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Philip Pocock Denies Allegations of Commission Candidate at Public Meeting.

TWENTY-FIVE SPEAK

Mayor Promises "Hewed-To-the-Line" Platform in Three Days—Moore Tells Views.

Twenty-five candidates for municipal honors at the forthcoming civic election spoke at Knollwood Park school last night, introducing themselves, setting forth their platforms and reasons for election.

Mayor George A. Wenige and his only opponent in the mayoralty contest, John M. Moore, gave short addresses, both of which were received with interest.

Opening the meeting, as the first speaker, Mayor Wenige reviewed his work of the past year, stating that he sought re-election in an independent way, backed only by the city of London organization. He promised publication of a printed program in three days, similar to that of last year, which would contain his platform "hewed to the line."

"I will use the same discretion, the same methods as I have for the past three years if you re-elect me," he said. "Mind you, I take credit for only a thirteenth part of the commendable work of the council. In the year 1925, every possible effort will be made to get the tax rate down, not much, but some, and the assessment will not be raised."

John M. Moore declared that he had offered himself for the candidacy upon the request of some 1,500 citizens of all walks of life. He volunteered to do his best to carry out the wishes of the public, and would at all times give his utmost attention to civic administration.

Autocratic, Says Smith.

Vehemently taking to task the present public utilities board and condemning the water supply system in London, C. R. Smith, public utilities candidate, declared the board was too autocratic, and engaged Philip Pocock in a spirited debate, which came to a close only by the interruption of the chairman.

Mr. Smith, quoting comparative bills of the public utilities commission on water rates for two individuals over a period of seven years, declared an increase in rates of 33 per cent was revealed. And replying to Mr. Pocock, who stated that the commission paid only \$5,000 to a general manager who was worth \$10,000, he said:

"You can't baffle me by any statistics of any general manager getting \$5,000. We're not nincompoops." He termed the present board "too autocratic and composed of old men who had sat on the board for years, while the young and able men left the country."

Although Mr. Pocock stated that the commission was paying money to the city to reduce taxes, Mr. Smith declared that the city treasurer had informed him that no money had been paid to the city.

"That isn't true," Mr. Pocock declared. "The municipal act provides that every dollar made by the water commission must be handed over to the city."

Shortage Overcome.
A shortage of water in 1909, when only a supply of 2,000,000 gallons per day was available, had been overcome during the past 16 years, and now a daily supply of 7,000,000 gallons was on hand, Mr. Pocock declared.

Ald. Harry Bottrell, the first of the aldermanic candidates to speak for a set time of three minutes, stated that he appealed for re-election through his work on the council during 1925. Ald. John Ashton, who he later represented, declared that he had represented the city for three years and he was willing to give the city as a whole the same earnest endeavor.

In asking for votes in his behalf, Ald. Thomas Clift urged every eligible voter to go to the polls on Dec. 7. "Only 51 per cent voted last year, and in the industrial centers the percentage was even smaller," he said. "Whether you vote for me or not get out and use your franchise."

Ald. Kilbourne declared it was the duty of every voter to pick a candidate who would be loyal to the city as a whole, particularly in this election when the aldermen were to be chosen from the city at large.

John Croden gave assurance he would use every effort within his means in helping to administer the city's affairs. The successful business candidate promised to serve as an alderman, he said, promising he would do his best in a business-like and economical manner, no matter what might be decided.

At Request of Duty.
"I am not here at the request of any particular people, but at the request of duty," F. J. Timbrell said. "I believe I can help the city or I wouldn't be running for the council. I volunteer my services to save money for all classes."

"I'm trying to be one of your directors," Tom Terry stated. "I have been successful in business. I am an employer of men, and I know how to hang on to money and spend money wisely. The water commission this year did not choose to follow his profession. I know the needs and interests of the industrial centers."

Men of cuts and collars and men of leisure have no place on the city council, according to Ald. C. M. Linnell.

Would Slow Up Mayor.
"The mayor, no matter who he is, won't be the whole council this year if you elect me," George Hayman said. "I will do my best," stated W. C. Morrison. "I have no definite platform other than that I will stand up for everything I think right and will benefit the citizens of London."

Allan Towe pointed out that he had worked on the traffic committee and in connection with the juvenile court and the Children's Aid society.

Seeking re-election for the board of education, Mrs. J. A. Rose declared she would make no promises, but would stand on her record of the past two years.

Bryden Campbell agreed with Mrs. Rose in declaring that women as well as men were necessary for the management of the city schools. Frank Curran asked for election through his belief in economy, and his work in the city as a lawyer.



AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN, who has been awarded the Order of the Garter in recognition of his services at Locarno.

BODY OF FARMER IS NOT RECOVERED

Police Certain J. Broughton Was Drowned in Thames Near Louisville.

Special To The Advertiser.

Chatham, Nov. 30.—Another day of dragging the river Thames near Louisville failed to bring the recovery of the body of John Broughton, believed drowned Saturday night when crossing the stream in a boat to reach the Raymond Arnold farm, Harwich township, where he is employed.

High Constable Peters stated today that he is certain Broughton was drowned. At the spot where he had evidently attempted to climb into the boat the ground was greasy. When the boat was recovered, half a mile downstream, a heavy chain used for mooring was dragging in the water. Chief Peters believes that Broughton fell into the water when he shoved the boat from the embankment.

County police are investigating the theft of an automobile owned by J. S. Duffin of Thamesville.

Public-speaking contests for pupils of East Kent schools have been arranged for the following cities: Harwich and Bournemouth at Bournemouth, Camden and Thamesville at Thamesville on December 2; Chatham township and Dresden at Dresden, Oxford and Highgate at Highgate on December 3; Howard and Ridgeway at Ridgeway, and Zone and Bothwell at Bothwell on December 4.

NO BLAME ATTACHED IN DEATH OF BARRON

Four Witnesses Heard at Coroner's Inquest Into Fatality.

That the death of John Barron, who was killed while working on a sewer on Doulton street on November 23, was due to apoplexy, and that no blame is attached to anyone, was the verdict of the coroner's jury sitting at the local courtrooms last night. The verdict in full reads as follows: "That the deceased John Barron came to his death on Nov. 23 from apoplexy caused by a cave-in of a sewer trench on Doulton street in the city of London. No blame is attached to any person."

The inquest was in charge of Coroner Dr. Cameron Wilson, with Crown Attorney Judd acting for the crown. Four witnesses, all fellow-workmen of the deceased, gave evidence as to the condition of the sewer at the time of the accident and how it occurred.

Heard Brookfield, 717 Adelaide street, foreman of the sewer workers, was the first witness called. Questioned by Crown Attorney Judd, he told how the walls of the sewer were protected with large planks and jacks. It was the duty of the excavators to make sure that the jacks were tight, and the accident would not have happened if the jacks were tight, the witness said.

Dr. F. R. Clegg, who conducted a post-mortem, stated that death was due to a crushing action on the chest causing suffocation; three ribs were found broken.

Richard Kneeb, 559 Pall Mall, who escaped the cave-in by jumping to safety, called to Barron to look out that the sewer was caving. He saw the man buried beneath the sandy loam.

The jury was composed of the following: Thomas McKim, foreman; H. H. Thomas, William Wilcox, H. O. Hunt, Frank Heighway, Robert Ross and Eli Bice, and took but five minutes to arrive at a decision.

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**AUSTRALIA MAY JOIN
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By WINDERMERE.
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London, Nov. 30.—Premier Bruce's re-establishment in Australia, seems likely to have a considerable effect upon empire policy as affecting the dominions.

In addressing his constituents here as a British member of parliament, Sir Newton Moore, who was for five years premier of West Australia, said that he would not be surprised if Australia soon expressed a desire to join with the motherland, as New Zealand has already done, in the great work for world peace and the restoration of world prosperity, of which the Locarno pact was the first essential part.

AT THE THEATRES

LOEW'S THEATRE

The Necessary Evil.

The Necessary Evil, starring Viola Dana, at the Loew's theatre for the first three days this week, is a film of a rather unusual and interesting theme. The story is based upon the evils which a youth inherits from his father, who had the fault of acting before thinking. The many predicaments in which the lad is placed by his thoughtlessness, and the steps that are taken by his stepfather to make a man of him, despite his bad habits, provide thrills aplenty.

He becomes acquainted with a crowd of pleasure-seekers at college, and, at one of their wild parties, marries an adventuress, whom he does not love, to escape jail. The woman attempts to force his stepfather to provide money to keep their marriage a secret until the annulment could be secured, but, fearing this to be impossible, makes use of an accomplice and robs him. The youth's stepfather, seeing a way to cure him of his faults, sends him to a southern city to work and make up the loss. His succeeding adventures and escapades are well depicted.

An amusing and laughter-stirring comedy, and Loew's up-to-date pews events complete the film cast.

An excellent vaudeville bill is offered. Eddie Cook and the Shaw sisters, musical artists, performing on various instruments, were encored several times. Amoros and Janet, comedians, were especially witty, and were well received. Shannon Stephens and Company presented a rendition of the trials of married life, which, as it included the other woman, caught the fancy of the house.

CAPITOL THEATRE

Rudolph Valentino.

After an absence of nearly two years, Rudolph Valentino, movie sheik de luxe, is starring in Cobra at the Capitol theatre for the first half of the week. Valentino himself is the same old Valentino, but his role is different than those he assumed in his other pictures. Valentino does considerably "heavy" acting, approaching indeed the role he portrayed so finely in Blood and Sand, one of his big features. The picture is sure to play to crowded houses, as it did last night, for the balance of its run.

Madame Melba Allport, Canadian prima donna coloratura soprano, provided the diversion and delighted the audience with her fine, pure, strong voice, which she at all times has under perfect control. Madame Allport sang Caroline with peculiar and appealing sympathy, and in a manner to win her prolonged applause.

The Capitol news review and a Mack Sennett comedy, Sweet Pickles, in addition to the Capitol symphony orchestra, completed the bill.

Cobra is Martin Brown's popular Broadway stage play which ran throughout 1924 at the Hudson and Langacre theatres. It is produced by Joseph Henabery, producer of the Sublimed Devil, while the settings are by W. C. Menzies, who devised the settings for the Thief of Bagdad.

Valentino has put into Cobra, poured into it would be more accurate, the passionate energy and devotion which predominates in his personality. He is ably supported by Nita Naldi and Gertrude Olmsted.

Valentino fans should certainly not miss the opportunity of seeing the intricate Rudolph in his latest intriguing role.

Elephant Gives London Thrill

Escapes From Dock—Does Much Property Damage.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Nov. 30.—London had an elephant hunt today, and 16 policemen had to leave their prosaic duty of patrolling the streets in one of the city's northern suburbs to join in the chase. The elephant escaped while being taken to Whitechapel to be placed on board a ship for Buenos Aires.

The policemen had a good time, but the elephant had a better one, smashing shop windows and shopfronts, tearing down fences and doors of private houses and crashing through gardens until he was cornered finally in a big shed. One of the keepers was injured during the chase.



JOHN A. CRODEN
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ODDFELLOWS TO RALLY ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Eight hundred Oddfellows, representative of four city lodges and the Dorchester and Ilford lodges, No. 211 and 224, will be present at the annual district rally of London district, No. 14, L. O. O. F., to be held in the Ritz pleasure gardens on Friday, Dec. 4.

The initiatory degree will be conferred by the visiting degree team, which this year comes from Victoria lodge, No. 64, of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the lodge of instruction a banquet will be served in the L. O. O. F. hall, Alma Block, at which addresses will be given by the following: A. S. Rennie, P.G. of Tillsonburg; Rev. A. C. Sumner, P.G.C., Thorndale; Rev. J. W. Hibbert, G.S.W., of this city; S. P. Rycraft, D.D.G.M., Strathroy, and George Haylock, D.D.G.M., of London.

George Haylock is chairman of the committee in charge, and H. Harrison, P.G., secretary-treasurer.

MOVED TO INGERSOLL.

Special To The Advertiser.

Chatham, Nov. 30.—Commandant and Mrs. Cavender of the local Salvation Army have received instructions to proceed to Ingersoll. Duties here will be assumed by Ensign and Mrs. Walters, now of Ingersoll.



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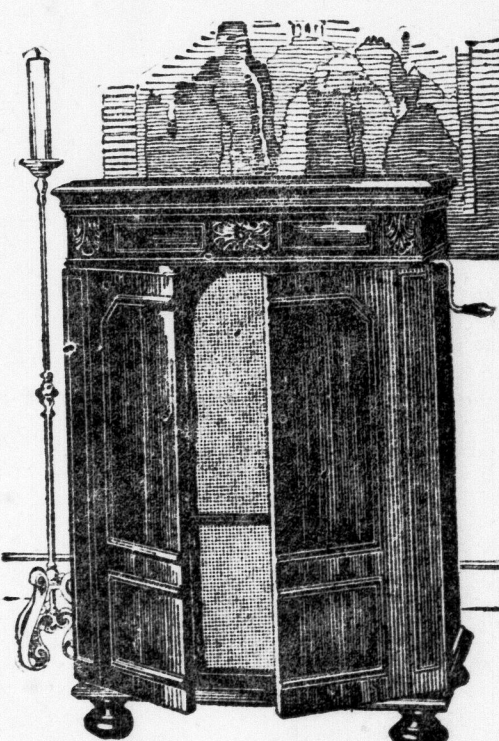
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