

AROUND TOWN

What the Union Men of Portland Are Doing.

A GOOD SHOWING IN ALL TRADES

A Compendium of the Various Local Organizations in the City—All in a Healthy Condition and Growing.

FEDERATED TRADES COUNCIL.

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. by Pres. Gurr, minutes of previous meeting approved.

Credentials—Brewers, Fred Steiner; Boxworkers, Henry Fry, L. C. Cole, Julius Brown, F. D. Smith, A. McKercher; Longshoremen No. 204, M. Haley; Teamdrivers, No. 309, Schley. Communications—From William Blackman accepting invitation to State Convention, filed From Peruna Drug Co., regarding Los Angeles Times, filed, International Carriage Workers, acknowledging receipt of donation, \$5.00, filed, Bakers' Union, regarding attendance of delegates, filed, Coopers' Union, Secretary instructed to write Astoria Council and Fishermen. Resignation of F. H. Curtis as delegate accepted. Civic Improvement Association laid over one week. Woodworkers', to new business. Economic League, invitation filed, Building Trades Council, placing "George Traynor" on blackboard. Millmen, placing "Portland Manufacturing Company" on blackboard complied with.

Reports of Committees—Organization, several new unions in sight. Committee on State Federation, arrangements complete. G. Y. Harry as special organizer, adopted.

Woodworkers were unanimously indorsed in their strike, and the following named firms posted as unfair: Northwest Door Company, Hand Manufacturing Company, J. A. Martin Company, Universal Sash & Door Company, Nicolai Brother & Company, George Ainslie & Company, North Pacific Planing Mill Company, Oregon Sash & Door Company. Following firms have signed Woodworkers' agreement: Fred Schwartz & Company, Hipp & Gay.

The following was adopted: "To the Federated Trades Council: We your committee appointed to draft an expression of esteem and goodwill of your body for our retiring Statistical Secretary, Brother E. A. McPherson, would recommend that it be the sense of this Council that we extend to Brother McPherson the guarantee of our esteem and appreciation of his unselfish labors in behalf of unionism during his incumbency of the office of Statistical Secretary, and that the well wishes and confidence of this Council follow him in his retirement from the active work of this organization."

"G. Y. HARRY,
"T. CONNORS,
"H. D. STEWARD,
"Committee."

The following resolution was introduced by the delegates of the Painters' Union and was unanimously indorsed. Secretary was instructed to send copy of same to the City Council.

Whereas, The contractors having in charge the paving of Fourth street, in this city, Fisher, Thorsen & Co., have in their employ on this public street children of immature age, boys of 13 years; and,

Whereas, The employment of child labor is a detriment to public policy, is an injury to the health and welfare of the boys so employed, keeping them from their school and working injury to all classes of our people in the depressing effect on the price of the laborer, who should at all times be extended our protection; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Painters' Union, in regular meeting assembled, do hereby condemn the action of said contractors, Fisher, Thorsen & Co., in their greed and avarice for thus prostituting the sacredness of child protection in employing boys of tender age on such work; and,

Resolved, Further, that we most earnestly and respectfully call to the attention of that branch of our city government having in charge this work and responsible for the continuance of this abuse, and ask that they make proper effort to have said children taken from the street of our city, that the fair name of Portland may not be tarnished with the stain of child labor on the public streets.

The following committee was appointed to wait upon Fisher, Thorsen & Co., regarding the matter: Brothers Goldrainer, Harry, Duke.

It was reported that several delegates had visited the striking Textileworkers, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sympathy of organized labor of Portland, through the Federated Trades Council, be extended to the striking textileworkers of Oregon City, and that aid be furnished them at any time needed.

Moved and carried that unions concerned be notified that their delegates to Retail Section are not attending the meeting.

Brother McDulin was appointed on Grievance Committee to fill vacancy caused by Brother Curtis' resignation.

Under good and welfare of the Council, Mr. P. A. Hantr and William McMurren, of Baker City, entertained the Council with good wholesome union speeches. Mr. Higgins, organizer for Bakers' International, spoke on the conditions of his craft and upon motion the "National Biscuit Company" was placed on blackboard. Secretary was instructed to request by letter that the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company of this city use the blue label on their cracker products, and inform secretaries of all locals to make same request of this firm.

Reports of union, business generally good. Several unions are gaining new members rapidly, notably the Millmen, Tailors, Butchers, Carpenters, Waiters reported that Keith's Oyster House is now fair.

TEAM DRIVERS.

There was a large attendance at the meeting Tuesday evening. Seven names were added to the roll of the T. D. I. U. and eight applications were found upon the table. There will soon be very few team drivers in Portland who do not belong to the union.

A committee from the Draymen's Association, who asked an audience with the union in regard to a raise in wages, was granted the privilege of the floor. The committee assured the members of the union that they would meet the demand May 15. There is the best of feeling between the employees and the employers, and without a doubt the differences will be settled satisfactorily to every one concerned.

The Millmen's strike was indorsed by the union, and the members will not handle material turned out by said unfair mills.

PAINTERS' UNION.

The Painters met last Thursday evening and initiated four new members. The secretary also reported 20 applications. Twenty-five dollars was donated to the State Federation of Labor fund. A committee of three was appointed to look after Bro. Mike O'Shea, who fell from a scaffold while at work a few days ago, and is now in the hospital. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Laundry Workers, who went out on a strike April 28, and who have since won a victory.

BARBERS' UNION.

At the last regular meeting of the Barbers' Union there was a large attendance and much business transacted. Two new members were initiated—W. E. Mendenhall and Frank Anderson. Two applications were received, two members were admitted by retiring card.

One unfair shop has come into the fold and a good prospect of more doing likewise. The advertisement in the Labor Press of our shop card and giving the names and the location of the unfair shops in the city has already done much to the disadvantage of such shops. We hope that the good work will go on. By reading our advertisement no man need to say that he does not know where the scab shops are located.

COOKS' UNION, NO. 180.

The Cooks' Union is making good progress. Two new members were seated at the last meeting, making 84 members at present in good standing. Everything is working harmoniously, and the financial and social condition of the union is the very best.

STREET-CAR EMPLOYEES.

At the last meeting of the Street-Car Employees' Union there was a large and enthusiastic gathering and a number of new members were initiated.

The subject of an excursion was discussed, and a committee was appointed with full power to act.

Five dollars was donated to the State Federation of Labor fund.

BUTCHERS' UNION.

The Butchers' Union held a rousing meeting last Thursday night at Eagles' Hall.

Five new members were duly initiated.

Only two shops in town reported as not having signed our agreement, viz.: T. J. Uhlman and Myers' Market, in South Portland.

Considerable business was transacted and it was quite late when the meeting adjourned.

EXCURSIONS AND PICNICS.

On Sunday, June 1, the Federated Trades Council of this city, will give its annual picnic to Salem and return for the small sum of \$4. The arrangements are in the hands of a select committee, who will carefully conduct every detail so that there will be no confusion. The fair grounds have been secured, where the following program will take place: Foot race, boys under 12 years, 50 yards; foot race, girls under 12 years, 50 yards; one mile bicycle race, open to all; three-legged race; foot race, union men, 100 yards; potato race; foot race, union girls, 50 yards; fat man's race; bug race; bicycle race, three miles.

The Bricklayers' Union conduct their annual picnic on Sunday, May 25, at Rohse's Park, Fulton. There will be gate prizes and dancing prizes and cake-walk. Everest's orchestra will furnish the music, and a general good time assured. The first-street car goes direct to the park.

On Sunday, May 25, the Portland Pressmen's Union will run an excursion train to Seaside. Trains leave Union Depot at 8:30 A. M. sharp.

The Beer Bottlers' Union will also hold a picnic Sunday, May 25, at Jefferson-Street Gardens. Good music and refreshments will be provided for guests.

In this issue we print a display advertisement for the Red Men. A railroad excursion will take place under the auspices of the Past Sachers' Association to Albany on the East Side, cross over to Corvallis and return to Portland on the West Side.

Another railroad excursion will be made to The Dalles on Sunday, May 25. This is to be conducted by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The first train will leave the depot at 8 A. M. sharp and will run through to The Dalles with only one stop. The second train will stop at Cascade Locks 10 minutes. There will be a balloon ascension and parachute drop by Prof. Miller, high wire and trick bicycle riding by Prof. Midgley, and other attractions.

All of these excursions have a rate of \$1 return ticket from Portland.

OF INTEREST TO PRINTERS.

The question of sublists in printing offices is one that has agitated the membership of the International Typographical Union for many years, and finally resulted in the adoption by the convention held in Birmingham, Ala., in August, 1901, of the law quoted below.

Efforts to nullify the effects of this law have been made in various parts of the United States, and have resulted in bringing out Mr. Charles A. Derry, of Seattle, as a candidate for President of the International Typographical Union. Mr. Derry was one of the principal supporters of this law on the floor of the Birmingham convention. At the regular meeting of Multnomah Union, No. 58, held Sunday, May 4, the following resolution was passed without a dissenting voice:

Whereas, The appended sections of the L. T. U. General Laws, commonly known as the "Birmingham law," have been in force and effect for a time sufficient to show their beneficence; and,

Whereas, Said sections have enunciated principles that have proved of marked benefit to the craft; be it

Resolved, That our delegate to the L. T. U. be instructed to support and uphold to his best endeavor the said sections, and to oppose all efforts that may be made to curtail the rights and privileges by them assured to workers on seven-day papers.

CLOSED DOWN.

At the hour of going to press the Portland Lumbering Co. was closed down. Manager Wentworth is non-committal as to further action, but simply said that the "mill was closed, and might remain so indefinitely." It is stated, however, that an accident in the mill was the real cause of the shutdown.

The old Smith Bros. mill, just this side of the Portland Lumbering Co., was leased indefinitely to Russell & Johnson, of Oswego, practical millmen, who have announced that they will run a union mill throughout. This mill will employ about 100 men. It is also reported that these gentlemen are backed by California parties, who own a number of ships, and trade will be opened with Southern ports. Wednesday morning Mr. Johnson addressed a number of striking millmen and assured them that their company was friendly to the union, and if they would present him with their scale of wages and agreement he would sign them immediately.

VISITED THE UNIONS.

While in the city during the first part of the week, William Blackman, Labor Commissioner for Washington, and F. Stacey Whitney, general organizer of the A. F. of L. for the Pacific Coast, were escorted by Local Organizer H. A. Duke to the various unions at their meetings. Monday evening they visited the Laundry Workers, Waiters and Box Makers. At each union they made short addresses on the benefits of or-

ganization. They congratulated the Laundry Workers upon the victory they had won and the energy displayed by so new an organization. The Waiters were urged to adopt effective measures to conciliate the differences between the union and many of the first-class restaurants in the city. The Box Makers, one of the latest unions, was given good advice, and suggestions that would benefit them in their onward march. The unions all felt much encouraged and benefited by the visit from these able gentlemen.

NEW UNIONS.

The cement and artificial stone workers of this city have applied for a charter and organized a union last Saturday night. Ten signatures were attached to the application, but there are more in that line of business who will identify themselves with the union at once. The charter will arrive in about two weeks, after which delegates will be elected to the central and branch bodies.

Janitors and elevator conductors are seriously considering the purpose of organizing. They met last Sunday and will hold another session next Monday to further discuss the advisability of carrying out the scheme. The janitors prefer to organize separate from the elevator conductors, and the difference thereby has caused delay in immediate action. This matter is expected to be straightened out in Monday's meeting.

On June 1 the Blast Furnace Workers of America will demand that eight hours shall constitute a day's work at the same rate of pay now received for 12-hour turns, and that all 10-hour men shall be reduced to nine hours at the present rate of pay. The men are now working 12-hour turns. "Turnmen" receive \$2 for 12 hours, engineers and keepers \$2.50, and laborers \$1.50 for 10 hours. If the demands of the association are granted, it will mean the introduction of a third shift. This will mean the employment of additional keepers, helpers, blowing engineers and fillers, and top fillers where electricity is not used.

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