

## 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. President Gurr in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials: Marbleworkers, E. E. Towle, C. M. Smith; River Steamer Employees, N. Linnott, O. J. Hunter, George J. Herrall; Bookbinders, Chas. F. Lippert.

Communications: From Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, withdrawing their delegates and affiliation to the Council; to new business. From Oregon State Federation, acknowledging receipt of dues for May, June, July. From Senator John H. Mitchell and from Congressman T. H. Tongue, both stating that they would use their best efforts toward the passage of a bill providing for increase of letter-carriers' salaries. From International Brotherhood Stationary Firemen, requesting Council to organize such workers here; referred to organization committee.

From International Association of Machinists, asking financial aid in their trouble at Dallas, Tex.; secretary instructed to inform this union that owing to local trouble we are unable to assist them at this time. From Bookbinders' Union, requesting removal of the name Donohue & Henneberry, Chicago, Ill., from blackboard; complied with. From Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, requesting removal of Nudelman & Steinberg from blackboard; complied with. From Painters, claiming jurisdiction of painting work above guards on ships.

The withdrawal of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was accepted and communication placed on file.

The following was offered and adopted:

"Whereas, Certain master carpenters and millowners have circulated and are continuously circulating lying reports of men working on unfair material, and of the woodworkers having gone back to work, and of the boycott having been declared off; and,

"Whereas, These reports are calculated to do us harm and create an unfavorable impression with our union men and the sympathizing public; and,

"Whereas, Such reports have influenced the daily papers in that they have given them publicity and commented editorially in a manner to prejudice our cause; and,

"Whereas, Out of over 200 members of the woodworkers on strike for seven weeks, only four have deserted, two of whom were \$1.75-per-day men, and after three weeks of boycott only one carpenter has been proven to use unfair material; and,

"Whereas, The Building Trades Council will place three more men next Monday to canvass the different jobs and draw the lines closed on unfair material, to the end that none shall be used; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That all concerned are hereby notified that when the strike is settled the unions and public will be notified by public notice in the daily papers, signed by the president, J. K. Carr, and the secretary, J. E. Lewton, of the Building Trades Council, and they are cautioned against reports of any character; and, further,

"Resolved, That the daily papers be requested to give this resolution publicity."

There was some discussion in Painters' communication, as Shipliners and Riggers also claim the work. It was moved and carried that secretary refer the matter to the A. F. of L. It was moved and carried that the chair appoint a committee of five to consider ways and means for celebration of Labor day—Harry, Reed, Goldrainer, Steiner, McDonald.

Excursion committee made final report and turned over balance of \$10 to secretary and was discharged.

It was moved and carried that the president appoint a committee of one and request that the woodworkers and Building Trades Council each appoint a like committee of one, to be designated as a defense committee, for the purpose of receiving and disbursing the relief funds, and to represent each organization as an advisory board to defend and sustain all unions and relieve all union men in need of assistance because of this strike. That this committee be instructed to keep an accurate account and render statements weekly of the disposition of the funds.

Hardwood Finishers were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

Brewers request union men not to drink beer that does not bear the union label. Waiters request that union men not only recognize union card, but also ask waiters to show paid-up working card. Butchers called attention to their shop card.

Receipts of the week for planing-mill men: Street-Car Employees, \$30; Printing Pressmen, \$12; Bookbinders, \$5; Barbers, \$50; Grainhandlers, \$10; Bartenders, \$63; Coopers, \$21; Retail Clerks, \$25; Brewers, \$10; Stage Employees, \$5; Boxworkers, \$10; Cigar-makers, \$23; Laundryworkers, \$12.50; River Steamer Employees, \$25; Machinists, \$50; Jake Riech, \$1. Total, \$352.50.

#### TEAM DRIVERS, LOCAL NO. 162.

At the meeting of the Team Drivers last Tuesday evening, nearly all officers were present, and there was a good attendance when President Jones called to order. Two applications were received and acted upon.

Reports from headquarters at Detroit, Mich., show 35 charters issued for April, which swells the list to 405 at the end of that month. This is a grand showing for an international so young, and goes to show that the Team Drivers' organization is thoroughly alive and energetic.

There are a few members of Local 162 who are finding fault on the outside with the way the business of the union is carried on. If these parties would talk less and kindly attend the meetings and meet their financial obligations, they would do the union and themselves more good than the system they are and have been adopting.

P. Johnson, the mushy mill man on Front street, corner of Alder, says he will not pay his teamsters union wages, and threatens to discharge any of his men who join the union. The easiest way to get along with this fellow is to refuse to buy his goods. Union men, remember he manufactures the Peerless Pure Food, Premium Mush, Jumbo, Giant, and Perfection brands. Let these brands alone.

#### I. L. A., LOCAL 265.

Officers were elected at the regular meeting last Thursday evening as follows: President, W. Hardy; vice-president, Patrick Kean; recording secretary, Chris Lolltick; financial secretary, business agent, H. Emde; treasurer, Frank Willis; marshal, F. M. Cook; guard, G. Hertz; trustees, Victor Grafsstrom, Chris Olsen, John Madsen.

One new member was initiated, and \$25 was donated to the Woodworkers.

A committee was appointed to confer with the other locals of the I. L. A. in this city in regard to sending jointly a delegate to the national convention, to be held in Chicago July 14.

The secretary was also instructed to communicate with Secretary T. Chambers, of London, Eng., in reference to closer alliance and actual federation with the transport workers of Europe. This matter will practically be left in the hands of Daniel Keefe, president of I. L. A., in whom the membership have absolute confidence.

#### BARBERS' UNION.

At the last regular meeting, President Hutchinson presided over a good attendance.

E. A. Lamberson was initiated, T. F. Heitschmidt was admitted by card, and three other members made application with transfer cards.

W. E. Barnes, L. A. Beaver, George Rudell, and Frank Cruphy have been placed on the sick list.

Upon the arrival of the new charter, the union will celebrate by giving a grand smoker.

At the meeting of June 16 John A. Goldrainer was delegated to visit Oregon City on the 23d and address the Labor Council, and make the members familiar with the barbers' shop card, since the barbers of that city have become affiliated with the Portland union and are using the card. Mr. Goldrainer had no difficulty in enlisting the support of union men of Oregon City.

#### SHEET METAL WORKERS.

There was a large attendance at the meeting Tuesday night, at which two new members were initiated and \$20 was voted to the aid of the Woodworkers.

Officers for the next six months are: President, William Thompson; vice-president, E. G. Reudy; financial secretary, C. E. Holzer; recording secretary, F. A. Henry; corresponding secretary, M. G. Hammong; warden, Chas. Lillis; conductor, — Orton; delegates to Federated Trades Council, G. Y. Harry, W. E. Shaw, T. Meagher; Bert Cloyse was re-elected delegate to the Building Trades Council.

Nearly all members of the union are employed and everything is in a flattering condition for the sheet metal workers.

#### TAILORS' UNION.

Besides the usual amount of routine business, amendments to the constitution and by-laws were submitted changing the time for election of officers from April and October to July and January; also to place the internal workings of the union into the hands of committees instead of leaving it to the action of the union as a body as has been done heretofore. The amendments will be passed upon finally at the next meeting.

One new member was initiated at the last meeting, and \$33 donated to the Woodworkers of this city.

#### COOKS' ALLIANCE.

At the regular meeting of the Cooks' Alliance last Monday evening, officers were elected for the ensuing term, as follows: President, Phil Arden; vice-president, Bro. Rosenstock; recording secretary, G. C. Rollman; financial secretary, A. Sevence; treasurer, Bro. Marton; inspector, C. Caster; chaplain, Bro. Jameson; guard, F. Anderson.

Two members were admitted by card and an assessment was levied on the membership to help the Woodworkers.

#### BEER DRIVERS AND BOTTLERS.

The following officers and delegates were elected at the last meeting: Frank Hoffman, president; Josiah Barnes, vice-president, and Al Schar, watchman; John Schlappi, Fred Grischow and J. Barnes, delegates to the Federated Trades Council; Frank Hoffman, Arthur Hyronimus and J. Barnes represent the union at the local executive. An assessment of 25c per head was levied in favor of the locked-out Woodworkers, to take effect immediately.

#### BROOM MAKERS ORGANIZED.

Mr. Will R. Boyer, general secretary-treasurer International Broom Makers' Union, former secretary of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, and also a member of the Illinois Labor Commission, was a hurried visitor to Portland on Monday. Mr. Boyer arrived at 7 A. M. and left at 11 P. M., after having organized a Broom Makers' Union, including in membership all the mechanics in that line employed in Portland.

We found him a very pleasant gentleman, and regretted he could not be longer with us, although during his few hours in the city he organized his local union and made an address to the Building Trades Council on unionism and the Broom Makers' Label.

We learn from Mr. Boyer that the Illinois State Federation is doing a great work for the labor people of his state in the way of advertising and pushing the labels and boycotts, and particularly in having legislation in the interest of the working people enacted. They have already a number of laws on their statute books in the interest of labor. One measure they have found of great benefit to organized labor provides that employers bringing labor into the state during a strike, or to take the places of men on strike, must so state to those they employ, and in their advertisements for help. This prevents men being forced into competition through misrepresentation with union labor while they are contending for better conditions.

Chicago, he thinks, is the best union label city in the country, and he attributes it largely to the efforts of the ladies, wives of union men, and their sympathetic sisters, who are organized as Union Label Leagues for the purpose of protecting union-made goods of all kinds. The ladies of society and prominence in that city are taking an interest in the cause of their less fortunately situated sisters and have become honorary members of these leagues, and assist them practically in their work by going on committees with them to visit the merchants and others and persuade them to handle and sell union-made goods, or to cease handling unfair products. Have we not some high-minded ladies in our upper circles whose sympathies can reach out to the working men's wives, our Union Label League, and assist them in their efforts to better the conditions of their husbands, sons and brothers, who are daily toiling to make their homes more happy and pleasant for the ones they love?

#### OBITUARY.

The funeral of W. Werner, member of I. L. A., No. 265, occurred last Sunday.

day from Holman's undertaking parlors, the body being buried at Lone Fir Cemetery.

It will be remembered that Mr. Werner was struck on the head by a heavy piece of timber while working on the steam schooner Lachme, about the first of this month, from which injuries he died on June 16, at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

The funeral was conducted by the union, of which he was a charter member, and he was followed to the grave by over 100 members from No. 265 and other affiliated unions in parade, and a large number of ladies, who went to the cemetery. Many beautiful floral pieces were contributed by the Women's Auxiliary and others. A ship about four feet long, shaped out of flowers was carried in procession by four men, and was one of the most beautiful designs ever seen in the city.

W. H. Barry, of the Typographical Union, conducted the services, and in a very able sermon recited the many sterling qualities of the deceased, and depicting the brotherhood expressed through the agency of organization. Mr. Werner was born at Fredricks-hold, Norway, May 27, 1863. While yet a boy, he emigrated to America, and has been a resident of the Pacific coast for 20 years, at one time following the occupation of diver on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. He was unmarried, and left no known relatives in this country. He was a man well thought of by his fellow workers, being a man of generous impulses and good fellowship.

Owing to domestic troubles and dependency, Richard Boulan, a member of the Bartenders' League of this city, committed suicide Tuesday morning in his rooms at the Quincey House, by taking carbolic acid.

His funeral takes place today under direction of the Bartenders' League, who are generous enough to bury him as a member should be buried without passing judgment upon the shortcomings of a member. The League will turn out in full force, and have invited the friends of deceased outside of the League to participate in the sad rites.

#### UNFAIR CIGARS.

A little folder from the Eastern Cigar-makers' Unions appeals to the union men all over the land to refrain from smoking the Cubanola, Crema, Florodora and Lillian Russell, which are made by children and persons under unfair conditions. The folder also requests that only cigars bearing the union label be purchased by union men. The above mentioned cigars are made by the American Tobacco Company, better known as the Trust, which employs mostly girls and children ranging from 12 years upwards.

A cablegram from Stockholm says the invention of Herr Kiehl, a Swedish engineer, for smelting steel by means of electricity, has been tested on a large scale at the iron factory of Gysing, with perfect success. It is declared that electro-steel of superior quality can be produced at the same cost as ordinary steel.

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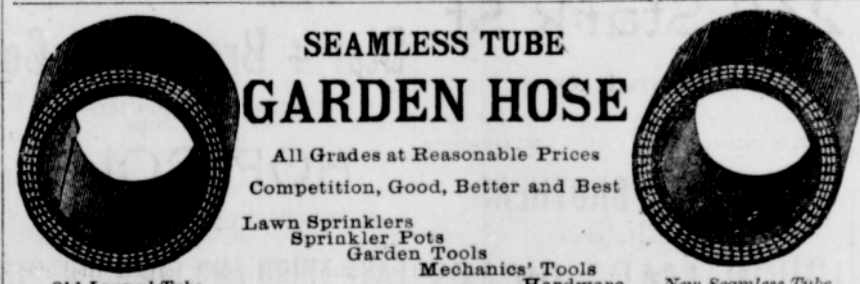
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