeting Friday evening at the Marion Club include Russell B. Harrison, Charles Martindale, Linton A. Cox, Clarence Martindale, B. Harry Miller, E. J. Gausepohl, Martin A. Hugg, Newton Harding, Peter B. Trose, Lucius O. Hamilton, William O. Dunlavy, Edward Gates, Theodore Vonnegut, Joseph Schmidt, C. N. Thompson, John T. Sauter, Bessie Allis, Archibald Hall, George Long, John O. Spain, David V. Moore, Robert A. McGill, Dr. Samuel McGehee, Clarence Nichols, Ed V. Fitzpatrick, Frank L. Randall, Richard Cole, John Lewis W. Cooper, W. B. Cooley, Robert Acre, William Kotke, Thomas Witterow, James E. Osgan, Earl Heller, Robert G. McClure, E. A. Hiltzengen, Harry B. Stont, John McGreer, Dr. G. H. Ward, Charles F. Williams, George P. Paxton, W. F. Todd and W. H. Jackson.

Mr. Robinson will speak tonight at the South Calvary Church, Morris and Maple street, and at a meeting at North and Bowman streets.

NOT ALL CITY EMPLOYEES FALL FOR PRESSURE

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The mayor and his political aides also have well known that Greenlee was one of the main leaders of the New Jewett organization who sought to defeat Senator and work against United States Senator James E. Watson in the election last fall. The Jewett-Roemer-Lemcke faction of the party double-crossed Mr. Watson by trading votes for Thomas Taggart, his Democratic opponent, for votes for Mr. Lemcke, then a candidate for re-election as county treasurer.

GREENLEE THROWS DOWN HIS KEYS.

So, when the Id began to be clamped down on the heads of those who had been warned to drop out. Contrary to expectations there had no effect. Mr. Greenlee was called to Howe's headquarters in the Lemcke Building and told that he was being depended upon to make speeches for the New Jewett candidate and that he was billeted to begin Friday noon. He calmly informed the Howe that he would not be able to speak because he was not for Mr. Howe.

To the further offense of the Howe crowd, Mr. Greenlee called the employees in the engineering department together Friday afternoon and made a speech in which he urged them to vote for Mr. Robinson.

Saturday there came ominous warnings and Monday, when the Howe crowd reached the office of Frank C. Lingenfelter, city civil engineer, he was exercising his right to vote and work for whomsoever he pleased, threw down his keys and marched over to Robison's headquarters in the Lemcke Building, where he offered his services.

John Jones, a prominent negro politician of the Sixteenth precinct (formerly the Thirteenth) of the Fourth ward, was another employee who refused to be clubbed into submission. Jones, who was a former street street and under Street Commissioner A. O. Meloy, resigned rather than agree to work for Mr. Howe and came to the Robison camp Monday.

ONLY HOWE MEN

FOR CITY PAY ROLL.

The administration taking every precaution to see that none but Howe men get on the city pay roll. Between fifty and sixty men were added to the street repair force Monday. The men were hired at the city asphalt plant. Men who were there and who were so angry with their treatment that they flocked to the Shank headquarters, said that Ben Waggoner, the street commissioner, had the plants read the names of the men who were given jobs off of a typewritten list and then told the three hundred other applicants that they were not wanted until they got indorsements from Howe and predict committee men.

It had been rumored that the administration intended to hire new men on a particular list of names, but this was not so, but it occasioned considerable surprise when the assistant street commissioner was boldy out in the open and announced it.

BRAND HARDING 'SIGNATURE' FAKE

Secret Service Men Charge Inscription to 'Cousin Everett' Is False.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Secret service men investigating the activities of Everett A. Harding, who represented himself as a cousin of President Warren G. Harding and faces charges of impersonating a Federal officer, today declared they had proof that the photograph of President Harding, shown by "Cousin" Everett, was not inscribed by the President.

The photograph bears the inscription, "To Everett Harding, with kindest regards." The writing is not that of the President, one operative said, today. The photograph was probably given young Harding during the presidential campaign by a campaign worker.

Everett Harding still is being held at the county jail in Woodstock, Ill., near Chicago, in preparation for his appearance before the April grand jury are being speeded.

ALL IN READINESS FOR CONFERENCE

Methodist Meeting Opens Tomorrow at Elwood.

Special to The Times.

ELWOOD, Ind., April 5.—Members of the examining board and district leaders of the Northern Indiana Methodist Episcopal conference, which opened here today, are on the ground looking after preliminary affairs of the big convention.

Young men who are aspiring to the ministry are taking examinations in rooms of the M. E. Church, which have been prepared for the purpose. The Rev. W. T. H. H. is chairman of the examining board.

District superintendents here include: The Rev. W. B. Martin, Ft. Wayne; the Rev. A. G. Neal, Warsaw; the Rev. F. A. Hart, Indianapolis; the Rev. James A. Berry, Munster; the Rev. W. B. Freeland, Wabash; Bishop F. D. Leete of Indianapolis, also is present.

A reception will be held tonight at 7:30, when Dr. George R. Grose, president of De Pauw University, will deliver the conference sermon. The Rev. T. M. Gould, who was pastor of the Elwood church thirty years ago, preached to a large audience Monday evening.

COLLEGE USES KNIFE ON DOGS AND DEFIES LAW

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Special to The Times.

RICHMOND, Ind., April 5.—George Long, Chinaman laundry owner, procured a marriage license Monday to wife Irene M. Hess, one of his girl employees. Mr. Long was born in San Francisco and is 26. He stated that he could not spell his mother's or father's name because they had not been translated into English.

The bride-to-be is 18. She has been employed at the laundry for about a year. Her father is a teamster. The father accompanied the couple to the clerk's office to secure the license. This is the second daughter of Mr. Hess to marry a Chinaman. The other marriage occurred about four years ago.

WOMAN, 63, IS THUG'S VICTIM

Starts to Read From Bible to Stranger—Rendered Unconscious.

Under the camouflage of being a worker for an "Evangelist" church that is to be built, a would-be robber gained entrance to the home of Mrs. Katie Shildmeyer, 63, 450 South Gale street, and brutally assaulted her, but failed to obtain any money. She is in serious condition.

Mrs. Shildmeyer's front teeth were loosened by a kick of the thug, who grabbed her, threw her on the floor, choked, beat and kicked her until she was unconscious. Then he escaped. Her condition is serious.

At about 9 o'clock this morning Mrs. Shildmeyer was in the side yard, having just returned from a walk to the country club, which she said would be built near Washington and Gray streets. Mrs. Shildmeyer was much interested and started to discuss religion. She said that she would get her Bible, as there were some passages of Scripture that had been helpful to her that she wished to read to him. Leaving the yard, she entered the house. She had secured her Bible and her eye glasses and was starting to return to the yard when she was met at the doorway of her living room by the stranger, who immediately attacked her.

Mrs. Shildmeyer lay in the pool of blood, probably unconscious, while the stranger, who was in a state of extreme unconsciousness, ran away.

When news of the formation of the new National Guard were made recently by General Smith, he determined that the new army should be built on a larger scale than the old structure and he thereupon began negotiations with the owners of the property, through the local trust company, and has just succeeded in buying, for the Indianapolis units of the national guard, a strip of ground adjoining the former armory site and giving access to the full frontage on Ashland avenue.

The property purchased through the trust company is a strip twelve and one-half feet wide on Thirteenth street and 160 feet deep on Ashland avenue. The entire space will be utilized, if plans are carried out by Bass, Knowlton and Company, architects, as finally adopted. For many years the Indianapolis Battalion Armory Association has held title to part of the ground that is to hold the new armory. The old armory, originally used by the Indianapolis units of the national guard, was burned in the fall of 1913.

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The site purchased through the trust company is a strip twelve and one-half feet wide on Thirteenth street and 160 feet deep on Ashland avenue. The new site is bounded by streets on two sides and by alleys on the remaining two sides. The consideration paid for the additional property was not made public.

General Smith said today that it is planned to utilize the armory, construction of which he said, is to be started upon soon, for the housing of three machine gun companies of the new guard, a total of 120 men.

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