

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 Mickley. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials: Machinists, J. B. B. Hayes; Cigarmakers, Alex Cheyne; Shipwrights, J. J. Jordan, L. W. Benedict; Cooks, L. Jamieson, A. F. Severance, B. J. Martin; Brotherhood Stationary Firemen, No. 118, P. Sinclair, M. J. Nagle, J. Roberts.

Communications.—From Tobacco Workers' International Union, stating that the factory of Scotten-Dillon Co., Detroit, is unfair to their union. Union men are requested not to use any of the following brands: Plug, Strong Hold, Flat Iron, Plumb Bob, Fine Cut, Uncle Daniel, Forest Giant, Sweet Spray, Wish Bone. Granulated smoking: Flat Car, Five Penny, Grab Bag, Navy Clippings. Plug Cut: Hand-Pressed, Sweet Core, Landmark. From Federated Trades Council, Milwaukee, Wis., soliciting this Council to join a movement for independent political action among trades unionists. After some discussion, was laid on the table. From New York defense committee, appointed by labor unions of that city to solicit assistance for the United Mineworkers. Acting upon this communication, it was moved and carried that the secretary be instructed to issue an urgent call to all unions of this city to contribute to the support of the striking coal miners; also to make an appeal to the public for donations. From American Federation of Labor advertising eight-hour buttons. Laid over until after Labor day. From New York Suspender-Makers' Union, advertising union label suspenders. Referred to Retail Clerks' Union. From Pacific Regalia Company, offering a fine silk American flag to the union making the best appearance on Labor Day. Similarity of dress appropriate to craft, marching, percentage of membership in line, all to count. President of Council to appoint one judge, the company another, the two to select a third. It was moved and carried that the president thank the company in person, and ascertain of what calling he should select a judge, as the company requested the judges to consist of a minister, a lawyer and a physician. From Musicians, requesting the "Little German Band" be boycotted. Referred to grievance committee. From Cooks, asking that all houses employing Chinese be boycotted. Referred to grievance committee.

President Mickley appointed the following standing committees for the term:

Grievance—H. Gurr, C. Baumberger, C. W. McDulin.

Organization—H. A. Duke, G. Y. Harry, V. Nawratil.

Executive—C. W. Gram, W. H. H. Blaney, John A. Goldrainer, V. McCullough, A. R. Dimmick.

Arbitration—L. D. Reed, G. B. Thomas, J. K. Stanton, John Roberts, M. W. F. Holling.

Legislative—A. W. Jones, Ira Taylor, James Spence, T. F. Meagher, Fred Steiner.

Press—A. R. Lawton, Grant McDonald, W. E. Day.

Organization committee reported installation of one union. Brother Tooley reported progress on Weinhard and Gambrian communications of last week. Labor day committee reported that great progress had been made in getting business men to sign agreements to close all day Labor day; also that the sale of tickets and buttons is progressing. The committee desires that money for tickets and buttons be turned over to the committee as fast as received.

Brother Woolf, of Barbers' Union, was admitted and granted the floor. He protested against the laundries

withdrawing agencies and commissions and declared that the Laundry-Workers were jeopardizing their position to a great extent in removing agencies from union barber shops. The Council took no action in the matter.

It was moved and carried that in the future rollcall will be made under reports of unions, first delegate to report state of business. A large number of unions have already decided to turn out strong Labor day, most of which have placed a fine on any member not appearing in line on that day.

Meeting adjourned.

In compliance with the order of the Council Secretary Lawton is sending out the following circular letter to the various unions, in behalf of the striking miners in the East:

Portland, Or., Aug. 11, 1902.

To Affiliated Organizations: At the regular meeting of the Council held Friday evening, August 8, a communication was read from the United Mine Workers, asking aid for the thousands of miners now on strike. The Council instructed the secretary to issue an appeal to all local unions asking them to donate as liberally as possible to the Miners' relief fund. Following are some extracts from the report of the committee on resolutions at the convention held at Indianapolis not long since:

"As miners of coal, we view with the exalted pride of a parent the wonderful industrial developments of the past 15 decades, with all the attending influences upon the civilization of the present which it has produced. We see the mighty engines furnishing the motive power in our mills and factories, reducing to a minimum the labor cost of innumerable articles of commerce; we see the locomotive, almost a thing of life, moving its multitude of cars, filled with the products of all portions of our country, making the farmer of the West almost a neighbor of the mill hand of the East. We see the great furnaces and rolling mills bringing forth all forms of constructive iron and steel used in our magnificent modern structures. We see the sturdy steamships carrying the superb products of our labor with speed and safety to all the neighboring nations of the earth, returning to our shores laden with the finest wares which other people and other climes have produced. And when we see these things we feel proud of the fact that our labor, delving in the dark and dangerous caverns of the mines, has produced the coal that has made such wonders possible and laid the foundation for most of the wealth of this world today.

"But when we look upon the enormous fortunes that our labor has made possible, with the innumerable comforts and luxuries that it brings to the people at large, and then examine the paltry pittance we receive as wages for the labor we have to perform, the dangers we undergo, the dampness we must endure, the foul air we must breathe and the peculiar rheumatic and lung troubles superinduced by these conditions, which we must bear, we naturally feel that we are being unjustly dealt with in the small amount of this world's goods which we receive in return for so much labor and so many sacrifices.

"They have tried by every honorable means known to civilized men to adjust the grievances with their employers without resorting to a strike.

"The care of 150,000 men and their families in a protracted struggle, such as this is likely to be, will require the expenditure of a large sum of money in the purchase of food. Our own resources are limited. We have levied a large assessment on those of our members who are at work to assist in caring for those who are on strike. We need more money for that purpose, and we appeal to every trades union to make as large a donation as possible. We believe that with this money, together with the amount received from our own members, we can continue the struggle until justice is secured for the anthracite miners. Such a result would bring permanent peace and stability to the coal trade and redound to the common welfare of the people.

"He who gives quickly give twice." Send all donations to A. R. Lawton, 123 First street, second floor, or pay same at the meeting of the Council. Fraternally,

A. R. LAWTON, Secretary.

An organization of sea cooks has lately been accomplished.

I. L. A., LOCAL 265.

For this time of the year there was a large attendance at the meeting on the evening of August 7. One new member took the obligation and one application was read.

A challenge was read from the members of the Teamdrivers' Union, No. 162, for a tug-of-war with the Longshoremen on Labor day. The latter eagerly accepted and commenced training at once. The river boys feel satisfied that they can best the reinmen, although the Teamsters have many muscular fellows in their ranks.

After the routine business of the union was disposed of, H. Ende, the secretary, sprung a complete and happy surprise on the boys in the form of a beautiful Labor day banner, the gift and handiwork of Mrs. E. I. Woodward, the wife of a member of Local 265. In a neat but short address Mr. Ende presented the banner in the name of the donor, followed with tremendous applause and wild enthusiasm. The banner is exceptionally beautiful and all hand-made. The banner is suspended from a gold bar, tied with golden cord and tassels. One side is white satin, with a full-rigged ship in center, with the words "Local 265, I. L. A." above the ship, and "Portland, Oregon," below, all worked in gold. On the opposite side the background is gold, and the words, "General Longshore Workers," in silver. The members were so pleased with this token of Mrs. Woodward's esteem that a motion was made and unanimously carried that a committee be appointed to select a present for the lady, the cost not to exceed \$100, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks. The boys feel very proud of the banner and are satisfied that it will be the finest in the parade on September 1. A case has been secured in which the banner can be kept from getting soiled.

TEAMDRIVERS' LOCAL, 162.

Union meeting was called to order last Tuesday evening by President Jones, all officers being present.

Three teamsters were added to the roll and two applications filed.

A committee on Labor day from the Federated Trades Council visited the union and left 100 tickets to the exercises in the afternoon and ball in the evening.

The Teamdrivers Journal is at hand and the boys enjoyed its reading. By request of P. Johnson, proprietor of the City Mill (manufacturer of mush) President Jones called on him. Mr. Jones had been employing teamsters at wages below the union scale, and the union advertised him. The consultation resulted in an agreement that the teamsters would have to join the union and would receive the scale. The City Mills is now declared fair by Local 162.

A donation of \$5 was voted to the striking miners in the East.

Charlie Grable was fined \$25 and expelled from the union for night-watching in Hand's Manufacturing Co., while that mill was declared unfair. The local summoned him and waited five weeks for his appearance for trial, but he failed to show up and the penalty was attached.

BARBERS' UNION.

At the last regular meeting of the Barbers' Union with President Hutchinson in the chair, the members were kept to a late hour discussing the part they should take on Labor day. Owing

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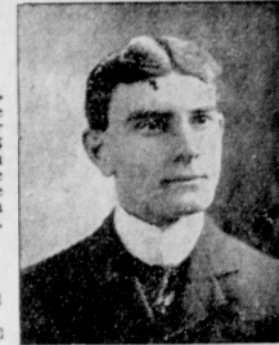
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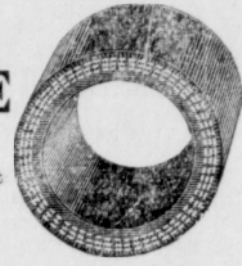
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