

WAGE STRIKE?

Union Men Favor Arbitration.

The Frank Schmitt Company, another East Side planing concern, now employs nonunion labor.

"We are willing to submit this question to arbitration," asked the reporter of Mr. Schmitt.

"No, I don't think we have much chance for arbitration," said the millman. "This matter will have to be settled some time."

"But do you think it will do any good for both parties to stand away from one another and simply throw rocks at the other side?"

"Well, pretty soon some of the rocks will hit," replied Mr. Schmitt.

George W. Collins, manager of the George Almale mill, in North Portland, says that the planing-mill employees will certainly make a demand for higher wages this year.

"This mill is run by nonunion men, but if a strike is started by union men, it will spread to the mills employing nonunion men only," said he.

"How do you know that there will be a strike of the planing-mill men?"

"Because we have received private information to that effect. No matter what they say about any more demands, we know better."

"Why should a nonunion man go out in sympathy with the union?"

"Oh, it is very hard for a man to stay at work when his comrades in other mills are on strike. I know of several men last year who refused to join the union, but when the strike came they quit, and have never been in the business since."

"Do you think the mills here will be able to run full time without the local trade? Schmitt is running on short time now."

"The mill has an outside trade almost entirely, and is not affected by local conditions."

"What do you think will be the outcome of this difficulty, Mr. Collins?"

"Don't know," said he. "I don't want to talk about it," was Mr. Collins' farewell.

Actual work of calling out the referendum on Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation has begun in Portland. Printed petitions are being circulated among the union men. How many names have been signed to the petition cannot be ascertained, but it is estimated to be 6000, to show that a larger number than is necessary wish the referendum to be used," said one man, who had a petition in his pocket.

The petition is addressed to the Secretary of State, F. I. Dunbar, and asks that the voters of Oregon at the next state election, or a special election called for that purpose.

READY TO GO HALF WAY

Business Men Anxious to Settle Differences.

MASS MEETING IS TONIGHT

Contractors and Millowners Say "We Have Nothing to Arbitrate," but Make Counter Suggestions of "Conciliation."

Save a few radical spirits, the union painters and carpenters look with favor upon arbitration. They are apparently willing to meet the employers half way, to give and to be given to. "We do this not because we are being defeated, but because we have the welfare of the city at heart, and are unwilling to injure its prosperity," says Charles Ward, president of the Painters' Union.

On the other hand the contractors, and especially the millowners, say there is little opportunity for arbitration. "We have nothing to arbitrate," is the chorus of many.

Business men of Portland are awakening to the fact that something must speedily be done before the prosperity of the city for the present year is blighted. The threat of the union men to appeal to the referendum as to the Centennial appropriations if necessary, has had an effect upon the business population and especially those holding stock in the enterprises. The union men say they will use this weapon only in case a determined effort is made to break up the building trades unions.

Arbitration or conciliation is talked of on all sides. Merchants, business men in particular, and real estate men in particular, are feeling the effects of the present chaotic state. Mayor Williams is willing and even anxious that arbitration be employed in a settlement of the difficulty. "I will serve upon such a board and will do all in my power to bring about a satisfactory conclusion to the difficulty," he has said several times since the first rumor of a continued strike.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT

The union men are looking hopefully to the result of the mass meeting to be held this evening by the Building Trades Council.

"Don't think that this will be a meeting of union men and that others will have no chance to be heard; we want as many employers, contractors and millmen in particular, to be present as union men. Both sides must be heard before it is possible that any understanding can be reached." This is the sentiment expressed by several members of the Building Trades Council.

"Are you going to the mass meeting?" was the question put to several millmen yesterday. In many instances the answer was the same.

"What's the use," was the general reply.

Despite the announcement of the Council that contractors and millmen are specially invited to the meeting, it is said that the rank and file of union men will not be asked, the employers say they fear the hall will be packed with union sympathizers, and that the result of the meeting will be to state their side of the question. The mass meeting will be held this evening in the A. O. U. W. hall.

One business man, at least, says emphatically that he will attend the meeting. This is Dan McAllen, of McAllen & McDonnell. "I think that it is the duty of every citizen of Portland to attend that meeting," he says. "I will be there one meeting cannot settle the difficulty, but it will bring the two parties together and the first step toward arbitration may be taken at the meeting."

The whole difficulty could be settled in an hour if a dozen men with common sense were together in a room for that length of time. The worst thing the business men can do is to remain passive. They must be ready to decide the difference and do it quickly too. Yes, sir; do it quickly, for we men down here are beginning to feel the effects already. The lumbermen might as well realize that unionism in Portland has come to stay. Fact is, those men are trying to do bareback riding on a high-gained cayuse. They're training for the hunt club."

COVERS MUCH GROUND.

Monarch Mines in California Owned by Oregon People Are Extensive.

H. E. Smith, a mining man well-known in Alaska and California, is in the city on his way to Chicago, where he goes to purchase machinery for the Monarch group of mines, a property in Colorado County, Cal., owned by himself, his brother, Senator Andrew C. Smith, who is president of the Hibernia Savings Bank, and other Oregon people.

Accompanying Mr. Smith is T. B. Dillon, a mining engineer of San Francisco, who has just completed a careful examination of the mine with a view to deciding exactly what machinery would be required.

"The Monarch mines," said Mr. Smith yesterday, "are among the oldest properties of the whole state of California, having been worked by the Mexicans as far back as 1832. At this time about \$50,000 in gold was taken out of the mine and successive owners swelled the aggregate product of the mine to more than \$50,000."

"Our company has itself taken out about \$40,000 worth of ore, but has put this amount all back into surrounding property, and has completed a road of 12 1/2 miles, besides 400 acres of placer ground, making a total of 1200 acres of ground."

"This covers us all the property adjoining our own that can be purchased, and we will now proceed to develop the group. We will eventually erect a 60-stamp mill, which will have a capacity of 100 tons a vein until sufficient stopping ground is blocked out, to keep a mill of this size going. We are going to purchase in Chicago a 400-foot vein, and we have our power drills, a sawmill and other machinery which will be needed in the carrying out of our intention of striking a vein of 400 feet."

"This does, we are holding a very large property, as our holding of mineral ground covers more acreage than does the property of any other corporation operating on the lode."

THOSE WHO PASSED.

State Board of Medical Examiners Announces Successful Candidates.

Last evening Dr. Byron E. Miller, secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners, announced the names of those who successfully passed the examination held at the Portland Business College on April 7, 8 and 9, for license to practice medicine in the State of Oregon.

There were 23 candidates representing 12 different countries, and a large number of foreign countries. A large percentage of them were Oregonians, however, several being graduates of the University of Oregon.

Of the 23 only three failed, an unusually good showing, as the examination was sweeping and thorough.

The names of the successful candidates are:

George L. Biggers, Mary Bond, Mary D. Egan, H. Y. Franklin, J. H. Kolp, W. W. Lawler, Catherine C. Mann, D. D. Morrison, Hugh S. Mount, C. E. McCreary, G. F. Parks, Edward O. Parker, Irvan V. Parker, Mary R. Parker, J. G. Patterson, Clifton L. Ransom, G. F. Russell, E. Sargent, Harry A. Sicken, Mary D. Skinner, Frederick Stricker, E. Van Alstine, George S. Whiteside, Charles L. Williams.

Franchise for Fifty Years.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 23.—(Special).—At a special meeting the City Council has made a period for a franchise for a municipal water system 50 years, and has authorized a franchise for any other system to 35 years.

NOT TO GO AHEAD

Columbia River & Northern Is Delayed.

RAINS CHECK TRACK-LAYING

Terminals May Be Reached Today—Trains Will Be Running in a Short Time and Regular Service Expected in 30 Days.

Rains prevented the Columbia River & Northern Railroad from reaching Goldendale yesterday, but the road ought to be put through some time today. The rains of the earlier part of the week, delayed the track-laying crews so the average of a mile and a quarter of new track a day could not be maintained. It was only in the event of good fortune that the railroad officials expected to be able to get the line into Goldendale this morning, and the good fortune did not stay with the line.

Track laying is now being rushed forward again as rapidly as heretofore, and unless interfered with the railroad officials expect to reach Goldendale today or tomorrow. Trains will be running into the Kllickit Valley metropolis within a very short time, and a regular service within 30 days is confidently expected.

The track cannot be ballasted and the surfacing crews cannot complete their work for some time. This is slow work, but it is being rushed forward as rapidly as possible. The roadbed as far as the ballasting crews have been able to complete their work is in excellent condition, and it is believed the Columbia River & Northern will be one of the best riding roads in the country when it is ballasted.

It is not likely that the road will be pushed beyond Goldendale this year. The line is projected from Goldendale 80 miles into the Bickleton prairie or Horse Heaven country. This road will probably be constructed in the next year, and the country can be handled via Goldendale and the Columbia & Northern with the present line.

The effect of the construction of the line has already been felt in real estate values throughout the valley. Farm lands that were selling for \$5 an acre and less are now eagerly sought for and are being sold for \$10 an acre. The road is considered to be so remote from rail communication to make it desirable to bring them up by newcomers and older settlers. A greater area is now under cultivation than ever before.

Goldendale property felt the effect of the construction of the new road more than any other section of the country, for while the line will pass Goldendale occupies a position that cannot be assailed, and it is certain to maintain the reputation it now has as the largest town in the valley. When the road was first suggested property values were very low, but they have risen rapidly. There is a good story in this connection told by B. F. Brooks, one of the most enthusiastic friends of the road here in Kllickit County. It was Mr. Brooks who spent his time and money to aid the railroad men in securing a right of way, and he was the first to purchase a piece of property. He allowed the opportunity to slip by and another man got it. Subsequently it was sold for \$30, and as the road approached nearer to Goldendale the value went up, until finally Mr. Brooks himself took a hand in the selling of the property and took the lot he might have had for \$100 at \$200.

Centerville has been greatly affected by the new road. Centerville is still a small town, with a population of about 100, but the demand for real estate has been getting better and new settlers have appeared. The newcomers are buying property near the town and the place promises much.

The people of Centerville provided a barbecue for the railroad people when the railroad reached that town last week. There was speech-making and a general celebration of the event. The track-laying crews arrived at Centerville at noon last Saturday, and the celebration was held. Owing to the fact that the contractors were eager to get to Goldendale as soon as possible, the celebration was planned for the evening. When the day's work was over the track crews and railroad officials came back to Centerville for the celebration.

There had gathered in the town from all directions the farmers living in the vicinity, and they became hungry foot soldiers. When the railroad men had been roasted for the feast was ready to serve, these farmers were at the head of the procession, and when the railroad men arrived for their share of the dinner there was nothing in sight but a bonfire of bones. The crew had to be taken back to the camp for dinner.

But everybody was so thoroughly satisfied with the work of the railroad men that the celebration was not held. Centerville that no attention was paid to the fact that some of the men remained hungry for a short time. Speech-making and general jollification closed the day.

It has been practically decided the excursion of business men from Portland to Goldendale will not be held until June. Before that time the road will have been well ballasted from Lyle to its present terminus, and the riding in the new coaches provided for passenger service will be very comfortable. At the time, by June the wheat fields through which the railroad runs from the time it emerges from the scenic Swale Canyon will be in an advanced stage of cultivation, and Portland business men will be able to see waving fields of wheat in each direction so far as the eye can reach. This is the grain the road will carry to market in this capacity, because he, Routh, could not obtain a license from the Council.

Attorney Davis, for the defense, was sentenced today to decide whether to appeal the case or pay the fine.

PAINTERS MAKE STATEMENT.

Present Reasons Why They Ask Minimum of \$3.50 a Day.

The executive board of the Painters' Union has issued the following statement in reply to a number of inquiries:

Since the public has been misinformed as to the demand of the painters we make the following statements:

We have asked an advance of 50 cents per day, or 10 per cent over the present scale of \$3, which has been in effect for two years.

Members of the Master Painters' Association state that they will pay the scale to some, but not to all. We do not try to dictate whom they shall hire, and do not ask them to hire any one who is not suitable to them. It is left entirely to them whom they shall hire. The union allows men incapacitated from old age or physical disabilities to work for less than the scale.

We ask that the minimum scale be \$3.50 per day, and we do not set a maximum scale.

Now they say if they grant our demands we will be encouraged and ask for a further increase. We cannot make a demand without 30 days' notice, and our international union will not sanction a second demand in a year.

The average painter works from six to eight months in a year, which any one can see makes a very small average wage per day the year around.

WALTER WARDE, Chairman Executive Board.

ARRESTED FOR FIGHTING

Charles Beckman, Age 15, in Custody for Beating Willie Cusick.

Charles Beckman, aged 15, passed last night at the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, as the result of a schoolboy fight that took place between him and Willie Cusick on the Morrison-street bridge Wednesday.

The trouble originated in school where it seems Willie Cusick had punched Charles Beckman, the fight being started by Cusick's friends for the sole purpose of "getting even with Willie." R. B. Welch, who was walking across the bridge at the time of the fight, separated the lads and, seeing the case of young Beckman in administering punishment to little Willie, found it necessary to accompany the latter to his home at East Tenth street and Hawthorne avenue. The persistent Beckman followed little Willie and his good Samaritan nearly all the way home, slipping up near enough now and then to get in a left hook or straight drive at some unprotected part of Willie's anatomy.

Judge Hogue, after listening to the evidence, stated that there was no reason for striking a blow, even though it was in return for one received in the school-room and that it was in violation of an ordinance. Clarence put on a manly air and held his head high. "He had no excuse to offer," said the judge. "He was even" and that was all he had to say. Mr. Beckman was grief stricken at the thought of parting with her son and tried to secure Beckman's release upon his own recognizance.

This failed and as no bail was offered Officer Hawley was ordered to take the persistent Beckman to the city jail, where sentence upon the boy as he desired to confer upon the subject with Officer Hawley before making a decision.

GUS ROUTH FINED \$100.

Convicted in Municipal Court of Running Saloon Without License.

Gus Routh was fined \$100 in the Municipal Court yesterday morning for operating a saloon without a license. Routh, who was formerly a well-known saloon man of this city, on April 1, opened a saloon on Third street, near Couch. According to his testimony, Patrolman Griffith Roberts entered the place some time ago for the purpose of ascertaining if the saloon was regularly licensed, and seeing a license posted on the wall supposed it was a licensed saloon. Routh, however, it was discovered that the license was several years out of date, and had been placed there for the sole purpose of misleading the officers. Ten days after the expiration of the license, Councilman Piegel took it upon himself to investigate the place and soon discovered the license was out of date. He at once filed a complaint against J. W. Marshall, the bartender, who said he owned the place. Marshall was arrested and fined \$100, and through his attorney appealed the case, obtaining his liberty upon furnishing bonds. Now he is nowhere to be found, and it is generally thought that he has left the town. City Attorney Fitzgerald obtained an affidavit from him before he left, however, stating that Routh had hired him for a compensation of \$50 per month to represent himself as the proprietor of the saloon. Marshall swore in Portland; the right will be an object lesson.

As many Portland business men as will agree to make the trip will be taken to Goldendale at this time, and the celebration is planned by the residents of the Kllickit Valley, and the excursion will not only celebrate the completion of the line to Goldendale, but it will also result in cementing the friendship of the Kllickit Valley for Portland.

WANT FORM APPROVED.

Common Council Will Meet to Decide on Blank Bonds.

A special meeting of the Common Council will be held on Monday for the purpose of approving a form for bonds amounting to \$50,000, known as refunding bonds, to be purchased by the City of New York. The firm was satisfied with the form of bond sent to it, but wants the Council to officially adopt it. The bonds were sold to take up an indebtedness which became due May 1, 1901. The authority to renew the old bonds was not sufficient under the old charter, and the indebtedness for the past two years has been carried by a local bank. The present interest is 6 per cent and the bonds will run for 25 years, and secure 4 per cent interest.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. R. Hume, a prominent citizen of Astoria, is in the city of Portland.

United States Senator W. B. Heyburn, of Wallace, Idaho, is registered at the Portland.

Dr. A. C. Pantou does not contemplate a European trip, as has been stated in the press.

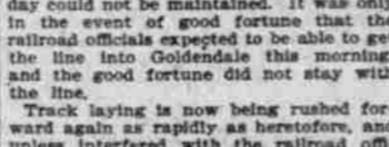
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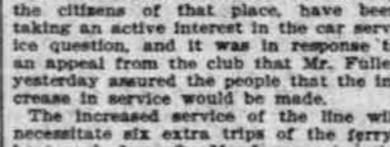
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