

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, Sept. 26, 1902.
Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock by President Mickle. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials: Sawmill Men—A. W. Macleay; Bartenders—Chas. Grassman, Peter Linder; Laundry Wagon Drivers—C. J. Bush.

Communications: San Francisco minutes, filed; from Plumbers, Norfolk, Va., filed; from President Oregon State Federation of Labor, informing Council that the Executive Council of the Federation will meet Monday, the 29th inst., and inviting Council to present any business it cared to at that time, filed; from Shingle Weavers, of Tacoma, Wash., stating that St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co. and Far West Lumber Co. are unfair, referred to the Building Trades Section; from Seattle Council, stating that there is a man preying upon the labor unions; claims to be a cook, unable to work on account of a missing finger; communication referred to local Cooks' Alliance; from San Francisco Council, stating that the Wagner Leather Co. is unfair; also information regarding tanners' strike in that locality; matter referred to local Leatherworkers; from Sawmill Men, stating John Dodder and H. C. Bales had been suspended from that union; from Cooks' Alliance, stating they have withdrawn card from the California Kitchen; from president of Cooks, calling attention to their house card, with red seal. This communication sparked with good, wholesome unionism, and secretary was instructed to acknowledge same and thank the writer. From Shipwrights, agreeing to stand their pro rata in drydock suit, and that union will concur in any plan the Council presents to help Marine Engineers; from Federal Labor Union, Knoxville, Tenn., declaring Knoxville Woolen Mills, National Woolen Co., Knoxville, and National Woolen Co., Nashville, unfair. Secretary instructed to write these firms, and refer communication to local tailors.

Bills: G. B. Thomas, advance charges on drydock suit, \$20; G. B. Thomas, committee work, \$8; Journal Pub. Co., advertising, \$6; Wells, Fargo Express Co., charges on pamphlets, \$1.15.

Grievance Committee reported that O. R. & N. Co. is willing to confer with committee from Shipwrights. Upon report of the Grievance Committee, the following were placed on blackboard at instance of Tailors: ARMSTRONG, NICOLL, UNIQUE TAILORING CO.

Organization Committee reported a new union. Labor Day Committee turned in a report of receipts and disbursements, showing a surplus of \$343. Committee's report was received by a rising vote of thanks. There are still some tickets outstanding which the committee hopes to realize additional cash from. Committee on drydock reported having brought suit, and think chances to have location changed are good. J. T. Morgan, ex-delegate to Council, was admitted, and volunteered to deliver a lecture on "Justice" under auspices of the Council, net proceeds to go to any fund we may desire, but his preference is the Coal Miners' strike fund. Following were appointed a committee to consider the feasibility of the proposition and report next meeting as to the probable expense of advertising, hall, etc.: Lisberg, Gurr, Ryan, Harry, Hoffman.

Bro. G. Y. Harry turned in \$50 to the Council and stated that a business man had donated this amount to Mine Workers, but requested that his name be not mentioned. On motion, \$50 was donated by the Council, and the Secretary instructed to send the \$100 to the Mine Workers. Moved and carried that 500 application blanks and 1000 constitutions be printed.

The following resolution was endorsed and secretary instructed to furnish a delegate to the encampment with a copy of same under seal of the Council:

"Whereas, Our City has never had the opportunity of entertaining our old soldiers, the defenders of our flag in the time of its peril; and whereas, our local posts of the Grand Army of the Republic of Portland will have their delegation in attendance at the National convention which will convene in Washington, D. C., on October 6; be it

Resolved, By the Federated Trades Council, in regular meeting assembled, that we call on our delegation to extend to this convention the earnest invitation of the laboring people of our city to hold their 1905 annual convention in Portland, pledging to the old soldiers a warm welcome and the hospitality of our homes.

The following amendments to the constitution were read the second time and adopted:

Art. VII, Sec. 8. They shall cause the president and secretary of the union presenting grievance to fill out and sign a blank furnished by this Council for that purpose: Are you affiliated with an international union?—When were you organized?—Members in good standing?—Approximate number engaged in craft or trade? Condition of your finances?—Has your international been advised? Does it approve?—Signed, _____, president; _____, secretary. Remarks: _____

Art. VII, Sec. 4. Add to duties of Statistical Secretary "and the time and place of meeting of all unions."

Machinists' delegate reported that his union had passed resolutions refusing to repair any machinery broken by scab marine engineers. Laundry Workers reported that John C. Chase will lecture on "Organized Labor vs. Organized Capital" at A. O. U. W. Hall, Thursday evening, October 2, 1902. Admission: Men, 25c; women, 15c; all invited.

BRICKLAYERS' UNION.

Since the busy months of early spring the Bricklayers' Union has increased between 30 and 35 new members. All are busy and there is still a demand for good workmen, at wages from 50 cents to \$1 above the schedule. This increase is purely voluntary on the part of the contractors. Every meeting is well attended, and the members are taking an active interest in their union.

Election of officers will occur at the first meeting in December and installation will take place a month later. It is not known as yet who will be placed in the positions of responsibility, but the members are very much satisfied with their present presiding officer, Ed. Thayer. He has filled the office of president for three consecutive terms and has given entire satisfaction. The Bricklayers is one of the most substantial unions in the city, and through their organization have been able to secure about the best wage for skilled mechanics.

TEAMDRIVERS' LOCAL 102.

The regular meeting of the union took place last Tuesday evening, and as usual there was a good attendance and perfect harmony.

Four new members were added to the roll and several applications filed.

A committee from the Tailors' Union called and presented their grievance with several bosses who refused to sign the wage schedule. The committee was awarded a full and respectful hearing, after which a motion was passed placing a fine of \$5 upon any member who patronized the unfair bosses. (See Tailors' advertisement of unfair shops in this issue, fourth page.)

Great interest was also manifested in the discussion of the drydock question. The Teamdrivers are opposed to the dock being taken away from this port and stand ready to lend any financial aid, or otherwise, to prosecute the case in the courts. They feel that an injustice is being done the business men and the laboring classes of this city.

BREWERS' UNION.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Brewers last Saturday evening, at which three new members were initiated—two from Salem and one from Portland.

Louis Clauss was elected and installed secretary of the union to succeed Fred Steiner, resigned.

Mr. Steiner left last Monday evening for a visit in the East and will remain away several months. He has been an indefatigable worker in the ranks of organized labor, and the success of the Brewers' Union today is due in a great measure to his labors. As soon, however, as he has taken his much-needed rest he will return to Portland and again gird on his armor of unionism.

Last Sunday Mr. Steiner was in Salem, and succeeded in unionizing the brewery there. There was no contention, but a few points of information necessary. The brewery there contains but two brewers, who will affiliate with the Portland branch.

BUTCHERS' UNION.

At the meeting of the Butchers' Union, September 25, there was a good attendance. After the routine business was disposed of, the election of officers was held for the ensuing term, as follows: President, J. F. Tunney; vice-president, Edwin Keith; financial and corresponding secretary, James Weston; recording secretary, Edw. Oblander; treasurer, Fred Hessey; guard, J. Tunney; guide, P. O'Mara; sergeant-at-arms, J. Westphal; trustees, Messrs. Scott, Peck and Zigerlee; delegates to the Federated Trades Council, Messrs. Zigerlee, Welch and Westphal; press reporter, Jas. Welch. The installation takes place tonight.

G. Y. Harry, president of State Federation of Labor; Charles Mickle, president of the Federated Trades Council, and G. B. Thomas, of the Labor Press, were present, and each gave a short talk on unionism and its practical benefits. Mr. Thomas secured quite a number of new subscribers.

On September 24, a pretty union occurred at the home of Jas. Weston, 187 Sherman street, in the shape of a wedding. A. J. Woodberry, a member of the Electrical Workers, and Miss Eva Nelson, of the Laundry Workers, took the oath of allegiance to one another. Rev. J. Ghormley officiating. The ceremony was attended by a number of friends and relatives who subscribed many pretty and valuable presents to the young couple. They will make their home in the future at 189 Grant street, where the husband has prepared a home. The good wishes of organized labor and friends attend them.

BUILDING TRADES.

Besides considerable routine business at the meeting last Monday evening, returns were received on the referendum vote for stewards on jobs from the Carpenters, Painters and Bricklayers. The vote was favorable.

The committee on amendments to constitution relative to the strike clause reported progress.

The auditing committee reported that they had audited the books of the officers; that they find a balance of \$827.20.

A "scab" electrician is wiring the Studebaker Building on the East Side at night. He is ably assisted by a member of the police force. The job is unfair, and its light is being prepared in the dark, aided and abetted by a "star actor."

The Advance Threshing Co.'s warehouse nearly burned up one day last week. Some "scab" workmen were tarring the roof when the pot overturned and caught fire. The timely assistance of the fire department saved the building.

Seventeen new members were initiated into the Carpenters' Union last Thursday night and there will be fully a dozen more tonight. The membership now reaches the 1000 mark.

Myers, the real estate man, took out 18 permits for new houses in the Hawthorne Addition tract, besides four other permits were issued upon the same day, making 22 in all. Buildings continue to grow, and the end is not yet.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Ally Madsen has returned from the Sound country where he went to look into the troubles between the Longshoremen and their employers. He says that the men secured better concessions than was reported in the daily papers. Union men are given the preference, 30 cents per hour was secured, with 40 cents for overtime.

After the district convention to be held in this city October 6 by the Longshoremen, Mr. Madsen will make an extended organizing trip along the Coast of Washington and British Columbia. He will pay special attention to the lumbering camps and mills.

The members of Local 265 have secured a raise in wages in this port from 50 to 55 cents per hour, without trouble. The rate went into effect October 1. For the handling of grain, flour and ballast they will receive 55 cents; for lumber, 35 to 40 cents. On the newly established line of ships to China they have asked no increase, as they are willing to add the new enterprise in every way possible. Work is increasing along the water front and the winter season bids fair to be a busy one.

FOR HOME INDUSTRY.

A. W. Jones, president of the Portland Cigarmakers' Union, No. 202, is spending a few days amongst the cigar dealers in the city with an invincible argument for home industry. Besides this, a circular letter is being distributed by the union, showing clearly how an immense sum can be saved to the city by paying more attention to home-made goods instead of importations. The letter is as follows:

Dear Sir—Believing you to be a loyal citizen of Portland, and as such having the interest of the city at heart, we invite you to study this circular which we (the cigar makers) have issued for our own and the cigar manufacturing interests of the city.

There are at present about 50 cigar-makers employed here, and the average wage per man will amount to \$100 a month, and when we include in this the wages of the other people employed about the shop, either in the capacity of salesmen, foremen, packers, and strippers, it will bring it up to at least \$7500 a month.

To the casual observer this would appear to be a very healthy and well-patronized local industry, but such is not the case, as you will find, if you look beneath the surface.

The number of cigars produced here monthly is approximately 250,000, while we have learned from carefully prepared statistics and close observation that the average consumption for the same period will amount to at least 1,250,000, or just five times as many as are produced. It is not hard to figure that the loss to Portland and its business interests is \$30,000 a month, or \$360,000 a year in wages alone.

This amount of money kept in circulation in our city instead of going outside as it now does, would be productive of great results in the material up-building of Portland.

The object of this circular is to try to induce the local handlers of cigars to use as much of the home product as possible under any and all circumstances. In asking this we do not consider that we are asking either you or your customers to make any undue sacrifice as the cigars produced here will compare favorably in point of quality, workmanship or price with those manufactured anywhere in the United States.

We invite you to visit any of our local factories and also to inquire into any of the statements if you have any doubt as to their truth.

Much has been said of late through the columns of our local newspapers of Portland and its needs, and it seems to us that the most pressing need at this time is a means of educating our citizens up to patronizing our home industries, for then and not until then will the city become what it should—a great manufacturing center.

Thanking you for past favors and hoping for a stronger effort in our behalf in the future, we are,

Yours respectfully,
Cigarmakers' Union, No. 202,

TAILORS AND THE BACK SHOP.

The campaign for the free back shops has been fairly commenced by the Tailors' Union. Out of 21 shops in the city, 17 have agreed and are furnishing a workshop for their employees. Another shop has a contract with the union which expires this month. This shop already has practically a back shop, but as soon as the contract expires the proprietors will comply in every particular with the requirements of the union. There are only three shops in the city who refuse to meet the requirements—Nicoll, the Tailor, 108 Third street; Armstrong the Tailor, 313 Washington street; and the Unique Tailoring Co., 347 Washington street. These firms have been placed on the blackboard by the union and the Federated Trades Council. A committee from the Tailors' Union is visiting the various unions each night and asking that union men refrain from patronizing these unfair houses.

The statement made by these unfair firms that none of the bosses are furnishing the back shop is absolutely untrue, as is already shown in this article. The tailor is the only workman who has been compelled to furnish his own workshop, and the "sweating system" has been the result. The men who do not want a back shop, Nicoll and the others, stated in the Journal Monday evening, are those who are working the "sweating system"—employing boys and girls to do their work at starvation wages.

The union permits the wife to help her husband, and where a tailor has a family that needs constant attention, a permission is given for the work to be done at home. Another reason that the tailors want the back shop is to keep a surveillance over questionable members, who are liable to violate the wage schedule by working overtime or for less than the scale. Nicoll says the back shop is impracticable, but it is in use in most of the cities and gives better satisfaction all around. Of course the shops that stand for cheap wages are opposed to the back shop as it permits the union to get too close to their mode of operation. Then they save the rent of the room by forcing the tailor to rent a work room out of his weekly earnings.

CHASE'S LECTURE CANCELED.

The lecture that was to have been given by John E. Chase tonight, under the auspices of the Laundry Workers' Union, has been postponed indefinitely. A letter has been received from Mr. Chase's secretary stating that that gentleman had received the nomination for Governor of the State of Massachusetts on the Socialist ticket, and was compelled to return East immediately.

This was a great disappointment, as over 600 tickets had already been sold for the lecture. Those who have purchased tickets will have their money refunded, and a committee will visit unions whose members have subscribed for that purpose. It is quite likely that Mr. Chase's nomination has canceled all of his engagements on the Coast for the present.

DEATH OF MRS. THIM.

Mrs. John Thim, wife of a member of Tailors' Union, No. 74, died Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock of consumption, and was buried from Dunning's undertaking parlors on the East Side today at 2 P. M. The deceased leaves a husband and four little children, and many friends, to mourn after her. Members of organized labor generally will unite with the Labor Press in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

"DOWN MOBILE."

A large and enthusiastic audience witnessed "Down Mobile." The company is a capable one, and with the exception of those impersonating the negro characters, is entirely new. The production shows a marked improvement over last year's performance. The scenic display is remarkably fine, and while the play is decidedly sensational in character, yet the negro characters, who are unusually good, make plenty of fun for the audience with their songs, dances and antics. The fire scene in the last act, as the old cotton mill burns up, is especially realistic. C. A. Sellon, as Charles Harper, the hero, was good in his part, and the heroine, by Helen Ray, was excellent. Eva Benton took a gruesome character in the part of Mother Gubane, a fortune-teller, in a creditable manner, and Florence Willis was a sprightly character as Sally Harper. C. T. Small, as Remus, and Nellie V. Small, as Aunt Sue, were good types of the genuine Southern negro, and were a continual source of amusement to the audience. Robert Leeland was seen to good advantage in the dual part of Jack Blackford and Harry Edgerly. Snaggs, a detective, by H. Spencer, and G. Pritchard, as Dick Fox, were good in their respective parts. The dancing and singing of the Mobile quartet, assisted by Miss Manie Holman, was one of the most pleasing features of the entertainment. The play will be at Cordray's Theater one week, commencing Sunday evening, October 5. There will also be a Saturday matinee.

The Toronto Trades Council is taking a hand in the municipal campaign in that city.



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