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## STRIKEMUSTEND

### Master Builders Take Firm Stand.

### SAY BOYCOTT MUST GO

### Workmen Must Use Any Material Offered.

### ARE WILLING TO RESUME WORK

Resolution Passed Designed to Bring Planning Mill Strike to a Close—Master Plumbers Move to Extend Their Association.

Owing to the action of the union in declaring that all mill and finishing materials must bear the stamp of the union, otherwise they will not handle it; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Master Builders of the City of Portland, refuse to resume work under these conditions, but that we are ready to commence operations with men who will handle mill or finishing materials, from whatever source it may come.

L. B. BRIDGES, President.  
GEO. W. GORDON, Secretary.

New complications have entered the strike situation and the prospect for building enterprises is no better now than during the strike of the Building Trades Council. The Master Builders' Association believes that the planning-mill difficulty should be settled at once in order that when work is resumed there may be no further difficulty as to its progress. At their regular meeting last night the above resolution was passed without a dissenting vote.

By this it is meant that the master builders refuse to resume work temporarily and be threatened with another strike as soon as they are forced to patronize the unfair mills on account of shortage of material. They do not wish to take sides in the fight between the union and the planning mills, but are determined that the controversy shall be settled before they resume work. Under the present conditions future contracts cannot be figured upon with any degree of certainty, and even on present contracts material cannot be had to give work to all of the men. No men were discharged yesterday morning, as was stated during the day. There was not material at hand for them to work on, hence they cannot be given places until the difficulty is settled and the contractors are at liberty to use the products of the planning mills.

**Men Must Use All Material.**  
"We will be glad to have our men come back to work," said a contractor, after the meeting last night. "But we want them to come with the understanding that they are to work with any material we may furnish them."

"But their unions forbid them working with material from the unfair mills," said the reporter. "Will you ask them to disavow their unions?"

"That is just the point," said he. "We want them to get in and settle the thing now and arrange it so that the union will not forbid them using the mill products. We favor the union, but do not want to be tied up in this way by its action. We want them either to make the planning mill give in or make some arrangements to declare their products fair. We don't care who wins, but we want the thing settled."

**No Material to Work With.**  
It was expected that after the Building Trades Council had issued a permit for all of the men to return to work, the building of the city would assume its usual activity. Such was not the case, however, and especially among the carpenters very little work was being done yesterday. Many of the men did not show up to take back their old places, and there was no material for many who did show up to work with.

The master builders state that they have blinding contracts with the planning mills for material, and that they cannot secure material to advantage from other sources.

"It is no use for us to start to work," said a prominent contractor yesterday. "It would be but a few days until we would have to shut down for want of material, and we would just as well shut down now until we are able to start up with some assurance that we will be able to continue for some time without interference. It is absolutely necessary that we use the products of the planning mills that have been declared unfair, and arrangements will have to be made to that effect."

**Builders Discuss Situation.**  
Last night was the regular meeting of the Master Builders' Association, and the situation was thoroughly discussed. After those present had expressed their sentiments the foregoing resolutions were drawn up and adopted as expressing the stand of the master builders on the strike situation. About 11 o'clock an Oregonian reporter was ushered into the meeting and shown the resolutions.

"Does this mean a lockout?" asked he. "No! No! No!" was the chorus from various members. "It is not a lockout. It is simply to show them where we stand."

"But you do not wish them to come to work unless they are willing to handle any material you may give them?"  
"Yes."  
"And you know that the union has made it an offense punishable by a fine of \$50

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He can't exactly fill the chair, but by the fusion plan they'll be proxy handy by. And you can bet HE can.



### ALL IN FAVOR OF HANNA

### UNANIMITY OF SENTIMENT IN OHIO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

### All the Members of the New State Central Committee Are for His Re-Election to the Senate.

CLEVELAND, May 27.—The feature of the Republican State Convention today was the unanimity of sentiment in favor of Senator Hanna. He has been the center of interest since his arrival from Washington last Sunday. The conference of leaders with him continued today, but when it came to the meeting of the delegates from the Legislature are elected by Congressional districts this afternoon, the sentiment for him was demonstrated in an unprecedented degree. His friends had claimed it out of the 21 districts, and more than realized their expectations. Interest centered in the selection of the committee, as the new state central committee, selected today, will have control next year, when members of the Legislature are elected who will choose the successor to Mr. Hanna in the Senate. It is claimed to-night that only one anti-Hanna man was elected on the new state central committee, and that he had been "reconciled."

The drift of sentiment in all preliminary meetings was most encouraging for the Senator, and the delegates would not rest until he got up and showed himself, though he insisted that he would not discuss the issues in advance of the keynote speech of General Grosvenor, who is to be the permanent presiding officer tomorrow.

Above the platform were suspended large portraits of McKinley and Roosevelt. Senator Hanna sat in the rear of the large hall with the Cuyahoga delegation, but he was the center of attraction even there. After the convention adjourned, he repaired to his home and tonight that place became the Mecca of delegates and others. While Senator Hanna declined to speak today in advance of General Grosvenor, it is understood that he will respond tomorrow, and his speech is anticipated with more interest than any other event of the convention.

While the interests of Senator Hanna were paramount in the selection of all the committees, all the others were recognized in the selection of the committee on resolutions. Seven Congressmen—Dick, Gill, Hildebrandt, Nevin, Skiles, Taylor and Kyle—were selected on this committee and three members of the Legislature—Hardin, Patterson and Cole. The dress parade of gubernatorial candidates continued into the district meetings, which favored their respective candidates. At the meeting of delegates from the Tenth District, R. W. Taylor declined the nomination for re-election as Congressman on account of recent engagements as an attorney, but his friends were prompt in stating that this did not put him out of the race for the Governorship. The Armory, which has 8000 chairs, was well filled when Hon. P. H. Durr, of Cincinnati, chairman of the state central committee, called the convention to order this afternoon. The leaders, notably Senator Hanna, Governor Nash, General Grosvenor, and visiting politicians, were cheered as they entered. Chairman Durr reviewed the history of the last state campaign and congratulated the party on the outlook for this year. Nash was then announced as temporary chairman. He was tendered an ovation on being introduced. He spoke at length of the action of the State Legislature in regard to taxation and corporations, saying:

"The corporations should not be looked upon as enemies of the people; but as their friends, capable of still further developing and making useful the great resources of our state, and giving to labor remunerative employment and to capital safe investment."

Regarding the Philippines, Governor Nash said:

"Our enemies may hurl their calumnies upon our soldiers and sailors and their anathemas upon honored representatives of our country, but they cannot dim the glory of our flag, nor retard the day when the blessings of our free institutions will be enjoyed by that people."

The 21 Congressional districts were called in the conclusion of Governor Nash's speech, and the selections made at the district meetings were announced for members of the new state committee, vice-presidents and assistant secretaries, and also the members of the committee on credentials, permanent organization, rules and order of business.

After the completion of other routine business, there were calls for Senator Hanna until he was compelled to respond, but he refused to discuss public questions in advance of the address of the permanent chairman. This declination in courtesy to General Grosvenor was accepted, and after a demonstration in honor of Senator Hanna, the convention adjourned, after he had been in session only an hour, until 10 A. M. tomorrow.

The committee went into session at once. The committee on resolutions organized with Congressman Dick as chairman. After the usual exchange of opinions, the committee took a recess for dinner until 5 o'clock. There is much talk in the open field for Hanna for President two years hence, as well as for his re-election as Senator by the Legislature that is to be chosen next year. There is no opposition expressed to President Roosevelt. Those who are talking about the delegation to the next National convention say they do not want an anti-Hanna delegation, but one that would not be anti-Hanna in event of President Roosevelt not being nominated.

There probably never was a state convention of the dominant party held in Ohio in which Federal officeholders were so scarce as here, but their friends are in the obdoler.

After the full committee on resolutions had been in session until after 11 P. M. a subcommittee, consisting of Dick, Harding and Taylor, was appointed to revise the draft of a platform that General Dick had submitted, and that had been considered by sections. The principal change was in the plan of reciprocity. A resolution offered by Albert A. Douglas, after minor changes, was substituted for the plank that General Dick had drafted on the matter. The only contest in the committee was on the resolution endorsing the policy of President Roosevelt, and of the Ohio Republican Congressmen, with the exception of Dick. In this contest, Senator Hanna co-operated with Congressman Dick. The platform of the latter was adopted, with this single exception, by the committee, and as modified it probably will be adopted by the convention.

### OREGON VOTE AS A TEST

### WILL SHOW TREND OF SENTIMENT ON "SCUTTLE" QUESTION.

### Washington Post Commends Firm Stand of Republicans for the Policies of the Administration.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Washington Post, a paper which prides itself on its independence and criticizes both parties and men in both parties, has an editorial on the coming election in Oregon, which declares that the first test of popular feeling as to the Administration, the Philippines and other great questions pending before this country will show in this election. The Post says:

"The people of Oregon are in the throes of a political campaign that is attended with all the excitement that could reasonably be expected in a game of solitaire. For some reason or reason which the outside world does not understand, and which are, perhaps, none of its business, Oregon prefers to run her campaign when all the other states are quiet. Perhaps the glory of leading the procession and firing the first gun may have something to do with this firm persistence in loneliness. At any rate, it serves to attract attention, and gives the state a prominence in political discussion and influence that she would not otherwise possess. More than once it has happened that the first gun, fired on the Pacific Coast, has boomed across the Rockies just in time to dampen the ardor or swell the enthusiasm of the National convention."

This year's election in Oregon will occur on Monday next, June 2, and it is not too much to say that the result will be extremely instructive. Republicans are expected to win in both the gubernatorial and Congressional canvasses, but there is less of confidence as to the former than in the latter, by reason of personal infidelities. The issues are squarely drawn. The Republicans stand up manfully for the gold standard, retention of the Philippines and all other National policies of their party. The Democrats stand by their party leaders in Congress. The returns will be the first test of popular feeling on National questions since the Roosevelt administration came in. They will give a hint of the trend of sentiment on the Philippine question—the question of permanent retention of sovereignty or independence under our protection. They will to some extent show what effect has been produced by the debates in Congress on this subject, and will aid in gauging the satisfaction or dissatisfaction of the people with the party in power.

**President Signs Two Bills.**  
WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Cabinet spent much time today in discussing two important measures—the Indian appropriation and the omnibus claims bills. Both were found to contain objectionable items, but these, after full discussion, were decided to be of trivial importance compared with the other features of the bills. Both measures were signed by the President.

**Brooded Over a Love Affair.**  
BUTTE, Mont., May 27.—I. P. Harrow sent two bullets crashing through his body in a front room in the Rogers block today. Brooding over a love affair, he is supposed to have prompted the rash deed.

## GOOD FOR RIVERS

### Conference Bill Will Be Liberal.

### THE COLUMBIA FARES WELL

### Hart's Dalles-Celilo Canal Project Adopted.

### PROVISION FOR EXAMINATION

Board to Modify Plans if Cost of Improvement Will Be Reduced—Great Credit Due Tongue for Appropriations.

Mouth of Columbia	\$ 500,000
Contracts	1,000,000
Portland to the sea	223,000
Dalles-Celilo Canal	214,000
Willamette, above Portland	98,000
Columbia at cascades	30,000
Upper Columbia and Snake	23,000
Cross Bay	75,000

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Oregon and Washington fare remarkably well in the river and harbor bill as reported by the conference committee today. Oregon, including the Columbia River, gets \$2,359,000.

In the 19 years prior to McKinley's first administration, exclusive of the Cascade improvement, the state secured but \$4,691,880, while the whole appropriation for the state and Columbia, exclusive of the Cascades, has been \$6,255,000. This is a particularly creditable showing for Representative Tongue, who as a member of the river and harbor committee in the last two Congresses, has secured for the Willamette River \$20,000, as against \$288,500 for that river in all previous bills; \$52,000 for Tillamook, as against \$5,700 in previous bills, and now \$25,000 for the Lower Willamette and the Columbia, as against \$50,000 in the preceding 19 years before the McKinley administration. Moreover, Oregon had a member on both Senate and House committees handling these bills. This year it has but one.

The bill as agreed to carries the following appropriations:

Mouth of the Columbia, \$500,000 cash, and contracts for \$1,000,000 additional; Willamette and Columbia, from Portland to the sea, \$223,000, of which \$175,000 is for the construction of a dredge for use in the river.

Hart's project for a canal between The Dalles and Celilo is adopted, and a balance of \$214,000, with an appropriation of \$100,000 additional, is made available for commencing work. The House conferees, however, secured a proviso that before entering on this work an examination shall be made by a board of engineers with a view of modifying the Hart plan in such a way as to diminish the cost. If it is found that the project cannot be improved and the cost reduced, the work will proceed without further delay, according to the pending plans.

The Columbia, between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette, gets \$200,000 instead of \$18,000 as per the Senate amendment. For the Willamette above Portland, and the Yamhill, is appropriated \$52,000. A portion of this amount is to be expended in retreating the banks of the river.

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