

LOCAL LABOR NEWS

LATHERS' UNION.

The Lathers' Union held their usual weekly meeting last Thursday night with a fair attendance. No business of public interest was transacted, and the evening was taken up with routine matters.

WOODWORKERS' UNION.

The wood workers who were recently organized are making good progress in unionizing their trade. They are an intelligent lot of men, and know a good thing when they see it. Their meetings are well attended.

TEAMSTERS' UNION.

President Jones presided at the meeting of the Teamsters' Union Tuesday night. There was one initiation. A committee of three was appointed to amend the by-laws. E. C. Roberts was elected director of the Portland Labor Press. Brother Ed Jones was appointed correspondent.

PLASTERERS' UNION.

President Reed held the chair down at the plasterers' meeting last Friday evening in Horse Shoers' Hall. The members turned out in goodly numbers, though there was not much business to attend to. Work is fairly good, but there is no lack of men to do it.

LEATHERWORKERS' UNION.

There is but little new to be said about the Leather Workers' Union, except that the near approach of spring bids fair to increase employment, so that all men in the city can have work. The attendance at the meetings of the union is good, and the members feel very hopeful for their trade in Portland. At the meeting last week several new members were initiated. In fact, nearly all the legitimate leather workers in town belong to the union.

CLERKS' UNION.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting of the Clerks' Union Friday night. They have secured Alisky Hall, corner of Third and Morrison streets, for meetings. Hereafter, beginning next month, the union will meet every Friday night. Commencing the first of next month, the roll of members will be called at every meeting, and those absent for three consecutive meetings without a good excuse will be suspended.

LAUNDRY WORKERS' UNION.

Every day we hear reports that confirm the opinion that if there ever was a necessity for a laundry workers' union there is such a necessity in Portland. It is certainly needed very badly. There are many ways in which the overworked people of this calling can benefit themselves by forming an organization. Get together and be organized into a union if you want the abuse under which you struggle stopped.

BARBERS' UNION.

The meeting of the Barbers' Union Monday night called out the usual large number of attendants. In fact, the barbers are always on hand at the meetings of their union, and that is the reason why they are generally successful. Every one doesn't stay away and leave the burden for some one else to carry. They had, as they always do, an interesting meeting and did considerable business. They continue to add to their members and their strength.

SHIPWRIGHTS', SHIPCAULKERS' AND CARPENTERS'.

The Shipwrights' and Caulkers' Union met last Saturday night, with President Douglas in the chair. Three new members were initiated. Brothers E. McGee and John Nelson, who are on the sick list, are recovering. Work

is fairly good, though there is not enough to keep all the members employed.

A committee was appointed at the last meeting to get up the by-laws for the union.

MILLMEN'S UNION.

The Mill Workers' Union met at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, President Bushman in the chair. Much business of importance was done, eliciting extended discussion, participated in by Messrs. Chamberlain, Reed, Parker, Bushman and others. Leonard Becker's resignation as secretary of union was accepted. President Bushman and W. H. Parker made earnest and eloquent addresses in commendation of a little pamphlet on the Chinese question just published by J. T. Morgan, one of the members of the union.

CARPENTERS' UNION.

The Carpenters' Union continues to grow; but not as rapidly as it should. New members are initiated at almost every meeting, and the work is gradually though slowly advancing. There are scores of carpenters in the city, however, who are still outside of the union, and who ought to be converted to good union men. Their hearts are right, but the subject has never been presented to them in a proper manner.

The last meeting of the union was fairly well attended and a good deal of business was done. The members should get a move on themselves to absorb all the desirable material before the spring work begins, and that won't be long.

Brother Peter Costello, of the Building Laborers' Union, is sick at his home.

Mr. Arthur Booth, of the Team Drivers' Union, left last Monday evening for Minnesota, his old home, to attend the funeral of his father, who recently died. Brother Booth has the sympathy of a large number of friends.

Mr. J. T. Morgan, of the Mill Men's Union, has just published a pamphlet, in which he discusses the Chinese immigration question in a most exhaustive manner. Mr. Morgan has given the subject much thought and thoroughly understands it. No one who wants to obtain light on this much mooted question can afford to be without this little publication. The price of it is only 25 cents, and we don't know where one could get more for that amount of money than by perusing this pamphlet.

OPINION WORTH HEEDING.

"If the laboring population could get the stores to close Saturday nights, it would mean a Saturday half holiday for those employed in the manufacturing industries at least," is the opinion of Willard Milton Collins, superintendent of the "publicity bureau" of Hamilton Carhart & Co., of Detroit. The publicity man of a great corporation, nowadays, has more duties than merely seeing to the advertising of the concern he represents. Other ways have been found to give a good return for the expense incurred, and one of them is to keep a sharp eye on all conventions composed in any way of delegates, either directly or indirectly interested in the goods manufactured. Another is looking after the comfort and enjoyments of the employes, when the term "social secretary" is beginning to be used.

"With the clerks relieved from Saturday night work," Collins continued, "the necessity for a Saturday half holiday would be more apparent, and the concerns that now shut down at 3 would close at 1, and those now running until 5 would stop at 3. Finally the half holiday would become universal.

"I think if the merchants would carefully consider all the elements of ex-



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pense that enter into this Saturday night work they would stop it pretty quick. But custom is a strong factor, for what people are accustomed to they will do, even if it involves a greater cost than a better method. Look at country places keeping open until 8 or 9 o'clock every night. Why, if the stores were open only half a day they could do all the business there is. But instead, everybody is kept in from 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 or 9 at night. No wonder the clerks and proprietors drag themselves around, and show no animation when a customer comes in."

THE CHINESE CRIMINAL.

As has been arranged at the meeting of the foreign ministers and Chinese plenipotentiaries, the entire proceedings were conducted orally, no writings being presented to the Chinese. A formal indictment against the 12 officials whose punishment had been demanded by the powers was read, however, though Kang Yi and Li Li Ping are dead.

The principal officials whose punishment has been demanded are: Prince Chung, commander in chief of the Boxers, who had a large share in the responsibility for promises of reward of 50 taels for the capture of foreigners and the death of persons protecting them.

Prince Tuan, the principal instigator of the troubles into which he dragged the Chinese government; who was appointed president of the tsung li yamen after giving advice to the Chinese government; who was responsible for the edicts against the foreigners issued between June 30 and August 16, and was mainly responsible for the massacres in the provinces, especially Shan-si; who ordered the troops to attack the legations in opposition to the advice of his mandarins, who were looking to a cessation of hostilities; who secured the execution of members of the tsung li yamen who were favorable to foreigners; who is the recognized author of the ultimatum of June

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309 Washington St.

40 Cents

Box No. 1 White Macaroni

35 Cents

10-Pound Sack Pure Buckwheat

17½ Cents

10-Pound Sack Graham Flour

22½ Cents

10-Pound Sack Farina

15 Cents

4 Pound Package Cudahy's Washing Powder

35 Cents

2 Pint Bottles Snider's Best Catsup

60 Cents

Gallon Best Sorghum Molasses

40 Cents

Gallon Fancy Table Syrup

30 Cents

Pound Hoffman House Java and Mocha Coffee

19 directing the diplomatic corps to leave Peking within 24 hours, and who ordered before the expiration of this decree firing upon all foreigners found upon the streets of the capital, and who was practically the author of the assassination of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister.

GOOD MAN GONE.

Last Saturday the friends of the late John F. Black followed his remains to Mount Zion cemetery, where they were buried. Mr. Black had been in St. Vincent's Hospital forty-two days with pneumonia, and was discharged by his physician as well. He, however, exposed himself too soon and suffered a relapse, which resulted fatally. Mr. Black was 65 years old, was a native of Portland, Me., and leaves many friends to mourn his death, one of the most sincere of whom is Tim Casey, a member of the Building Laborers' Union, and who boarded at Mr. Black's house.