

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. by President Gurr. Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials—Sheet Metal Workers, W. H. Shaw; Bartenders, E. S. Abbott, William Bush; Steam Engineers, J. J. Fearis, A. T. Haworth, S. P. D. Sorenson; Plasterers, — Brink; Sawmill Men, C. H. Bateman, Arthur Saunders; Grainhandlers, C. W. McDulin, James Learmouth, E. Carey; Marbleworkers, E. E. Towle, C. M. Smith, T. V. Stimpson; Retail Clerks, J. K. Stanton, A. McKercher; Stage Employees, J. H. Bradley, William E. Day; Painters, P. H. Winston.

Communications — From Building Trades Council, declaring P. Johnson & Co. unfair at the instance of Teamdrivers, No. 160; name placed on blackboard. From Machinists, stating they would withdraw assessments for strike fund after July 12; filed. From Building Trades Council, regarding Plumbers; referred to grievance committee.

Reports of committees—Grievance committee reported on Albina market, Russell street and Vancouver avenue, and Fulton market, Third and Yamhill; on motion, these names were placed on blackboard. Grievance committee also reported on American laundry and Holmes Ice Company, in connection with Sand and Fuel Teamsters' difficulty; on motion, the arbitration committee and the business agent of Laundryworkers were instructed to visit these firms. Organization committee reported one new union, and state organizer two new unions in The Dalles. Strike committee reported receipts and disbursements for the week. Committee on mass meeting reported arrangements complete. Committee on Labor day reported progress, and suggested that a committee of 15 be appointed. It was moved and carried that the chair appoint to more on the committee. Bro. Harry resigned from the committee. The chair reserved appointments until next meeting.

Retail Clerks report that delegates to the Retail Section are not attending the meetings. All unions properly belonging to the retail trade are urged to join that section and see that their delegates attend regularly.

Vice-Presidents Duncan and Kidd and Treasurer Lennon, of the A. F. of L., visited the Council and entertained the delegates with brief but wholesome union speeches.

Receipts (strike fund)—Printers, \$30; Bookbinders, \$4.75; Tailors, \$16; Cigar-makers, \$20; Machinists, \$32.50. Total, \$103.25.

The business of the Council was reduced so as to permit the delegates to hear a few remarks from their distinguished visiting brethren. James Duncan was first introduced and devoted some time to the question of advantage of central bodies. He said that he believed in them. They were great educators, and through them legislation could best be secured favorable to the laboring classes. He cited several laws that were enacted in his home state, Maryland, through the influence of the state central and auxiliary bodies. "In Baltimore street-car companies were compelled to spend a certain percentage of their net earnings for improvement of their road and street and public parks, and give free transportation for families to the park on Sundays. There was also an ordinance in Baltimore prohibiting the building inspector from passing favorably upon houses built for working men and families without bathing conveniences, the tenement house in that city not being known. Mr. Duncan advised all unions to follow the instructions from their international bodies. When approaching trouble, he suggested that the boycott was an effective measure, but should be the last resort, after every-

thing else had failed; then go into it tooth and nail. He advocated the municipal and government ownership of general utilities, but cautioned the members from entering too deeply into partisan politics.

Mr. Duncan was followed by Mr. Kidd, who corroborated the expression of his colleague as to the benefits of central labor bodies, both municipal and state. He believed that trades unionism was the only way by which wage earners could be lifted to a higher social plane. He said the trades union movement was fighting the battles of the children and the homes, and told the story of the poor little factory worker in the East and South, using its little energy up that should be reserved for the development of its mind and body. "The Great Carpenter said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me,' but the Southern manufacturer says, 'Suffer little children to come unto us, so we can put you alongside of great machines, and help us double our riches,'" said Mr. Kidd. Then he told of a number of incidents of poverty to which he had been an eye-witness, and declared so long as these conditions existed, organized labor would be fighting in the field until the wrongs were righted. He said that newspapers oftentimes accused us of making mistakes, and God knows that we do, but newspapers do, and churches do, and everyone else does; but we try to improve from our errors as fast as we can. He also urged unions to keep faith with their employers.

Mr. Lennon closed the meeting with a few practical, clean-cut suggestions. He believed that the central body should be relieved of much of its business by sectional bodies, and these sections should be urged to keep active their organizations. He said he was responsible for a resolution introduced in the A. F. of L. convention three years ago to the effect that a boycotted place was not fit for a union man to work in, but he believed that much care should be exercised before a boycott be established, and a careful consideration should be taken of every union liable to be affected. He concluded his remarks by an urgent appeal for the recognition of the union label.

CLERKS AT OREGON CITY.

The Retail Clerks is the latest union organized in Oregon City. F. W. Humphries was elected president; E. E. Taylor, secretary; Harry Draper, vice-president; B. C. Frost, treasurer; W. A. Ranel, guardian. Twenty-nine charter members started the union, and committees are already appointed and working on constitution and by-laws, and the early closing movement. The new union starts off with an enthusiastic membership.

SHEET METAL WORKERS.

At the last meeting of the Sheet Metal Workers, action was taken towards the proper celebration of Labor Day. It is the intention of the Sheet Metal Workers to introduce some unique features in their Labor Day parade, and if the other unions of the city make as proportionately large a turn-out, Portland will see more than 10,000 union people in line of parade. It is important that a large showing of our strength be made on this day, and the Sheet Metal Workers can be depended on to a man.

TEAMDRIVERS' LOCAL 102.

A goodly number of members responded to roll-call last Tuesday evening when President Jones called the meeting to order.

Two applications for membership were found upon the table. These teamsters are from the soda wagons. So the good work continues to reap its reward.

The committee on Labor day will meet in Union Hall, Sunday, July 27, at 10 A. M., to consider the best means for the turn-out of their members on that day.

COOPERS' UNION.

At the last meeting of Coopers' Union, Local 132, the following newly elected officers were installed, who will direct the destinies of that organization for the ensuing term: President, F. M. Harris; vice-president, Stewart Killen; corresponding secretary, John F. Killen; financial secretary, George Reed; recording secretary, W. H. Meyers; treasurer, Henry Reiff; sergeant-at-arms, William Block; examiner, Alf. Rehm; inside guard, William Dunne; outside guard, William Killen; trustees, William Block, William Dunne, Alf. Rehm; statistician, Joseph Dollinger; reporter, George McConnell; dele-

gates to Federated Trades Council, John Killen (chairman), William Meyers, F. M. Harris.

STREET-CAR UNION.

There was a large attendance at the last meeting, and considerable routine business transacted.

Several applications for membership were read and approved.

Treasurer A. S. Groce tendered his resignation, having secured a position in the City Engineer's office. A. Bauman was elected to fill said vacancy.

Several speeches were made by members of the union in reference to the recent strike in the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's line. It was reported that all of the old men had been taken back, and the men who "scabbed" had been put at the foot of the list. Ex-President Gilliland being present, directed the installation of the newly elected officers.

BARBERS' UNION.

President Hutchinson presided over a large attendance on last Monday evening.

Three applications were received and two members admitted by transfer cards.

What action the union should take on Labor day was discussed pro and con. It was decided, however, to take part in the parade, and that any member not participating should be fined \$2.50.

The president was instructed to appoint a committee of three on arrangements for Labor day, and was given until next meeting to report.

Treasurer C. B. James and family are at the seaside, and will not return until August 1.

President Hutchinson is again at his chair, after a few weeks' lay-off with a badly cut hand; also Bros. Hamerick and Burns are again at their post, after a short spell of illness.

Bros. George Day and Jesse Farren have resigned their positions and left for Marshville, Or., to engage in business there.

SELLWOOD REJOICES.

The Sellwood Board of Trade rejoices over the settlement of the strike on the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, and at a meeting on the 16th inst. the following report from the committee on arbitration was read and approved by resolution:

"Our services were contingent. Your instructions to us were to consider ourselves discharged without ceremony by a settlement of the strike on the following day; otherwise to act at discretion to the extent of our ability in effecting harmonious relations between the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company and its employees.

"The desired event happened, and a report from us is not obligatory; yet, under the circumstances, we deem it our duty to make one, not for information, but to offer the board an opportunity to express a sentiment regarding that event.

"Through the wisdom and magnanimity of F. S. Morris and W. H. Hurlburt, the O. W. P. & Ry. Co. has established a precedent for the settlement of labor troubles that other corporations may well heed. These gentlemen and their company have not only avoided the appearance of austerity and arrogance, but in the traditional spirit of Americanism, regardless of the merits of the questions involved, they have recognized not only their dissatisfied men, but also the patrons of their road as parties to the controversy. That act was an official expression of their regard for public opinion and of their confidence in the justice of the people. And it has done more than any other act could have done to assure the public of the integrity of their policy.

"On the invitation of Mr. Morris, the striking employees and the citizens along the entire line of the road, especially at the points of Oregon City, Milwaukie and Sellwood, through their representatives, were given a fair, free, courteous hearing at the company's

headquarters. Meanwhile, the principles established for the management of the road were declared and explained. What changes or modifications may have resulted from the conference, in the previous contentions of the corporation, the laborers, or the patrons of the road, it matters not. That mixed deliberative convention over which Mr. Morris informally presided was a success. The results are a mutual understanding among the representatives of the three interests, involved in the strike, the resumption of traffic, the restoration to the service of the road of a competent and gentlemanly crew of operatives, faithful in their work and loyal to the company, and, lastly, a satisfied, if not a grateful, public. In consideration of all of which, we recommend the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the congratulations of the Sellwood Board of Trade be, and are hereby, extended to the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company on the settlement of its differences.

"Resolved, That the recognition of the interests of the people in transportation companies given by F. S. Morris and W. H. Hurlburt deserves and receives our unqualified approval.

"Resolved, That the employees of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company be and are hereby assured of the continued esteem of this Board of Trade, and the community for which it speaks, for their gentlemanly treatment of the traveling public.

"Respectfully submitted,

"ED. D. CURTIS.
"WALTER J. WHITE.
"D. M. DONOUGH.
"J. W. CAMPBELL.
"J. M. NICKUM."

LAURELS FOR A. MADSEN.
Reports from the convention of International Longshoremen's Association at Chicago, states that Andy Madsen, president of Local 265, of this city, and the Water Front Section, has been elected one of the nine vice-presidents of the association. The executive board of the Longshoremen's Association also authorized President Daniel J. Keeffe to make a tour of the Pacific Coast in September, to aid in organizing the grain, lumber and package freight handlers of California and the Puget Sound country.

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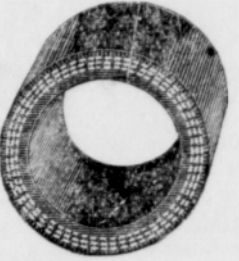
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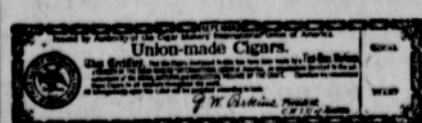
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