

## Westergard Cleared of Misleading Statement Investigation Gives Him Clear Slate

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turned the pocketbook and I am positive that Art did not say anything at all to the girls.

This statement was corroborated by a friend of Mr. Paul Haze, who was at the party, and was present at the time this interview was held with Mr. Haze.

The following is a statement from Mrs. Grace Stanley who resides at 2719 Lake Street and made to me at the rooming in Brandeis Store basement Saturday, March 25, 1933.

Ques. Mrs. Stanley, were you at the Prettiest Mile Club the night a pocketbook was lost?

Ans. Yes, I was waiting on the same table with Bertha where the lady sat that owned the pocketbook that was misplaced. It so happened that I was not waiting on the lady that lost the pocketbook. It was a long table and Bertha was waiting on one end of the table and I on the other.

Some gentleman asked me if I had seen a pocketbook and I said no, I haven't seen any pocketbook.

Ques. Do you know who this gentleman was that asked you about the pocketbook?

Ans. No, I do not. I understood it was Mr. Westergard.

Ques. Did you see him at anytime talk to the accused girl?

Ans. Yes, I did.

Ques. What was said to this girl?

Ans. Well, she said there was a pocketbook lost and that it was lost at a place where you waited on and we must have that pocketbook.

Ques. Did anyone put their hands on the girl?

Ans. Yes, the man that was questioning her caught her by the arm and said to her, give us that pocketbook and Bertha said to him, I haven't got any pocketbook and he said, this is Westergard and I want that pocketbook and Bertha said, I don't care who you are. My father's name is State Montgomery and he is well able to pay you for the pocketbook and what ever is it if I had it, but I haven't got it. About this time I went down stairs to get Arrisa Richey, the head waitress, and to tell her about the disturbance and when we returned someone had found the pocketbook and returned it. Bertha was very much hurt and was crying.

Ques. Mrs. Stanley, do you know who the man was that was talking to the accused girl?

Ans. Yes I do, it was Mr. Westergard.

Ques. Would you know Mr. Westergard if you were to see him again.

Ans. Sure I would.

Ques. Have you a few minutes to spare? If you have I would like very much to have you go to Mr. Westergard's office at the city hall and see if he is the one that talked with the girl.

Ans. Yes, I'd be glad to, if it doesn't take too much time.

At this point, Mrs. Grace Stanley and I both walked to the city hall not thinking of it being Saturday. When we got to the city hall, Mr. Westergard's office was closed. I should judge it was about 12:30. Then I requested Mrs. Stanley to go with me over to the court house and make this statement to a friend of mine named Mr. Robert Smith. Mrs. Stanley very willingly went with me to Mr. Smith's office and Mrs. Stanley related in substance the same statement she had made to me to Mr. Smith.

After she had finished answering Mr. Smith's questions, Mrs. Stanley was asked to wait in the reception room just a moment and Mr. Smith said to me, "Galloway, this girl is telling a straight, forward, true story as she remembers that affair and she tells it in a very intelligent way. Now the thing for us to do is to get hold of Westergard and have him come here immediately and let this girl see both if possible, both George and Art Westergard. However, I am of the opinion that she should see George first for I am told that there is a resemblance of all the Westergard brothers."

I, C. C. Galloway, went to the phone and tried to locate Mr. George Westergard so as to have him come to Mr. Smith's office for that purpose. Before I had concluded my efforts, I remembered that Mrs. Stanley had stated that she did not have much time and I went out into the waiting room to inquire of her if she could wait any longer and I found that she had already gone.

I am very pleased to state that Mrs. Grace Stanley put forth an honest effort very willingly to assist me in clearing up this affair.

Above is a true statement of Mrs. Grace Stanley made to C. C. Galloway.

Statement of Mr. James H. Ross, 2743 N. 45th Ave. Telephone Glen 3427, about the Westergard affair at the Prettiest Mile Club. Mr. Ross is the husband of the lady who lost the pocketbook at Prettiest Mile Club on New Years, 1930.

The following is a statement to C. C. Galloway made March 27, 1933.

Ques. Mr. Ross, do you remember an instance of a pocketbook being misplaced by your wife at a party at the Prettiest Mile Club on 1930? If you do, would you please state in details just what happened as near as you can.

Ans. Yes, I am the husband of the lady who lost the pocketbook and that

was a very regrettable affair. My wife and I got up from the dinner table to dance. My wife left her pocketbook lying on the table and when we returned to the table the pocketbook was misplaced. I called Paul Haze's attention about the pocketbook being misplaced and Mr. Haze questioned the girl that served us about the pocketbook. It's been so long until it's hard for me to remember in details everything that happened. I do remember, however, that Paul and I both were talking to the girl, not in an aggressive way, for the pocketbook was a gift of my wife's mother to her and we were very anxious to get the pocketbook returned. It seems to me I said to the girl, this is Mr. Westergard's party and I am his guest. The girl answered and said something, but I do remember she steadfastly denying having the pocketbook.

While we were talking, Mr. Westergard had the orchestra stop playing and announced that a pocketbook had been lost and requested whoever found it to please return it to my wife. Shortly after that George Westergard who is a brother to Mr. Art Westergard, returned to the table and said he had the pocketbook in his pocket and that he picked it up just to have a little fun as he passed by the table when no one was sitting there at the beginning of the dance and he returned the pocketbook to my wife. My wife immediately went to the kitchen to apologize for the mistake that had been made to the girl questioned by Mr. Haze. Finding that the girl had gone she asked the hostess to make an apology for her to the girl as soon as she saw her. This is about what happened as I remember it.

Ques. Mr. Ross, do you remember as to the fact as to whether Mr. Westergard had anything to say to the girl during the time the pocketbook was lost and found or anytime.

Ans. No, Art Westergard did not say anything to the girl. Paul Haze and I did the talking. The only thing I remember that Art said was to the orchestra to announce that a pocketbook had been lost.

Ques. Then Mr. Ross, could you say positively that Mr. Westergard did not say anything to the girl about the loss of the pocketbook?

Ans. Which one of the Westergards have you reference to?

Ques. Art Westergard.

Ans. No, I'm sure that Art Westergard did not have anything to say to any of the girls because he was not on that side of the room when we were talking.

Ques. Mr. Ross, did Mr. George Westergard say anything to the girl?

Ans. Well, I'm not sure about that. If my memory serves me correctly, the girl was gone from that part of the room when George returned the pocketbook. I remember Paul saying to George you should go and apologize to that girl and my wife thought it was his duty to apologize to the accused girl and immediately went down stairs for that purpose.

Ques. Then, Mr. Ross, you are in a position to state that it is a fact that Mr. Westergard did not at any time say anything to any of the girls about the pocketbook affair.

Ans. Yes, I'm sure that Art Westergard was not at anytime in that part of the room.

The above statement was made by Mr. James H. Ross to C. C. Galloway.

Statement from Mr. George D. Westergard, Manager of the Tire Sales with the White Eagle Oil Cooperation at Farnam and Park Ave. made to C. C. Galloway on Monday, March 27, 1933.

I walked into the office and asked for Mr. George D. Westergard. Immediately he came forward and introduced himself to me. I asked Mr. Westergard if he remembered the incident of a lost pocketbook at the Prettiest Mile Club New Years, 1930. Mr. Westergard said yes, he was the one that had the pocketbook in his pocket. I was not at my brother's table that evening and when the music began to play I passed his table on the way to dance. I saw this pocketbook lying on the table and I said to my wife, I'm going to have some fun out of Art's party and I picked the pocketbook up and stuck it in my pocket and proceeded on across the room to dance. After sometime I was informed that there was some trouble about a pocketbook being stolen by a girl and I went over to Mr. and Mrs. Ross where they were talking about it and told them that I had the pocketbook and returned it to Mrs. Ross. Someone said something about an apology and Mrs. Ross went to the kitchen to make an apology. I do not know as to whether she saw the girl or not.

You know, Mr. Galloway, this has been a long time ago and its very hard to remember the details. However, I feel that if there is anybody hurt, it was my fault and I am indeed sorry this thing happened. It looks like there is no end to this affair. I felt then and feel now that I should apologize to all concerned for what I did. I did it all through fun, not intended to create any hard feelings and I would be tickled to death to apologize to the lady at this late day for I would not hurt anybody's feelings for anything on earth wrongfully.

Ques. Mr. Westergard, do you remember as to the fact as to whether Mr. Art Westergard said anything to any of the girls at anytime about the loss of the pocketbook?

Ans. Well, I can only state about

that as to what was said to me as I returned by Mr. Haze and Mr. Ross for I was not there.

Ques. When you returned, did you see Mr. Art Westergard standing anywhere near where you say Mr. Paul Haze and Mr. Ross?

Ans. No, I don't believe he was in that part of the room at that time. Whatever is possible to be done to amend what was done to this lady, I will be happy to do so. Art is not anyway to be blamed for this affair. I am wholly responsible for it myself and you may tell the lady that I will be proud to apologize to her and anytime you may need my presence here's my card, give me a ring and I will come to you anywhere and do all I can to clear this matter.

The above statement was made by Mr. George D. Westergard to C. C. Galloway.

After making a careful investigation and talking with the following parties; Mr. Paul Haze and a friend of his that was at the party, I do not remember his name, Mr. James H. Ross, Mr. Art Westergard, Mr. Bell, Miss Arrisa Richey, who did not care to make a statement for publication, but I was perfectly satisfied with what I got out of my talk with Miss Richey about this affair. I talked with Mrs. Grace Stanley who, I believe, gave me a true statement very freely of what happened. I talked with Mrs. Blanche Blaise, a very short time and I felt that what I got from her in fact she stated that she did not care to give any statement for publication. One of my reporters interviewed Mrs. Blanche Buford and she stated that she did not remember much about it as it had been so long and she did not care to make a statement for publication. Mr. Paul Haze gave me a very fine statement of the whole affair, also Mr. Ross, Mr. George D. Westergard was very reluctant to talk, but answered every question I asked him with a willingness to give me the truth about what happened.

I also find that Mrs. Bell had made the same statement to Mesdams Jones, Wright and Bush of the south side that she made to me three years ago in writing to the fact that she did not believe she could identify the man who talked to her at the club.

In conclusion, I am positive that Mr. Paul Haze is the man that done the most of the talking to Mrs. Bell and that Mr. James H. Ross is to be given credit for leaving the impression that Mr. Westergard was talking to the girl by making the remark as follows: "This is Westergard's party and I am his guest and my wife has lost a pocketbook." I double checked this statement unbeknowns to the parties concerned and I firmly believe that Mr. Arthur Westergard has been falsely accused by public opinion as the man who insulted one of our group. I found Mr. Arthur Westergard, Mr. George Westergard, Mr. Ross and Mr. Paul Haze perfectly willing to cooperate with me in giving these girls an opportunity to identify the two men that done the talking at the time of the pocketbook affair. But, with the exception of Mrs. Grace Stanley, I got no cooperation whatever from any of the girls that were present in my efforts to make an engagement at my office to clear this matter up as I thought it should be.

At this time I feel positive that Mr. Westergard is innocent of any wrong doings to our group and should not be persecuted by public opinion any further.

By C. C. Galloway.

## These Endorse...

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Dr. P. T. Barber  
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M. M. Meyers  
Amos Grant  
Mrs. Mary Guinotte  
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Robert Smith  
Judge Herbert Rhoades  
C. C. Galloway  
Sam Klaver  
Blanch Smith  
Penn Fodrea  
Henry Monsky  
Judge Willis Sears

JOHN HOPKINS  
Mrs. Cuthbert Vincent  
Mrs. C. A. Granden  
Mrs. O. W. Youngberg  
Mrs. Dave Rosenstock  
Mrs. Sam Beber

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Peter Jensen  
Paul Samuelson  
Paul Garretto  
Alfred Peterson  
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William Russell  
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Joe Lovely  
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John Durfee  
Charles Reeve  
Dr. W. H. Walker  
Dudley Hamilton  
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Stanley Serpan  
J. J. Wanta  
Ferdinand Vlack  
J. G. Rosicky  
Frank Kotera  
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Fred White

## the Youths' Idea of a City Commission

By David Slobodinsky

Young men are always impressed by honesty and ability, and it is certain that they will vote this time for men of good faith and honesty, who will keep their promises to reduce taxes and refrain from interdepartment bickerings.

The youth of today are more practical than those of earlier days, and not so easily deceived, and it is to this practicality, that this group of men look with confidence and assurance of being chosen as the leaders of this city for the next three years.

The younger generation of voters are interested as never before in good government, and in getting rid of all forms of political trickery and sham in public offices, and it is on men like Carmichael, Hopkins, Trustin, Young, Jepsen, Towl, and Westergard, that the young people can and do pin their hopes and confidences.

Young people look with respect, and have a great regard for people of business ability, integrity, and education, and if they should vote for no other reasons than these, they might go far and still not find a group, such as is endorsed by the Douglas County Voters League, as meritorious as this one.

## BIG TOWN STUFF BY LITTLE TOWN FOLKS

Baldrige, Herman and Dennison—The little Dennison, Baldrige machine trying out the Pengergrass system, through the Lynch way. Where is Johnnie Lynch? Will the evils of his sins, send him first to Fremont for a long rest? Now they tell me he is on a vacation in Kansas City taking a post graduate course in the Pengergrass political system. Every once in a while we see the name of Lynch in Omaha, with it is Baldrige, Herman Freidlander, Paul Holiday. It is alleged that one of their reporters Pete Rooney made a house to house canvass to see what Omahans thought of the "Ins and Outs," who had filed for city commissioner. We have been told that out of 840 homes where they made inquiries, 820 said for God sake give us a new "Stew." We have been eating the old ones long enough. In other words 820 citizens of Omaha said clean up the city hall. The 20 said, well my brother's got a job, save his job please.

When did Mr. Herman Freidlander first become a co-worker of the Dennison machine? Well we don't know the exact date, but we know when he was running for the nomination of county commissioner, he went down on 15th St. for high political instructions and the arm of the political lawd was just put around him and he was told, "your a fine fellow and we are going to see that you are nominated for county commissioner at the same time, Mr. Freidlander was saying to the good government people of Omaha, "so help me, God, I am not anyways connected with the Dennison machine." This is the kind of material that is putting forth efforts to keep the old Dennison machine alive, through the Voter's Economy Council headed by Malcolm Baldrige; Alleged co-workers, Herman Freidlander, Paul Holiday, Pete Rooney and all the weak minded sisters who are easily led by a sinister influence before they make any investigation.

## WHAT IS THE INDEPENDENT VOTER'S LEAGUE

A group of the Dennison machine outs, assisted by the Klu Kluk Klan and their sympathizers trying to steal the prestige and influence of the Douglas County Voter's League, a political organization that works the year around organized in 1924, by taking a part of this organization's name. Believe it or not, this is from one who has made an investigation of every member of the executive board of the Independent Voter's League. Yes, they have endorsed Roy N. Towl and Harry Trustin. These are two good men and should be elected. For what reason did they endorse these men? As a blind to get four other of their candidates elected. Well they have Catholics and Jews on their executive board—yes, that is true. The Catholics are a group of ex-Dennison associates who are out at the present time for first one reason and then another and the Jews are those who leap before they make an extensive investigation.

This community and all Omaha will do well to exclude the recommendation of this organization with the exception of Roy N. Towl and Harry Trustin.

## CAMPAIGN CARD

We note from one of our would be City Commissioners campaign card on the reverse side. One line that reads He was born and reared in Omaha, too bad that Omaha must admit her guilt. Another line says, "Ex-service man Air service. That accounts for the hot air we got from him in the city council last Tuesday in person instead of a written statement of facts. Another line says, 17 years as Vice-Pres. and Mgr. of the Storz Supply Co. Three years manager of the Storz Electric and Refrigeration Co. Proud of his name—A fine way to be. But it would be well for the voters of Omaha to check up on the success of the Company under his management and see for themselves if the Hot Air Merchant has been budgeting his own business and they will know if the Hot Air Merchant is capable of budgeting the City's business. Another line says, a business administration and harmony in the city hall. Well if he finds reason to raise the Hell he attempted March 8 and he is out trying to get in, God help us if he is elected city commissioner. We will leave it to you as what to expect if he gets into the city hall.

## POLITICAL HOT-SHOTS

Harry Leland, W. B. Bryant, John A. Singleton, C. C. Galloway, W. W. Peebles, Rev. Z. E. McGhee, J. Wesley Jones, Rev. P. M. Harris, John Adams and H. J. Pinkett all on one program and going one way. What's going to happen? Look out Political fans. Hell broke loose in Georgia.

Did you hear Aunt Dinah at that Pinkett Meeting? Well she broke her promise, we wonder was that a fair representation of her candidates.

Brother McGee wants Omaha White folks to scratch his back Just Once, since he has been scratching theirs for 30 years in Omaha. God knows how long in Alabama.

Evidently brother Leland didn't like the introduction at the Pinkett rally meeting. Well if a dog is yellow and he has fleas on him, he just can't keep from scratching even though he is in the parlor.

Johnnie Horton is yet looking for that \$200 candidate man—Good luck, Johnnie. Everybody that says he is your friend is not. Be careful Johnnie, save your shoe leather. \$200 politicians space buyers went out when Hoover came in.

We wonder how Hopkins and Towl got so lucky. Their name is on every slate in town—Well Carmichael, Jepsen and Trustin ain't slow to be so young in the game.

If H. J. Pinkett gets a solid Negro vote, there will be more white folks wanting to talk about him than there were at the meeting Friday night. Look out Pinkett, Nothing is Impossible.

Holiday will be over on N. 24th street Tuesday 9 P. M. All dim bread lines will put out the lights for 30 days. Tom Dennison is sick. Tom had another stroke. Tom Dennison can't make it much longer—Wonder who will take his place. Is the Old Man in politics this year? Everybody seems to be waiting. For the lords sake why don't they let this poor man's name rest. He seems to be going about the streets of Omaha unassuming as a lamb. The good only die young. Name's run out.

So many headquarters on 24th street—we have to duplicate names. Well somebody's got to help these poor candidates.

Why is it that 24th St. is the hot bed of every campaign. Well all good fishermen fish when they get a bite. And believe me we have some preachers walking delegates who will give them a bite.

The old saying by the political experts, so goes the second ward, so goes the city election—Look out Pinkett. Trust in Trustin, He will not fail you—Jump for Jepsen, he has been waiting since 86, well not him altogether but the Jepsen family.

Care for Carmichael, his word is his bond—Son go West and find Westergard he will teach you the budget system—Hop on the Hopkins band wagon, for the music is good—He is a sure winner. Everybody loves to say I did it.

Blend with Blaine Young and he will see that your golf course will be kept in shape with the fees therefrom. Toe in wit hTowl, he is a good bet, his hide is tough. He stood the Gaff for you and me, until the Toe got good enough to catch help from H. and W.

C. C. Galloway  
Says...

Clip this Slate and  
Take to Polls



W. W. Carmichael  
John Hopkins  
Harry Trustin  
Blaine Young  
Richard W. Jepsen  
Roy N. Towl  
A. A. Westergard

