

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 by Vice-President McCullough. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Credentials--Waiters, Ira Taylor; Longshoremen 263, W. Mac Clark. Communications--From Steam Engineers; referred to grievance committee. From Planing-Mill Workers; referred to arbitration committee. From California Fig Syrup Company, stating they had withdrawn advertising from Los Angeles Times; filed. From Heynemann & Co., San Francisco, calling attention to their union-made overalls; filed. United Garment-Workers, certifying that Neustadter Bros.' factory, in San Francisco, is now fair; filed. Civic Improvement Association; filed.

Reports of Committees--Grievance reported that Jack Haley refused to sign contract with stablemen, and the name was placed on blackboard. Excursion committee reported progress and called attention to tickets. Delegates to state convention reported that it was a grand success; that good, efficient officers had been elected, and that the Oregon State Federation of Labor will prove a great factor in the labor movement.

Bro. Howard, of Oregon City, stated that the P. C. & O. Ry. Co. was willing that their employees should organize; asked that a committee be appointed. The chair appointed Bros. Jones, Westphal and Calkins, who with Bro. Howard called on the superintendent, and later in the evening reported that this line will be organized at once. Bro. Howard also reported in the Textile-Workers' trouble in Oregon City, and the following committee was appointed to confer with the millowners: Harry Gurr, Taylor, Mickley, Jones. It was moved and carried that \$5 be donated to the initiative and referendum fund. Bro. Powell, of Laundry-Workers, was appointed to fill vacancy in arbitration committee caused by Bro. McPherson's resignation. On motion the statistical secretary was allowed a monthly salary of \$5, and the salary of corresponding secretary was increased \$10 per month, both to take effect in June. Late in the evening the officers of the State Federation reported that they had met with the sawmill-owners and had settled the strike at Portland Manufacturing Company's mill, and had induced the millowners to sign a contract with their employees which satisfied all parties concerned.

Under "good and welfare" Bro. Taylor, new delegate from the Waiters' Alliance, reported at length in the waiters' difficulty, and promised new developments soon. He stated also that five houses had signed their contract in the past week. Organization committee was notified that two crafts were ripe for organization. Butchers called attention to their shop card, and request union men not to buy meat after 6:30 except Saturday.

Woodworkers reported that they are standing out strong for nine-hour work day. Steam Engineers reported some little trouble with their employers, but that they are gaining new members rapidly. Fuel and Sand Teamsters report that their new contract will go into effect June 1. Banfield-Veysey Company were first to sign same. Glassworkers reported that their union is progressing nicely. Other unions reported that business was from fair to good.

BUTCHERS' UNION.

The meeting last Thursday evening in Eagles' Hall was a lively and interesting session. Five new members were initiated, and others are coming. Bro. Frank N. Westphal resigned as a delegate to the retail section, and Al Stevens was elected to fill the vacancy.

A committee of 12 members, to be subdivided into pairs, was appointed to visit all of the unions in the city and make a request that union people purchase their meat in only those shops that display the union shop card. All of the proprietors have signed contracts with the union for closing hours, scale, etc., with the exception of John Myers, proprietor of the Riverview market, Corbett and Hamilton avenue, South Portland, and T. J. Uhlman, who runs a shop in the North End.

Some of the proprietors who signed the agreement to close their shops at 6:30 during the week and at 9 P. M. Saturday nights are violating their agreement, which sooner or later will be the cause of the union men in being called out. The union is acting

in good faith with the proprietors in their agreement, and they insist on being treated fairly. It can be said to the credit of the Butchers' Association that they have acted fairly and in accordance with the agreement. The ones who are violating their obligations are not members of the association. Herebefore butchers have been compelled to work long hours for poor pay, and since the union has been the medium through which their conditions have been improved, the boys are going to stand firmly by their organization and any measure the organization adopts.

The committee of five appointed at a previous meeting to amend the by-laws reported progress.

Members of the union have been advocating the holding of a picnic, but nothing definite has been arranged.

BINDERY GIRLS' UNION.

The bindery girls met on the evening of May 6 and held a very enthusiastic meeting. The election of officers occurred for the ensuing year as follows: President, Cora Dyer; vice-president, Carrie Taylor; secretary, Helma Wilking; treasurer, Mrs. Gertie Drummond; sergeant-at-arms, Ceol Leary.

There was a full attendance, and the meeting was conducted in a thorough, businesslike way, which showed clearly that the bindery girls are quite able to take care of themselves without the aid and presumptions of the sterner sex. The officers are particularly fitted for their respective positions, backed by over 30 good-looking and sensible members in good standing, and this body of brave young women are backed up by the strong arm of 8000 or 9000 union men in the city and about 15,000 in the state.

A committee of five on constitution and by-laws was increased to 10, and by the next meeting the document will be ready for adoption.

All of the competent workers in the city have become affiliated with the union and are taking a great interest in the movement. The girls are becoming much taken with the label scheme, and are considering a plan of boycotting any young man who cannot show a label on his wearing apparel.

TEAMDRIVERS, LOCAL 162.

Local No. 162 was called to order last Tuesday evening by President Jones, with all officers in their places. There was a large attendance, and Organizer Duke was also present. Seven new names were placed on the roll-book.

A committee from the Sand and Fuel Teamsters made a friendly visit and reported that they had a fine union and were doing well. A committee from the Butchers' Union was also admitted. The mission of these brothers was to request all union men to see that the union shop card was displayed in the shop where they purchased meat. The teamsters will see that the card is in the shop or they will buy no meat.

A report was made that a teamster and longshoreman had exchanged buttons. A committee was appointed to ascertain if it is true.

A communication was received from the Draymen's Association stating that the different transfer companies would grant the request for a raise of wages on and after May 15, 1902, teamsters to receive \$2.50 per day. The members feel good over the matter, and speak very highly of the attitude of their employers throughout their negotiations, and tender the association their good will and best wishes.

BARBERS' UNION.

President Hutchinson called the meeting to order with nearly every member present.

W. M. Springer, of Missouri, was initiated. One application read and accepted.

An effort will be made to have the Oregon City barbers affiliate with Local No. 75, as there are not enough barbers in that city to organize a union. The long-standing trouble between Local No. 75 and G. N. W. Wilson & Co., a supply house in this city, was settled last evening and the journeymen are now at liberty to buy of Mr. Wilson if they so desire.

Bro. L. C. Haynes, of Hood River, was in the city last week. He has purchased Bro. S. S. Jeffries' barber shop of that place. Bro. Jeffries will locate in McMinnville.

Bro. H. L. Beaver has been quite ill for some time. Bro. Burns is also on the sick list.

FEDERATED TRADES EXCURSION.

Chairman Mickley, of the committee on excursion, will go to Salem next week and perfect arrangements to secure the fair grounds and have the state institutions open for visitors at certain hours during the day. A brass band will be taken on the excursion and amusements of all kinds will be provided. A baseball game will be arranged between a nine picked from the unions of this city and the Salem Federal Union.

COOKS' UNION.

There was a good attendance of members at the meeting last Monday evening. Ira Taylor, business agent and secretary of the Waiters' Alliance, made a strong address on closer affiliation between the two unions. This resulted in a compact between the cooks

and waiters to add the seal of the Cooks' Union to the cards displayed in the window where a restaurant employs nothing but union help in kitchen and dining-room. The cooks' seal is red, and will have a place with the waiters' golden seal upon the card. If a restaurant employs Chinese cooks and union waiters, only the waiters' seal will be upon the card. In this way the public can see at a glance where white union help is employed in the kitchen.

BEERDRIVERS AND BOTTLERS.

At the last meeting of Local 201, National Union of the United Brewery Workmen, a resolution was passed unanimously condemning the action of the laundry-wagon drivers in the recent strike of the laundry-workers.

The picnic committee reported things pretty well in shape, and assures everybody a good time who participates in the festivities.

Comrades Frank Hoffman and Fred Grischow, who have been ill for several weeks, are again able to be out.

The local donated \$64 to headquarters to be used in assisting the locked-out brothers in the East.

EXCURSION PRIZES.

The committee on prizes for the Federated Trades Council excursion that goes to Salem June 1, spent Wednesday amongst the merchants of the city soliciting prizes that will be given in the sporting contests. They met with great success, not receiving a refusal from any merchant visited. The prizes collected so far are: Ben Selling, sweater; G. Heitkemper & Co., pair link cuff buttons; Meier & Frank Co., pair kid gloves for ladies, and hand grip for gentleman; Sam Rosenblatt, Multnomah hat; Famous Clothing Co., fancy vest; Blumauer & Frank, bottle cologne; Pier Hardware Co., ball and bat; Welch the American clothier, hat; I. Gevurtz & Son, picture; John Dellar, pair of pants; H. E. Edwards, ham-mock; L. Krause, two white-shirts; Mitchell, Lewis & Staver, bicycle tires; Dayton Hardware Co., aluminum chair; Lewis-Stenger, complete shaving outfit; Wm. Gadsby, Morris chair for ladies' race; Lipman, Wolfe & Co., silk umbrella; McAllen & McDonnell, silk umbrella; S. A. Arata & Co., case of wine. Some of these prizes are very fine and the most of them are well worth contending for. Some are more adapted for ladies' prizes than others, but this can be arranged by the committee.

Deputy sheriffs in pursuit of striking silk dyers in the village of Lodi, N. J., surrounded the house of Frederick Behle, and called on him and his friends to surrender. As Mrs. Behle, carrying her child in her arms, ran from the house, the deputies opened fire and a bullet struck the woman in the arm. Serious trouble was narrowly averted.

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