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ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES HEARD

Many of Them Were Present at Ald. Newton's Meeting Last Night and Ventilated Their Opinions

THEIR SPEECHES GIVEN IN BRIEF

Most of Them Are Out For the Forty-Five Cent Wage Scale and Will Look After the Workingmen—Montgomery Finds His Occupation Gone and Says He is Thinking of Espousing the Capitalist Cause—Meeting Was Noisy

The meeting in the Empress Theatre last night was the best since yet for the aldermanic candidates, most of whom made speeches and were greeted with a lot of good-humored interjections. Those who survived it best were given very free applause. Only one aldermanic candidate came to grief. That was Alderman Clayton, who at the end of a lengthy speech was booed off the platform. The Alderman lost his temper, which only pleased the audience the more.

G. H. Munro.

The first to be called on was G. H. Munro, who made a good impression in a maiden speech. As an employer of labor, he said he had business experience which fitted him to be a useful member of the Council Board. He was in favor of paying the 45-cent rate to city laborers and union rates to all organized trades.

F. M. Lannic.

Mr. F. M. Lannic favored 45 cents for city labor and on all city contracts.

"Let us have good wages and we will have a good town. Good wages are good not only for the workmen but also for everybody else in town," he declared amid applause.

Tom Maitland.

Mr. Tom Maitland, speaking as a workingman and a property owner who was here to stay, said he was anxious to help make Prince Rupert a good city. He was in favor of day labor. He also favored municipal ownership of all public utilities. As one of the oldest union men in Prince Rupert he asked for the special support of the workingmen voters.

E. H. Shockley.

Mr. E. H. Shockley said he was an independent candidate. After 15 years' experience in construction work in large cities he was not in favor of competitive station work. He thought the engineer was the one who ought to fix the price.

When the candidate asked for questions one man rose and asked: "How much would it take to raise a balloon?" (Laughter.)

M. McLeod.

Mr. M. McLeod was unable to

get a hearing owing to the boisterous merriment of the audience, but the candidate took it in good part and got a rousing cheer from the audience at the end.

H. W. Dagnall.

Mr. H. W. Dagnall, who also got a noisy reception at the outset, said that his firm had paid as much as \$6 for an eight-hour day and 55 cents for laborers—and made money at it, too. (Applause.) He spoke of the retaining walls as being in danger from the frost. Mr. Dagnall spoke of his past record in carrying out public works.

"Don't go into your past. If we all did most of us would be hanged," called out someone in the audience, but Mr. Dagnall kept on and made good.

John Dybhavn.

Mr. John Dybhavn said he had no faith in election platforms. They were usually used only to please the electors. Practical judgment on the Council Board was worth much more than a long platform. He favored the 45-cent rate and day labor, but not competitive station labor. He was opposed also to giving out big work. Under a competent head the Public Works department should be able to carry out the work just as well as any contractor and save the contractor's profit for the citizens. He promised both business men and workmen a square deal if elected.

W. T. Robinson.

Mr. W. T. Robinson said he had been long enough in the city for anybody to know his character. He favored station work if the competitive method was taken out of it.

W. H. Montgomery.

W. H. Montgomery said that as all the other candidates were going to represent the laboring men he thought he had better represent the capitalists. (Laughter.) He wondered why the capitalists did not get after the Provincial Government to turn its waterfrontage over to the city rather than try to build up the city by cutting down the wages of the workmen. (Applause.)

George Leek.

Mr. George Leek was also singled out for a noisy reception, but he kept a good front and finished his speech.

REPORTER BUTTED IN WHEN HILDITCH USED HIS NAME

A RATHER WARM INCIDENT AT THE HILDITCH MEETING—REPORTER OBJECTED TO BEING CALLED A SATELLITE AND SLANDERER.

Alderman Newton found a champion in Mr. Neil Mackay of the Empire staff last night. Alderman Hilditch had been telling his audience that after the G. T. P. assessment discussion Alderman Newton had asked Alderman Carr what "fee simple" meant, and said when told: "Gee! If I only knew that I'd have voted for it."

"This is the man who wants to do business for you," said Alderman Hilditch. "I don't know how on earth he manages to run his own paper unless it is done by his satellite here." The speaker indicated Mr. Mackay at the reporters' desk.

"Here, that's enough for you. Get that out, Alderman Hilditch!" exclaimed the reporter amid renewed sensation.

But Alderman Hilditch kept on. "Alderman Newton has a man," he said, "who does nothing but run around this town hunting up

slander. (Cheers.) It has been traced back to him again and again. When he makes a slanderous statement about anyone he 'heard it on the street.' Of course he heard it on the street, and it was this man here that told it to him.

"I tell you," he continued, "that before I am through with this campaign I will rip Alderman Newton's moral character to ribbons. I am alone in the campaign. I have no committee working for me, but that is enough. I know him to the core and every man on the Council knows him, too, in spite of his protestations of honesty. I tell you that so far from regretting that I am single handed in the campaign I am proud of it. I shall take pride in ripping him alone!" (Applause and sensation.)

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

I. W. W. HALL IS BURNT TO SHELL

Workingmen Have Lost Their Library and Much That They Valued—Brigade Did Well, but Water Came Few Seconds Late.

Completely gutted by fire at 12:30 this morning, the I. W. W. hall on Third avenue is a charred shell. The building had only recently been repainted and gotten into very nice shape as a reading and meeting room for the laboring men of the city, and their library is practically all destroyed. A quantity of personal effects and important papers belonging to the secretary, A. O. Morse, who resided in the rear kitchen of the building, are lost also. There was no insurance on the contents of the building, but the structure itself, in which Mr. V. Casley is interested, was insured for some \$600, which will not cover the cost re-erection. An overheated stove pipe caused the fire.

Remember Alderman Newton's final rally in the Empress Theatre Wednesday night. Moving pictures, music etc. 21

A HOT TIME WHEN RIVALS MET

Meeting in Empress Theatre Was Lively One, With the Audience Taking a Hand in the Game to Help Matters Along

HILDITCH REFUSED A HEARING ONE TIME

Crowd Would Not Let Him Rake up an Episode in Ald. Newton's Life in Ontario—Invited Him to Tell of His Own Doings in Yukon Instead—Hilditch Predicts That Newton Will be Most Despised Man in Rupert Within Seven Months

The great feature of last night's meeting in the Empress Theatre was the meeting between Ald. Newton and Ald. Hilditch. Both men made charges against each other, and the audience throughout was keyed up to a high pitch of excitement. Ald. Hilditch was subject to frequent interruptions, and once when he attempted to rake up some incident in Ald. Newton's career in Lindsay, Ont., the audience stopped him with cries of "We don't want to hear it. Tell us something about Hilditch in the Yukon."

Boost for Newton

Ald. Newton, who spoke first, said that he took the big gather-

ing to mean that they were out to give the Newton cause a boost. The reason Ald. Hilditch had dropped in was because his own meeting in the skating rink was an absolute fizzle.

Special despatches from the seat of war showed that at 8.20 p.m. there were only 20 present, mainly Newton supporters. (Cheers.) Later on it had swelled to 40, but they were still Newton men.

Made No Promises

In answer to a question as to whether if elected mayor he intended to make Geo. Leek Chief of Police or a Licence or Police Commissioner, Ald. Newton said he had not promised a single soul a job. He was not buying his way into office in that way.

"Me and the Mayor"

He denied that his platform was just "hot air." Ald. Hilditch had boasted of himself as the great "I am," speaking of himself as "Me and the Mayor." He gave him credit for the successful working of the public works department, but he could give him credit for nothing else. He charged that at the time of the strike Hilditch said to him, "Sam, the people won't stand for the 45 cents (laughter). I said, 'Jack, (laughter), believe the people will stand for it if we are straight with them over it,' and believed that the property owners were all in favor of the 45c rate.

Ald. Hilditch Speech

"I can be humorous myself, at times," began Ald. Hilditch, "but this is not going to be a pink tea party. Ald. Newton's campaign has been a campaign of slander, based on street rumors. But so far as I know, not a single member of the council has directly or indirectly gained a penny worth of benefit for himself.

That Raincoat Story.

"Is it true that you received a raincoat with a cheque in the pocket?" demanded a questioner. "As for that raincoat," said Alderman Hilditch, "I have heard the story. All I know about it is that I paid \$32 for it to Jack Kirkpatrick. That raincoat story is one of Alderman Newton's gags,

Charged Newton.

The nearest instance to graft in Council Alderman Hilditch had ever seen, he said, was the alteration of the city insurance policy at Alderman Newton's instigation to gratify Alderman Newton's petty spite. (Boos.) "I have Mr. Mortimer's statement for it that Alderman Newton's words were that if G. R. Naden's firm did not put its advertising his way he would see to it that no city insurance went their way."

Appeal History.

After referring to the city printing, which Alderman Newton had wanted switched from the Journal, Alderman Hilditch offered to throw light on a little bit of Alderman Newton's past history. But there was nothing doing. Cries of "Tell us some of your own," "We're in the west now," "What about you in the Yukon?" etc., put an end to the story.

"I will tell you who are Alderman Newton's backers in this campaign," went on Alderman Hilditch. "The whole works," yelled some one amid cheers.

"They are the men who were absolutely refused jobs because they were unfit for them and who wanted jobs from him now," continued the speaker. "It's false," went up a voice. "Is that what you call humor?" "Let's have some of that humor you talked of."

Hilditch's Prophecy.

"If Alderman Newton is elected he will be elected by the laboring vote," maintained Alderman Hilditch. "And let me tell you that in seven months from now he will be the most despised man in Prince Rupert."

"Don't you believe it!" and "We despise you now!" went up from the shouting audience.

An Interruption.

"Alderman Newton may talk of 'Jack' and 'Sam,'" continued Alderman Hilditch.

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HE RIDICULED NEWTON'S ABILITY

Ald. Hilditch at His Own Meeting Said That Ald. Newton Knew as Much About Engineering as a Sow Does About Skating on Ice---Says He is an Anarchist in Principle

One hundred and forty is Alderman Hilditch's own estimate of the number who attended his meeting in the Auditorium last night. There were certainly no more. Mr. Charles Halsey was chairman, and Alderman Hilditch occupied most of the time between 8 p. m. and 10.

"Alderman Newton has no more idea of an engineering undertaking than a sow has of skating on

ice," was a sentence of Alderman Hilditch's which provoked applause and laughter. "I have taken that man to Col. Davis to have an engineering matter explained. It was time absolutely wasted. You couldn't drive an engineering scheme into his head with a sledge hammer. He has no organizing ability. He is an anarchist in principle, ready to disrupt the whole city. He will try a fresh experiment with a new

engineering staff and put us back to where we were at first."

Alderman Hilditch went into figures showing his own achievements as chairman of the Public Works Board, declaring that by his persistent attention the engineering department had been able to build by day labor at 45 cents an hour retaining walls at \$1.80 when the contractor's price was \$5 a yard.

ALD. CLAYTON WAS BOO-ED OFF THE STAGE

Audience at Ald. Newton's Meeting Resented an Insult to a Man Who Had Merely Accepted the Alderman's Invitation to Ask Him a Question—Told Him He Ought to be in the Penitentiary

Alderman Clayton, fresh from the Council Board, had a rough time at Alderman Newton's meeting last night, being booed off the stage at the end of his speech for insulting a man who had accepted his invitation to ask questions. The burden of his speech was that if Alderman Newton, when he became mayor, would appoint him to be a police or license commissioner he would promise to clean up the department within two weeks.

After talking for an unwarrantable time, the speaker was called down by someone in the audience shouting out: "Give Newton a chance." (Applause.)

"I did not come prepared to make a speech," said the Alderman, but the statement was received with jeers.

Nothing daunted, he started a second speech, although many people got up and left the hall, preferring to go home to sleep. It was not until he had finished and the questions began that the meeting woke up again.

Answering questions about the

late strike, Alderman Clayton boastfully declared that had he been mayor he would not have delegated his powers to any one—he would have settled it himself by swearing in men bound to do their duty. He said he would refuse to alter the 37½-cent minimum—(Loud boos and jeers precluded the finish of the sentence.)

"You can boo-hoo all you like; you'd ruin any city," called out the Alderman angrily.

"If you are so very feasible a piece of machinery, why did you not sign the petition for the release of the strikers who were arrested?" asked Mr. A. O. Morse, secretary of the I. W. W.

"Because they got all that was coming to them, and you ought to be along with them," said Alderman Clayton, looking very mad indeed. Cheers, boo-hoos and hisses greeted this attack on the man, who merely accepted Alderman Clayton's invitation to ask him questions.

"You're the chief instigator and arch conspirator of the

whole affair," went on Dr. Clayton, while a man in the audience rose and called out: "You've no business to insult the questioner."

When the storm of hisses had subsided, W. H. Montgomery stepped to the front of the platform, and pointing his finger jeeringly at Dr. Clayton said, "And this is the man who wants to be a police commissioner, to give you justice. Fine justice indeed." (Cheers.)

In the tempest of execration that ensued, the angry Alderman retreated to his seat.

Ald. Douglas who followed, just stood on the platform, smiled at the crowd and said, "You fellows are getting lots of fun." He restored their good humor, and they gave him a round of applause.

Voters, Attention.

For a good, progressive administration of the affairs of the city vote for J. H. Hilditch for mayor and be safe. 41

MEMBERS OF BIG FIRM

Pat Welch to Take Charge of Work—Jack Stewart to Europe.

Pat Welch of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart is expected to arrive here in a few weeks to take entire charge of the firm's western operations in place of Jack Stewart, "the little white chief," who is going to Europe

on account of ill health. Mr. Angus Stewart of the same firm is at present in St. Louis, Mo., with his wife.

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