

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, Oct. 31, 1902.—Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Vice-President Gram. Minutes previous meeting read and approved. Credentials—From Marbleworkers, Fred Preher; from Glassworkers and Glaziers, J. Downs; from Brewery Workmen, E. F. Gindice. Communications—From Local 108 United Garment Workers of Jacksonville, Ill., stating that J. Capps & Sons, Ltd., of that city are unfair to their union and asking financial aid—To new business. From Rubber Workers, Cambridge, Mass., stating fight is still on. Their boots, shoes and articles are branded "Hood Rubber Co." and "Independent Rubber Co." also unmarked rubbers—To new business. From A. F. of L., regarding donations to Mineworkers—Filed. From Boxmakers, Batavia, N. Y.—To new business. From Flour Mill Employees, of Kansas City, Mo., stating that Kelley Milling Co., of that city, is unfair—Filed. From Bridge and Structural Ironworkers—To new business. From San Francisco Tanners—To new business.

The following bills were allowed and warrants drawn. Brothers Gurr and McDulin, committee work, \$2 each. Water Front Federation, rent of hall for one regular meeting, \$2. Grant McDonald, October salary \$5. A. R. Lawton, October salary and expenses, \$28.65.

Grievance committee reported that as new grievance was being considered between Meat Cutters and proprietors that it had done nothing further in the grievance of that union. Also reported that Weinhard's Brewing Company will sign a revised agreement with Firemen. Agreements referred to the union through its delegates.

Secretary read quarterly report, which was referred to executive committee.

New business—Bridge and Structural Ironworkers grievance on Madison-street bridge referred to Building Trades Council. The following donations were made in response to communication: Jacksonville Garment Workers, \$5; Batavia Boxmakers, \$5; California Tanners, \$25.

The fight of the latter union was also referred to the State Federation, as the Leather Workers reported that little of the leather if any was being shipped from here to various parts of the state. The Hood Rubber Company being already on the blackboard, the secretary was instructed to call attention again to the products of this unfair firm.

President Mickley arrived and took the chair.

W. O. Powell, president of the International Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers' Union and an ex-delegate to the council, was present and addressed the council on the condition of their international union. The average monthly gain since August 1 has been 2000, and he expects membership to double in next year. Mr. Powell stated that in his trip from Troy, N. Y., stopping off at many cities, he found the spirit of unionism stronger in the West than in the East. Complimented the council and the unions of Portland on the interest taken and the work performed.

Delegates from the various unions reported business good with few exceptions. Receipts—Dues, Railway Freight Handlers, \$3; Leather Workers, \$0; Beer Drivers and Bottlers, \$3; Sheet Metal Workers, \$3; Broommakers, \$1.50. Donations to Mineworkers, Railway Freight Handlers, \$40; Brewers, \$7. Direct legislation fund—Beer Drivers and Bottlers, \$2.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

The Building Trades Council has issued and is circulating the following notice:

Union Men Take Notice. "The several trades of the Building Trades Council shall elect a job steward the first day on the job, where there is more than one man at work."

"If the business agent, or any job steward, finds a job where a job steward has not been elected, he shall report the name of every man of that craft on the job to the Building Trades Council, and the Council shall fine the said union \$1 per man, the same to be paid to the Building Trades Council, and the said union shall collect the fine from the said member."

"Each trade shall elect their own job steward."

"The aforesaid fines shall go into effect on the 15th day of November, 1902."

"By order of the Building Trades Council."

"L. D. REED, President."

At Monday evening's meeting, the greater part of the session was devoted to the discussion of the new constitution and by-laws. Those articles and sections taken up for consideration were ratified, and it is quite probable that the remainder will be acted upon favorably at the next meeting. O. N. Pierce was appointed a business agent of the council to assist in looking after the affairs of the organization. Owing to the rapid growth of the city, and so much building being in operation, it was deemed necessary to have an additional agent, hence Mr. Pierce's appointment.

GRAINHANDLERS' UNION.

Regular meeting of the International Longshoremen, Marine and Transport Workers, Local No. 263, was called to order at 8 P. M. President Curtis presided, and all officers were in their chairs, and a very large attendance. Committees of sister locals Nos. 205 and 329 were admitted.

Twenty-two candidates were initiated. A general discussion was brought up in reference to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., the only firm which discriminated against our organization, all other firms treating us fairly. On Friday, October 31, a committee waited on W. K. Scott, dock superintendent for said firm. He absolutely refused to confer with our committee, and a strike was ordered. Every member of our organization walked out, including our non-union men. Saturday, November 1, the matter was brought before an arbitration board, which failed to bring about a settlement. G. Y. Harry, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor; Charles Mickley, president of the Federated Trades Council, and Brother Thomas, of the Labor Press, being present. Brother Harry, being the first speaker, dwelt largely on the strength of unionism in our city and throughout the state. Brother Harry was on our committee to visit Mr. Burns, manager of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., to bring about a settlement. Brother H. Ende, business agent of Local 205, spoke on the relationship between sister locals, Nos. 205 and 263. Brother Erickson, a member of Local 205, also spoke very favorably on the relationship between the locals on the water front. Brother Mickley made a strong speech in reference to the sentiment of the general public regarding the trouble on the water front. Brother Denney, a member of the Ship Riggers and Liners, being a sister local to No. 263, also made an effective address to bring about a settlement. Brother Thomas made a strong argument in reference to the admission of the nonunion men of the Oceanic dock. (Mr. Scott agreed to sign the agreement in case of the acceptance of the nonunion men.) He acknowledged that he persuaded the men not to join the organization, so the matter was brought before the local. Brother Thomas brought about great results in convincing the members to take in those men.

President Curtis made a wonderful speech along the lines of the organizations along our water front and the Pacific Coast. Brother Curtis has worked day and night to bring about an adjustment of the trouble, and urged, along with the visiting brethren, that the nonunion men be taken into membership and the contract accepted, which is considered fair and liberal. It was rather difficult to persuade some who had become embittered, but good judgment prevailed when the motion was made, and it carried.

The meeting adjourned until Tuesday, November 11, the strike was declared off, and hereafter none but union men need apply at the Oceanic dock for work.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Typographical Union was called to order by President Howell last Sunday at 2 P. M. Mr. Price acted as reading clerk.

Amongst the communications was an acknowledgment of donation of \$100 from the United Mineworkers of America; from the Oregon State Federation of Labor, asking that the union make nomination for Labor Commissioner, was filed; from anti-Times committee, Los Angeles. The chair appointed Messrs. Austin, Schlotz and Brock to assist in the fight against the Times from this point.

The chair appointed Messrs. Bailey, Glen, Ben Greene, Kleist and Z. M. Young members shorter workday committee, as directed by the last I. T. U. convention.

S. A. Thomas was placed upon the exempt list at his request; Fred S. Vaughn was elected to membership, and Edgar W. Stahl was obligated.

Arthur Brock was installed as member of executive committee, and Messrs. Monger, Davies, Kleist, Kerns, Davis and Thomas as chairmen of chapels.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

George F. McClane having left town, W. H. Thomas was elected delegate to the Federated Trades Council in his stead.

Mr. Brock was unanimously supported in a motion that a sum equal to 15 cents for each member of No. 58 be donated to Los Angeles Times fight each month.

LAUNDRY-WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday night the Laundry Workers, No. 90, met in regular session and had the pleasure of listening to the report of their delegate, W. O. Powell, who had just returned from the inter-



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national convention. His report made in detail, and touching on the policies of the general executive board, was received with attention throughout.

The fact that Brother Powell had been chosen as general president for the ensuing term is counted a great honor to No. 90, the members of which feel that they have been fully recompensed for the expense incident to sending a delegate so great a distance.

The officers note with pleasure the increased attendance of the general membership.

A committee from the Laundry Drivers' Union were present in the interests of a matter looking to the general welfare of both organizations.

The question of cutting out all commissions paid to agents is being agitated, and is favorably looked on by the organizations. It is believed that a plan satisfactory to all parties concerned will soon be effected.

The office of business agent has been abolished, and the business of the union will be handled by shop delegates, subject to the executive board of the union.

An increase of 5 cents per member for per capita tax has been carried by a referendum vote of the local unions, which will go into effect January 1, 1903.

The increase will be devoted solely to the benefit fund. This also leaves free the original tax for organization and educational purposes, which are to be pushed forward with vigor.

BARBERS' UNION.

A good attendance greeted the president at the last regular meeting.

Three applications were read and acted upon. Two admitted by card, and Brother Clarence Clement was initiated.

Committee from the Bartenders' Union was admitted and given the floor for a few minutes. The newly elected treasurer, Brother Fred West, and the recorder, Brother J. C. Weis, were installed. The state barbers' license law was taken up and several changes were recommended. Brother Wanner reported the proceedings of the last meeting of the board of directors of the Labor Press, and by a unanimous vote his report was accepted, and he was given full power to act.

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