

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. Minutes last meeting read and approved.

Credentials--From Laundry Wagon Drivers, No. 419, C. Steinel, J. R. Stewart, R. C. Warner.

Communications--From Labor Lecture Bureau, St. Louis, filed. From Aberdeen Trades and Labor Council, requesting that we use our efforts to keep men away from the mills of that city, filed. From Tacoma Trades Council, stating that the shingle weavers were on strike in Tacoma and that shingles from that city were unfair, referred to Building Trades Council. From Direct Legislation League, laid over one month. From U. S. Senator Joseph Simon, saying he would give the bill providing for increase of pay to letter carriers his best attention. From Painters and Decorators, stating that their union does not approve of the removal of the name of "J. V. Beach" from the blackboard. From Metal Polishers' International Union, requesting financial assistance in their trouble at Cleveland, O. From Iron and Steel Workers' Union, Lebanon, Pa., for financial aid. Secretary instructed to inform these unions that we are unable to assist them at this time. From Building Trades Council, unfair names posted. From Sheet Metal Workers, unfair name posted.

Bills--Building Trades Council, June rent, \$6.00. Water Front Federation, May rent, \$4.00. Glass & Prudhomme, printing circulars, envelopes and stamped envelopes, \$11.25. All allowed.

The following names were put on blackboard:

Airtight Stove Company, J. E. Geil, shingler, I. E. Strong, painter, Mr. Timmons, plasterer, Chas. Courtney, carpenter contractor.

With the exception of action on communications as stated, there was no new business. Organization Committee reported installation of some new unions and progress on others. This committee requests union men to use their best endeavors to have all Elevator Men join that union. Other standing committees reported progress on matters in hand. Excursion Committee turned over \$28.95 to Council and expects to make complete report next meeting.

Brewers stated that they would request that all saloons handling non-label beer be placed on blackboard at next meeting.

Receipts--Dues, Electricians, \$3.00; Shinglers, \$1.50; Cigarmakers, \$3.00; Theatrical Employees, \$4.50; Bartenders, \$6.00; Barbers, \$3.00; total, \$21.00. For Planing Millmen's strike fund, Shipwrights, \$37.50; Laundryworkers, \$10.00; Bakers, \$50.00; Butchers, \$25.00; Tailors, \$16.50; Bartenders, \$57.75; Cigarmakers, \$25.00; Theatrical Employees, \$4.60; Stablemen, \$15.00; total, \$241.35.

STREET-CAR UNIONS.

Met in their hall in the Union Block on June 17. There was a large attendance, much enthusiasm, and interest manifested. Minutes of the last meeting of the Federated Trades Council were read and placed on file. Several communications from secretaries of different unions in the United States were read regarding goods that were placed on the unfair list. One communication from the secretary of the Cloakmakers' Union, requesting that a committee be appointed to visit each store in Portland which handles cloaks, to request them to handle nothing but cloaks having the union label thereon. Messrs. Moorhouse and Meldrum were appointed on said committee. Organizer Duke being present, he was called to make a few remarks for the good of the order. Mr. Duke was heartily cheered as he arose and made the boys quite a lengthy

speech. He congratulated the union on the rapid progress that they had made in numbers of the present membership, and the efficiency and good work of the officers of the order. Sixteen new members were initiated and signed the roll.

It was moved and seconded that \$25 be donated to the Woodworkers' Union. It was carried unanimously. The committee on the excursion to Latourelle Falls made their report that there was a large crowd, all enjoyed themselves, and that the excursion was a success socially and financially. The following named officers were elected for ensuing term: President, Nels Sorenson, of the Portland Railway Co.; vice-president, Geo. Nendel, of the P. C. & O.; treasurer, A. S. Groce, of the Portland Railway Co.; financial secretary, J. E. Wilson, of the Portland Railway Co.; corresponding secretary, G. W. Hoadley, of the Traction Division of the Portland Railway Co.; Conductor, Robert Adams, of the P. C. & O.; warden, J. A. Workman, of the P. C. & O.; sentinel, Stephen Richards, of the P. C. & O.

The following named persons were elected as the executive board for the ensuing term: C. H. Knudson, R. V. Hoyt, James Oliver and Chas. Anderson.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Hurlburt, general manager of the P. C. & O., for his kindness and generosity in allowing the boys a car free of charge till the adjournment of the meeting.

PAINTERS' UNION.

One of the prettiest and most comfortable union quarters in the city is the Painters' new hall, 234 1/2 Morrison and Second streets. The hall will comfortably seat nearly 200, and is especially adapted for meeting purposes. The acoustics are such that the smallest voice can be distinctly heard. The hall is rented Monday evenings to the Building Trades Council; Tuesday, Expressmen's Union; Wednesday, Blacksmiths; Thursday, Painters; Friday, Foresters; Saturday night and Sunday afternoon and evening are open to any union desiring comfortable quarters, with a free telephone service to all. American flags and bunting are tastefully draped upon the walls and ceiling. The union has already spent \$500 on the hall, and in a short time a carpet will be placed upon the floor.

Since the first of the month, fourteen new members have been initiated. At every meeting there is a good attendance and much interest is manifested.

At the meeting of June 26, the semi-annual election of officers will take place.

Every member is working and men are in demand. Several of the members have started to contracting as master painters.

H. Ward is down with rheumatism; M. O'Shea is still unable to work; Joe O'Donnell is able to be out and around.

GRAINHANDLERS.

Business is quiet along the beach, about the only work at present being the discharge of the cargo of sulphur at Columbia Dock, No. 2, and an Oriental steamer, which is taking on a load of wheat at Greenwich and Montgomery No. 2 Docks. Members of Local 263 are scattered over Alaska and Lower Columbia in fishing crews, and quite a number in Idaho mining. About 75 general longshoremen and grainhandlers left for Alaska a short time ago. Most of these men will return about the first of September, ready for the new wheat crop. The meeting of the Grainhandlers Tuesday night was light on this account. Two new members were initiated and two applications received; also three were initiated the first meeting in the month. It was deemed advisable that the union hold weekly meetings, commencing in about a month, instead of semi-monthly as heretofore. Also a hall and headquarters was discussed, similar to that of Local No. 265.

Ten dollars was voted towards the assistance of the locked-out Woodworkers. More money would have been subscribed had times been better with the Grainhandlers.

The initiation fee has been raised from \$3 to \$5. W. McClark has been elected corresponding secretary in place of Alex Gordon, resigned.

LAUNDRY WORKERS.

The Laundry Workers are out of the woods, all petty differences are about adjusted, and there appears to be easy sailing for some time. At the meeting

last Monday evening, seven or eight members were initiated, who have been in dispute. These finish up the non-union laundry workers in the city. All workers are now union. A circular letter was read from the Cloak Makers' Union of San Francisco appealing to union men and women to assist the Cloak Makers in wiping out the sweatshop and Asiatic products by calling for the union label when purchasing. The letter says from now on all ladies' garments, such as cloaks, suits, jackets, skirts, undershirts, capes, waists, etc., without the union label sewn on by machine stitching are made either wholly or partly by nonunion or Mongolian labor. Genuine labels are red, with black print. This little emblem means that all goods containing it are made by union men and women in sanitary workshops and under decent conditions.

On June 30 the semi-annual election of officers will occur, and all members in good standing are requested to be present.

A per capita of 10 cents was voted for the benefit of the locked-out Woodworkers.

BOOKBINDERS.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Bookbinders last Tuesday evening the routine business was light and the meeting adjourned early. Communications were read from the International, stating that Donohue Bros., a large printing and bookbinding firm of Chicago, are now on the fair list; another stating that the reports sent out by W. B. Conkey Co., of Hammond, Ind., stating the firm was fair is untrue, and that the Conkey Co. is still under the ban.

Five dollars was donated from the treasury to the Woodworkers, and a tax of 25 cents per week per capita was levied on the members for the same purpose, to be paid weekly.

A motion was passed instructing the secretary to issue an invitation to the Young Ladies' Bookbinders Union to attend the next regular meeting of Local No. 90 in a body, to gain what information they may towards conducting their own affairs.

The secretary was also instructed to invite the bookbinders of Salem to become affiliated with Local 90.

TEAM DRIVERS.

Local No. 162 was called to order last Tuesday evening by President Jones at the usual hour. Two applications for membership were found on the table.

P. Johnson & Co., manufacturers of the Giant, Jumbo and Peerless brands of mush, were placed upon the unfair list because they refused to pay their teamster union wages, the same as

other firms in similar lines of business are doing. Union men will please take notice of these brands and are urgently requested not to use them, or buy goods coming from said firm.

A marshal and committee have been appointed to prepare for Labor Day, and if other unions in the city will do as well as the Team Drivers' Union, there will be a great time in Portland upon that day.

RETAIL CLERKS' UNION.

At a meeting of the Clerks' Union June 11, at Alisky Hall, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: President, T. H. Feary; first vice-president, Miss M. Reed; second vice-president, H. S. Adams; guide, T. C. Carlson; financial secretary, Louis Wise; corresponding secretary, J. E. Weber; treasurer, S. E. Friendly; guardian, Fred Bay; statistical secretary, Miss Goldman; trustees, A. Albert and E. Gunther.

Twenty-three new members were initiated, and 25 applications ready to be acted upon at next meeting. The meeting was largely attended and enthusiastic. The membership has now grown to nearly 500, the third largest union in the city.

WAITERS' ALLIANCE.

The meeting last Monday evening was largely attended, especially by the ladies. Considerable routine business was transacted, after which Mr. Ira Taylor, business agent and secretary, made an encouraging and instructive address on the good of the order. Several new members were initiated. There are very few idle members. All who wish to have secured employment, and greater harmony and stability is becoming evident each day.

Mr. Taylor is making good headway in securing contracts from restaurants that have been holding out.

Miss Viola Class is on the sick list, and is receiving medical attention at St. Vincent's Hospital.

BEER DRIVERS AND BOTTLERS.

Considerable business was transacted at the last meeting. Twenty dollars was donated to the Woodworkers of our city, and \$30 to the locked-out members of our National Union at Cincinnati and Boston.

Nominations of officers for the ensuing term were made, to be elected at the next regular meeting, June 21. The picnic committee gave their final report, which was very gratifying to all of the members.

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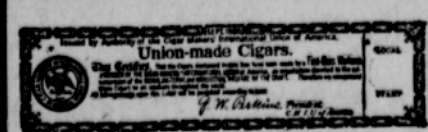
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