

TOLD FOR PASTIME.

Lac Stafford, every one knows Lac, even if he does live in Minneapolis; he built the Metropolitan opera house over there one day when he wasn't thinking he did other things that might have helped him to an enduring fame, but the opera house was his crowning work, for he not only built it in a fit of pique, because Menager wouldn't do it, but he afterwards sold a piece of it—which was much the more clever thing of the two.

MICHAEL TO MAKE THE RACE

CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION INDORES HIM

It is Expected He Will Agree to Make a Fight if Necessary for the Democrat-Citizens' Nomination—Kiefer Draws Well in the Sixth Ward—Feldhauser Will Stay in the Race.

J. C. Michael will probably be one of the candidates for the mayoralty nomination before the Democrat-Citizens' convention.

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gations were asked as to suitable candidates for alderman, with the understanding that no indorsements were to be made.

Considerable discussion ensued, and the meeting adjourned until next Monday night.

A meeting of the St. Paul Bimetallic union was held last evening at A. O. U. W. temple. About 100 members were present.

The committee of fifteen, appointed at the regular meeting of the union March 14, for the purpose of uniting the forces for the coming municipal election, reported the result of its work so far performed.

The committee here leaves to say that, in its opinion, the union or crystallization of all the reform forces into one practically one force, in the coming municipal campaign, is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

A committee was appointed consisting of President T. L. Kane, Henry Haas and George Butler to notify Mr. Michael of the action of the club.

It was the general opinion that Mr. Michael would consent to make the fight for the nomination if a fight is made, but that the action of the club to accept the nomination.

There was considerable excitement yesterday afternoon among the city leaders and assistant managers of the several majority booms over the reported withdrawal of Edward Feldhauser from the race.

Mr. Feldhauser was found in the corridor of the Germania Life building shaking hands with members of the Commercial club, who greeted him as "Mr. Mayor."

"I have withdrawn," said Mr. Feldhauser. "I can assure you that I have not and will not withdraw, and I have more to the point, I am as good as nominated, and I am securing my delegates that count, and I am securing them rapidly."

The story that the Ninth ward majority candidate had withdrawn was started by the People's church. See Mayor Doran at his office Saturday afternoon.

At the time the gentleman called Mayor Doran was closeted with Rev. Sam Smith, of the People's church. The conference between the mayor and the reverend gentleman lasted over an hour.

Of course there was nothing strange about Rev. Mr. Smith's calling on the mayor, but Sunday afternoon the gentleman who had to wait for the interview between the pastor of the People's church and Mayor Doran to end noticed Rev. Mr. Smith's church.

This was enough to satisfy the politician that there was some scheme on foot, and he spoke of the meeting of the trio at Mr. Feldhauser's residence, and connected the same with the interview had between Rev. Sam Smith and Mayor Doran Saturday afternoon.

This is the way W. W. Erwin was of getting out of the heroic indorsement he gave F. R. Doran two years ago in a letter to the public a day or so before election.

"Yes, I said at the time Mr. Doran was making his race for mayor 'I will give you my life if Doran does not give you an honest administration.'"

The regular weekly meeting of the Sixth Ward Democratic club will be held at the club rooms, on South Washington street, tonight.

A prominent Democrat of the Sixth ward said that the Sixth has three good men who would be hard to beat during the coming campaign.

After a number of new members had signed the constitution, P. M. King was called upon for a speech.

He was followed by F. L. McGhee, who spoke of the charges of corruption in the ranks of the Democrats.

Continuing, he said: "When I first came to St. Paul Erwin was talking Farmers' Alliance, two years ago you all know what he was talking about."

"What have we to protect our homes?" he asked. "I am in league with thieves and thugs. No, one is proud of our police force, not even Doran."

The real mayor runs a saloon; even Mayor Doran's personal organs, the Dispatch and Pioneer Press, call him 'Mayor Griffin.' If it is not so, why doesn't Mayor Doran come out and deny it?

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BATTLE-AX IS IN DEMAND

IN THE PEACE CONVENTION AT MANKATO

Three Factions, Each of Which Will Make Things Gory for Its Opponents if It Can Gain Control—Van Sant Forces Will Fight Bitterly Any Attempt to Indorse Collins—Anti in Strong Force.

Special to The St. Paul Globe. MANKATO, Minn., March 21.—The white-winged dove of peace, with a battle-ax in her bill, is hovering over the Republican party at the Second district tonight.

The committee here leaves to say that, in its opinion, the union or crystallization of all the reform forces into one practically one force, in the coming municipal campaign, is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Around the corridors of the Saulpaugh tonight, there are fifty more or less well-known politicians who are abed in their beds, but they are here in the interest of harmony and every man of the lot has a knife up his sleeve.

The Van Sant people are not strong numerically, and the other fellows would probably crowd them out, so far as he is concerned, but the peace convention has gotten out of the control of its sponsors.

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Harris Richardson, of St. Paul, is here. Among others looking for a chance to wield the ax tomorrow are: C. S. Benson, of the game and fish commission; C. S. Mitchell, of the Alexandria Post-News; F. G. Ingersoll, St. Paul; J. H. Block and W. E. Coles, of St. Peter; John Hutton, Winona; L. P. Lammer, G. Fairfield, Heron Lake; L. O. Freeland, Waseca; M. N. Leland, Wells; R. M. Wheeler, Owatonna; Alex Fiddes, Jackson; Dr. L. L. Rewalt, Fajda; Thomas Crawford, of the Lakefield Standard; and half a hundred others of more or less prominence.

The convention will meet at 11 o'clock at Hunt's hall, and will be called to order by P. Hunt, and it is proclaimed loudly on the streets tonight that Dave Clough's scalp and whiskers will be worn by Ed Weaver tomorrow or there will be a defection in the Republican party that will bury Van Sant under an avalanche of votes.

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