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PAINTERS WALKED OUT

DEMAND AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY AND

About 75 Portland Artisans Quit Work-Efforts Toward Settlement by Arbitration.

From 60 to 75 members of Portland Union, No. 10, Painters and Decorators of America, refused to go to work yesterday morning. These journeymen are idle now, and a general strike of the Portland paintere is imminent. The union demands an eight-hour day and a minimum daily wage of \$2.50. Six or eight of the leading master painters refuse to agree to this, and yesterday morning their men did not go to work.

The local union issued the following Statement January 23:

Statement January 23:

Headquarters Painters and Decorators of America. Incorporated Dec. 7, 1884. Local Union, No. 10, Portland, Or., Jan. 23, 1800.—
To the Master Painters and Paperhangers of this City—Gentlemen: Owing to the fact that the journeymen painters and paperhangers of this city are, and have been for the past number of years, working for a scale of wages that absolutely does not afford any profit over and above the actual necessary expenditures. and above the actual necessary expenditures compelled to maintain a very limited support compelled to maintain a very limited support of journeymen painters, paperhangers and their families; the natural causes of such an unprofitable state of affairs being caused by a steady increase in the cost of all commodities consumed by the general people at large. As a consequence of the above state of affairs, the following resolution was passed by Local Union, No. 10, of the Brotherhood of Painters and December of America, situated at La Pay-Decorators of America, situated at La Fay-ette. Ind., at the last two stated meetings of

"Resolved, That this Local Union, No. 16, of Brotherhood of Pointern of Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America, do this 10th day of Pebruary, 1900, demand and hereby give notice of such de-mands, namely, that on and after the 1st day of April, 1960, eight hours shall constitute a day's work for journeymen painters and paper-bangers of this city, at the minimum scale of \$2 50 per day, and 50 cents per bour for night rk and Sunday work, when the same is not

nd-That the rules and regulations of the od of Painters and Decorators of America governing apprentices be, on and after the lat day of April, 1900, effective in this city. Said rules and regulations may be had by any master of the trade, upon applica-

tion to the trustees of this union.
Third-That this Local Union, No. 10, of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America, have this the 1st day of April, 1900 caused the seal and signature of the presiden ording secretary of said union to be sereto, and authorize the committee on one of said union to deliver by mail or in person a copy of the above resolutions to each master painter and paperhanger of this

city.

Dated this 10th day of February, year of Dated thin and Or. 1900, at Portland, Or. 1900, at Portland, Or. 1900, President.

This was circulated among the master painters of Portland, and February 10 had been signed by 41 of them. Six or eight of the leading firms of the city refused and still refuse to agree to these terms. Acting on the strength of the resolutions, the walk-out occurred yester-

President Beldin, of the local union, when seen yesterday, gave out the follow-

"Having received the signatures of 41 master painters, the general supposition was that no serious disapproval would be met with, as an eight-hour day is be-ing adopted by all trades throughout the ing adopted by all trades throughout the United States, as the Government having adopted the eight-hour movement years ago, we considered we ask nothing more than what is right and just. Nearly all the union men are working eight hours now, as only a few of the large shops are not in sympathy with the demands of the men. The union has opened its head-quarters in Foresters' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets, where all unemployed

quarters in Foresters' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets, where all unemployed union men can find good amusement, literature, games and music.

"The union wishes to inform the public that no act of violence whatever will be tolerated. Every honorable means pertaining to a speedy settlement will be resorted to by the committee on arbitration." sorted to by the committee on arbitration. H. P. Christenson, whose men are out, when asked about the matter, said there was no strike, that the men were merely aying off on account of bad weather.
Most of the men of Sheehy Bros. are out. Messrs. Sheehy say that they are willing to make concessions for an amicable adjustment, and propose, if the palnters' union will continue to work under a nine-hour rule until May 1, when it is entirely

"pot-rustlers," and do their own work. That while they will sign for a six-hour day, eight-hour day, or any number of hours, they have no employees and really work 10 or 12 hours if they feel like it. Yesterday afternoon five or six of the master painters, acting independently, went to Foresters" Hall and held a long consultation with the committee on arbitration. The conference was entirely emicable, but no concessions were promised.

No general strike of the painters will occur or can occur until it is ordered by the national union. The national officers have been notified of the condition of affairs, but have taken no action. The

SIlk Crepons

The master painters say that a number of union men were working for them yesterday. In explanation of this, the officers of the local union said that while the men were working nine hours, they were receiving \$2.50 for an eight-hour day, and were paid 50 cents for the overtime, as provided for in the resolutions.

FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC.

Sings an English Song to Specially Invited Guests.

Russo, the Italian tenor, who has been winning encomiums from Portland musicwinning encomiums from Portland musiclovers this past week at Cordray's, delighted a few specially invited guests in
the pariors of the Hotel Portland yesterday afternoon by his sweet singing. The
chief feature of the programme was the
song "Because I Love You." This was
Russo's first attempt at English in public,
and it carried his audience by storm.
There was a twinkle in his eye and a
laugh in his voice as he began it, which
indicated a lurking sense of humor and
brought answering smiles from the guests.
He sang with so much spirit and captivating abandon as to win new laurels. vating abandon as to win new laurels. Heard at close range, Russo's voice gains materially in sweetness, for there are many soft tones of caressing beauty that are quite lost to an audience in a large auditorium. Besides his English song, which by the way be will sing Saturday. which by the way he will sing Saturday night in "Maritana," he gave Tosti's "My Ideal," "Salve Dimora" from "Faust," and the well-known serenade from the last act of "Rigoletto"—"La Donna e Mo-bile," that ringing melody that is so full of heartless gayety and reckless nonchalance,
Personally, Russe is charming when one

has an opportunity to meet him in the drawing-room. His manner is buoyant, yet naive: he is fresh-skinned and wholesome-looking, with that appearance of sparkling health which is always so pleas-ant to see. And though his English vocabulary is limited to only a few words, his Italian eyes flash out a thousand pretty compliments.

At the end of an hour after hand-shake and an exchange of Americano-Italian greetings, everybody went away with a new feeling of cordiality for the young singer whose fresh, delightful voice is creating such a pleasant stir of slasm in the community.

PIONEER OF 1852.

Death of James M. Holston, an Argo naut From Tennessee.

James M. Holston, one of Oregon's early James M. Holston, one of Oregon's early pioneers, died at his late residence, 491 Railroad street, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. He was born in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1827, came across the plains in



James M. Holston.

1850 to the gold fields in California, and from thence to Oregon in 1852. He was married in 1861 to Miss Prudence Hunt, who survives him. He also leaves one son and four daughters—Mrs. J. L. Vickrey, of La Fayette; Mrs. H. C. Buzick, of Salem, and Violet, Myrtle and Harvey. In-terment will mke place in Newberg this

STAR AND THE CRESCENT.

Venus and the Moon Seen in Clos

Companionship, hour rule until May 1, when it is entirely probable that the carpenters will obtain an eight-hour rule, they are willing to agree to it, as painters and carpenters work hand in hand.

The Messrs. Sheehy state that while 41 master painters signed the agreement, most of them are not employers of labor, but many of them are what is known as "pot-rustlers," and do their own work. That while they will sign for a six-hour day wight hour age.

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ONLY TWO CANDIDATES

CHOICE OF REPUBLICAN CONVEN TION IS SMALL

General Beebe and Mayor Storey the Only Aspirants-Those Who Seek Other Offices.

With the approach of the Republican County Convention, the contest for the Mayorality nomination seems to have nar-rowed down to W. A. Storey and Charles F. Beebe. The friends of Storey, moreover, seem to think that his opponent has the inside track, and it is said that a petition asking him to become an indepen-dent candidate for the office appeared on the streets yesterday. Mayor Storey dis-claims any knowledge of this petition, and says if any such is in circulation, it is without his sanction. He has announced without his sanction. He has announced himself, he says, as a candidate before the convention, and is perfectly willing to await the decision of the convention. The question of a choice for this most important nomination will, at all events, be a vexing one. Its labors will be particularly difficult, now that the Democrats have dedifficult, now that the Democrats have de-cided to await its action before placing a man in the field, and the matter is one

a man in the field, and the matter is one which will probably become the most knotty problem to solve:

Candidates for other offices, city and county, increase as the convention draws near. For Sheriff there are now three men in the field—William Frazier, Dan J. Moore and Thomas Jordan. George C. Sears has bobbed up as a candidate for Assessor, an office for which R. S. Greenleaf and L. H. Maxwell are already canlidates, and the friends of C.

is stronger than either, and will stand the best chance of securing the nomination. The lawyers who have their lightning rods out for the nomination of Municipal Judge, are: Paul Deady, Frank Mulkey, S. H. Gruber, Gustaf Anderson, Frank D. Hennossy, A. C. Spencer, J. J. Johnson and George H. Cameron.

The list of those who would like to be County Commissioner is growing while you wait. The latest acquisition to this is

wait. The latest acquisition to this is J. H. Huddleson, now holding a position

the city and county. All risher is a na-tive son of Oregon and a graduate of the public schools of Portland. While a life-long Republican, he has never before been a candidate for office.

MANY ANGLERS WENT OUT and the First Day's Trout-Fishing Was a Harvest.

A larger number of fishermen went out day to celebrate the opening of the Sunday to celebrate the opening of the trout-fishing season than ever left Portiand in one day before. It is no exaggeration to say that there were hundreds of them. They went by train, by boat, by buggy, and not a few by bicycle; and they scattered themselves far and near. Some returned Sunday evening, but by far the larger number arrived home yesterday morning. The weather was favorable, and streams generally in fair condiable, and streams generally in fair condi-tion; and, while some caught no fish, taken all in all the catch was very fair for the opening day of the season. Fishermen as a rule are averse to ex-

hibiting their catch unless it is a fine one and then they are likely not to tell just where they caught the fish, so it is not possible to give the number caught by many of them. A large number went down river on the Hassalo and Lurline. Saturday evening, well along toward 100. They dropped off at Oak Point to fish the Abernethey; at Stella, to fish Germany Creek; at Maygers', to try Maygers' Creek; at Cathlamet, to try the Elokomin,

and so on.

Ferry Henshaw and Mr. Blackstone went away down to the Nekanakum. On the train to Seaside they saw a lot of fishermen, and found 22 fishing on the creek. They had only an outfit for fly fishing, and it rained and they did not stated a train and did not season. catch a trout and did not see any one who had caught one, except two fellows out of reach on a boom of logs, who said they had 72, but they were probably mis-

Moody and Stolte tried the same slough alloogy and stolte tree the same slough they made such a fine catch in a week be-fore, and cantured 55 trout. John Will-iams and a friend tried a quiet, seques-tered little stream, where they were not crowded, and caught about 100 fish between them. Ten boys, most of them nov-ices in the art of fishing, went out on bleveles and caught 600 trout, the leaders of the party catching about 100 each. A fellow slid out to Johnson Creek, on the discount of four tried the old fa
discount and caucht 40 trout.

William Braden, who is an old hand at the business, drove out a little ways into Washington County and caucht 40 fine trout out of an innocent-looking little creek. A party of four tried the old fa-

vorite Dairy Creek,, and caught 24 trout among them. They have reason to be-lieve that the stream had been fished all winter. A number of fellows who had been fishing on Gales' Creek came in on the West Side train yesterday morning, and some of them had full baskets. How and some of them had full baskets. How much fern and grass there was under the trout is not known. One man on the train, who had not been fishing at all, told more lies than a real fisherman about his catch and where he had fished. Felix Friedlander made a nice catch on the

From these statements some idea may be formed of the general result of the Sunday's work, but those mentioned form only a small part of the number who went out from Portland.

SEATTLE RESERVOIRS. Work Is Being Done by a Portla Contractor.

J. B. David, a Portland contractor, who has been constructing the new reservoirs for the Seattle water works, is in the city, after an absence of nearly a year. He will not be through with his Seattle conwill not be through with his Seattle con-tract until next November, as the work of digging and cementing the reservoirs is necessarily slow, the space preventing the working of any large number of men and teams. Each of the two reservoirs will be of 25,000,000 gallons' capacity, being due out of the support of a bill where

Assessor, an office for which R. S. Greenleaf and L. H. Maxwell are already candidates, and the friends of Captain Charles
E. McDonell are urging him to join in the
race.

R. F. Bebinson, principal of the state of the water has to be pumped to an elevation, at heavy expense, and so the authorlities came to the conclusion that they
could save money by introducing water
from Cedar Creek, 23 miles south of town,
by the gravity system. When the pipe R. F. Robinson, principal of one of the East Side schools, is the latest candidate for County Superintendent of Schools. Professor Curtis, of the Seilwood School, and Superintendent Armstrong arrived on the scene of action somewhat earlier in the game, but his friends believe that he is stronger than either, and will stand the but the complete of the second of the rew system. When the pipe line and reservoirs are completed, all that will be necessary is to turn on the water, as the city already owns its distributing system. The water of Cedar Creek, he thinks, will be almost equal to that of Bull Run, in its purity and abundance.

The cost of the new system will be met by the \$1,600,000 raised by the sale of bonds, assisted by the sale of bonds, as the city already owns its distributing as the city already owns its distributing the thinks.

by the \$1,600,000 raised by the sale of bonds, assisted by the revenue derived from the sale of water, as the works more than pay the expenses of running. The water rates, he thinks, are about the same as those of Portland.

Mr. David says the people of Scattle should be commended for the way they stick up for their town, when a stranger hazards an adverse opinion about it. The hazards an adverse opinion about it. The street-cars, he says, are old rattle-traps, and the service away behind the times in the Recorder's office.

Willis Fisher, of Sunnyside, will be a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court. While his name has not heretofore been mentioned in connection with the office, he has been making a strong canvass in the city and county. Mr. Fisher is a native son of Oregon and a graduate of the public schools of Portland. While a lifelong Republican, he has never before been in the Recorder's office.

and the service away behind the times; but let a passenger say: "I never saw such poor street-car service," and he will have every man, woman and child in the car up in arms with such remarks as, "You never saw a better one," "The ear company is doing the very best it can, as it has only been taken out of the receiving the company as a little time, and the service will be all little time, and the service will be all little time, and the service will be all little time, and the service."

If somebody says, "I never saw such muddy streets," he win have a hostile mob of Seattleites about him in a minute with such exclamations as, "You don't know what you're talking about. Of course, the streets are muddy in rainy weather; but wait till it dries up." "In weather; but wait till it dries up. "In reality, however." Mr. David says, "they have but two streets in the city—First and Second avenues." He wishes there was more of this sensitiveness on the part of the people of Portland when some one speaks disparagingly of the city.

UGLY AB LAWRENCE. He Goes on a Tear and Frightens Policemen.

Ab Lawrence, who has given the police of Portland a good deal of trouble, now occupies a cell in the city prison, awaitoccupies a cell in the city prison, awaiting examination on a charge of assaulting
Patrolman Warner. Ab, the police say,
is all right when sober, but when loaded
with North End whisky he becomes a
terror to that locality, and openly threatens to kill the policeman, at the first opportunity. According to Patrolman
Church, who helped arrest Lawrence, no
policeman's life is safe while Ab is on a
spree. He is a very victous man, and spree. He is a very vicious man, and resists arrest with a vigor that calls for all the physical strength of the officers to subdue. On this last occasion he tried to bite Warner on the hand, and succeeded in getting the officer's thumb between his teeth.

"If he had succeeded in the attempt,"
Church says, "he would have laid Warner up for several months. He also made a vicious kick at me, that would have paralyzed me if it had reached. The whole North End is in terror when Ab gets on the warpath, as ne flourishes a big gun, and is likely to shoot anybody. A short time ago, Ab was sent up to the county jail for a period of seven months, for assault with a dengerous weapon, but was released within seven days in some unaccountable manner. He is likely to kill somebody or be killed unless something is done to restrain him." Ab's face shows signs of several heavy blows received, while he was struggling with the efficiency on the exception of his last arrest. officers on the occasion of his last arrest.

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HEAVIER REGISTRATION. 10,000 Mark Has Now Been

Passed-May Reach 15,000. The registration of voters is proceeding rapidly, the clerks being kept very busy yesterday. Saturday was the banner day, 259 persons having been registered, the largest number yet registered in a single day. At the close of business Saturday evening there were just an even 10,100 names on the register. The clerks confi-dently expect to have 15,000 voters regis-tered in this county by May 15, when New and complicated questions in con-nection with the registration of voters are

constantly coming up, especially in con-nection with persons of foreign birth. A very interesting one is this: A man came in with two sons who wished to register.
The father and sons were of foreign birth,
but had come to this country several years ago, while the boys were minors. The father had filed his intention of becoming a citizen, but had neglected to take out his final papers until after the boys were of age. He imagined that they had been naturalized all right, and was had been naturalized all right, and was anxious to have them registered, in order that they might cast their maiden votes at the coming election. When the clerk announced that the two young men were foreigners and he could not register them, their jaws fell and their father groaned in spirit. They brightened up, however, when informed that they could go into court and take out their final papers at once, and be qualified to vote at the coming election. They rustled around, found the precessive witnesses were into court the necessary witnesses, went into court and secured their final papers, were regand secured their final papers, were registered and went on their way rejoicing. Since registration began, the State Circuit Courts and the County Court have been busy issuing final cutzenship papers, and some days as many as a dozen persons have been admitted to citizenship. No day has passed without at least one man being admitted to full rights. A number of men have taken out papers who have lived here since early days. Some of these assert that they have lost former papers. A number of ex-policemen come citizens, also an ex-detective,

"CROP MORTGAGE" STAMPS. lew Decision That Will Save Many

Farmers Money and Trouble. A decision just made by the Commis-sioner of Internal Revenue, which will be of interest to a great number of farmers in Whitman County, Washington, and elsewhere, has been received by Internal Revenue Agent Towne, stationed here. The Commisioner has heretofore held that "crop mortgages," as they are commonly called—hundreds of which are given by farmers of the Columbia River basin—which contain a provision that in case of failure to pay the note secured by such mortgage, the mortgagee is invested with mortgage, the mortgagee is invested with a power of attorney to harvest the crop and sell it to pay himself—must, in addition to the stamps required for a mortgage, also have a 25-cent stamp for the power of attorney.

The records of Whitman County have lately been searched and many hundreds to the country have lately been searched and many hundreds.

of such instruments found, none of which have affixed the 25-cent stamp for the power of attorney, and the makers of these mortgages have been notified that

these stamps must be put on the docu-ments. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has now decided that the power of attorney included in such mortgages is not to be considered as a separate document, and that no stamp will be required for it. This decision comes just in time to save the farmers of Whitman County a lot of bother and expense. The decision does not apply to the power of attorney on the back of stock certificates, which must bear a 25-cent revenue stamp.

DELEGATES' REDUCED RATES O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific An-

nounce Fares to Conventions. The O. R. & N. passenger department The O. R. & N. passenger department yesterday announced a rate of one-and-one-fifth fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, on account of the Republican and Democratic State Conventions, opening April 12, in this city. This rate will apply from all points in Oregon. Tickets will be placed on sale April 9, 10 and 11 good for return on either April 14. and 11, good for return on either April 14,

15 or 15. The Southern Pacific will make the usual rate of one-and-one-third fare, on the certificate plan, for the state conventions: that is, their agents will be supplied with a special form of certificate on which they will give receipts for fares paid to Portland to attend the convention. On presentation of these certificates, signed by the secretary, to Portland agents, at-tendants will be sold return tickets to points on Oregon lines at one-third fare.

"IL TROVATORE" TONIGHT. loston Lyric Opera Company, With

Russo at Cordray's. By special request, Colonel Thompson will give Verdi's celebrated opera, "Il Trovatore," tonight, with the eminent tenor, Signor Demenico Russo as Man-rico, a part in which he made so great success last week. Of course, Missellie Andrews will sing Leonora, and

Miss Leekly, Azucena.

The opera for tomorrow (Wednesday) will be "Boccaccio," in which every member of the Boston lyric opera company takes part, and the fourth act of "Rigoletto," with Russo as the duke. This is certainly a great double bill, and should fill Confered to connection. fill Cordray's to capacity.

Y. M. C. A. NIGHT SCHOOL.

Closing Exercises This Evening and

Exhibition of Work. Tonight at 8 o'clock will occur the closing exercises of the Young Men's Christian Association night school. W. D. Fenton will deliver the annual address on the topic. "The Self-Made Man." and the music of the evening will be fur-nished by the association quartet and male chorus.

This occasion is of especial interest to

of work done by night school students. Therecent discussion relative to a technical school for the city finds its practical working out in many respects in night school work, hence the success of this school is indicative of what might be expected were the larger school inaugurated.

An exhibition of work done by the students will be open during the entire even-ing. The results of the three drawing classes are most easily shown, and will

many, as showing the quality and nature

furnish a very interesting part of the ex-hibit. Following is the programme for the evening. the evening.

Chorus, "The Brook Miller" —Vocal music class.

Proyer—Rev. Arthur W. Ackerman.
Chorus, "A Savior Ever Near" (Stebbins)—Vocal music class.

Greeting—President W. M. Ladd.
Report—Chairman R. F. Barnes.
Chorus, "Home Again Returning" (Root)
—Vocal music class.

Address, "The Seli-Made Man"—Hon. W. D. Fenton.
Quartet. "Pale in the Amber West"

Quartet. "Pale in the Amber West" (Parks)—J. A. Gowanlock, R. W. Gowanlock, A. J. Prideaux, J. H. Jones, "A Last Word"—General Secretary H. W. Stone,

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