

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 11, 1902.
Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. by President Gurr. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials—Lathers, R. E. Coun, J. W. Geary; Stablemen, C. T. Davis, B. T. Vinson, Al Popple; I. L. A. No. 265, C. Olsen, M. McNulty, S. McLaughlin; Bridge and Ironworkers, Al Huntington, William Dudley; Plasterers, S. T. Webster; Cooks' Alliance, Charles Nelson; Sheet Metal Workers, T. F. Meagher; Upholsterers, H. C. Green, Hugh Southerland, Hugh Brown; Broom-Makers, Guy Zear, James O'Brien; Photo Engravers, E. R. Neiss; Glassworkers, — Harlow; Fuel and Sand Teamsters, M. Carberry; Bakers, William Trevor, Sam Viereck; Bakery Drivers, L. Rae; Carpenters, E. A. Cadwell, C. W. Ryan, C. Bomberger; Plumbers, William Finnegan, R. Linville, E. A. Stanton; Barbers, G. Weber, J. A. Goldrainer, William Guthrie.

Communications—From Los Angeles Labor Council, stating that the Employers' Association of that city is advertising for mechanics of all kinds to come to that city; union men are asked to use their best efforts to keep men away from Los Angeles, as there is plenty of all classes of labor there now. From brewery proprietors, regarding new contract with their employees; referred to arbitration committee. From Building Trades Council, placing Kirkley Wood Company on blackboard; complied with. From Plumbers, regarding unfair firms; referred to Building Trades Council. Circulars from Federated Metal Trades of North America; referred to organization committee. From Butchers, regarding unfair firms; to grievance committee. From Cooks' Alliance, circular giving names of fair and unfair houses; also stating that when a red seal is placed on window card it denotes that the house is union throughout and employs no Chinese.

Bills—G. Y. Harry, for deposit and balance of rent of Cordray's Theater for July 19, \$30; Charles Mickley, committee work for Woodworkers, \$2; W. H. Blaney, for committee work on Denver and San Francisco grievances, \$4. All allowed and warrants drawn. The communication from Direct Legislation League, which was laid over for one month, was taken up. On motion, \$10 was donated and secretary instructed to request unions which have not already donated to this fund to make a small donation to help liquidate the balance of unpaid expenses incident to the campaign for the initiative and referendum.

Reports of committees—Grievance committee reported that Olds & King would withdraw patronage from unfair Denver firm if it continued to remain unfair; also reported information for secretary to send to San Francisco regarding a certain craft here. Organization committee reported one new union; state organizer reported two new unions. Strike committee reported receipts and disbursements for the week. Committee on Labor day reported progress, and state that we will undoubtedly have an all-day holiday this year.

Sand and Fuel Teamsters reported that East Side Lumber Company had locked out their men. On motion, the name was placed on the blackboard. On motion, the secretary was instructed to request that secretaries of all locals read these names at their meetings, and that the locals be requested to place a fine on any member patronizing these firms: Banfield-Veysey Fuel Company, Kirkley Wood Company, East Side Lumber Company. Grievance committee was instructed to visit on Saturday, the 12th inst., several large users of wood and try to induce them not to patronize the above firms.

L. D. Reed was appointed on arbitration committee, Ira Taylor on grievance committee.

Receipts (strike fund)—Teamdrivers, \$75; Retail Clerks, \$40; I. L. A. No. 264, \$58; Beerdrivers, \$20; Bookbinders, \$4; Shipwrights, \$60; Coopers, \$10; Cigarmakers, \$23; I. L. A. No. 264, \$29. Total, \$328.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting last Monday evening the officers elected at the previous meeting were installed, as follows: President, L. D. Reid; vice-president, W. H. H. Blaney; recording secretary, J. E. Lewton; financial secretary and treasurer, H. G. Greene; sergeant-at-arms, Page Carter; arbitration committee, Synott, Porter and Hill; trustees, Lawson, Lindlow and Hurd.

Following the installation President Reid made an address that was a pleasant surprise to the members, which won their confidence at once. He said that a conservative policy, in his opinion, was the correct basis upon which the Council should be directed. He believed in keeping the actions of the Council confined strictly to the building trades, and enforcing the card system to the letter. He outlined a wise and effective campaign for the future of the Council, and asked the assistance and co-operation of every delegate and every member of the building trades section. When Mr. Reid finished, he was roundly applauded.

The Plumbers' affair was referred to the Federated Trades Council.

Since the removal of the boycott from the unfair planing mills, building has resumed until it is where it was before the strike. Material cannot be secured fast enough. Finishing lumber is scarce and building is kept back on this account. A number of carpenters and other building mechanics have arrived in the city recently and have gone to work after securing permits from the business agents. The only workmen who are not affiliated with the unions are those who reside here and are under the ban. Good mechanics are all at work, and the only men reported idle in the building line are a few plumbers, who are thrown out on account of the bosses taking their jobs. The plumbers are now out of the Building Trades Council for violating a rule. The card system has been taken away from them and they are already beginning to feel the need of the protection of that little piece of pasteboard. New buildings are springing up everywhere and old work is being rapidly finished.

Go to Cordray's Theater Saturday night, July 19. Take your wife, and hear Messrs. Duncan, Lennon and Kidd.

TAILORS' UNION.

The tailors turned out in large numbers to the meeting last Monday evening, to consider for final action the amendments to the constitution, read at a previous meeting. The matter was laid over until the next meeting, as a number of the members asked for more time to study certain changes.

Ten dollars was donated to Local No. 163, at Lima, O., which is out on a strike. The bosses there are trying to break up the union, and it is a fight between the union and an association.

President Mickley and Secretary Calkins will meet their international president, John B. Lennon, who will arrive in Portland Saturday. A special meeting of the union is called for 6 P. M. that evening, so as to permit Mr. Lennon to transact business with his craft, after which the union will attend in a body the mass meeting in Cordray's Theater, at which Mr. Lennon, Thomas I. Kidd and James Duncan will address the citizens of the city upon the topic of organized labor.

GRAINHANDLERS' UNION.

Many of the grainhandlers are enjoying a Summer vacation at home and a number have their families in the country. The most of them, however, have sought occupation in new fields during the quiet season and will return about the latter part of September. At the last meeting the attendance was light, but seven initiations were made and 12 applications received. Arrangements are on foot to make the grainhandlers one of the banner unions in the city.

LAUNDRY WORKERS.

There were no initiations and four applications read at the meeting of the Laundry Workers last Monday evening.

Resolutions were passed indorsing the action of the Laundry Owners Association in dispensing with their agencies and the 20 per cent discount on family washing. This will enable the employees to maintain their present wages, and possibly the employers will give their employees a share of the saving made (?).

Final arrangements were made for the delegate to the international convention, which convenes in Philadelphia August 12. Mr. Powell, the delegate, will leave in about two weeks.

The series of steamboat moonlight excursions planned will start the latter part of next week, the date to be set later, and will extend into September, and will consist of a half dozen or more. A Sunday excursion and picnic will be given August 24, but the direction and place has not yet been selected.

Industrial economies will be ably discussed by Messrs. Duncan, Lennon and Kidd at Cordray's Theater Saturday night, July 19. Admission free.

WAITERS' ALLIANCE.

The newly elected officers were installed at the meeting Monday evening, and considerable routine business was transacted.

Upon motion, an extra 50 cents will be assessed each member per quarter to defray certain expenses incurred during the recent trouble; and to assist in the promotion of certain advantageous plans.

The initiation fee was reduced from \$5 to \$2.50, and a special effort will be made to secure the application of every waiter in the city, and also to combine the cooks and waiters under one charter.

Plans are now being made by the new officers to enact a new regime, under which the long-drawn-out fight between the restaurant keepers and the Alliance can be adjusted. The nature of the plans has not taken shape sufficiently to be given out, but will be in the near future.

EXPRESSMEN'S UNION.

At the last meeting of the Expressmen's Union, there was a large attendance, and the usual routine business was transacted.

It was decided that after August 1 a card system will be inaugurated. It is thought that the business of the craft can best be subserved under this system.

Pursuant to a complaint sent in to the union that E. D. Kellogg, one of the members, formerly an engineer, had taken the place of one of the engineers during the recent strike on the river, the matter was taken up and a committee was appointed to investigate thoroughly and report at the next meeting. Kellogg has also been notified to appear before the union and defend his case.

At the conclusion of the meeting a smoker was announced for the enjoyment of the members, and refreshments and sandwiches were discussed until a late hour.

PROCEEDINGS FINISHED.

The proceedings of the Oregon State Federation have been completed and are bound in a neat cover. The book contains 44 pages, with an illustration of the banquet held the last night, and it is the neatest thing of its kind we have yet seen. Following the picture is the constitution, rules of order, order of business, list of affiliated unions, and the proceedings. The resolutions are in the latter part of the book. All the delegates have been mailed a copy of the proceedings whose addresses could be found. Those whose residence is unknown are left in care of the Portland Labor Press, 232½ Washington street, room 8, and are as follows: W. N. West, Steam Engineers; A. W. McClay, Millmen's Union; James Weston, Meat Cutters and Butchers; William Hammond, Millmen's Union; W. F. Dalton, Millmen's Union; C. J. Berkey, Millmen's Union; G. M. Reed, Millmen's Union; H. D. Stewart, Painters and Decorators; J. Lang, Plumbers; Ed Wynkopp, Bartenders; Miss Dora West, Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers; Henry Armandt, Riggers and

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International officers A. F. of L. will address organized labor and its friends at Cordray's Theater Saturday night, July 19. You are invited.

GONE TO THE DALLES.

G. Y. Harry, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, left the city last Monday evening for Hood River and The Dalles, on a campaign of organization. These fields are ripe and ready to join the ranks of unionism and now are given a chance that they will not overlook. Mr. Harry expects to return Friday evening with a few more applications to the American Federation of Labor for charters.

FROM THE DALLES.

The Dalles, July 16, 1902.
Editor Labor Press:

I find there are no unions of any kind here. An attempt was made by some of the working men some weeks since to get a Federal Labor Union started, but nothing came of it. I found the County Courthouse being repaired and so badly torn up that it could not be used for meeting purposes so had to rent the Baldwin Opera House, where I will hold a mass meeting tonight. I have the meeting advertised in the daily papers and also have distributed dodgers over the town and hope to have a good attendance.

I will also hold in the parlor of the Umatilla House Thursday night a meeting for the benefit of the Retail Clerks, the salesmen and sales ladies of the town, when I hope to get them organized. It is going to be no easy matter to get this town in shape, but I feel confident we will get a good start this trip, probably several unions. Will organize any way a Federal Labor Union tonight. There is room here and will be organized in time the Federal Labor Union, Carpenters, Painters, Barbers, Cooks and Waiters Alliance, Retail Clerks, Blacksmiths, Sheet Metal Workers, Team Drivers, Bricklayers, and Plasterers, and a Central Labor Council.

There is now considerable union sentiment, but the real work has yet to be done and it will take time to get them all interested. The newspaper men have received me most cordially, as well as the Mayor, who, by the way, is a boss blacksmith, and I found him at work in his shop. I hope to be able to report good results for my work here.

G. Y. HARRY.

A treat awaits you at Cordray's Theater Saturday night, July 19. No admission fee.

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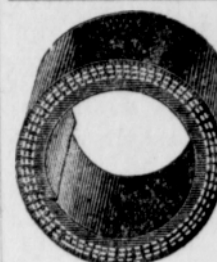
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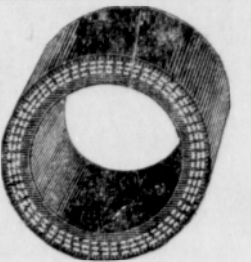
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