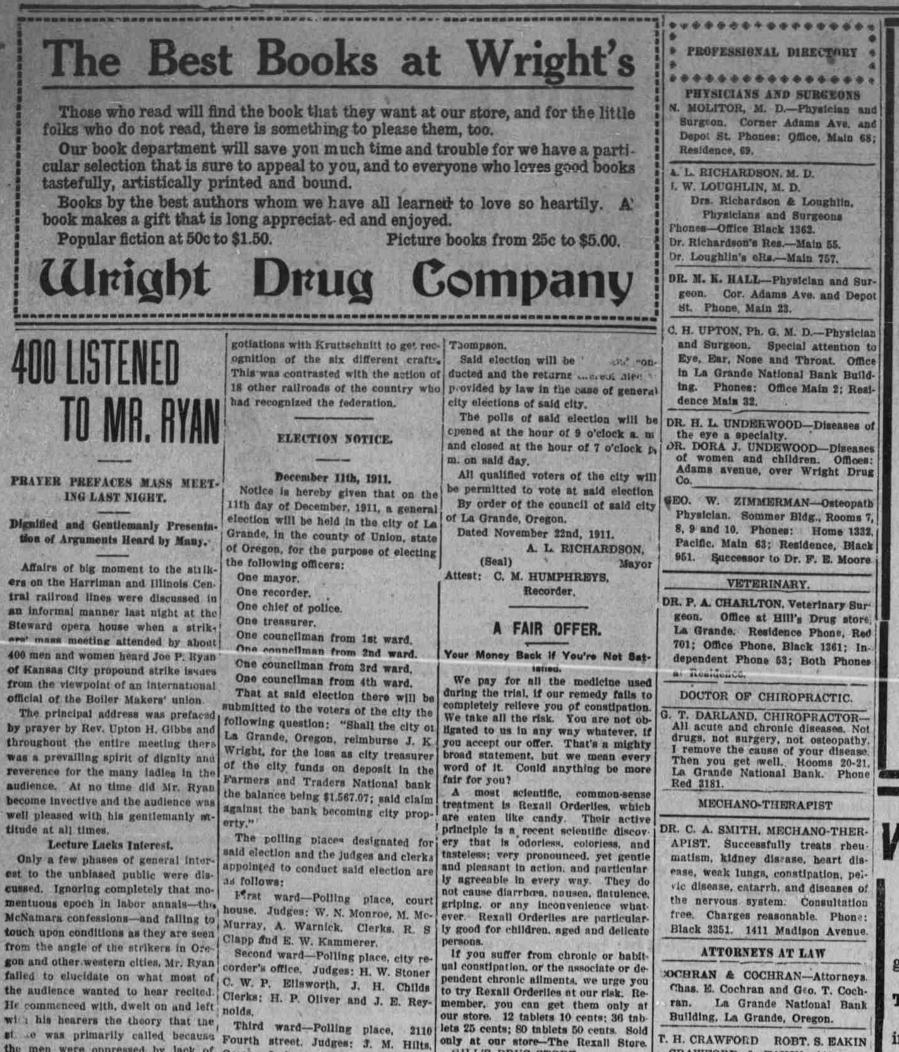
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PRAYER PREFACES MASS MEET-ING LAST NIGHT.

Dignified and Gentlemanly Presentation of Arguments Heard by Many.-

Affairs of big moment to the stilkers on the Harriman and Illinois Central railroad lines were discussed in an informal manner last night at the Steward opera house when a strik-! ere' mass meeting attended by about 400 men and women heard Joe P. Ryan of Kansas City propound strike issues from the viewpoint of an international official of the Boiler Makers' union.

by prayer by Rev. Upton H. Gibbs and throughout the entire meeting there was a prevailing spirit of dignity and reverence for the many ladles in the well pleased with his gentlemanly sttitude at all times.

Lecture Lacks Interest.

Only a few phases of general interest to the unbiased public were discussed. Ignoring completely that momentuous epoch in labor annals-the touch upon conditions as they are seen from the angle of the strikers in Ore-He commenced with, dwelt on and left nolds, wich his hearers the theory that the the men were oppressed by lack of George Ledsworth, W. D. Grandy working hours and adequate pay. He Clerks: Howard Davis and B. L. Leavleft the impression that the federation itt. issues were secondary-thou

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tal causes of the walkout. He pic'ur- and Greenwood street. Judges: G. W ed how the men, in the middlewest Allen, M. Mooney, J. H. Kochenspara week and eight hours a day during the spring and summer, drawing salaries that were mere pittances. While this was a condition, "the men in the shops were thinking, thinking."

Shopmen Made "Goats." All the time that the shopmen were worked on short hours, lap shift and no overtime, the Harriman line was double tracking its lines to the coast to handle the 1915 exposition crowds; was building an enormous office building in Omaha and to swell its improvement funds retrenched along certain lines but got most of its cash for this work by making "goats" out of the shopmen and cutting their wages to the very quick. "The retrenchment Julius Kruttschnitt talked so much about did not get beyond the shapman and the office help," said Ryan. "In order to improve their properties, the companies reduced the shopmen's pay, and that is why, principally, that the men struck."

No "Duty" Phase Exists.

In this connection he took exception to the statements often made that many of the union men who walked out did so from a sense of duty to their unions and not because they were actually dissatisfied with conditions as they were. He branded as a lie an item emanating in La Grande with this theory expressed.

Newspapers Grilled.

He advanced as a reason for his being in person the alleged fact that the big dailies-he graciously excepted "small" dailies-refused to print 1 strikers' "dope" after the strike was called; consequently, it was necessary to send men out to fell the strikers' story to the public through the public meeting method.

"Ninety-seven per cent walked out 65 days ago," he said, "and of this number none were forced out-they wanted to strike. They had been thinking of their conditions and when the time came to vote they voted to walk out, and you, ladles and gentlemen, know that none were forced out by the radicals as has been said." He dwelt at some longth on the ne



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