LEAGUE IN THE FIGHT

Independent Organization at Work in Northwest—Must Be Reckoned With in Coming Campaign Says Edward Rainey.

Boldly asserting that both of the old political parties are handled by a small handful of powerful men who are using the party machines for selfish ends, representatives of the recently launched Independence party are as busy as bees in Portland in the work of local organization.

These men are from California, where they have been identified with the Independence party since it entered the field there in the last state election. They are Edward Rainey of Santa Barbara and San Francisco, California, and J. L. Eighois, secretary of the Southern California organization of their party. Both campaigned in the interest of District Attorney Langdon of San Francisco, candidate for governor. They are at the Portland, where they will remain for a short time and where they hope to meet many Oregonians. It is their plan to visit Washington and Idaho at once, supervising the party organization there.

Gains Foothold.

"Already the Independence party has a foothold in Portland," said Mr. Rainey last night. "The people everywhere realize that the old parties are corrupt in many cities, counties and states. They realize that agreements exist on every hand that effectually kill party competition and any chance of the people getting legislation that the people as a whole need. There is always some Cannon, Hopkins, Aldrich, Spooner, Bailey, Depew, Knox, Williams or Root in the way.

"Ryan, Belmont, Tom Taggart, Roger Sullivan, Murphy, McCarren, McClellan and their kind are always in the way of success when an attempt is made to reform what is left of the Democratic party. Many Republicans find it hard to explain why Thomas F. Ryan's scheming counsel, Root, the attorney in the past of probably a score of robber trusts, is tolerated in the cabinet. It is hard to explain why Knox was ever taken into the cabinet, unless one remembers the association of his party with the steel trust, the coal roads and the coal trust, the friends of Knox.

Line on Past Reputations.

"The truth is that the old parties are living on their pasts. They point to them boldly, but reach high in order to point far back, beyond the past 20 years, with its tariff outrages upon one hand and a constant swinging from one platform to another, and away from usefulness on the other.

"Hence the new party, starting with clean hands, which proposes to make bossism, the trading convention and the control of the parties by the few impossible. I am stating what I know is fact when I say thousands upon thousands are flocking to the new party.

"The party will make a nation-wide fight for the referendum and recall, and within the next six months the country will hear about this in every village. We declare for constitutional amendments to permit direct election of senators, and all judges. We favor direct nominations. This is the only party that has taken a stand on over-capitalization. Having suffered from wholesale election frauds, the party would make the use of money in campaigns, save for education of the people, a crime.

For Public Improvements.

"We are for public ownership as fast as cities, states and the nation can demonstrate an ability to manage public utilities for the people, and as a test advocate the purchase of the telegraphs, now run by a trust, and their operation by the postoffice. We favor postal savings banks, the parcels post, the eight-hour day, employers' liability laws, a prison clause in the anti-trust laws and laws permitting all legitimate combinations of laborers, farmers or business men, for the good of the people. A court should be established to review interstate commerce commission decisions, thus relieving a present hardship upon shippers. Further, we favor a flexible currency law, not resembling the Aldrich bill, and believe that in time of depression the government should carry on big and necessary public works in order to give employment to as many as possible. We favor the government irrigation plans and the development of inland waterways.

Outlook in New York.

"What has been accomplished? We have an immense strength in New York, where no one else has ever fought Tammany's well-known crimes. That is, a finish fight. We have second place in Massachusetts. In California now we are getting ready for a state convention, will send delegates to a national convention and will put up legislative and local tickets in the fall. Throughout the east, middle west, south and southwest we have flourishing organizations. Newspapers all over the country, some bitterly hostile, some friendly, are telling the old parties they must count upon the new one. And they must. How much? Frankly, no one knows.

"In the northwest rapid organization will be done. 'No politicians need apply,' is a party motto. After our candidate for president is nominated a whirlwind campaign will be made in these states—a campaign of energy. Three national committeemen will be named from each state, one a business man, one a farmer, one a member of organized labor. The people are making this party to suit themselves. Theirs will be the fault if it ever goes wrong."

"Who will be the party candidate?" was asked.

Hisgen the Man.

"Last week newspapers all over the country said La Follette might be the candidate. Hisgen, the man who put the party in second place in Massachusetts, an independent oil man, who has fought Standard for 25 years, is mentioned. Hearst is talked of by many papers. Hearst will not run. Hisgen is a strong man. I do not know upon what grounds the La Follette articles were published. I do know, however, that a very strong man will be before the people, squarely upon the platform outlined above."

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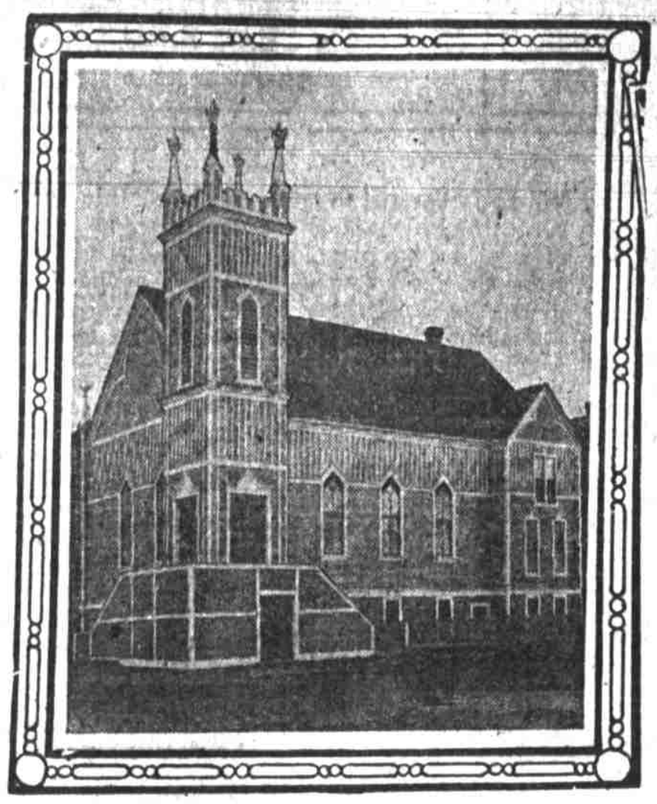

The First Norwegian-Danish M. E. Church, Which Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary This Week.

The First Norwegian-Danish Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Thirteenth and Davis streets, will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary this week. In connection therewith the Ministerial association of the northern part of the Pacific coast district in the western Norwegian-Danish conference will hold their annual session here. Commencing Tuesday evening, March 31. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. Elias Gjerding of Tacoma, Washington, after which a reception will be tendered the visiting ministers. In the week following there will be sermons every evening by one or more of the visiting pastors, and during the day papers to be presented for discussion on the various subjects assigned each minister for presentation.

Saturday, April 4, will be the young people's rally, and a program will be rendered. Music of various kinds will be furnished by the Oregon Conservatory of Music, the large Norwegian male chorus of this city will sing and Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, and Dr. Heppe, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, will give brief addresses.

Sunday, April 5, at 11 a. m., Rev. C. Lyng Hansen, one of the former pastors of the church and now presiding elder of the district, will preach the anniversary sermon.

STRIPS BABY IN COURT BEFORE GIVING IT UP

"Not One Stitch Shall You Have," Says Woman to the Mother.

New York, March 28.—In the Queen's county court, Long Island City, yesterday, Judge Humphrey gave Mrs. Ruth Ettrick possession of her 15-months-old baby girl. Mrs. Marie Ucherman, who had cared for the baby since its birth, fought the case, and when the decision was given against her she laid the child across her knee.

"What are you doing?" cried the mother.

"I am taking my clothes off your child," said Mrs. Ucherman, with her lips fast on a bunch of pins which she had been deftly extracting. "Not one stitch shall you have."

Deftly Mrs. Ucherman wriggled the crowing youngster out of its slip, and off came its petticoat with another twist. Two bare, fat legs beat a tattoo on the air, and the grave discipline of the court was badly fractured. Mrs. Ucherman flipped the baby over, unhooked a pin here, slipped a fold there, and loosed the three ends—

"Madame!" ejaculated the court, "will you kindly step into the seclusion of my chambers before you exercise the last stitch of your rights?"

She did.

The baby was given to Mrs. Ucherman to care for. The mother recently married and told of the child to her husband, who decided to give it his name. Mrs. Ucherman, being unable to show adoption papers, was forced to give up the little one.

WEDS PRETTY WIDOW TO KEEP HER AT HOME

Lonely Man Ends Danger of Losing Housekeeper by Marrying Her.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 28.—Intent on preserving to his household the services of Mrs. B. F. Freas, a pretty Philadelphia widow, who had acted as his housekeeper for three days, William Harris, engineer of the Longport water works, married her.

Harris is a widower. Wishing to keep his children in his home, he advertised in Philadelphia for a maid who would act as housekeeper. Mrs. Freas got the place. She had been with her new employer three days when she received a visit from her mother, who immediately objected to her being the only servant in the house with a man. The housekeeper liked her place, and was in tearful altercation with her parent when Harris returned home.

"Why, I can't get along without her," Harris told the older woman.

"Well, I won't allow her to stay," said the mother.

"I'd rather marry her than lose her," Harris asserted, stoutly. And he did, going at once to a nearby parsonage where he clinched for life his hold on the services of the housekeeper.

BURIED AT OLD HOME IN LINN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Lebanon, Or., March 28—The body of J. C. Allen was brought to this place yesterday and buried in the Masonic cemetery. He died at his home at Gresham Tuesday, after a short illness of pneumonia. He was born in Illinois about 58 years ago. He came to Lebanon in 1889 with his family. Two years ago they moved to Gresham. He leaves a wife and two sons. The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal church by Dr. A. Thompson of Portland. The funeral was conducted by Lebanon lodge, I. O. O. F.

FOLLOW GHOST INTO TREE; FIND A SKULL

Clergyman a Witness as Spectre Disappears, Though Shot at With Guns.

Lewes, Del., March 28.—Ghosts, Daniel P. Jones asserts, really exist. A clergyman and a business man of this town, who saw a tall, white figure glide into an oak tree late at night and escape, though they shot at it with guns, confirm his statement.

Jones had told of seeing a ghost, and invited his two friends to investigate with him. Late at night they saw a white figure gliding across the lot where they were watching, and, following it, saw it disappear into a large tree as they blazed away with guns.

Digging to the roots of the tree into which the form vanished, they found a human skull. A Christian burial will be given it.

As the tree is supposed to be at least 150 years old, the skull is believed to be that of some buccaneer, a member of a band which once made Lewes its rendezvous.

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