

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, July 4, 1902.
Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. by President Gurr. Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials—Bricklayers, W. H. H. Blaney, H. C. Gurr, N. P. Jorgensen; Beer Drivers and Bottlers, John Schlappi, Fred Grischow, Josiah Barnes; Sheet Metal Workers, G. Y. Harry; Bootblacks, Pietro Berardinelli, Carlo Tonti, Luigi Ciarlo; Brewers, J. Nugent, Chas. Clase, Fred Steiner; Cigarmakers, H. A. Duke, A. W. Jones, C. Harenberg.

Communications—From United Metal Workers of Elmira, asking assistance. Secretary instructed to respond and say that we are unable at this time to help them; from Building Trades Council, removing names Connolly & Wise, and Geo. Traynor from unfair list, complied with; from A. F. of L., giving itinerary of the executive committee, which meets in San Francisco July 21. Vice-Presidents Duncan and Kidd and Treasurer Lennon will be in Portland July 19. On motion the following committee was appointed to arrange for a mass meeting to be held that evening: Messrs. Duke, Gram, McClosky, Gurr, Harry. From Western Labor Union, Denver, Colo., stating that a Portland firm is handling unfair blankets, referred to grievance committee. From J. E. Zant, asking information regarding ropemakers of this city; referred to grievance committee.

Bills—Charles Mickle, for committee work, \$2; allowed.

Brewers asked indorsement of new contract. Were instructed to present it to employers first.

Owing to small attendance on account of the day and its celebration, much of the routine business was dispensed with.

Receipts—Dues: Laborers, \$3. Strike Fund: Bookbinders, \$4; Horseshoers, \$10; Cigarmakers, \$23; Bakers, \$25; Laundryworkers, \$17; Butchers, \$25. Meeting adjourned.

G. Y. HARRY, Sec. pro tem.

Pursuant to request made by the executive committee of the A. F. of L. that all central bodies express themselves upon the Fourth of July against the misuse and abuse of the writ of injunction, the following resolutions were prepared by committee and passed:

Whereas, The hope for justice and right, now and hereafter, as well as the perpetuation of liberty in our republican institutions, lies in organized labor; and

Whereas, There are few contests in which the toilers are engaged for improvement, or for the prevention of a deterioration in their condition, but what injunctions are issued by the courts of the most far-reaching character, invading the legal and moral rights of the workers to perform perfectly legal and legitimate acts, to carry on their efforts to a successful termination; and

Whereas, Thus far we have been unable to persuade the Congress of the United States to enact a law that shall protect the rights and liberty of people engaged in industrial disputes, and many of the courts have interpreted this failure on the part of Congress to act, as a warrant and authority to extend the use, or, more properly speaking, the abuse of the writ of injunction, so that the scope of each writ still further invades our constitutionally guaranteed rights; and

Whereas, The American workmen are law-abiding, faithful and loyal citizens; they have no desire for immunity from the law governing other citizens, but they most emphatically protest against and resent the action of courts convicting them and sentencing them to prison for acts which they have the legal right to perform; and con-

demning them, too, without proper opportunity for defense and trial before a jury of their peers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Federated Trades Council of the City of Portland, in regular meeting assembled, this, the anniversary of American Independence, July 4, 1902, that we earnestly appeal to and demand of our Representatives in our State Legislature and our Representatives and Senators in the National Congress that they take adequate and early steps to correct this great wrong and wrest from the hands of the prejudiced judiciary this autocratic power of oppression; and be it further

Resolved, That our secretary be and is hereby instructed to transmit to the above lawmakers attested copies of these resolutions, and that same be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and copies furnished the daily press with request for publication.

G. Y. HARRY,
A. W. LAWTON,
H. A. DUKE,
Committee.

WAITERS' ALLIANCE.

The following officers were elected at Monday evening's meeting of the alliance, who are to direct the destinies of the union through the ensuing year: President, Miss Nettie Creswell; vice-president, Miss Winnie Forsythe; secretary, Ira Taylor; treasurer, J. W. Todd; chaplain, Miss Clara Bruce; inspector, John Roach; inside watchman, Mae Bodley, formerly of Seattle Local No. 240; outside watchman, Harry Foss.

The lady members of the union are well represented in the chairs, and they are entitled to these honors, as they have been, as a rule, better union men.

Four new members were initiated.

LAUNDRY WORKERS.

At the meeting of the Laundry Workers newly elected officers for the ensuing term were installed, as follows: President, John R. Bailey; vice-president, L. D. Crowder; recording secretary, J. C. Bishop; financial secretary, N. Anderson; treasurer, H. A. Isensee; sergeant-at-arms, E. D. Milbrad; guard, John Gotcher; trustees, E. Gotcher, Mrs. Tidcombe, Mrs. Lee; delegates to Federated Trades Council, N. Anderson, F. E. Pierce, A. E. Bloom, W. O. Powell was elected delegate to the international convention, which convenes in Philadelphia August 12. Mr. Powell will leave on August 8 or 9, and will go loaded with resolutions bearing upon the Chinese and anti-injunction and questions of importance to his craft. He will also endeavor to secure the convention for Portland during the 1905 fair.

The union is in good working condition and adding to its membership. There were eight initiations at Monday's meeting, and to applications. The regular assessment for the Woodworkers was also collected.

Committees were appointed to arrange for a series of social events, the first to be a steamboat excursion, if a steamer can be secured that has complied with the demands of the Marine Engineers' Association.

RIGGERS, LINERS, SHIP PAINTERS AND CLEANERS.

The Riggers and Shipliners have been granted a new charter from the A. F. of L., and since May 2 are known as the Riggers, Liners, Ship Painters and Cleaners. This change was made necessary through technical matters regarding certain kinds of work claimed by members of other unions. As it is now, the members under the new head are entitled to all the work implied in the name aboard ship.

At the last meeting, June 26, officers were elected as follows: President, Alex Keegan; vice-president, Charles Delaney; secretary, Henry Arndt; treasurer, Frank Gildner; marshal, P. Dempsey; guard, Patsy Cardiff; trustees, James Day, Charles Ducett, J. Denney.

A donation of \$10 was made to the striking Woodworkers.

Andy Madsen was indorsed as delegate to the I. L. A. convention, to be held in Chicago on the 14th inst.

STREET RAILWAY UNION.

The regular meeting of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America, Division No. 187, met in their hall last Monday evening. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Several new members sent in their applications for membership. Several communications from the international president were read and placed on file. Three members of the union—Richards, Ruffner,

Kleinschmidt and Dean—sent in their resignations, and as they had signed up with the company, are now "scabbing" on the road. All the members present seemed relieved that such members had pulled out of the union, as they are men who are devoid of honor and principle, and constantly stirring up trouble among the members.

The strike committee made its report, and the president, Mr. Dimmick, was tendered a vote of thanks for his good work. The meeting of a few members that had met in the hall Monday afternoon and voted to return to work was then discussed, and it was declared that the said meeting was illegal and unauthorized, and was not binding on the members.

G. Y. Harry being present made an address regarding the disaffected members, that the union is much stronger without such members. Addresses were also made by others, and all present agreed to stand firm.

A committee was appointed to notify the papers of the city that the strike was still on and would continue until the fight was won. The union resolved to aid the strikers in every way necessary.

BARBERS' UNION.

At the last regular meeting of the Barbers' Union there were three members accepted on transfer cards, and William Drew was initiated. Three members are on the sick list. Bro. Cruppy, who had a very close call from blood poisoning caused from a cut on the hand, has gone to the hot springs to rusticate. There are quite a number of the tonsorial artists in the city who are anticipating leaving for the breezy beach in the near future.

The members at the meeting went wild with enthusiasm when the president announced that the Supreme Court had rendered its decision on the barbers' Sunday-closing law, and that it held that the law was constitutional. This is a great victory for the barbers. While it is true that there were a few boss barbers in the city who opposed the law and spent time and money to defeat it, yet they were praying in their own hearts that their attempt would be a failure, and their prayers were answered. The title of the case is: William Northrup, appellant, vs. State of Oregon, appealed from Multnomah County, John B. Cleland, presiding Judge; M. C. George and Alfred F. Sears, Judges; affirmed. Opinion by Justice Wolverton. The opinion says in part:

"The Legislature, at its last biennial session, enacted a statute making it a misdemeanor for any person or persons to carry on the business of barbering on Sunday in Oregon. The petitioner is charged with its violation, and, being in the custody of an officer, instituted a proceeding in the Circuit Court by habeas corpus to secure his release, and, being unsuccessful, prosecutes this appeal to this court. The statute is challenged as in derogation to the 14th amendment to the Federal Constitution, and to section 1, article 1, and section 23, article 4, of the state constitution."

The opinion reviews prior legislation on the subject, showing that by the act of 1854 all secular business other than works of necessity and mercy were prohibited on Sunday, and that in 1864 this was amended so as to include labor as well as business, and, excepting barbering, until 10 o'clock in the morning. In 1865 the law was amended so as not to apply to barbering among other occupations.

"The effect of the act in controversy is to take the business of barbers out of the category of the exceptions and to inhibit absolutely the prosecuting of such business on Sunday. Is the act in contravention of the 14th amendment of the Federal Constitution, in that it deprives the petitioner of liberty or property without due process of law, or of section 1, article 1, of the state constitution, in that it encroaches upon his guarantee of equal rights?"

The opinion quotes from a decision of the Federal Supreme Court uphold-

ing a similar law, and also from decisions of state courts, and concludes with the opinion that the law is valid under both the state and Federal constitutions.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

The regular monthly meeting of Local No. 58 was called to order last Sunday by President Howell, Mr. Price acting as reading clerk.

Communications—From Denver Union, No. 49, discrediting an advertisement in the Inland Printer for printers, pressmen, etc., to come to Denver; from Newark Union, No. 103, and Columbia Union, No. 101, Washington, D. C., each asking for the indorsement of their respective city for 1903 convention; from Portland Federated Trades Council, asking aid for Woodworkers and other striking unions. An assessment of 1 per cent of July earnings was levied, an amount equal thereto to be paid in weekly installments to the defense committee named by the central labor bodies.

One new member was initiated and a withdrawal card granted.

The report of special committee appointed to draft an amendment to constitution relative to apprentices was read and laid over for one month, as provided for by law.

The special committee appointed to induce Eastern firms to take their "ads." out of Los Angeles Times reported that they had received some favorable answers.

A special committee, consisting of Messrs. Barry, Price and Duniway, was instructed to devise a suitable souvenir for delegate's use in securing 1903 I. T. U. convention for this city.

The delegate to I. T. U. convention was given power to use his own discretion in voting for 1903 meeting-place.

The executive committee was instructed to look into matter of some employers being on exempt and some on active list.

I. L. A., NO. 264.

Installation of officers took place at last Saturday's meeting, elected at the meeting of June 28, as follows: President, J. Landon; vice-president, C. Hoffman; recording secretary, George Graham; financial secretary, C. W. White; treasurer, A. Johnson; trustees, F. Carter, J. Holtz, P. Smith; delegates to Water Front Section, George Hornby, F. S. Gandy, H. Brent; delegates to Federated Trades Council, A. Welsh, M. Healey, George Graham.

Two applications were read and \$29 donated to the Woodworkers.

Members will take notice that from now on the 50 cents imposed by the constitution for nonattendance at meetings will be strictly enforced.

Andy Madsen, delegate chosen by the three locals I. L. A. in this city, left for Chicago Monday evening to attend the international convention which meets next week.

On account of the engineers' strike work on the water front is quiet.

TEAMDRIVERS, LOCAL NO. 162.

The meeting Tuesday night was well attended. In answer to a communication from the Lewis and Clark committee, stating that the first assessment on shares was due, a warrant for \$25 was drawn for same.

The question of hauling cement and lime by C. J. Cook for a cheaper rate than other transfer companies came up. This man Cook is not paying his drivers the standard of wages paid by transfer companies. He is paying them \$2 per day. He did pay \$2.25, but has since reduced them to \$2. Now, in order to undercut the rates of other transfer companies, he is paying his men 50 cents per day less wages. Union brothers will please take notice.

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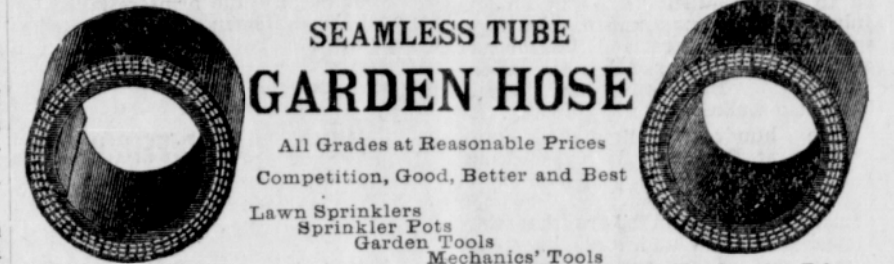
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