

# 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, Aug. 15, 1902.  
Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. by President Mickley. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Communications--From Coremakers' International Union, asking assistance; donation of \$2 made. From Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, No. 312, calling attention to the Foster shoes as unfair; A. R. Lawton appointed a committee of one to visit a Portland firm which handles these shoes. From Building Trades Council, challenging the Federated Trades for a baseball game Labor day; challenge accepted.

Bills--From committee on Labor-day closing; referred to Labor-day committee. For printing constitution for Retail Section; referred to that section. Glass & Prudhomme, combination roll and visitors' book for statistical secretary, \$7; allowed.

Grievance committee and organization committee reported progress.

Labor-day committee reported that parade would start at 10:30 A. M., and that Multnomah Field had been engaged for the afternoon, and a band concert and many sports and races are already on the programme. Those holding ball tickets will be admitted free to the field. Committee reported that sale of buttons and tickets is progressing nicely.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to revise by-laws prior to having additional copies printed. Committee--Goldrainer, Lissberg, Cadwell, Roberts, Taylor. Moved and carried that secretary procure a lock-box at postoffice.

At the instance of Teamdrivers' No. 162, name of P. Johnson Milling Company was taken off blackboard.

It was reported that Waiters had appointed a committee to confer with Cooks regarding closer affiliation. Moved and carried that grievance committee confer with these committees.

Receipts (donations to Mineworkers)--Tailors, \$5; Glassworkers, \$5; Bricklayers, \$5; Teamdrivers' 162, \$5.

Donations to Direct Legislation League--Tailors, \$4; Freighthandlers, \$3; Stablemen, \$2.

## LAUNDRY-WORKERS' UNION.

A meeting was held last Monday evening, at which the usual amount of routine business was transacted. The question of turning out on Labor day caused considerable discussion. It was stated that all flat work would have to be turned out on that day, and the laundries handling most of this work were the American, Troy and Union, but the work could be done in about three hours Sunday with about a third of the regular force. This would give the laundry-workers an all-day holiday without inconveniencing the laundry business. The business agent was instructed to so notify the bosses, and no trouble is anticipated in making arrangements satisfactory to all. The \$5 fine imposed at a prior meeting on all members not parading on Labor day was reconsidered and reduced to \$1 on girls, but it remains the same on men. A good turnout is assured.

Next Sunday the union will give another excursion and picnic up the Columbia River. The steamer Harvest Queen and barge Klickitat has been engaged, and Lady Island, to miles above Vancouver, will be the objective point. After luncheon the steamer will take as many as care to dance to Washougt, where there is a pavilion for dancing purposes. The steamer will leave Ash-street dock at 8:30 A. M., and the fares have been fixed at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Business Agent Anderson read a telegram that he received during the day from W. O. Powell, who was sent as delegate from here to the International

that convened at Philadelphia August 12 to 15, announcing that he (Powell) had been elected president of the International Laundry-Workers' Association. The news came as such a surprise that the members could hardly realize that Portland had carried away the first honors of any city on the Coast in securing the presidency of an international. The information was received with great enthusiasm. Mr. Powell has many friends in the union and in the city, and has always been a zealous worker for the union, having been its first president, when the organization was perfected last December.

Mr. Powell has been detained in the East several days, familiarizing himself with his new duties, but is expected home in a day or two. He took his family with him when he went East, and they will remain several weeks, visiting friends and relatives at their old home. The members feel proud of Mr. Powell, and upon his return will give him a pleasant reception.

## BRIDGE AND STRUCTURAL IRON WORKERS.

The union was called to order last Saturday evening in regular session by the president. One new member was initiated and three applications filed.

On August 23 of last year the union was organized with 16 charter members, and today the secretary's books show 103 in good standing. This includes about 25 in Astoria and a number at other points. Nine hours constitute a day's work, and \$3 is the minimum wage.

The initiation fee has been raised to \$10.

New officers have been elected and installed as follows: President, J. Esdaile; first vice-president, J. Petty; second vice-president, William Napier; secretary, F. H. Taylor; financial secretary-treasurer, William Wakefield; sergeant-at-arms, William Gabriel; conductor, John Anderson; delegates to Federated Trades Council, A. T. Huntington, William Dulley, John Anderson; delegates to Building Trades Council, M. H. Gaston, Harry Wright, J. Esdaile.

William Wakefield and Thomas Powers were elected delegates to the National convention, which convenes in Milwaukee about September 15.

The members will turn out in a body in the parade with a new \$80 flag, handsome badges and a small bridge 24 feet long and eight feet high. The timbers will be painted red, with the rods and packing blocks black. The bridge is a very neat affair and complete in every detail, and will be placed on a wagon drawn by fine horses.

## LETTER-CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Branch No. 82, National Association of Letter-Carriers, held its regular monthly meeting on August 13 in its new quarters on the third floor of the Postoffice building. These rooms have hitherto been occupied by the Surveyor-General's office, but when his office was moved to the new Custom-House the Postmaster had them fitted up as a living-room for the carriers.

The carriers were addressed by Mr. Goldrainer, of the Federated Trades, on the subject of the Labor day parade. By a rising vote, it was unanimously decided that the carrier force participate in the parade, providing it be held at 1:30 P. M. or later.

While it is the desire of a very large majority of the carriers to parade on Labor day, it may be easily seen that Monday and the first day of the month pile up mail at an astonishing rate, almost necessitating a delivery of at least part of it, in order that we may have room to get into the office on Tuesday morning. Besides, many of the boys are away, enjoying their 15 days' vacation, which the Government allows every carrier, and their places are filled by substitutes, who find the work hard enough even on an ordinary day. However, if we are given a whole holiday on that day, or if the parade takes place in the afternoon, you can count on a good showing by the letter-carriers.

Ours is a labor organization, though not in all respects a union, and we are laborers indeed, in sympathy and accord with all the efforts of laboring people for better conditions in life. We wish the Labor Press abundant and continued success, and to that end the association hereby subscribes for 10 copies, to be sent to the carriers of the six offices throughout the city.

FRANK STEWART, Secretary.

## FUEL AND LAMP TEAMSTERS.

At the meeting of August 13 two new members were initiated, and three applications were placed on file.

A vote was taken and carried that the union turn out in a body on Labor day, and there will undoubtedly be fully 150 members from Local 309 in line.

The firms that have signed the agreement were reported as doing big business and satisfied, and are selling all the wood they can get hold of.

The fight against Banfield-Veysey Company is being vigorously prosecuted, and assistance from the International continues regularly. There are perhaps a few union men who either don't know or have forgotten, don't read or don't want to know, what the trouble is between the Fuel and Lamp Teamsters' Union and Banfield. This was evident by a question asked at the last meeting of the Federated Trades Council by a delegate from the Blacksmiths' Union, who wanted to know what the difference was. It has been repeatedly given out and published that Banfield signed a contract with the union, promising to employ union men and pay them every week at the rate of \$2.25 per day. This contract he repudiated after he signed it, and the teamsters went out. If this is not enough to make them strike, there is nothing that would, and it is the duty of all union men in the city to assist the strikers in every way possible.

## THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYES.

At the regular meeting of Local No. 28, on the 14th, it was decided that the union should turn out in a body Labor day, after which an adjourned meeting was taken to last Tuesday evening. At the adjourned meeting the discovery was made that the theatrical season opened prior to Labor day, which would cut down the number that could line up in the parade. It was decided, however, that as many as could--probably 15 out of the membership of 23--should parade with caps, badges and banner, instead of a full uniform, as had been planned.

The secretary received a letter a few days ago from headquarters, instructing Local No. 28 to refrain from receiving new members into the union until the applicant had been passed upon by the international officers.

At the convention of the National body, at Atlanta, Ga., a short time ago, the name was changed from the National Theatrical Stage Employees' Union to the International Theatrical Stage Employees' Union.

## GRAINHANDLERS, NO. 263, I. L. A.

Last Tuesday evening the union held its regular meeting in Tivoli Hall, Delay street. Routine business was transacted, and three new members initiated.

The union will turn out Labor day in a body in uniform--black caps, white ties, black shirts and light brown trousers. Many of the members are out of the city, and will not return until after September 1, but there will easily be 200 men in parade. The union is preparing a float that will be a strong factor towards winning a prize. It will be a miniature elevator, showing bin, spout and grain running into the sacks, with sacksewers busy sewing up the sacks. In fact, it will be a small-sized elevator with all parts in running order, showing just how the members act when at work. The elevator will be about 10 feet high, drawn by four horses.

## BARBERS' UNION.

The president being absent, Vice-President Weber presided. A good attendance was present. After some discussion regarding the action of the committee in having the parade in the forenoon on Labor day, and thereby cutting the barbers out of the parade, it was decided to live strictly up to the agreement signed by the boss

barbers and notify the public that all union shops will keep open until 12 noon on that day.

Treasurer C. B. James has returned from the seaside.

Brother J. J. Turnidge and J. H. Reader were initiated; M. S. Cadana was admitted by card, and three applications were read and accepted.

## BARTENDERS' UNION.

The Bartenders' Union met in its hall Tuesday afternoon. There was a fair attendance, but not much business was transacted, as there was nothing of importance before the union. G. Y. Harry, president of the State Federation of Labor; Mr. Mickley, president of the Federated Trades Council, and J. T. Morgan were present and were given the privilege of the floor. They each made a short speech regarding Labor day, and asked that the union take part in the parade on that day. One hundred tickets for Labor day sports and the ball were left with the secretary, and by Wednesday evening were all taken up.

## CLERKS' UNION.

There was a large attendance at the Retail Clerks' Union meeting on Wednesday, August 13. All were interested in trying to make a big showing on Labor day. Committees were appointed to see all members and have them march in the parade.

All the members are enthusiastic, and wish to let the people of Portland know that they have a large and progressive union. The membership is still increasing, and it is the policy of the union to get all retail clerks in the city within the fold.

## COOKS' ALLIANCE.

At the last meeting of the Cooks' Alliance, Local 189, two new members were initiated and three applications were placed on file. A committee of three was appointed to consult with the waiters in regard to affiliation of the two unions. The alliance is doing nicely, and stands ready to do what is best for organized labor generally in regard to consolidation.

## REOPENING OF SEASON AT CORDRAY'S.

Thrilling situations, new mechanical effects, electricity and a lot of irresistibly funny comedy, with plenty of singing and dancing, are all to be found in "The Tide of Life," which will be presented at Cordray's Theater Sunday evening, August 24, and Saturday matinee. The play is up to date and American to the core, and there is nothing in it to bring a blush to the cheek of innocence. This last fact is worth noting in these days of unwholesome theatricals. The story it tells is taken direct from life. A rich banker has a daughter who is the pride of his heart. She is stolen by a river pirate, who tries to make her an outcast, but is foiled by the innate goodness of the girl, and she cannot be spoiled. In the end she is restored to her father and marries a young man who has been true to her in adversity. There is more in the plot than this, but the adventures of the girl are the main part of it.

## SHIELDS' PARK.

An excellent programme of attractions is on the boards at Shields' Park, and the prices are so low that every wage-earner in the city can spend an evening there listening to a clean and high-class entertainment. The following attractions are now on the boards: Leonard and Leonard, comedy musical act; Helen Lamar, new recital, "Jane Conquest"; Borton and Draper, "Kid and the Soubrette"; new moving pictures; new illustrated songs; Earl and Hamplin, new act; Cissel and Gray's ragtime opera and cakewalk; 10 people.

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