

# SCHMITZ CHOSEN

### Heads Municipal Ticket of Union Labor Party.

### THREE-CORNERED FIGHT LIKELY

Mike DeYoung and Claus Spreckles Object to Schmitz' Endorsement by the Republican Party.

Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, has declared himself to be a member of the Union Labor party first and foremost. He addressed a communication to his friends in the Republican convention in which for the first time he definitely sets forth his position. He gives it out that he desires endorsement by the Republican party to be recognized as secondary to his acceptance of the leadership of the party which gave him his first successful nomination two years ago. The Mayor's communication reads as follows:

"San Francisco, August 25, 1903. To My Friends in the Republican Convention: I desire to thank you for your efforts to secure for me the nomination for Mayor in your convention. I owe it to you, however, to define my position before you proceed further. I propose to accept the nomination of the Union Labor party, if it is tendered me, and to go before the people on that ticket and as the candidate of that party, relying for success upon my steadfast friends, the wage workers of San Francisco, and upon the votes of the fair-minded and independent citizens who believe that I have honestly, conservatively and consistently endeavored to do my duty by the whole people without regard to class, station or creed, and that I have fairly carried out my promise of 'Equal rights to all and special privileges to none,' and I pledge to deal justly by and to protect equally capital and labor, employer and employes alike.

"If, with this statement of my position and after my nomination by the Union Labor party, your convention should see fit to endorse my candidacy, and if your platform shall be such that I can conscientiously support it, I should not refuse a nomination at the hands of the party to whose declared National principles and policies I have ever given my strongest adherence.

"But I am firmly convinced that the necessities of the times are such that strong and firm men who believe in the peaceful advancement of the toiling masses and in the just and equal treatment of vested interests and of labor, organized and unorganized, should take this stand firmly for the principles which they profess. I believe that the existence of the Union Labor party, under prudent and conservative guidance, constitutes a safeguard and a protection to capital and to labor alike and gives to the wage-earner an organized opportunity to express the political equality which the laws of our land give to every citizen of our Republic.

"So believing, if my views are not in accord with yours, I freely release you from the friendly obligation to support me which you have so strongly manifested, and again express to you my great appreciation of your kind feelings and good will. Yours very sincerely,

"EUGENE E. SCHMITZ."

### Explains Attitude.

In an interview Mayor Schmitz explained his reasons for issuing this announcement. He said: "The rumor is current in the city that my friends in the Republican party are trying to secure me the Republican nomination for Mayor. I feel grateful to them for their efforts in my behalf, but as there have been several surmises made as to my exact position I deem it proper to put myself right before the people.

"I am a Union Labor party man before I am anything else. That party placed me in the office I now hold, and I wish it to be understood that my first duty is to that party. I want to have a free hand, so that I may conscientiously head a straight Labor Union ticket at the polls. Accordingly, I must be nominated by my party before I can consider any other nomination or endorsement. Then, after that is done, if the Republican party desires to endorse me on account of the record I have made in office, I am willing. But I will make no promises, bind myself by no pledges, that will interfere with my allegiance to the Labor Union men who have honored me with their confidence and support."

In regard to the fight which Abe Ruef and his adherents are making to secure the nomination for Schmitz, the gossips have it that Ruef, whatever he may say to the contrary, is working harder than ever. He is said to claim in the neighborhood of 147 delegates, and while conceding that W. F. Herrin has the power, if he chooses to exercise it, to absolutely name the Republican nominee, Ruef is preparing to make a bold fight for victory for his friend.

### Will Fight Schmitz.

The announcement that Mayor Schmitz will stand by the Union La-

bor party to the extent of taking his renomination for Mayor at the hands of that party, regarding endorsement by the Republicans as secondary to his leadership of the party which gave him his present office, caused political tongues to wag all through the city.

In quarters where Mayor Schmitz is not looked upon with favor the announcement was taken as indicating that the Mayor realizes he may not look for support from the Republican party. Friends of Schmitz, on the other hand, assert that he has but strengthened his position by coming forward and declaring his loyalty to the party which first gave him political prominence. They still express confidence that the Republican organization will select Schmitz for its standard-bearer, as being the strongest possible man before the people. But in all quarters there is wonderment expressed at the suddenness of the announcement, and many are the conjectures as to the reasons which prompted its circulation at the present time.

Coincident with the declaration of the Mayor's sentiments comes the news that M. H. de Young and John D. Spreckles held a conference, at which the Mayor's attorney, Abe Ruef, was present, as also were Henry Ach and John C. Lynch, of the organization committee. Rumor hath it that Messrs. de Young and Spreckles summoned the other three before them in hot haste. Be that as it may, certain it is that such a conference was held and that de Young and Spreckles had things to say ament the candidacy of Schmitz for Republican nominee for Mayor. The two newspaper proprietors expressed themselves as unalterably opposed to the nomination of Schmitz, and are reported to have gone so far as to declare that not only must all negotiations in that quarter be called off at once, but that in the event of the Republican endorsement or nomination being awarded to the present Mayor they would institute a fight against the whole Republican ticket from top to bottom.

It is known that Ruef was sent for by De Young and Spreckles about two weeks ago and told that the nomination of Schmitz by the Republican party would be regarded with the utmost disfavor. But this declaration was made more emphatic at a meeting, according to what has leaked out, by the announcement that the selection of Schmitz as the Republican standard-bearer would be followed by a combined attack upon all nominees of the party.

### Labor Convention First.

The first of the three municipal conventions was held by the Union Labor party on Wednesday, September 2, at which a labor ticket was nominated with Mayor Schmitz at its head.

The Democratic convention will be called about the middle of September. No day has yet been set, but it is understood that the Democrats will get together about the same time as the Republicans, who are to assemble on the night of September 15.

The Republican convention will meet on that date only to organize and adjourn. When the nomination will be made will depend upon circumstances, for the Republican organization committee is determined to await action by the Democratic convention before placing its list of candidates before the public. The reason for this determination on the part of the organization committee is that in selecting a candidate for the office of Mayor the Republican leaders will be guided to a considerable extent by the nominations made by the Democrats.

It appears to be conceded that the labor vote will cut a big figure in the November election. That being so, the gossips say that every effort will be made by the Republicans to cripple the vote which Mayor Schmitz appears to have at his command. A member of the organization committee said the other day: "Our candidate should possess three qualifications. First, he should command the entire Republican vote; second, he should be acceptable to the mercantile portion of the community; third, he should not be antagonistic to the labor element." It is said the Republican organization will proceed along the lines of this policy. For instance, in the event of Franklin K. Lane being nominated by the Democratic convention, he will be expected to draw from Mayor Schmitz' labor vote, so that the Republican nominee can be some conservative man who will satisfy the mercantile community. Among such are mentioned Adjutant-General George Stone, Henry J. Crocker, William Cluff and Frank J. Symmes.

On the other hand, say these Republicans held by Mayor Schmitz as the nominee of the Union Labor party will publican reasoners, should Lane decline the Democratic nomination, the assume such strength that the Republican convention will be called upon to nominate some man who can command a portion of the labor vote

as well as the support of the old-line Republicans. Such a man, it is said, is John E. McDougald, the present Treasurer of the city and county, who is a prominent member of the Building Trades Council.

So the Republican convention will not be in a hurry to name its candidate for Mayor. Of course all this reasoning is based upon the assumption that Mayor Schmitz will not be accorded endorsement by the Republican convention. But the friends of the present Mayor have by no means lost hope. They still insist that in the endorsement of Schmitz lies the Republican party's one chance of getting in behind a winner, and they express the conviction that the Republican convention will see this when the time comes.

### The Situation in Cripple Creek.

The situation in the Cripple Creek district where the miners are on strike for recognition, eight hours, etc., is becoming clearly defined. Several thousand men are idle, and the mine owners are only waiting for some excuse in order to call on Governor Peabody to send the National Guard there, when an attempt will be made to nonunionize the district at the point of the bayonet. The strikers are, therefore, taking extraordinary precautions to prevent violence, and resolutions adopted by them indicate that they expect attempt to foment disorder for the purpose of the excuse for troops.

The strike leaders do not believe that nonunion miners will come into the district unless troops are sent there. And so the war of organized labor and organized capital at this time is a grim matter of keeping the peace. The point with the miners is that the struggle involves the life or death of their organization.

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Dated this 2d day of September, 1903. IDA C. ROBB, Administratrix.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County, wherein New Zealand Insurance Company is plaintiff, and L. E. Thompson and L. E. Thompson doing business as L. E. Thompson are defendants, dated on the 1st day of August, 1903, for the sum of \$127.50, with interest thereon from July 17, 1893, at 8 per cent per annum and costs and disbursements, which judgment was assigned to James Humphrey, I have levied upon the following real property in Multnomah County, Oregon, to-wit: The north half of the northwest quarter and lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3, all in section 2 in township 1 north of range 1 west of the Willamette meridian, containing 129.25 acres, more or less. I will on Saturday, the 5th day of September, 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the County Court-house of said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest had by defendants and each of them in said real property on the 15th day of August, 1894, and all right, title and interest had by defendants and each of them since acquired therein to satisfy said execution.

W. A. STOREY, Sheriff of Multnomah County, Oregon.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah County, Henry Wagner, Plaintiff, vs. Anton Ritzinger and Theresia Ritzinger his wife, P. H. Marlay and Multnomah County, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued in said cause and court on the 25th day of July, 1903, for the sum of \$500, with interest from the 30th day of December, 1895, at 8 per cent per annum, for \$50 attorney's fee and for costs and disbursements commanding me to make sale of the following real property in Multnomah County, Oregon, to-wit: Lot No. 11 in Block No. 4 of Market Street Addition to the City of Portland, as shown and designated upon the map or plat of said addition of record and the map and revised plat of said Block 4, also recorded.

I have levied upon said property and will on Monday the 31st day of August, 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., at the front door of the County Court-house of said county, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest had by said defendants Anton Ritzinger and Theresia Ritzinger on the 30th day of June, 1894, (that being the date of plaintiff's mortgage) and all the right, title, interest and lien which defendants herein and each of them have acquired since in and to said real property.

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