



JAMES L. WEEKS.
Republican Candidate For Mayor of the City of Jamestown.

LETTER FROM MR. WEEKS

**Republican Candidate for Mayor States His Position.
NO POLITICAL OBLIGATIONS.**

If Elected, He Will Be the Mayor of the City, and Not an Officer of any One Party or Faction—A Straightforward Statement From a Straightforward Candidate.

To the Citizens of the City of Jamestown:

I have been nominated by the Republican party for the position of mayor. A few weeks ago I stated my willingness to accept such a nomination should it be tendered me.

If I should be elected, my first allegiance, however, will be, not to party, but to the entire people of the city regardless of political affiliations. In fact, I believe that the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon any political party is to have its members untrailing in their adherence to those principles of government that will promote the best interests of the whole people.

I do not want any citizen to vote for me or against me, in ignorance of the principles I represent, or of my position on all questions involved in the administration of city affairs. It is not improper in accepting this nomination to briefly discuss some of them at this time.

Several weeks ago, while I was absent from the city for a few days, a movement to present my name for mayor gained considerable headway. Of this I had no knowledge until my return. The large number of friends who urged me to consent, included men well acquainted with the city, as well as those from all factions in political life. It would have been most unnatural not to have been deeply touched by these expressions of my friends. Most certainly I never sought the position of mayor; but in saying this I do not depreciate the dignity and honor of the position. From certain Democratic leaders at once came the cry that my proposed candidacy would be a "machine" nomination. The suggestion of it did not originate with any "machine" or machine leader. It has not been promoted by any machine.

For several weeks past any other Republican could have entered the field and many have been urged by the Democratic leaders to do so. I would have been glad to have retired in favor of any representative Republican, which I have repeatedly stated to men whose names were under consideration. A caucus has been held where every Republican had full opportunity to vote in secret for the nominee of his choice. A caucus has never before been held in this city as free from possibility of machine control.

But in addition to these facts, I wish to make my personal attitude clear. If I am elected mayor of this city, it will be without any obligation, political or otherwise to any ring or machine or political boss. I should accept the position under no other conditions, and any person who honestly believes that I am a creature of such an organization, or that I could be controlled by any faction, or clique, or by any man, or set of men, in the position to which I have been nominated, would be perfectly justified in voting against me. In other words, I have no political obligations to pay, and, if elected, I will be a mayor willing to receive advice from all citizens, but dictation from none.

The campaign upon which we are entering will, as far as I am concerned, be free from personalities. I do not care to win any office within the gift of the people, by vilifying and slandering any other candidate; and I would not willingly be the beneficiary of such political methods. The cruel falsehoods that have been systematically and persistently circulated in relation to myself, will, I trust, before

this campaign is completed, be fully investigated, so that unqualified truth may bring exact justice to the defamers and the defamed. It will be one of my most earnest efforts to bring about this result.

The use of money to influence elections has been an increasing public scandal for many years. The vice has not been confined to any one political party, and has produced among the bribers and the bribed almost complete political demoralization. The great body of our voters who abhor these methods, have viewed the results with increasing alarm, which has found expression in demands upon the legislature for more far reaching "corrupt practice acts," and in efforts to protect the voter at the primary and the election from such influences.

If the use of money is to control elections, it furnishes an easy method for corporate or moneyed interests to control our local government, and for allied, vicious elements to entrench themselves in power. Attitudes on civic ideals and civic duty are poor remedies for those evils, unless they are put into vigorous practice. A short time ago an organization was perfected in this county, one of the chief objects of which, as declared in its platform, is to discourage the use of money to influence elections and to seek a return to that patriotism and love of country upon which alone rests the security of our system of government. I was honored by being made the president of that organization with me this matter is more than a theory and an agitation, and believing the time for promoting this reform is the present, and the place for doing so is our own city, I shall use no money to influence the vote of any man, nor will I sanction the improper use of money by committees or individuals in my behalf. Upon this principle I am willing to stand or fall; and, if elected, I will know that I have been chosen by the unpurchased votes of my fellow citizens.

Another thing that is urged upon me is to issue promises in relation to appointments. This I decline to do, and should I become the mayor of this city, I will enter upon the position free from pledge or promise, with an intention to select the most efficient public officials within my power.

The alignment that has taken place in this campaign, impels me to say a frank word on the subject of law enforcement, especially in respect to places deemed disorderly under the liquor law. In the discussion of this question we must at all times bear in mind the clear distinction between two classes of liquor dealers. The members of one class conduct their business within the law, and they have nothing to fear from my election. The law itself is their sufficient protection. So long as they are law-abiding, they are as secure in their rights as other business men in our community.

But there is another class in every city, constantly seeking opportunities for violating and evading the law with impunity. Mayor Adam of Buffalo has discovered them in those "male-kept dens of vice" that he is weeding out with such commendable industry. Within the past few months the police of this city have discovered places of resorts of like vicious character the prosecution of which is now being resisted in the courts. Dives where young girls are ruined or where boys are introduced to vice should have no place within this city. Keepers of this class of resorts are perfectly justified in their bitter opposition to me. Let there be no mistake about my position. No lawbreaker has anything to hope for by my election and has much to fear, because so far as rests within my power I shall vigorously and impartially enforce the law. This constitutes for this class of saloon keepers an all sufficient reason for their concerted and combined opposition to my candidacy. The people

of this city who believe as I do upon the question of law enforcement must not underestimate the power of this class of resort keepers and their adherents. There is no falsehood or slander to which they will not resort if it can turn a vote against a candidate to which they are opposed. They promote their cause throughout the day and continue it during hours of the night when most men sleep. They will not fail to register and will not forget to vote. They must be met by earnest men inspired with civic patriotism, filled with a desire to free the young people of our city from these vicious influences, and ready to work to arouse the law respecting people of this city to the necessity of registering and voting. By votes alone can the attempted dictation of this class of saloon interests be defeated.

Fortunately municipal ownership in this community can no longer be the slogan of the demagogue or the rallying cry of the politician. Conducted along painstaking lines it has become a simple question of approved business expediency and policy and will never be abandoned in this city. The success of the water plant has been marked; the reduction of the cost of water to the consumer has been substantial. The payments on the water debt have been promptly met and the surplus earnings have provided means for the extension of the system. Every citizen is in very truth a stockholder in this successful enterprise and it should inspire everyone with a desire to make the municipal lighting plant similarly successful. It is recognized upon every hand that a radical change in methods and management is necessary. To that end, under the advice of Mayor Johnson, a bill has been sent to Albany for enactment which will authorize placing its management in the hands of a commission similar to that of the water plant. The commissioners are given broad powers and are furnished the means of correcting any evils that may be found to exist and placing the plant on a firm business basis. This plan has had my unqualified approval and support and ought fairly to eliminate the question of the electric lighting plant from politics.

I would be resorting to the tricks of a political demagogue if I held out to the people of the city any substantial hope of increasing the pressure, improving the purity, or decreasing the cost of gas under any of the statutes now in force in this state. The author of the statute of 1905, attempting to deal with this question, has, during the present session of the legislature, admitted that the law is a complete failure and has introduced a bill providing for its repeal. It is certain that if by amendment or any enactment, or by any other means, power is ever placed within my reach that will enable me to improve the gas supply, its quality, or its price, I will be quick to use it. I would personally enjoy such benefits as much as any citizen.

The increase in the number and importance of the public service corporations operating under franchises granted by the city makes it of added importance that each of these corporations should be held to strict compliance with the terms upon which they obtained their franchise, both as to quality of service and the payment of any percentages due the city. Especially in regard to the recent additions of these public service corporations I feel that the city has been indulgent to a sufficient time to enable them to become firmly established, and that they should now meet the terms of their franchises by the payment of percentages due, and the giving of transfers or tickets good on local lines in the case of the company entering the city from the south.

The present and the future of our city depends much upon the prosperity of those who labor in the production

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of the vast manufactured output that constitutes Jamestown's commercial greatness. Laws have been enacted by the state designed for the protection of their rights and privileges, known generally as labor laws, which will receive at my hands, if elected, complete enforcement.

The commercial growth and prosperity of our city has been a source of pride to our citizens, and of emulation by our neighbors, and it will be my pleasure to advance by all means within the power of the municipal government, the welfare of the industries of our city, and if possible, to induce others to locate here.

The value of properly conducted investigations in shown, not alone in the facts brought to light in insurance circles, but in the detection and conviction of grafters in St. Louis by Folk, in Philadelphia by Weaver, and in the more recent discoveries in Buffalo by Mayor Adam. These are all warnings to us to watch for the first symptoms of wrongdoing in our own municipality. Any demand for investigation of municipal departments, if accompanied by such a showing of probable facts as to make further inquiry more than a fishing expedition, would receive my hearty approval, to the end that wrongs may be corrected and offenders punished.

If elected to the position for which I am nominated, it will be my ambition to give to the people of this city a plain, economical business administration, keeping the tax burden as light as possible.

To summarize it all: I stand for a clean campaign; a clean city, and a clean administration.

The questions at issue in this campaign belong to the people and not to any individual. The consequences of their decision are borne by the people and not by any individual, and with their verdict, whatever it may be, I will be content.

James L. Weeks.

THE JUDGE CHOSEN.

Two Buffalo Attorneys and a Syracuse Professor to Give Decision on School Debate.

Representatives of Jamestown high school and Niagara Falls high school, respectively, will meet at Niagara Falls Friday evening in a joint debate of the series being conducted under the auspices of the Inter-scholastic Debating League of Western New York and Pennsylvania, and the following judges have been decided upon: Adelbert Moot and Simon Fleischmann, leading attorneys of Buffalo, and Prof. E. C. Morris, head of the English department of Syracuse university. Messrs. Moot and Fleischmann were selected by the two opposing schools and Prof. Morris was appointed by Chancellor Day of Syracuse university.

The subject for debate is, "Resolved, That the 15th amendment to the constitution of the United States should be repealed." The 15th amendment reads as follows: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude." The Jamestown high school team, which will uphold the negative, consists of Paul Camp, Lester Strandberg and Elton Hale, with Guy Lounsbury as alternate.

OPPORTUNITY CIRCLE.

King's Daughters Held Regular Monthly Meeting Monday Evening—Contributed to Famine Fund.

Opportunity circle of King's Daughters met with Mrs. C. O. Jones, 61 Hazard street, Monday evening. Among other matters of business, the question of a contribution to the Japanese famine fund was brought up, and a check amounting to \$5 to that fund, which amount was paid to the treasurer of the fund this morning. Arrangements were also made for a tea to be given March 15 at the home of Mrs. E. Greenwood, 6 Sherman street.

At the close of the business session the hostess served a luncheon to the large number of members present, and the regular monthly meeting of Opportunity circle for March was a matter of history.

WEDNESDAY IN THE CHURCHES.

List of Meetings Scheduled to Take Place Tomorrow Afternoon.

A service will be held in the chapel of St. Luke's church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The rector will speak on Our Relationship to God.

The regular meeting of the Liberal Christian guild of the Unitarian church will be held in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

The Ladies Aid society of the First Primitive Methodist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, with Mrs. Mary Newsome of Allen street.

The Sunbeam street of Calvary Baptist church will meet in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon at 4:15.

The Ladies Aid society of the First M. E. church will meet in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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SYRUP FOR THE ALDERMAN.

Mr. Sprague the Republican Nominee in Third Ward Was the Recipient.

Early last week a friend from the country sent to Otis Garfield, who was a candidate before the Republican caucus last Saturday for alderman in the Third ward, a large bottle of maple syrup. It was simply addressed to the "Alderman of the Third ward," and left at Mr. Garfield's house.

On reaching home Mr. Garfield took the package and proceeded to draw the cork.

"You'd better hold on there," said Mrs. Garfield, in mock seriousness, "that is addressed to the alderman of the Third ward, and I don't see that you have any title to it."

"Well, I guess that's true," replied Mr. Garfield, as he laid the syrup bottle to one side.

When the ballots were counted last Saturday night it was made conclusive that according to the address Mr. Garfield was not entitled to the syrup, and Monday afternoon he very graciously had with the utmost good nature delivered the syrup to Mr. Sprague, the nominee, and the latter will enjoy the delicacy as he does the good wishes of the donor, his late political rival.

AMUSEMENTS.

Conan Doyle's story, The Sign of the Four, made into a thriller with small regard to the text, was played at The Samuels last night before a rather light audience by Campbell Stratton, supported by Miss Gay Rhea and a company. Mr. Stratton in the role of Sherlock Holmes made a fair success and Miss Rhea as Mrs. Sholto showed emotional power. The company was weak and some of its members did not have the small merit of speaking their lines distinctly.

Theodore H. Bauer, business manager of Maclay Arbuckle in The County Chairman, was in town Monday, arranging for its appearance at the Samuels Tuesday, March 13. The original cast which played two weeks at Wallack's theatre will be seen here.

The Arrival of Kitty, a clean theatrical comedy, will be presented at the Samuels this evening. This piece has been on the road all season and not once has it received a single adverse criticism. It has been pronounced everywhere as the best comedy since the days of Charley's Aunt, which was so popular a few years ago. It will be given here by the original cast.

Here is a little one told by Al Leech, the star of Wm. A. Brady's Girls Will be Girls company, that is to play an engagement at The Sam-

ADELPHIAN SOCIETY.

Play and Dancing Party Planned For Near Future.

At the meeting of the Adelphean society of the Unitarian church in the church parlors Monday evening it was decided to present one of the Cranford plays in about three weeks, and to give a dancing party at Easter time. The society will serve refreshments at the Sunday school social for fathers and mothers Friday evening.

The meeting took the form of a social affair and warm sugar was served by Miss Ethel Clendening and Miss Grace Lucas.

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