

LABOR NOTES.

There are now 11 local unions affiliated with Astoria Council, Federation of Labor.

The manufacturers of Minnesota are organizing to fight the eight-hour movement.

The Fourth of July celebration in Astoria will be under the auspices of the Clerks' Union.

By a referendum vote of 233 unions, the Chicago Federation of Labor is going into politics.

The Boot and Shoe International Association went into convention at Detroit, Mich., last Monday.

Duluth Ministerial Association has declared in favor of a Saturday half holiday for all workers.

The saleswomen of San Francisco have organized a large and enthusiastic union and elected officers.

In Duluth, Minn., all skilled workmen are now on an eight-hour day, with a general increase in wages.

Out of a total of about 50,000 locomotive firemen employed in the United States, 40,720 are in the brotherhood.

A two weeks' strike amongst the breweries of Montana, excepting Butte, has been settled favorably to the workmen.

At Boise, Idaho, there is a flourishing labor council with 10 affiliated unions and four or five more in prospect.

In Great Britain 931 cities own their water works, 99 their street railways, 40 their gas works, and 181 their electric-light plants.

The York, Pa., rolling mill has posted notices voluntarily increasing the wages of puddlers from \$4 25 to \$4 50, to take effect immediately.

The Boilermakers' strike on the Santa Fe at San Bernardino has been declared off. As fast as possible the old men are being taken back.

The John A. Roebling's Sons Company, at Trenton, N. J., has announced an increase of wages to its 4000 employees, averaging 10 per cent.

The entire force at the Santa Fe Railroad Shops at Needles, Cal., went out on strike on May 30 for an increase in wages from 30 to 40 cents per hour.

Two hundred employees of the Warren City, O., Boiler Works went out on strike Monday because of the discharge of the president of their union by the company.

A Union Labor Party movement is on foot in Oakland, Cal. On July 19, a party convention will be held, when a straight party ticket will be put in the field.

The San Francisco Typographical Union has placed a fine of \$10 upon any member patronizing a book store or news stand handling the Los Angeles Times.

The Cooks, Waiters and Bakers' Union at Dawson, Y. T., have issued a dodger, asking the public to look for its union card, and to patronize "white" restaurants.

All of the employees of the Northern Pacific shops in Tacoma have received an increase of 5 per cent in wages, beginning June 1. The order affects about 800 employees.

Street-railway employees of Detroit have had their wages raised from 21 to 23½ cents an hour. They asked for 25 cents, but the arbitrators awarded only the 2½ cents an hour increase.

The P. Lorillard Tobacco Company, of New York, has advanced the wages of all employees under the grade of foreman 10 per cent. Two thousand persons get the benefit of the increase.

Six hundred employees of the Empire Bridge Company, of Williamsburg, N. Y., have struck for recognition of their union. It is said their action will delay work on many bridges in the West.

The bakers' strike in Denver, which has been on several weeks, has been settled. The masters conceded the demands of the men for a midnight lunch and an additional 10 cents an hour for overtime.

A three weeks' fight between the Building Trades Council and Master Builders' Association in Sacramento, Cal., has been closed, and agreements signed of material advantage to the building trades.

The highest paid officials of a labor union in Chicago are those of the Bricklayers' and Stone Masons' Union. The wages of the president, secretary and the two business agents are \$6, \$5 and \$4 a day respectively.

A clothing firm in Philadelphia has only union clerks and handles all union made goods. It gives 15 per cent off in prices to any customer who can produce a card to show that he is a member of a union and in good standing.

More than 700 glove makers have gone on strike in Chicago, the result of wage differences. The Glovemakers' Union called a meeting, at which it is expected a general strike order will be issued, tying up the majority of the glove establishments of Chicago.

Every dyehouse in Paterson, N. J., is closed as a result of the order for a general strike. The strikers are sending representatives to the Pennsylvania

towns where silk dyeing is done, and to Petersburg, Va., with a view of bringing into the union the men working in the dyehouses in those places.

The employees of the four rolling mills at Columbia, Pa., of the Susquehanna Iron & Steel Company, have struck for a raise of wages from \$4 25 to \$4 50; other employees to get a proportionate raise. The company complied with the former, but failing to grant the latter demand, the puddlers refused to return to work.

The commercial telegraphers of Chicago, who for several years have been without a union, have been organized by the American Federation of Labor. The new organization will be known as the International Union of Commercial Telegraphers. Between 300 and 400 enrolled their names on the books of the new organization.

Strikes at Manila, P. I., are growing general. The printers, butchers, the tobaccoists, the hemp workers and the carriage makers, estimated to number over 7000 men, are out. Isabelo de Los Reyes, who organized the strike movement, has become frightened at the condition which has resulted from his efforts, and has resigned the leadership.

The International Association of Machinists has issued a circular which shows that during 1901 60,000 men gained a nine-hour day, 75,000 machinists secured an increase in wages averaging 10 per cent, amounting to \$18,700 a day, the introduction of the two-machine system was prevented in 245 shops, and \$170,000 was paid out in strike benefits.

Gold beaters have again formed a union. Their first organization was formed at Chicago 12 years ago and secured the eight-hour day and 50 cents an hour for wages for them. As there were not more than a dozen workmen of that craft in the city interest in the union lapsed and was finally abandoned. Since then the wages have been reduced to \$12 a week and they have gone back to the 10-hour day.

At the annual convention of the Journeymen Horseshoers' International Union, held at San Francisco, Cal., during the week of May 24, the following officers were elected: President, Jas. J. Sexton, Brooklyn, N. Y.; first vice-president, P. J. Lally, Boston; second vice-president, John A. Halk, San Francisco; third vice-president, Albert Hanks, San Jose; secretary-treasurer, Roady Kenahan, Denver.

The strike of the machinists employed in the various plants of the Allis-Chalmers Company has been settled and the men returned to work. The demand of the men was that they be given an eight-hour day, with a half holiday Saturday, an increase of 12½ per cent in wages, and recognition of the union. They accepted an increase of 11 per cent and the company granted the remainder of their demands. The strike has lasted since May 30, 1901. About 500 men are involved.

Three hundred men employed as Pullman car cleaners in Chicago have gone on a strike for better wages and pay for overtime. The men have organized the United Order of Car Cleaners, Union No. 1, and application has been made to the American Federation of Labor for a charter. The car cleaners now receive \$45 a month, and demand \$50. If a train is late they say they wait around the yards to clean the cars when they come in, no matter what the hour may be, and they receive no extra pay for it.

Realizing the advantage of arbitration in labor difficulties, the Chicago Federation of Labor decided to appoint a board to renew and pass on all internal disagreements of affiliated unions. The federation thinks the dissensions have invariably been the cause of unwarranted strikes. This board of arbitration will be composed of one representative from each of the 201 unions affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor. The judgment of the board will be absolute, and the workmen must abide by its decisions or cease their connection with the Federation of Labor.

Jones & Laughlin, iron and steel manufacturers of Pittsburgh, Pa., have voluntarily advanced the wages of all their employees excepting the tonnage men. The increase will average 10 per cent and affects over 8000 men. The furnace employees of the Carnegie Steel Company have been advanced during the present week, and it is understood that all of the day laborers in the mills of this company will be treated in a similar manner to those employed by the Jones & Laughlin, limited. The advances have been made wholly on account of the general prosperous condition of the steel trade.

One error that most new unions fall into is that of precipitating strikes just as soon as they have a healthy membership. Sometimes small concessions from employers will be secured, but this as a rule simply sharpens the appetite of these organizations, and causes them to demand still greater concessions. The inevitable result is that a strike or lock-out is declared, and the men, lacking experience in unionism, are ordinarily defeated and their union destroyed. Unions should refrain from declaring strikes unless they receive the advice and sanction of the general executive officers.—Ex.

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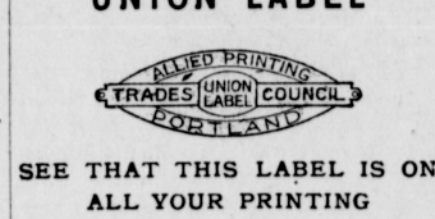
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Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America: Division 181—Meets first and third Monday evenings at 8:45, in Union Hall, Union block.
Amalgamated Meatcutters' and Butchers' Workmen, Local 143—Meets every Thursday at 8 P. M., in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill.
Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, No. 16—Meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 22½ Yamhill street.
Amalgamated Woodworkers' Union No. 66—Meets every second and fourth Thursday, at 230½ Yamhill street.
Beer Drivers' Union, Local No. 29, National Union of United Brewery Workmen, U. S. A.—Meets every first and third Saturday, corner Eleventh and Morrison streets.
Blacksmiths' Union—Meets every Wednesday night at 234½ Morrison street.
Bricklayers' International Union No. 1—Meets every Wednesday at 22½ Yamhill street.
Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, Local No. 10—Meets every Thursday, 234½ Morrison street.
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Sunset Lodge No. 130—Meets every first and third Sunday, at 2 P. M., in Auditorium Hall.
Building Trades Council—Meets every Monday evening at 234½ Morrison street.
Bartenders' League—Meets every Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at G. A. R. Hall.
Cigarmakers' International Union of America, Local No. 262—Meets every first Tuesday at 22½ Yamhill street.
Expressmen's Union—Meets every Tuesday evening at 234½ Morrison street.
General Longshoremen's Union, No. 265—Meets every Thursday evening at Union Hall, Union block.
Grain Handlers' Union, No. 266—Meets at Schrantz's Hall, corner Third and Delany streets, every Tuesday evening.
I. L. A., No. 264—Meets every first and third Saturday at Union Hall, Second and Stark streets.
International Association of Machinists, Local No. 63—Meets every first and third Friday in Alisky building.
International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Local No. 26—Meets every Tuesday evening of each month at 300 Alisky Bldg., Third and Morrison streets.
Iron Molders' Union, No. 139—Meets every first and third Thursday at 22½ Yamhill street.
Journeymen Barbers' Union, No. 75—Meets every Monday evening in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets.
Journeymen Horseshoers' Union No. 41—Meets every first and third Thursday in room 21, McKay building.
Journeymen Plumbers' and Gasfitters' Association, Local No. 51—Meets every Monday evening at 22½ Yamhill street.
Journeymen Tailors, Local No. 74—Meets every second and fourth Monday in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets.
Lumbermill Workers' Union of the Northwest, No. 1—Meets every first and third Sunday, at 2 P. M., in U. S. Courthouse corner Seventeenth and Marshall streets.
Mount Hood Lodge of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship-Builders, Local No. 72—Meets every second and fourth Thursday in Alisky Hall.
Multnomah Typographical Union, No. 58—Meets every first Sunday of the month at 2 P. M., in Auditorium Hall.
Musicians' Mutual Association, Local 99—Meets every first Tuesday at 2 P. M. in room 214, Chamber of Commerce.
National Association of Letter-Carriers, Branch No. 82—Meets every second Wednesday of the month in the Post-office building.
National Union of the United Brewery Workmen of the United States, Local No. 7—Meets every second and fourth Saturday at 22½ Yamhill street.
Portland's Bindery Women's Local, No. 113, I. B. of E.—Meets every first Tuesday evening of the month in Hall No. 300, Alisky Building.
Plasterers' Union, No. 1—Meets every Friday evening at 127½ First street.
Portland Laborers' Protective Union—Meets every second and fourth Sunday day, at 2 P. M., at 22½ Yamhill street.
Portland Printing Pressmen's Union No. 43—Meets every second Tuesday of the month in McKay building, room Hall.
Portland Bakers' and Confectioners' Union—Meets every first and third Saturday, at 6 P. M., at 22½ Yamhill street.
Portland Theatrical Stage Employees' Union—Meets every second Thursday of the month at Cordray's Theater.
Retail Clerks' Protective Association, Local No. 249—Meets every Wednesday evening, at Alisky Hall, corner Third and Morrison.
Shipwrights', Caulkers' and Shipjoiners' Association of the Port of Portland—Meets every first and third Saturday at 230½ Yamhill street.
Stableners' Union, No. 3419—Meets every Monday evening in room 225, Alisky Building, President C. T. Davis; Secretary, W. T. Vinson, 411 Couch at.
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The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, No. 125—Meets in Caledonia Hall, Second and Yamhill, every Wednesday night.
United Brotherhood of Leatherworkers on Horse Goods, Branch No. 56—Meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall, Union block.
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Branch No. 50—Meets every Wednesday night in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets.
United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, Division No. 4—Meets every second and fourth Saturday evenings at Alisky Building, corner Third and Morrison.
Walters' Alliance, Local No. 33, meets every Monday evening at 8:30 at 234 Third street, President, Frank Boon; Secretary, M. F. Pike, 234 Third street.
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