

ORGANIZED LABOR IN POLITICS AGAIN

Preparing to Support Certain Candidates in Primary and General Elections.

STATEMENT NO. 1 FAVORED

Preliminary Meeting Held Sunday. Cake for Senator, Parsons for Legislature—Split in State Federation of Labor.

Encouraged by the election of one of their number—M. J. Driscoll, Councilman-at-Large—in the municipal election last June, organized labor of Portland apparently has taken its preliminary steps towards invading state and Congressional politics.

The details of the plan are to be worked out at another conference among those prominent in labor circles who attended the conference Sunday were: H. G. Parsons, president of the Federated Trades Council; R. A. Harris, editor-in-chief of the Oregonian; and J. H. Deane, business agent of the Teamsters' Union, and W. H. Fitzgerald, of the Cigar-makers' Union.

Under the direction of the men who have been named, it is understood that a list of candidates will be prepared and that the program will include the nomination and election of at least one representative of labor on the legislative ticket in this county.

The first attempt to organize and control the labor vote of this city was made last Spring in the municipal campaign, when J. B. Coffey was elected Mayor, and although there are about 5000 union men in the city, the total vote for Coffey was less than 2000.

FEDERAL BUILDING QUIET

Routine Business Follows Activity of Hall Trial.

Contrasted with any day during the preceding four weeks, there was less activity about the Federal building yesterday than on the average legal holiday. T. B. Neumann, of the Interior Department, and C. Becker, special assistant to the Attorney-General, Captain J. A. Sladen, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and the heads of many of the other departments were absent to attend the funeral of Michael A. Meyendorff, late special agent of the Interior Department.

BODY OF MERRILL FOUND

Boat Carpenter Who Disappeared Last Month Was Drowned.

The body of Benjamin M. Merrill, a boat carpenter, was found in the Willamette River yesterday near the east approach of the Burnside bridge. The body had been in the river since early in January, and was badly decomposed.

MUST CONFIRM CHARGES

Unless Radding Produces Proof, Unions Will Expel Him.

E. E. Radding, alleged conspirator against Mayor Lane and deposed delegate to the recent Astoria convention of the State Federation of Labor, has not yet become reconciled with the labor organizations of this city.

secretary of the state organization, and Paulineus McDonald, editor of the Portland Labor Press and secretary of the Federated Trades Council. At the request of the accused men, it was decided that each union affiliated with the Federated Trades Council should designate one member to serve on a jury that should hear such evidence as Radding had to present and pass of the accusations. When the jury convened Sunday in Drew Hall, Radding announced that he would not prefer any charges against Lane and McDonald. But this did not suffice, and the jury demanded that Radding substantiate his charges against Lane. This Radding undertook to do by producing considerable correspondence that had passed between Lane and the officers of the National Federation of Labor.

CLUB OUTLINES ITS WORK

Many Proposed Improvements Are Taken up at Montavilla.

After several months without meeting, the Montavilla Improvement Association convened last night in special session, with W. C. Aylesworth presiding. William Deveny brought up the question of electric lights and reported that the Electric Light Board had been appointed in the district. On motion a committee of Mr. Deveny and O. E. Carter was appointed to look after the lights. The following committees were then appointed: To erect a 12-inch water main on Villa avenue, between West avenue and Meridian street, Charles Flynn, E. Epton and William Deveny; to meet City Engineer Taylor Sunday to discuss fire protection, William Deveny, Harry Happeract and S. P. Osborn; fire hydrants, C. T. Evans, Charles Flynn and E. Epton; to secure another mail carrier, S. P. Osborn, C. T. Evans and Charles Lafollette.

An effort will be made to secure an engine station on the East Side road at the south side of the Jones tract. From this point the apparatus would take a downhill run, covering both Center Hill and Montavilla. C. King, S. P. Osborn and E. Epton were appointed a special committee to secure a public hall for Monday night, March 2, to discuss the initiative and referendum measures. The club adjourned until next Monday night, when consideration of the ensuing year will be elected.

HE CELEBRATES TOO SOON

Mr. Thurston, Joyful Over Release From Hospital, Gets Hurt Again.

Celebration of his release from the Good Samaritan Hospital, where he had been confined for several weeks with a fractured leg, was interrupted yesterday by a fall. Mr. Thurston, who was in the hospital for several weeks, was celebrating his release from the hospital when he fell from a chair. He was injured, and was taken to the hospital again. He is now in a serious condition.

Four Candidates for Postmaster

There are four candidates for Postmaster of Milwaukie, the place having been made vacant by the death of Cyrus K. Ballard. The candidates are Charles E. Dowling, E. C. Becker, and R. W. Galnard. The last-named is a new man in the field. A. J. Walker, who announced himself a candidate, has retired. All the citizens are very much interested in the outcome, and have endorsed the application of one or the other of the candidates. It is understood that the election will be held on the 15th inst.

TRIBUTE OF A FRIEND TO THE LATE MICHAEL A. MEYENDORFF

MICHAEL A. MEYENDORFF, whose funeral was held yesterday at the Crematorium, was a man with an interesting history. Born in Russian Poland, December 3, 1869, the son of Baron Adolph Meyendorff, the one thought which ruled his mind was the same thought that in those days—and even now—ruled the mind of every Pole—to redeem ancient Poland from the cruel yoke of Russia's bureaucratic oppressors. Hence, when the last Polish revolution broke out, over Poland's plains, Michael A. Meyendorff, a lad of 17 years of age, joined his three older brothers as a soldier of the rebellion against the despotism of the Russian conqueror. That was on April 17, 1883.

After participating in three battles young Meyendorff was taken prisoner and in company with so many others was exiled into the wilds of Siberia. That journey, at the rate of about 16 miles daily, required about a month. All efforts to obtain some consideration for the youngest offender in the whole party were vain. Fortunately for young Meyendorff, his half-brother, Colonel Julian Alensky, of New York, a distinguished soldier of the Civil War, himself an escaped exile, who participated in the revolution of 1848, interceded for young Meyendorff, and through the good offices of President Lincoln and Secretary Seward, he was permitted to leave for the United States to join his parents and sisters, but never to return. He arrived here on April 15, 1865, and soon entered the University of Michigan. After graduating he engaged in railway engineering and private surveying, and from January, 1876, until 1883, was engaged in the Interior Department. The advent of the Democratic Administration turned him out of his official position, to which, however, he was restored upon the election of McKinley. During his life in the United States Meyendorff gained for himself the esteem and friendship of some of the most prominent public men. Among these may be found college presidents, Governors, Senators, members of Cabinets and Presidents. Both McKinley and President Roosevelt, Senator Mark Hanna and many others were among them. The story of his connection with the Peoria Insurance Co. is a lecture delivered by him in some of the most prominent cities and colleges throughout the United States. In the year 1885, and it was received very favorably by both his audiences and the press. Michael A. Meyendorff was an aristocrat by nature, as he was by birth, and knew how to suffer in silence. He seldom said anything of his career, which was as remarkable as it was interesting. His friends everywhere thought much of him and keenly sympathized with his struggles. His battles are over—another soldier of one of the many wars for independence and human rights has been gathered to his fathers. May he rest in peace. W. H. G.

WHAT IS POWER Nature supplies force. Wind turns the water-wheel. Coal turns the engine and food runs the man. Some things contain little force, some things much. One substance full of power is SCOTT'S EMULSION Nature put the power there. It is a wonderful flesh-producer. This is not only a matter of nourishment but of new vigor and activity in the tissues. All Druggists; 50c. and \$1.00.

CITY WILL CRUSH ROCK COMMITTEE SETS ASIDE \$25,000 FOR EQUIPMENT. Material for Street Work Difficult to Obtain and Prices Are Said to Be Unreasonable. An appropriation of \$25,000, to be used for the purchase of rock-crushers and for installing them in various sections of the city, was recommended by the ways and means committee of the Council at its meeting yesterday afternoon. It was said by City Engineer Taylor that this amount will not be sufficient to complete the equipment, acquire a quarry, build bunkers and arrange means for the transportation of stone. At a later date, therefore, it may be deemed necessary to provide more funds for this new feature of proposed municipal work. Dr. L. M. Davis, representing the Federated East Side Push Clubs, spoke in favor of municipal rock-crushers, and asked the members of the ways and means committee to recommend an appropriation of from \$25,000 to \$30,000. He declared that the present rate charged for crushed rock, when the material can be purchased at all, is outrageous. He declared that it is now sold at \$2.50 a yard, and said he believed that the city could turn out the same grade for less than half that cost. If it should cost the city \$50,000 and at the end of five years four of these crushers were thrown away, we would have, in the meantime, completed at least \$100,000 worth of improvements on our streets," declared Mr. Davis. "As matters now stand and as they have stood for years, those who deal in crushed rock manage to keep the supply down so low that they force us to pay the highest rates for what we buy. It is not right, and in view of these circumstances I think the city would be very wise to appropriate enough money to set up at least four crushers of its own." Councilmen Eushlight and Kellaher, as well as some of the other members of the committee, discussed at some length the difficulty of securing sufficient material for the crushers. Mr. Eushlight declared there is ample supply of stone within the city limits, and Mr. Kellaher agreed with him. City Engineer Taylor, however, seemed doubtful of this and expressed some fears that it might prove to be a very hard problem to secure enough stone to accomplish much. City Attorney Kavanaugh declared it would be valid for the city to purchase and maintain its own rock-crushers, unless the municipality desired to engage in the sale of crushed rock; if it should do that, he said, the matter would have to be submitted to a vote of the people. It was decided not to attempt to sell any of the material.

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last 24 hours, and the precipitation turning first to snow and then to sleet in the early morning hours. The rainfall during last night amounted to 1.17 inches. All communication to Southern points is broken by the heavy sleet on telegraph wires, destroying the connection of the telegraph companies. Rain and sleet in the vicinity of Atlanta have caused that city to be entirely isolated, so far as wire communication is concerned.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

Table with columns for Station, Temperature, Wind, and other weather data for various locations including Baker City, Boise, Helena, etc.

HUNTER BALTIMORE RYE HAS OBTAINED PREMIER HONORS AND MEDALS FOR BEING THE BEST BLENDED WHISKEY IN THIS COUNTRY; ITS GUARANTEE UNDER THE NATIONAL PURE FOOD LAW AS AN Absolutely Pure Rye Whiskey IS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF ITS SUPERIORITY AND EXCELLENCE.

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