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Feindel Acclaimed at Workers Club Meeting

New Shoe Factory To Be Discussed

In a statement to the Guardian, Tuesday, Hon. Ovide J. Coulombe, outgoing Mayor, declared that the Burtman-Rondeau Shoe Company were all set to establish their subsidiary in Berlin providing the new administration, which goes into power March 26, accepts the terms of the tentative agreement presented by the Mayor to the Council two weeks ago.

Mr. Coulombe assured us that the shoe factory would be functioning within 30 days after the contract was signed between His Honor, Daniel Feindel, and the partners who plan to establish a plant here. Mr. Coulombe also promised his hearty co-operation toward bringing about the establishment of the new industry in Berlin.

We approached the Mayor-elect and he asserted that one of his first acts when in office will be to give the matter the most thoughtful consideration and to all that can possibly be done for the best interests of the community.

The tentative contract proposed by the Burtman-Rondeau Shoe Co., demanded an outlay of some \$75,000 from the City: 20,000 over a period of ten years, the remaining 55,000 during the first two years. The matter will have to be analyzed as to just what returns will revert to the city before such an investment is made.

Along the Main Stem

With Dr. B. U. L. Connor

The political rumors that fly about this over-heated town! Oh! my goodness! exclaims Dr. Connor as he listens to one; then he is assailed by another "posted" gentleman who also gives him a cheerful little earful.

"City Hall, Labor, Democrats, Honest Dan, Manchester Union, etc., etc. It's an awful thing for a quiet unassuming old prof who has to listen to all this hullabaloo. Dr. Connor is really considering the advisability of resigning and getting away from it all.

Our Bears certainly started on the right foot, last Sunday. Now let's see them go out and get the scalp of those bad Patterson Pros.

With Poof and Max clicking like they did last Sunday, Dr. Connor comes to the conclusion that the Bears "have" got the stuff.

Spring is officially with us again, after long months of winter. Zero weather still prevails in the early mornings, but the sun is gradually getting stronger. Darkness does not fall until after supper, reminding us that our old friend (or enemy) Daylight Saving will be along presently. An epidemic of spring fever is expected at any time, and Dr. Connor is not immune.

Political Appointments Discussed

Five hundred members of the Coos County Workers Club stormed the Club meeting rooms, Tuesday night to greet the successful candidates of the Labor Party, who received a tremendous ovation as they appeared on the platform after the regular business had been carried out.

At the time the assembly decided to pay the election bills of the Labor Party which amounted to \$105.81; to investigate the matter of a man, on the C. W. A. payroll, doing skilled work yet receiving only the minimum wage of 40c an hour; to accept the reports from the different grievance committees; and to vote a letter of thanks to Mr. Antoine Babin, merchant of the East Side, in appreciation of his help toward the success of the Labor Party.

The regular business being con-

cluded, Mr. Legassie introduced the successful candidates who thanked the members of the Club for their wonderful support and reiterated their stand for the best interests of the Workers Club. The meeting became pretty lively, at this point, when the elected representatives tried to get the response of the assembly on the matter of political appointments. The general sentiment prevailing, however, was that the new Administration should try and remove from the City Hall all political key-men.

Mr. Spinney made a motion, approved unanimously by the assembled members, that a vote of confidence be given Messrs Feindel, Barnes, Moreau, and Tondreau, by abiding by their decisions in the matter of appointments, and a committee was selected to offer advice to the new city officers on this matter.

Future Policy of The Coos Guardian

Last week the Guardian carried an announcement to the effect that it would soon increase its size and assume the form of a regular newspaper. According to tentative plans at the time the management honestly believed that this new policy was warranted by a certain demand for the advertising which the new sheet could offer. But it has since developed that the Guardian Inc. could not possibly swing the deal which would have involved a heavy overhead on the printing and the news service alone. After a careful consideration of all the factors bearing on the issue the board of directors decided that it would not be feasible. So in accordance with our policy of honest and aboveboard dealing we wish to advise our subscribers that we cannot see our way through to a larger size at the present time.

At the same time we hope that all our past subscribers will give us their hearty co-operation as in the past, and will renew their subscriptions. As it is, the Guardian will remain the official organ of the Coos County Workers Club, and the Labor Party and will devote its columns to good clean city government, as well as a study of general and local labor conditions. In accordance with this policy we will publish all deals as happen in the City Council, names, dates, and other details involved in the different issues, as well as featuring labor problems both local and national.

Your comrades will be among you to approach you for renewals. You cannot afford to refuse them!

All C.W.A. Work Stops March 29

It was learned last Tuesday at the Council meeting that all CWA employees would be dropped from the payroll after March 29. 125 men, now engaged on the CWA will be laid off Thursday, March 22; the remaining 262 men will be kept on till the latter date, at which time the entire CWA work will be stopped. Mayor Coulombe stated, that, in conjunction with these orders, he had also received correspondence from Governor Winant as to the Governor's intention in regard to the completion of the projects now under way which cannot be done by the date set for the stop of the local CWA. It seems to be the Governor's intent that these projects be completed; Mr. Coulombe asserted that he thought these projects would be completed through the Relief Office.

A petition from Alfred Drouin, defeated Labor candidate for Councilman in Ward 2, was read and referred to the Committee on Elections. This committee met after the regular Council meeting and it was decided to hold this recount Wednesday, March 21, at City Hall. The matter of Cascade Hill bridge which has been a source of much controversy between the CNR on the one part and the municipalities of Berlin and Gorham on the other part could not be settled according to a report by City Solicitor Matthew J. Ryan. This report was accepted by the Council.

Mayor-elect Feindel was also introduced to the City Council, by the Mayor; Mr. Feindel takes office March 26.

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THE CAMPAIGN

Many views have been offered to explain the outcome of the local elections this spring. The election of the Labor candidates came as a surprise to the entire State. Mayor Coulombe, a veteran in politics, was considered throughout the State as firmly entrenched. On the other hand the Labor candidates were unknown quantities. What then caused a "revolt" at the polls against the political machine that had no opposition at the election of the year before?

In the first place the administration had opposition in 1933 but it was not organized and marshalled. We believe that Mayor Coulombe would have had difficulty in getting himself re-elected last year had he been opposed by what is termed a "strong" candidate in ordinary political parlance. Our reason for this statement is that the same conditions that existed this spring existed also last spring.

In our estimation the chief reason for the Labor victory is the "depression." Discontent is rampant and in our belief not unjustly so. The standard of living of the people has gone down continually with the prolongation of the depression. The regularly employed people, if any can be so-called, have had their net income cut and cut. Those on relief in this City are thoroughly dissatisfied with the manner of dispensing the relief as well as with the amount given. Much is said in the papers that no one is to go hungry or cold, that provision is to be made for all; actually there is suffering and privation in a land of wealth and plenty. The people immediately affected in their living conditions registered a vote of "protest" against the ones in authority locally much in the same manner that they voted "against" Hoover. In connection with and as a result of the discontent due to the depression the so-called common man is also doing more thinking. The average worker is satisfied with "little" compared with the so-called "white collar" man, but there is a limit below which the common man if cut begins to get sensitive. There is no doubt that the working people are made to bear more than their share of the depression and unless the depression lets up the political movements from now on are due to progress towards the "left." The N. R. A. itself is considered to be a "socialistic" step, and unless the tide of depression turns, it is bound to be only the beginning.

The Republican "factor" was in the minds of many the deciding one. The "unnatural" indorsement of Mayor Coulombe by the Republican executive committee controlled by only the turbulent "wing" of the party caused the "backwash" of Republican votes at the polls that we predicted. The "indorsement" was not representative of the feelings of the party at all. The "protest" meeting proved it before the election and the negligible number of straight Republican votes cast indicated the extent of the fury felt by the Republican voters throughout the city. This was facilitated by the fact that Mr. Daniel Feindel has always been a Republican. A political party cannot be "turned over" to its most active opponent as easily as that especially by people who have been a source of trouble to that same party. The election returns most vehemently condemned their action. They "made" votes for the Labor candidates.

The unwarranted interference of certain people in an attempt to "influence" the election against the Labor ticket climaxed the situation and helped assure the Labor victory. Practically everything was done that could be done to help Mayor Coulombe's campaign, but the people would have it the other way and all attempts to "interfere" simply added fuel to the flame.

The outcome "surprised" and "disappointed" some, but we believe that they can rest assured that the sky will not fall and that the Labor party has no direct wire to Moscow as some would have the public believe that it is controlled by "reds" and "radicals."

WHAT NOW?

The election is over, the jubilation of the victors, the chagrin of the vanquished are fading. Now that the heat of the contest and the celebration are past, people will settle down to their daily routine, with perhaps a watchful eye on the new administration.

The Labor Party was swept into power on a wave of votes from citizens of all classes, of all political faiths. Their majority was decisive, and no competent observer can doubt that they carry the approval and backing of most of Berlin. With five of their candidates in the field, four came through handsomely, the fifth lost by very few votes.

It is well at this time to look ahead, to gauge the problems of the new administration, to estimate the difficulties, to find the best line of attack. Campaign promises will have to be fulfilled. A review of the city's condition will be the incoming Mayor's first duty. Changes must be made, in the best interests of the city.

It is inconceivable to us that our next Mayor should meet with much opposition in making these changes. His best support is the record of the votes at his election. Witness Ward Four, a strong Democratic ward, which gave him a large majority. Ward Three, a normally Republican ward, gave him a majority of 350. Both of the old line parties have helped him, and look to him for results. Any unreasonable obstructionist who, from mere political obstinacy, dares try to checkmate him, will find himself judged and sentenced by his own people.

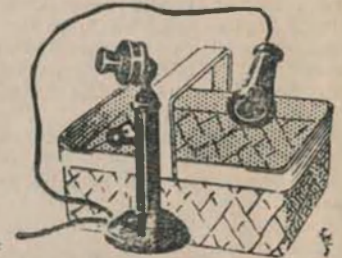
In line with the Labor platform, this newspaper will keep informed on events at City Hall, and will publish the administration's record as it is made from week to week. Names, dates and places will be reported, and credit and blame distributed as deserved.

Much work needs to be done before the next election comes along, and it will be done, with co-operation. The city needs constructive, vigorous action, and the Labor Party stands pledged to do all in its power to bring us back to a sound basis. Let the men join the ladies, and do a little "spring cleaning."

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**Close-ups of
The News**
By BIJOIE

"HAVERHILL"

2,000 shoe workers are on strike and fed in soup kitchens supplied chiefly by local merchants. News came that Washington ordered the hearing postponed.

The strike is now two weeks old and Washington ordered a postponement at the request of the employees which must necessarily be detrimental to them. Lack of food will drive them back to work before a hearing can be had at all. We should expect them to be in a hurry about getting a hearing.

"DETROIT"

The auto workers of Detroit are also having trouble under the N. R. A. and a general strike is feared. The railroad employees are also holding their own.

It is to be hoped that these two large industries will settle their troubles with labor without the necessity of a strike as in Haverhill. However, it seems that labor everywhere is prepared to resist the further lowering of its standard of living in the name of necessity. And more it now appears from indications today that labor is on its way to recover lost ground.

"MUSSOLINI"

The dictator of Italy now has a plan which he claims will take 60 years to fulfill and which will result in world supremacy for Italy.

He is starting off the same way Germany did. These war mongers are a real plague to humanity.

"FIREMEN UNIONS"

The city manager of Norfolk, Va., has put a ban on the proposed firemen's union in that city. His statement was that "No matter how well the firemen's union may have worked elsewhere, we do not want it in Norfolk."

We also noted that the partial organization of the local department was not relished here in certain quarters. Moreover it has been rumored that certain "active" members of the Fire Department were to be "fired" by the outgoing administration because of their "political" activities.

We do not believe for a minute that such a thing is contemplated. If every City employee was to be removed for political activities, many would have to be dismissed. But we suppose it makes some difference which side an employee "works" for.

"PINK SLIP"

On the very day that the President called upon industry to raise wages and shorten the hours of labor, Postmaster General Farley dictated an official bulletin to the postoffices of the country ordering payless furloughs for some 26,000 postal employees.

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"BANK HOLIDAY"

A recent report on the bank situation shows that 3,349 of the nation's banks have not opened yet, and that only 1,260 of those which kept closed after the bank holiday have since been reopened.

Strange that the closing of institutions resulting in the loss of millions to poor workers should be called a bank holiday. We understood holidays to be happy days.

"SUNDAY GLOBE"

Under the heading of Concord the Sunday Globe had an account of the victory of the Labor Party in which it was stated that "there is no indication as yet that any attempt will be made to extend this Labor organization from Berlin through the State" and that if we "should begin missionary work in other industrial centers of the State, the old party leaders would have something to think about."

It was stated all through the campaign that the intent of the Berlin Labor Party was to spread through the State if possible and to gain admission to the Legislature as soon as possible. Unless the depression lets up, the movement is

bound to spread. As it is Labor is agitating everywhere in one way or the other for a fair deal. No one can deny that Labor is not getting its fair share of the national income.

"WAR PICTURES"

The Sunday papers have recently begun to print a series of war pictures. Pictures of war's atrocities; pictures of unchristian shambles; pictures of man tearing man to shreds with the best weapons that the human brain can devise; pictures of corpses, devastation and ruin; pictures of the greatest single catastrophe that ever befell mankind: the World War.

Why were those same pictures censured during the war? Why was the ghastly truth concealed? Why was the public not allowed to see what was going on? The reason is clear. Men go into the trenches blind when they might not go in if they knew it all. Even today the War Department has plenty of horrible pictures that the public will never see. Better still, they have specimens of mutilated human beings now living that no one is allowed to see because they are so horrible to behold.

And the question remains: what did the World War prove? The investment in money and life was tremendous but the returns nil.

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ment.

February 21st, A. D. 1934.
ADELE FOURNIER,
Administratrix with will annexed.
By her attorney,
ARTHUR J. BERGERON.

The Veteran

By A. E. Martel

(Verbatim quotations from the Con-
gressional Record)

"They have vacant veterans' wards
in every hospital in the country, and
diseased veterans are not able to
obtain hospitalization."—Congress-
man Martin, of Colorado.

"What did the gag rule do? That
gag rule provided that every ap-
propriation bill to be passed by this
session of Congress this year and
every supply bill throughout the
year could not be amended by at-
taching to it any increase of salary
or compensation affected by the
Economy Act. Any compensation
taken from veterans or Federal em-
ployees could not be returned, once
that gag rule was adopted."—Con-
gressman Britten, of Illinois.

"If you ask 99 people out of 100
whom you hear discussing veterans'
problems, you will find they have
never taken the trouble to get a
statistic, to study it, to learn it, or
to cross the threshold of a hospital.

We have made a mistake.
... but we have not admitted
that we made a mistake nor have
we honestly and without party lines
tried constructively to put to the
administration the truth with the
kind of unanimous backing and so-
ber thoughtfulness that would get
an attentive ear. We have prac-
ticed expediency, and political ex-
pediency with veterans."—Con-
gresswoman Greenway, of Arizona.
"Marine hospitals throughout the
United States, which formerly had
jurisdiction over disabled war vet-
erans' disabilities, are not permitted
to receive these veterans at the
present time, although some of the
hospitals are used for CWA em-
ployees." — Congressman McLeod,
of Michigan.

"We know we are not taking care
of our veterans and their depen-
dents as we wish to take care of
them."—Congressman Kenney, of
New Jersey.

"General Hines has submitted a
brief of figures. I am not going
to be so ungracious as to publicly
characterize General Hines as an
unmitigated liar, even though I
believe so, but I do believe that he
has been so grossly careless with
figures that he might qualify as a
charter member of the Ananias
Club."—Congressman Dirksen, of
Illinois.

"I am convinced that over 90 per
cent of the American people would
like to see this compensation for
disabled veterans restored; people
belonging to both parties."—Con-
gressman Fish, of New York.

"The appeal" . . . (for veter-
ans' relief) . . . "does not come
from any particular section; it
comes from all parts of this coun-
try; it comes from the depths of
the souls of the American people.
I cannot help but feel that if Mr.
Roosevelt understood this he would
modify the provisions of the Econ-
omy Act affecting the veterans."—
Congressman Focht, of Pennsyl-
vania.

"While we try to convince our
people that recovery is here and
that purchasing power is and must
be increased, to the group com-
posed of federal employees and the
veterans, we say that such times
are not here and that living costs
have not risen to a point where we
can restore their cuts."—Congress-
man Kvale, of Minnesota.

"The way we are treating the
veterans of this nation is a disgrace.
We no longer protect the pro-
tectors of the nation—the men who
gave their limbs and their health
and were willing to give their lives
for the nation. We are even mis-
using the veterans' hospitals that
the people and taxpayers of this
nation built for the veterans. The
doors of these hospitals are closed
to many of the veterans—they can-
not get hospitalization while the
doors are open to men working for
the CWA, the PWA, and the CCC."
—Congressman Lemke, of North
Carolina.

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