

## Jurist Enters Mayoralty Race in Earnest



Judge Bledsoe Filing His Petitions With the City Clerk

Left to right—City Clerk Dominguez, Campaign Manager George B. Bush, Mrs. Sarah E. Ash, in charge of the women's division, and Judge Bledsoe.

## BLEDSON FILES PETITIONS

### Workers Obtain 3700 Names to Nomination Blanks of Jurist for Mayor in Eight Hours

In the record-breaking time of eight hours, the petitions to place former United States District Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe's name on the May 5 primary election ballot as candidate for Mayor were filed yesterday: 3700 signatures were secured, with only 500 required, and the petitions were filed with City Clerk Dominguez at the City Hall at 4 p.m.

The blank nominating petitions were obtained from the City Clerk at 8 o'clock yesterday and taken to the Bledsoe-for-Mayor campaign headquarters at 425 South Spring street. In order to make the nominating petition representative of all parts of the city, petitions were distributed to the fifteen district campaign headquarters, including the East Side, Hollywood, Wilshire, Los Angeles Harbor, Highland Park and other sections of the city.

#### PETITIONS ROLL IN

Within a few hours the filled petitions came rolling in to the campaign headquarters so that at 3:30 o'clock, Judge Bledsoe, Campaign Manager George B. Bush and Mrs. Sarah E. Ash, in charge of the women's division of the Bledsoe-for-Mayor campaign, started for the City Hall with the great stack of signed petitions. They were filed with the City Clerk at 4 p.m., just eight hours after the blank petitions were taken out.

Judge Bledsoe and Campaign Manager Bush expressed gratification at the rapidity with which men and women in all parts of the city signed the petitions, and Mrs. Ash reported that all of the district campaign headquarters reported that signatures to the petitions were easily obtained.

#### CAMPAIGN IS ON

City Clerk Dominguez said that the petitions would be immediately checked. The maximum number of signatures permitted by the State law to be filed is 1000, so that the 2700 additional signatures will be held in reserve, for use, if necessary. It is expected that the petitions will check high as all distributors were instructed to secure names of only registered voters.

Judge Bledsoe said that now that his resignation is effective and that he is once more just a citizen and a taxpayer of Los Angeles, and had filed his nominating petition, he felt that the campaign was on in earnest.

"And I am in this campaign to win," said the former judge.

Former Judge Bledsoe's petition was the only one taken out yesterday, and it is almost certain that no additional ones for any office will be taken out, as no filled petitions can be filed after the City Clerk's office closes this evening. To date a total of 195 candidates have taken out petitions for circulation, of which 164 were for the Council.

With the practical ending of the taking out of petitions yesterday, two contests were decided. City Attorney Stephens was unopposed. No petitions other than his were filed for the office of City Attorney and he stands elected by acclamation, as was the case at the primaries two years ago. His name will be the only one to appear on the May 5 ballot as candidate for City Attorney. The other result is the re-election of the present Board of Education. While several other names of candidates will appear on the May 5 ballot for the board, these candidates are not well known. It is practically certain that the present board will receive a majority of all the votes cast for the Board of Education candidates at the primaries and will be declared elected then. The present members of the Board of Education are: Robert A. Odell, president; Arthur S. Bent, John B. Beman, Robert L. Burns, Elizabeth Louise Clark, Lucia Macbeth and Frederick Peitshans.

Candidates who filed petitions yesterday included E. E. Moore, Sixth Councilmanic District; George P. Ryan, Seventh Councilmanic District; Davis S. Reynolds, Eighth Councilmanic District; Councilman W. J. Sanborn, Ninth Councilmanic District; Beari Spratt, Thirteenth Councilmanic District, and Edgar McKee, Mayoralty candidate.

Candidates who qualified yesterday for places on the May 5 ballot included R. L. Knapp for Mayor, Arthur Eldridge for Controller, and the following councilmanic candidates: Frederick G. Topp, Fifth Councilmanic District; Assemblyman Howard W. Davis, Seventh Councilmanic District; E. J. McCully, Twelfth Councilmanic District; W. A. Roberts, Fourteenth Councilmanic District; and C. B. Minter and George Ian Maxwell, Fifteenth Councilmanic District.

A meeting will be held this evening at the Michelorena school, at which George E. Hume, of Van Nuys will be chairman, to discuss candidates in the First Councilmanic District, (San Fernando

Valley.) The strongest contenders in this district are Charles T. Waidlaw of the Van Nuys district and E. E. Lampton of the Atwater district. Several of the candidates will be present at tonight's meeting.

Bledsoe-for-Mayor headquarters have been opened in the Palms district at 7307 Motor avenue, with H. C. Seymour as president of the campaign committee. The other officers of the committee which will direct the campaign in this district for the election of former Judge Bledsoe include John D. Redd, executive secretary; W. E. Carnahan, treasurer; Mrs. Maude Budge, vice-president. The executive committee includes the following: H. C. Seymour, J. R. Redd, W. E. Carnahan, A. L. King, Mrs. Maude Budge, Hal Forrest, C. V. Loop, Mrs. Della M. Williams, Mrs. Earl Eastham, H. O. Smyser, G. B. Shanks, Mrs. Wm. Young, Mrs. G. K. Kildson, Wm. Brier Schorr, L. H. Wilson, I. C. Butler, Mrs. Nellie M. Paul. Directors were M. Barthel, Los Angeles; Clarence M. Knox and Rev. J. McConnell of Culver City. The advisory board consists of H. C. Seymour, John B. Redd, W. E. Carnahan, J. C. Barthel, Clarence Montgomery Knox, Rev. J. O. McConnell.

President Seymour appointed Mrs. Nellie M. Paul, H. O. Smyser and Hal Forrest as committee on publicity and registering of voters. He also appointed on the committee on public meetings, L. H. Wilson, Mrs. Erl Eastman and Mrs. L. A. Thrasher. The social and entertainment committee includes all of the above named members of the executive committee, in addition to the following: Mrs. Clarence Montgomery Knox, H. H. Park, William Richards, Mrs. L. M. Eddington, Mrs. John M. Ousby, Mrs. Charlotte Kirby Ritter, Mrs. Sherman Mason, Mrs. John B. Redd, Mrs. C. E. Coe, Mrs. H. C. Seymour, Mrs. E. Rathburn, Mrs. J. Crompton, Mrs. A. V. Betrick, Mrs. E. Heffner, Mrs. Harry Wade, Mrs. H. H. Park, Mrs. I. French, Rev. J. Sherrill, Rev. Charles Stanley, George W. Schilling, Harry Hayden Whitely, William A. Raleigh, O. Lashar and J. H. Bacon.

The Men's Brotherhood of the First Methodist Church has endorsed former Councilman John Topham's candidacy in the Fifth Councilmanic District, as has the Los Angeles Building Owners' and Managers' Association. Topham is a former president of the Men's Brotherhood of the First Methodist Church.

Addressing the members of the San Pedro Optimists' Club in that community's hall, Tenth and Mesa streets, last night, R. W. Wormsely made many new friends for the Mayoralty candidacy of Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe. The candidate's support of future harbor development was cited by the speaker as being among the reasons for supporting Judge Bledsoe. His record as Federal Jurist is an open book, the speaker declared, and revealed his ability to carry out prenomination pledges.

Community meetings of Bledsoe supporters will be held tonight at 765 East Fifty-second Place, at 2038 West Jefferson street, with E. D. Reiter as principal speaker, and at the 2418 North Broadway headquarters.