

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.

Portland, May 23, 1902. Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. by President Gurr. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials: Railway Freight Handlers, No. 334. Rockwell, O'Donnell, Harris; River Steamer Employees, No. 325. G. Myers; G. Y. Yager; Riggers and Shipliners, Christ Kelly; Shinglers, C. J. Ham, Charles A. Phelps; Machinists, George B. Thomas; Bakers, Charles Siegfried, C. Dunning. Owing to the number of visitors present, a committee arranged for the use of large hall, and Council adjourned thereto, and on motion went into executive session, giving, however, visitors the privilege of seats in the gallery.

Communications: From Building Trades Council, placing J. H. Griffiths, contractor; G. F. Ehrlich, contractor; Buffalo Pitts Company, William Ryan, Pritchett, Montag & Cleave on the unfair list; complied with. From Oregon State Federation, inclosing blanks of affiliation, etc.; secretary and president instructed to fill out the blanks and the communications were placed on file. From secretary Oregon Federation of Labor, counseling that the Council be conservative in its action at this meeting, and calling attention to section 5 of the A. F. of L. constitution, also suggesting that a mass meeting be held in open air Sunday, May 25; referred to new business. From Musicians, stating that the Mount Tabor Band is now fair, also Dr. A. J. Semler requested the names be removed; complied with. Musicians also requested that Henry Toelle, proprietor of the Rheinplatz barber shop, be placed on unfair list; referred to grievance committee. From Painters and from Carpenters; to new business. From Painters and Carpenters joining through the Building Trades Council, to new business.

Reports of committees: Organization reported four new unions for the week, nine for the month. Grievance committee reported that stove manufacturers were willing to sign with Sheet Metal Workers; report accepted. Arbitration committee reported that they had conferred with Building Trades Council, and that the result was evident. Treasurer of convention committee gave a report of receipts and disbursements to date, showing a balance of \$15 in the treasury, which amount was ordered turned over to State Federation.

Communication from Carpenters, asking all union men whose work might assist the unfair planing mills be called out; tabled.

The Executive Board of Building Trades Council were invited to take seats on the platform.

The joint communication of Carpenters and Painters, through the Building Trades Council, was read again, and a great deal of discussion ensued. On motion, Bro. Howell, president of Printers, and Bro. Bromberger, treasurer of Carpenters, were granted privilege of the floor. Bro. Howell counseled conservatism in the matter of strike, and Bro. Bromberger suggested that all union men not handling products of unfair mills return to work.

A resolution was passed commending the union men who had walked out in sympathy with Planing Mill Men at command of Building Trades Council. Moral and financial aid promised, and the Building Trades Council requested to recall all men who are not directly concerned.

Bros. Carr, Green and Lewton, of the Building Trades Council Executive Board, were granted privilege of floor, and their argument was to the effect that the Federated Trades Council was not sufficiently familiar with the building trades to act judiciously in the matter, and upon motion the resolution was reconsidered and laid on table. Then, upon motion, the Building Trades Council was unanimously indorsed in their action to date, and financial assistance was pledged. On motion, secretary was instructed to communicate with all unions affiliated and ascertain what financial aid could be counted upon.

On account of the late hour, report of secretary was called for and read and meeting adjourned.

LAUNDRY-WORKERS.

At the meeting last Monday evening 12 new members were initiated. Several applications were also filed. Amongst the number were three colored women, who were placed upon the honorary list. Since the strike the laundry-workers have been advancing without serious annoyances of any kind. About 40 new members have joined the union since the strike. The

drivers expect to receive their charter this week, after which they will be an organization to themselves.

TAILORS' UNION.

At the last meeting of the tailors fully 140 were in attendance. Resolutions were passed indorsing the action of the Building Trades Council in the recent strike, and pledging the moral and financial support to that body in their position. A copy of the resolutions was ordered sent to the Council. Three new members were initiated, two were reinstated, and three were admitted by book. The advisability of giving a picnic in the near future was discussed, but no definite action was taken. The union is discussing various schemes for a grand turn-out on Labor day in the Fall.

BARBERS' UNION.

The meeting was called to order with President Hutchinson in the chair.

Three applications were favorably voted upon. Mr. Harry Ingham was initiated, and H. C. Kelley was admitted by card.

Bro. H. L. Beaver was reported very ill.

An audience was given to a representative from the retail section, who explained the workings of that section satisfactorily to the union. A committee was appointed to learn more of its objects.

F. McGinnis has opened a neat little shop on Morrison street.

The matter of S. H. Howard was taken up again and settled for good. Mr. Howard was admitted and was given an audience, but he failed to convince the union that they had treated him any worse than he deserved or given him more than was coming.

BUTCHERS' UNION.

At the last meeting of the Butchers' Union four new members were initiated. Since then the business agent has received five applications. Frank Westphal was appointed business agent, and he is the proper man for a position fraught with so much responsibility.

Last Sunday Mr. Westphal, in company with President Scott and Secretary Joe Welch, went to Troutdale to the organization of a union among the employees of the Union Meat Company. There are about 60 men employed about the slaughter-yards, and while all are not eligible to join the union as journeymen, a project is on foot to organize a federal union. Besides there are about 30 tiehaulers and other workmen at Troutdale, who are anxious to join some kind of a union. Organizer G. Y. Harry and Mr. Westphal will visit that city soon and decide upon the best scheme for organizing the town.

TEAMDRIVERS' UNION.

Ten applications for membership were reported at the meeting last Tuesday evening, but on account of the smoker no initiations were made. A large sum of money was donated toward assisting the Amalgamated Woodworkers in their pending struggle, and Local 162 has obligated itself for \$75 per week to be devoted to this cause.

At the smoker a large number of members of the Draymen's Association were present, who enjoyed the amusements and refreshments. They also tendered their good will to the union, and hoped that No. 162 would continue, as it has in the past, a model of justice and impartiality in its dealings with its employees, and they expressed a wish that the time would soon come when eight hours shall constitute a day's work, and they would be glad when business would be so adjusted as to enable them to grant their men an eight-hour work day.

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Yours fraternally,
T. E. BALDRE, President.
E. M. HOGUE, Sec.-Treas.

AMUSEMENTS IN LABOR CIRCLES.

The Federated Trades Council excursion to Salem next Sunday has been arranged for in detail by the committee, and success is assured. Perfect order will be preserved on the train and the grounds. The state institutions will be open to the visitors from 2 to 4 P. M., besides the following programme of sports and prizes for the winners will take place at the fair grounds, commencing at 1:30 P. M.: Boys' race, under 16 years, 50 yards—First prize, ball and bat; second prize, box of candy.

Girls' race, under 16 years, 50 yards—First prize, picture; second prize, bottle cologne.

One-mile bicycle race—First prize, Multnomah hat; second prize, sweater. Foot race, union men, 100 yards—First prize, one pair gold link cuff-buttons; second prize, silk umbrella. Foot race, union girls, 50 yards—

First prize, Morris chair; second prize, golf vest; third prize, pair gloves.

Potato race, 25 yards—First prize, aluminum chafing dish; second prize, hammock.

Fat men's race, union men, 100 yards—First prize, groceries; second prize, silk umbrella.

Bag race, 25 yards—First prize, fancy vest; second prize, union hat; third prize, two white shirts.

Three-mile bicycle race—First prize, complete shaving outfit; second prize, bicycle tires; third prize, hand grip.

Baseball game between union men of Portland and union men of Salem; prizes to the winners, one case of wine and box of Manila wafers, one box cigars.

Last Sunday the excursion to The Dalles, conducted by the Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, was an immense affair. Four trains ran out of Portland, carrying about 4500 people. The run up and back was especially enjoyable on account of the beautiful scenery along the banks of the Columbia. During the day the heat at times was uncomfortable, and the accommodations of the city inadequate for the comfort of the large number of excursionists. The balloon ascension was marked on account of its failure. Professor Miller rose about 20 feet in the air, when he discovered something wrong. He immediately cut loose and fell to the ground, receiving several painful bruises. Other than this no feature of special notice occurred during the day.

The people who attended the bricklayers' picnic at Rohse's Park last Sunday speak highly of the way in which it was conducted. All enjoyed themselves, and there was a large attendance, despite the fact that there were so many other attractions elsewhere on the same day. The Bricklayers' Union sustains its name heretofore earned of being a good entertainer.

The Pressmen's Union also ran an excursion by rail to the seaside last Sunday. About 1500 persons took advantage of the fine weather to enjoy a few hours on the seashore. The managers of the excursion are to be commended for their consideration of the public. Every one was provided with a seat, and no one was compelled to stand.

Beerdrivers and beerbottlers' dance, held at the Jefferson-Street Gardens last Sunday, was a success, financially and otherwise. There was a large crowd in attendance, and all enjoyed themselves hugely. All went in for a pleasant time, and returned praising the management of the affair. All refreshments and liquors were served by the union bartenders of the city.

RETURN OF MR. HARRY.

G. Y. Harry, president of the State Federation of Labor, returned last Monday from a two weeks' trip in Southern Oregon, where he has been pressing the organization of labor unions. He says that the laborers of that district were not very familiar with the work, but when they fully comprehended the meaning of unionism and its benefits became very enthusiastic. During his absence Mr. Harry organized fully a dozen unions, and organized labor now has a good foothold in every county south to the California line. Several federal unions were organized amongst the number of locals. Mr. Harry visited Eugene, Roseburg, Grant's Pass, Ashland and Medford, in which he organized from one to four different unions. A number of new

unions are under way and will be ripe for a charter in a short time. Each union will turn out its full quota of good workers, and in the near future Oregon will be thoroughly organized within its four lines.

FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

Harry W. Hogue, the regular Republican nominee for Municipal Judge, is a native son of Oregon, and is 37 years of age. He is the son of Harvey A. Hogue, a pioneer of 1851, who was engaged in the sawmill business in Portland and East Portland for nearly 40 years, and as an employer of labor for that length of time has a record for fair treatment of his men and popularity among them not surpassed by any other man in the city. The son has practiced law in Portland since 1880, and is recognized as a man of sound judgment, good common sense and unimpeachable integrity, and in every way qualified for the position for which he is a candidate. He approves of the principles of union labor and its basis of majority rule, and is deserving of the support of all union men.

The United Trades and Labor Council of Cleveland is only a month old, and has already over 100 unions affiliated with it.

William W. Banks



William W. Banks, regular Republican nominee for Representative, was born in the State of Illinois. Since childhood he has been a resident of this state, and was educated in the public schools of this city. His first knowledge of law was obtained by walking a distance of seven miles each day from his father's farm in Marion County to the State Library in Salem, Or. He was afterward admitted to the bar, and has practiced continuously in this city.

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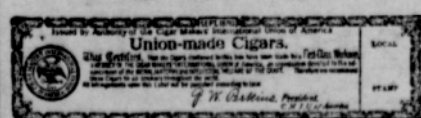
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