

AVOID WRANGLS

President's Reception Committee Able to Agree.

MAYOR PRESIDES WITH TACT

Lively Interchange of Views on Carriages and Dinner Results in Harmonious Arrangement of Details of Programme.

THE PRESIDENT IN OREGON. Arrive at Astoria, May 21. Arrive in Portland, May 21, 2 P. M. Leave Portland May 22, 9 A. M.

If things continue to go with the Portland committee on reception of the President as they went last night at the meeting at the Commercial Club rooms, there will be no such laughable yet disgraceful wrangle as has broken out between Seattle and Tacoma.

There was a large attendance, this being the last meeting prior to the event for which the committee is arranging, and Mayor Williams presided with his usual tact, stepping in at critical times to harmonize those who disagreed.

John C. Ainsworth came first with a report from the committee on finance, the most important of all in one sense of the word. He stated that \$4613 had been subscribed, not including the \$500 which the Lewis and Clark Fair Commission gives in cash and labor.

On motion of General O. Summers, Mr. Ainsworth was elected treasurer. W. M. Calk asked for an estimate of expenses, but Mayor Williams said he supposed the different committees would make estimates.

Then came the report of the committee on dedication of the Lewis and Clark monument from W. D. Wheelwright, its chairman. He said the Fair Commission had made a list of 150 persons who could be seated on the platform, including the Presidential party.

John H. Hall made the report of the committee on details of programme. He said the firing of a salute of 21 guns on the arrival of the President had been assigned to General C. F. Beebe.

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Carriages for 120 Persons. "Are all the members of this general committee included in the reception committee?" asked J. E. Haseltine. "I suppose the reception committee will be the proper committee to receive the President," answered Mayor Williams.

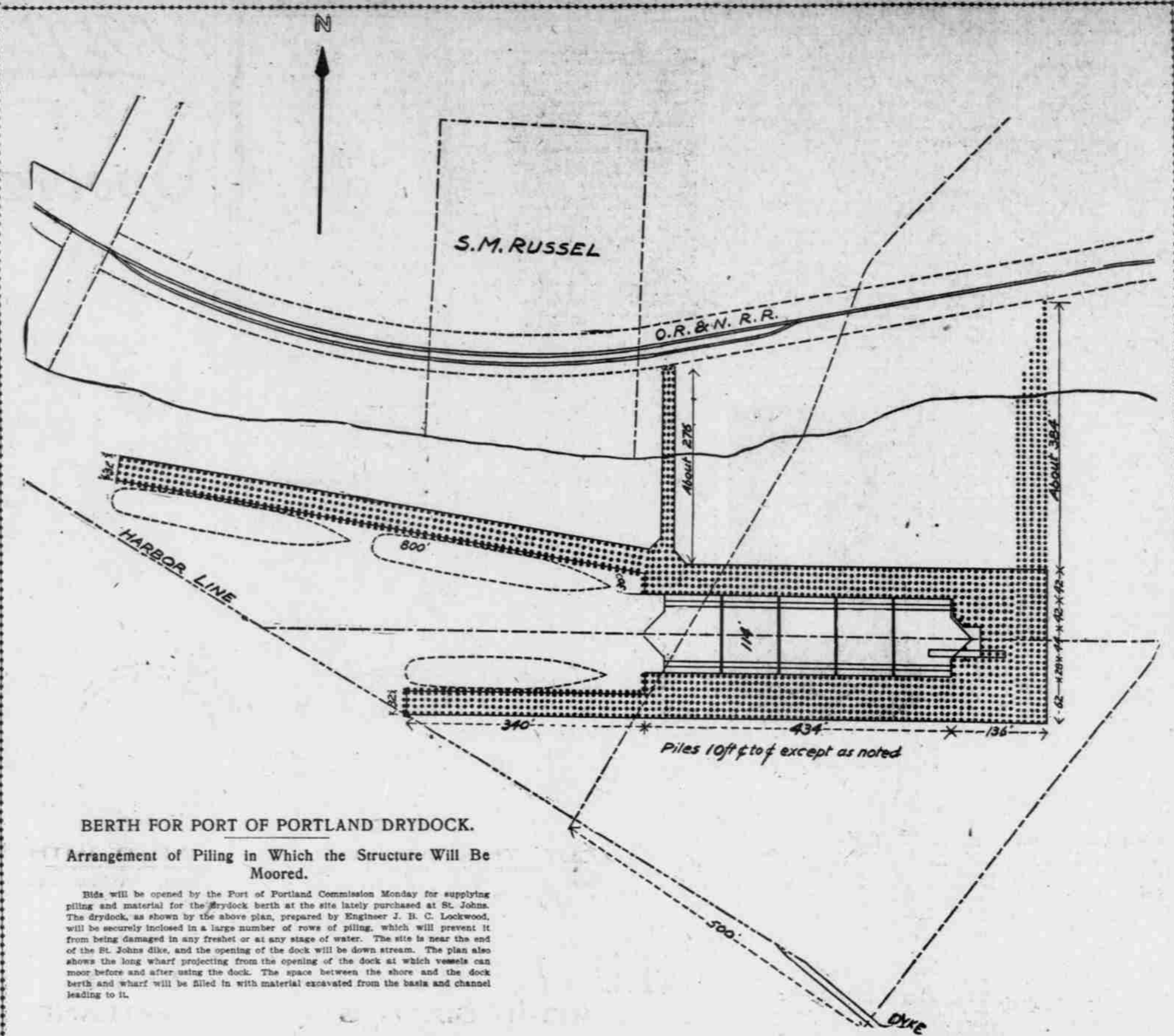
It seems to me that this committee ought to be furnished with carriages, said Mr. Haseltine. "We are not going to be in carriages as we go on behind? There are surely carriages enough in the city, I don't know if there are any members of these subcommittees left out of the carriages."

All the Bands in the City Engaged. Then General Summers presented the report of the committee on music, which provides for the employment of all the bands in the city at a cost of \$4 a band for the professionals, the Seventeenth Regiment Band from Vancouver Barracks, the Mount Angel, McMinnville and other volunteer bands from outside the city, which will receive no compensation, but will have their expenses paid.

Guests at the Dinner. Then came another interesting item about the dinner. Mr. Wheelwright reported that the committee had planned for a party of about 80, at an expense of \$1000 or \$1500. In answer to a request for particulars, W. D. Fenton, of the committee, explained that this had been a matter of conference among Mr. Wheelwright, the Mayor and himself.

No Public Dinner Wanted. "I received a communication from the President saying that he did not want a banquet in Portland, which I understood to mean a large dinner with music and speeches," explained Mayor Williams. "He wanted a private dinner. In my answer I said the dinner would be private, in accordance with his wishes. My individual opinion is that it should be exclusively an official dinner, and I have acquiesced in this action of the committee."

Mr. Fenton accepted the suggestion, and said there would be about 20 persons who would attend outside of the invited guests. These would pay \$20 each, making \$400. "If any decline, let the committee fill up their places with others," said Mr. Dunne.



BERTH FOR PORT OF PORTLAND DRYDOCK. Arrangement of Piling in Which the Structure Will Be Moored.

Bids will be opened by the Port of Portland Commission Monday for supplying piling and material for the drydock berth at the site lately purchased at St. Johns. The drydock, as shown by the above plan, prepared by Engineer J. B. C. Lockwood, will be securely inclosed in a large number of rows of piling, which will prevent it from being damaged in any freshet or at any stage of water.

of Montana, Senators Mitchell, Fulton, Ankeny, Foster, Heyburn and Dubaha, ex-Senators Grover, Simon and McBride of Oregon, Representatives Williamson, Moody, Mallory, Hermann and Judge of Oregon; Judge William B. Gilbert, of the United States Circuit Court; Judge C. B. Bellinger, of the United States District Court; General Funston, commanding the Department of the Columbia; Major William Hancock Clark; General O. Summers, grand commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans; General Charles F. Beebe, grand marshal of the parade; I. L. Patterson, Collector of the port; L. Zimmerman, president of the City Council; also the committee on dinner.

"This makes 38 names," said Mr. Fenton. "For the remainder we thought we would select the principal contributors to the entertainment fund, and we have under consideration one or two other Representatives. I shall be glad to give my place to any one who wishes to take it. We desire to have no such dispute as they are having on Puget Sound. We shall do fairly well if we get out without any bickerings."

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Few Small Subscriptions. "The fund was not raised in \$5 and \$10 subscriptions," answered Mr. Wheelwright. "There is not a single \$5 subscription, and there are only four \$10 subscriptions. It is to be regretted that Mr. Calk, knowing that this committee was appointed for the purpose, did not wait on the committee and state his views. The San Francisco banquet was open to this extent—every subscriber to the entertainment fund was permitted to attend on payment of \$30 additional. This is a dinner in honor of the President, and I do not know of any way in which we can honor him more than by inviting eminent people to meet him." Mr. Wheelwright named the official guests and said some of them had subscribed. The others were men who had subscribed large sums not knowing that they would be invited.

Mr. Calk says we ought to put a price on the plates," said Mr. Fenton. "There are about 40 people who are guests. We cannot ask the President's party nor the distinguished men we have invited. That would leave about 20 local people. I will suggest that we ask these to pay \$20 a plate, and I believe they will do so readily. We invite the position, not the man. Any man can have my plate, and I will pay for it."

Mr. Calk renewed his protest, saying the plan for the dinner was "undemocratic, unnecessary and subjecting this committee to criticism."

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Not Enough Carriages. Then the carriage question came up again. Mr. Haseltine moving that the committee on details procure carriages enough for the whole committee, and that the individual members pay for them. "The committee has already secured all the carriages available," said Mr. Hall. "but we can get private carriages and three carryalls."

Mr. Fenton moved that any member of the committee provide a carriage for himself and the use of other members.

But we've hired all the carriages in the city," objected General Summers. "I am opposed to instructing the subcommittees," was Mr. Wheelwright's contribution. "It is all very well for these men who are on subcommittees to joke about it," retorted Mr. Haseltine, "but I'd like to shake hands with the President, and I don't see a chance unless I push through a crowd."

"I do not agree with Mr. Wheelwright," said Mr. Dunne, a smile of paternal pride irradiating his beaming face. "I should like to hire Colonel Hawkins' carryall and take my family. The President is partial to large families, and he would rather see them than this committee."

Mr. Hall explained that there would be no opportunity to shake hands with the President except for those who are in the first nine carriages, as they alone will be admitted. His committee was willing to provide a carriage for any member of the committee who was not an subcommittee. This assurance satisfied Mr. Haseltine, and harmony reigned again.

A representative of the labor unions asked that union labor be allowed an opportunity to bid on the erection of the platform at the monument, but the Mayor informed him that the stand was being erected by the Lewis and Clark Fair Commission, and Mr. Wheelwright, chairman of the Fair committee, would not accept a bid. It was informed that the contract had been let and the work was being done. Then the committee adjourned.

Badges for the members of the committee will be in charge of T. C. Devlin, the City Auditor, and they should apply to him at the City Hall for them. In order to insure that none of them is overlooked.

WORK IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS Delegates to State Convention in Session.

The 18th annual convention of the Oregon State Sunday School Association opened last night at the First Christian Church. A large audience was present, and the interest manifested presaged a highly successful convention. A. A. Morse is president of the State Association.

The exercises began with prayer by Rev. J. V. Milligan, of this city, followed by an address by Mrs. J. Woodbridge Barnes, of Newark, N. J. She devoted her attention to the need of cultivating the spirit of reverence among the children and deplored the present tendency, which minimizes the importance of this essential feature in the proper education of the young.

W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, spoke on "God's Plan for the World's Conquest," drawing an important lesson from the feeding of the 5000. Walter J. Gill sang "My God, My Father, While I Stray," and Rev. Mr. Selleck pronounced the benediction.

A praise service was held yesterday afternoon at Grace Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. A. D. Soper, of Portland, which was followed by a general discussion of Sunday school methods. Today's meetings will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning, at the First Christian Church, when the delegates will be formally welcomed by Rev. J. F. Gormley, pastor of the church, to which Mrs. E. A. Lowell, of Pendleton, will respond. The reports of the officers of the association will be read, and addresses will be made by C. R. Fleher, of Oakland, Cal., and W. C. Pearce, of Chicago. In the afternoon Reno Hutchinson, of the Y. M. C. A., will have charge of the meeting. The evening meeting will have for its theme "The Child in Our Midst," led by Rev. E. C. Lapman, of the Second Baptist Church.

SAYS LAW IS DEFECTIVE NEW PORT OF PORTLAND BOARD MAY NOT HOLD OFFICE.

Errors in Act of Last Legislature May Result in Its Being Declared Invalid. At the regular monthly meeting of the Port of Portland Commission today, an opinion by J. Couch Flanders, attorney for the commission, will be read, regarding the legality of the law creating the new commission. The attention of one of the old members was recently called to the wording of the law and at his request, Mr. Flanders has written his opinion on it. According to the attorney, the new law is not rightly worded either in its title or body. Certain clauses of it amend an act subsequently repealed and an error in dates may also cause the court which passes upon it, if the matter goes that far to decide it to be unconstitutional. Mr. Flanders places his views at the disposal of the board to take such action as it sees fit. Whether the case will reach the court or not may depend on the action taken at today's meeting.

The Port of Portland Commissioners who will be relieved by the new law, if it holds water, Messrs. Banfield, Seiling, McCracken and Tucker, have all expressed themselves as pleased with the prospect of retirement. At the same time, if the law passed by the last Legislature is faulty and that of their proposed successors in office and carry on the work they have had under way for the past two years. They have just completed an expensive dredge and have a drydock half finished and do not care to leave the work in the air. For that reason they may take the matter to the courts to have their standing and that of their proposed successors determined. Any suit that is brought will be entirely a friendly one to determine this one point of legal status, not contract, they say, to hold office against the evident wish of the last Legislature.

The new law appoints as commissioners: C. F. Swigert and C. F. Adams, members of the present board, also P. L. Willis, John Driscoll, Archie Pease, E. W. Spencer and G. B. Thomas. Of these new members, Mr. Willis, who is a lawyer, has examined the new law and he proclaims it all right. The term of office of the present board will expire May 21 and if any legal action is taken it will be after that date.

ELM BRANCH SAILED. Wyneric Receives Orders to Proceed to Port Townsend.

The big turret steamship Elm Branch completed her lumber cargo at Inman, Poulsen & Co.'s mill yesterday morning and at 1:30 in the afternoon left down bound for Taku, China. Her cargo consists of 2,54,537 feet of lumber valued at \$4,645. The shippers are the Pacific Export Lumber Company. The same company also cleared the barkentine Georgina yesterday with 1,700 feet of lumber, worth \$18,451. The Georgina is bound for Shanghai.

The chartering of the German steamship Eva by the Pacific Export Lumber Company has necessitated a change in the plans of the steamship Wyneric, which sailed from San Francisco a few days ago for Portland. The Wyneric arrived off the mouth of the Columbia yesterday morning and received orders to proceed to Port Townsend. The steamer was coming here seeking business, and her owners evidently had an eye on the big cargo that Eva secured.

MURINE EYE REMEDY Cures Sore Eyes, Makes weak Eyes strong. Murine doesn't smart, it soothes Eye pain, Druggists and opticians.

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LAIDIES CAN WEAR SHOES One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoe. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief to corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Cures and prevents swollen feet, blisters, callus and sore spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for sweating, hot, aching feet. At all druggists and shoe stores. Trial package FREE by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The Duncans are shifted from Albina to Greenwich dock, and the Langdale from Marsay to the elevator, where she will load wheat tomorrow. The Jean Bart, from Portland for Cork, was spoken February 11 in 29 south, 120

LAUNDRY-DRIVERS AT WORK. Collect Shipments for Seattle, Tacoma and Astoria.

The Laundry Drivers' Union held a special meeting yesterday afternoon in the A. O. U. W. hall for the purpose of a meeting was to bring the members of the union together that they might pool their knowledge of the laundry situation. "We are between the hammer and the deep sea," said one of the drivers afterwards. "The managers will tell us nothing and neither will the laundry workers, so we have to find out what we can by ourselves." "Was any action taken at the meeting in regard to the laundry lock-out?" was asked of Secretary Smiley. "None at all. We met to find what one another knew, and that was't very much."

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BARBERS WANT SHORTER HOURS. Will Present New Scale to Shop Proprietors This Week.

A scale showing the shorter hours decided upon by the Barbers' Union will be presented to the shop proprietors this week. Final action on the shorter-hour question was taken at a meeting of the union two weeks ago. At the meeting Tuesday evening it was decided officially to notify the proprietors that after June 1 members of the union would cut work at 7 o'clock five days in the week and at 10 on Saturday evenings.

The new scale apparently knocks an hour from the time of the barbers, and the shop managers are decidedly opposed to the innovation. The union men, however, say that it will mean in reality only the loss of a half-hour, as the time spent for supper now will be curtailed on Saturday and omitted entirely on the other days of the week.

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THE OLD RELIABLE ROW BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

Advertisement for Row Baking Powder. The text emphasizes its purity and reliability, stating 'Absolutely Pure' and 'There is no substitute'. It includes a small illustration of a woman and a child, and mentions that it is 'The Old Reliable' brand. The ad also notes that it is 'Absolutely Pure' and 'There is no substitute'.

UNION MEN ARE AROUSED

THEY WANT PRESIDENT TO SPEAK FROM "FAIR" PLATFORM.

But the Contract is Already Let and Protest of Carpenters and Painters is Unheeded.

If President Roosevelt delivers his Portland address from a platform made by unfair hands, the union men of the city threaten to do all kinds of things. As a counter proposition, they offer to erect a platform by union carpenters and painters, asking for only the cost of the material as reimbursement. This was not accepted at the meeting of the President's reception committee last night.

When the announcement was made yesterday morning that James Marshall, a member of the Master Builders' Association, and therefore antagonistic to the union men of the building trades, had the contract for the platform, there was a loud cry of resentment. The unions of carpenters and painters held an impromptu meeting and appointed a committee to wait upon Mayor Williams and ask him if nothing could be done to give the President a fair footing.

The committee was composed of Charles Ward, Fred Ritzinger, M. J. Welsh, F. R. Peterson and R. S. White. They were referred by the Mayor to W. D. Wheelwright, who has charge of the reception arrangements. Mr. Wheelwright passed it up to the architect. Here they were told that bids for the platform had been advertised for, and that Marshall had submitted a bid lower than Walker, the only other bidder. Marshall therefore was legally entitled to build the platform upon which the Chief Executive will stand when speaking to the people of Portland. The matter also came up at the meeting of the general reception committee, and it was decided that it was too late to accept the offer of the unions to build a platform, since the contract was already let.

The proposal of the carpenters and painters is that the committee should supply the material for the platform and grandstand, and that the two unions should supply the men to build and paint it. They say they will guarantee that more labor shall be expended upon the work than is called for in the contract which Marshall has obtained. All they ask is that the President shall stand upon a platform made by union men.

The replicas from the union committee were not entirely to their liking. Apparently Marshall has the right to build the platform, as he has obtained the contract in the ordinary course of business. Had the union men or a union contractor submitted a low bid, they would doubtless have been awarded the work. Marshall says he intends to go ahead.

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