

# GENERAL STRIKE IS ORDERED

## Building Trades Unions Will Quit Work Tomorrow.

Unless the planing mill owners grant the nine-hour day to the Amalgamated Woodworkers before tomorrow morning, the 13 unions affiliated with the building trades will go on a strike, and completely tie up building operations in this city until the matter is settled.

It was also intimated that if this concerted action is not productive of the desired result by Friday, the Federated Trades Council, the central body, may go to the extreme limit by issuing orders to have every labor organization in the city to join forces with the strikers in an effort to gain the coveted point.

If such action is taken, it will mean the complete paralysis of every industry in Portland.

At the meeting of the Building Trades Council last night, the situation was carefully gone over and arguments were presented before a final vote on the matter was taken. An overwhelming majority decided in favor of a sympathetic strike, and the 13 unions affiliated are given in the following outline, which has been issued by J. B. Lewiston, secretary of the Building Trades Council:

Every carpenter, lather, plasterer, bricklayer, painter, plumber, tinner, electrician, bridge and structural iron worker, hod carrier and concrete man, sand and fuel teamster, blingier and glazier is called out tomorrow morning unless the planing mill employes are granted their demand for a nine-hour day.

Mr. Lewiston said this morning: "A great majority of the men at the meeting last night heartily favored the action taken, and the carpenters present particularly urged the necessity of supporting the woodworkers to the full extent of their ability. I do not see how the strike can last for any length of time, and believe that it will be settled this week."

"If it should continue longer than we anticipate, nothing will be left undone by the unions to win. When we put our

shoulders to the wheel and all pull together, as we intend doing, we shall certainly accomplish the desired result. Of course, it will work a hardship on the union bosses, but friends will have to suffer along with all others affected."

O shrdiu topu topju topjuetopputapuois Carpenters have felt the results of the strike for some time, and fully 200 of them have been idle for the past two weeks owing to the continued falling off of building activity, due to the unsettled condition of labor and capital. To bring matters to a crisis and have the difficulties adjusted as quickly as possible will be better for all parties concerned. They seemed to avoid the place as if they were a pestilence.

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# RALLY WAS RANK FIZZLE

If present indications are to be relied on Sunnyside is going prohibition at the coming election, and the Republican party in that elevated section of the city, "no one."

Last night a grand Republican rally was scheduled to take place at Brigade hall. By a coincidence, the prohibitionists were also billed to proclaim their party principles in Bharkey's hall, near to where the Republicans were to speak. The Republican managers had engaged a number of stellar attractions, not the least of whom were Waldemar Soton, candidate for office, and Collector Ivey, the man from Alaska.

To divert the minds of the hearers from brooding over the mistakes of the speakers, a colored quartet was engaged to sing funny songs. When the time for the meeting arrived, and speakers and a few camp followers filed into the room, they found the house practically empty.

They waited and watched for some little time but still nobody appeared. They seemed to avoid the place as if they were a pestilence.

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# OF WHAT BENEFIT

## Will Riparia-Lewiston Road be to Portland?

Just how the building and joint occupancy of the Lewiston-Riparia line outlined at the Harriman banquet last night will benefit Portland is a matter of real public interest.

As matters now stand, the Northern Pacific has a line of its own, all rail, a little roundabout, perhaps, but then it makes the same rate that the O. R. & N. Company quotes. It isn't so very long ago that these two lines were cutting each other's throats, metaphorically. Now they have kissed and made up, and propose to build and jointly operate a line for the benefit of Portland.

In making such an arrangement, the matter simply resolves itself to the question of give and take between the lines interested. Mr. Mohler is out of the city today and could not elucidate the matter from his company's point of view. So, too, Mr. Mellen, and there is no one connected with the Northern Pacific who cares to be quoted. In fact, there is a remarkable desire abroad not to express any sentiment at all. One gentleman, who has made a study of the question, but who shrinks from being quoted, said this morning:

"I can not see how any line up the Clearwater and Snake rivers jointly occupied by the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. can materially benefit Portland. This is true for the reason that, as I understand it, the road shipments from Lewiston to Riparia are now handled by the O. R. & N. through Portland, and if a line is jointly occupied by these two lines, a certain percentage of the wheat shipments is bound to go to Puget Sound, anyway."

"The business would thus be divided, and it seems to me that Puget Sound would draw a considerable amount of this business from the Snake river that now comes to Portland. The building of this line to me appears to amount to little. It merely keeps Portlanders quiet for the time being. It is a little sop thrown out for that purpose, that's all. Business will continue to be divided on the same basis that it has been, and I believe that Puget Sound will get the lion's share of it, as usual. Furthermore, I believe that the influence of the Puget Sound cities is sufficiently strong to prevent such a line as the newly proposed Lewiston-Riparia line from being built at all, unless they are to reap a goodly share of the business. I may be wrong, but that's the way the thing looks to me."

The 500 votes from Troutdale were today legalized by L. E. Harlow, the Justice of the Peace, swearing to his own signature, and as to the qualifications of the voters, before County Clerk Swetland.

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The Governor stated that the matter of instructions as to the manner of election of his successor had been referred to Attorney-General D. R. N. Blackburn, and it is found that the Governor had no authority, in the present instance, to authorize the placing of the names of the nominees on the official ballots.

In view of this fact County Clerk Swetland, in order to save the extra expense of holding a special election, has decided to place the nominations for Mr. Inman's successor, filed last week, on the official ballots. They will be dated from the time when they were made so that they will come within the provisions of the law which requires that they shall be ready 30 days previous to the date of the general election.

County Clerk Swetland has referred the matter of Mr. Inman's resignation and the selection of his successor to several local attorneys and it is their opinion that the case is an original one, no parallel to it having been recalled or discovered. Bids for printing the ballots will be advertised for today.

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This is a chance for the worthy young women who fill busy places in the city to take a vacation trip. It will be appreciated.

## WHO IS YOUR CHOICE? CUT OUT THIS COUPON

I VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_  
At \_\_\_\_\_  
AS THE ONE TO TAKE THE Journal Vacation Trip.

One coupon every day. Six coupons will be given for a week's paid in advance subscription; twenty-six votes will be given for a month's paid in advance subscription, and seventy-eight votes will be given for every three month's paid in advance subscription.

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County Jailer Geo. Mitchell was greatly surprised at 11:50 o'clock last night, when he was confronted by a man charged with murdering.

Although Mr. Mitchell has known the late visitor for over 20 years, he was at a loss to account for the visit last night. In the darkness he could not see who it was and so he asked:

"Well, who are you and what do you want?"

"Don't you know me, Mr. Mitchell? I am Tom McDonald. They want me for killing 'Cookney' Hicks and I want to give myself up."

"All right, old man, step inside and I will give you a good warm bed," answered the accommodating county official.

McDonald, of Williams, or Lee, as the police have him named, was ushered inside, put into a cell and the jailer, in his pajamas made a run for bed.

A Journal reporter called on McDonald in his cell this morning and had quite a chat with him. The subjects touched upon were nearly all foreign to the subject, as John Ditchburn, attorney for the prisoner had advised him to have nothing to say to newspaper men. McDonald, however, who knew his questioner in years gone by, volunteered this statement, in the presence of Mr. Mitchell:

"While I am obliged to be somewhat guarded in what I say to you, I know you will not give me the worst of it."

"In the first place we were all drinking more or less. 'Cookney' who was always very quarrelsome, commenced to raise a row and we had a personal encounter, in the dining room. That was how the whole game was broken and the bracket broken down."

"Then he said 'I'll kill you' or 'I'll fix you,' and ran to the kitchen. He came

back brandishing a big butcher knife. Thinking my life was in imminent danger, I seized the rifle, which was loaded, and as I say, thinking that he would kill me, I fired. He dropped and then there was so much excitement that I do not care to say at this time what occurred. I shot purely in self-defense and to save my own life."

"Well, where have you been these last 10 days?" was asked.

"With a smile the prisoner answered: 'Do you think I am 'rummy' enough to answer such a question? Just put me on the East Side and let it go at