

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OREGON STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by the convention.

Whereas, It is contemplated to hold in this city the Lewis and Clarke Fair, and organized labor having subscribed to stock with the understanding that it would be for the benefit of workingmen of the city and state; and

Whereas, Property-owners, after subscribing for said fair, immediately raised the rent of their tenants, and even today are doing so on one and two days' notice; and

Whereas, The sawmills have formed a trust and raised the price of lumber 75 per cent, and are selling cheaper to export trade than for city use, and although getting higher prices, have failed to raise the wages of their men employed; and

Whereas, the painters and carpenters, laborers and others, have asked for an increase of pay with a minimum wage scale; and

Whereas, the minimum wage scale is for the protection of the skilled and competent mechanic, the employer being the judge, and, if the employee is not worthy of such scale, he has the privilege of discharging him, and

Whereas, The contractors having refused such demands, the lumber trust, upon whom no demands were made, joined hands with said contractors and refused to sell lumber to any employer paying such wages or employing union men; and

Whereas, It is solely for the purpose of establishing a cheaper standard of wages, so that they may reap a greater benefit from the fair; and

Whereas, Organized labor is in favor of a fair which will benefit all classes alike, but opposes one that is a graft for the property owners, contractors, and the lumber trust; and

Whereas, The late Oregon legislature has voted \$500,000 for said fair, subject to the approval of the people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we call upon all working men to set their ban of disapproval on this graft by calling a referendum upon the appropriation for said fair; be it further

Resolved, That we ask the state convention to lay these facts before the American Federation of Labor, and ask them to address circulars to all international, national and central bodies in the United States, asking them to petition congress not to appropriate any money for said fair.

C. H. GRAM.

Whereas, The U. S. government is building their navy by contract in private ship-building yards, while maintaining government plants at various points, and

Whereas, These ship-building companies have formed a combine and practically held up the government while at the same time oppressing labor; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, in convention assembled, that we ask our representatives in the senate and house to use their influence in having our vessels constructed in the government yards, and, further, that this resolution be attested by the officers of this convention and copies forwarded to each senator and congressman from Oregon and other Pacific Coast states.

Introduced by J. B. Thomas, of Machinists' Lodge, No. 63, of Portland.

Whereas, The Iron trades on the Union Pacific Railway Company have been out on strike against the attempted destruction of their unions for the past ten months, and

Whereas, They are still fighting nobly for their existence, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Oregon State Federation of Labor, in convention assembled, extend to our brother unionists our moral and financial aid and encouragement, and that we recommend to all delegates to this convention that they take up their cause with the local unions on their return home to the end that prompt help be furnished our friends at Omaha.

Introduced by G. B. Thomas, of Lodge No. 63, of Portland.

Whereas, The cigarmaking trade of this country is now confronted with one of the most gigantic, unscrupulous and labor-crushing trusts that ever confronted any labor organization. Employing, as they do, many thousands of non-unionists, principally women and children, it is evident that their intention is to obtain control of the entire manufacturing business. Not content with this alone and in order to better dispose of their child-made non-union product they have in the East organized a subsidiary branch known as the United Cigar Stores Company, while in the West and in the Coast states particularly, they are buying stores quietly or offering dealers liberal inducements to

act as agents for them. You will find that these concerns handle a few union cigars, but only to cut prices on them and thereby to quicker drive the legitimate union manufacturer out of the business. The labor unions of the East are putting up a great fight against this octopus, and on that account the trust is making strenuous efforts to capture this Western market, and are daily increasing their sales by many thousand in spite of the efforts of the Western cigarmakers.

We hold that there is only one way to successfully combat the trust in its effort to crush our organization and that is that every union man and friend of organized labor stand firmly on the issue of the (blue label). Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, That we endorse the cigarmakers' International Union in its attitude and action taken against the non-union child-employing trust, and also against all other non-union manufacturers.

Resolved, That we unqualifiedly endorse the blue label and call on all our affiliated unions to adopt similar resolutions.

Resolved, That all members of this federation insist upon and take none but those bearing the blue label, whenever purchasing cigars and tobacco.

Resolved, That there is no half-way ground in this battle of corporate wealth to control the business of this country and to subjugate the workers to their merciless dictates. We therefore call upon all lovers of commercial and industrial liberty to take their proper place in this battle, to give their undivided support to the union blue label and the union manufacturers.

Introduced by A. W. Jones and Horace A. Duke, Cigar Makers' Union, 202, Portland.

It is hereby resolved, and that it is the sense of this body (the State Federation of Labor) that an act be passed at the next session of the Oregon state legislature that it shall be unlawful for any company or corporation acting as a common carrier in and through the State of Oregon (such as railroads, steamers or steamboats) to have or cause to have any person or persons soliciting from passengers upon said railroads, steamers or steamboats, as common carriers, for baggage, etc., for any company, corporation, or personal interests; that by allowing such to exist it is declared detrimental and discriminating to the individual interests of those connected in hauling of such baggage, etc., for a common livelihood in the State of Oregon.

That this resolution be presented by the legislative committee of the State Federation of Labor at the next session of State Legislature for enactment.

Fraternally,

T. H. GARNER,

Delegate from Express Drivers' Union, No. 197, of Portland.

Whereas, The firm of W. H. McMonies, collar dealers of Portland, have been unfair to the United Brotherhood of Leather Workers on horse-goods, and have persisted in employing only non-union labor to the detriment and injury of union labor, they paying not to exceed about one-half the wages paid by union shops; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, That we declare the above firm unfair to organized labor and advise each labor union in our state and each city central body to appoint committees to wait on the dealers in this line of goods and request that they discontinue their patronage to this house, until such time as they are willing to meet their competitors on equal ground and pay their labor living wages, as established by the Leather Workers' Union of Portland. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be given to the Washington delegates and that they be requested to have similar action taken in their state.

Submitted by delegate for Union No. 56, Leather Workers.

W. S. WINES.

Whereas, It has come to our knowledge that the Hon. Carroll D. Wright has tendered his resignation as United States Labor Commissioner; and

Whereas, It is our belief that his successor should be appointed from the ranks of organized labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Multnomah Typographical Union, No. 58, a subordinate branch of the International Typographical Union, places itself on record as favoring the appointment of a man from the ranks of organized labor to the position of United States Labor Commissioner, made vacant by

the resignation of Mr. Wright; and, be it further

Resolved, That, in appreciation of the efficient service performed by Mr. William S. Waudby, an honored member of the International Typographical Union, during his 18 years' incumbency as special agent of the United States Department of Labor, Multnomah Typographical Union, No. 58, respectfully presents the name of William S. Waudby as a man competent to fill the position of United States Labor Commissioner; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to His Excellency, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and to each of the United States senators and representatives from the State of Oregon, under seal of the union.

ARTHUR BROCK.

Resolved, That the convention is opposed to the granting of franchises to corporations and individuals.

HORAN.

Whereas, many unions have adopted a label or display card by which the product of their labor and fair firms can be distinguished from unfair labor and unfair firms, and

Whereas the insistence by union men on obtaining the label and patronizing only fair firms would be of the utmost benefit to unionism, and

Whereas, it is a well known fact that many union members are inclined to overlook the importance of the union labels and cards, and

Whereas, many unions have embodied in their constitution a section imposing a heavy fine on any member purchasing unfair goods or patronizing unfair firms; therefore, be it

Resolved that the State Federation of Labor advise all affiliated unions to take similar action.

M. A. TRUMMER,

Local No. 74, J. T. U. of A., Portland.

Whereas, the legislature of the State of Oregon has enacted legislation regarding the employment of child labor, and created a commission for the purpose of enforcing said laws and

Whereas, the work of this commission would be greatly facilitated and made more effective if it received the assistance of organized labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this body recommend that all affiliated unions appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to collect all information on that subject, and report same to the committee on child labor; and, further, be it

Resolved, That the secretary of this body so notify affiliated unions.

M. A. TRUMMER,

Local No. 74, J. T. U. of A., Portland.

Whereas, The Journeymen Tailors' Union of America has adopted a store card and label for the protection of its members, the public at large and the fair employers; and,

Whereas, Several unfair merchant tailors in the city of Portland have on display a card issued by the so-called Journeymen Tailors' Union of Portland; and,

Whereas, The Journeymen Tailors' Union of Portland is mainly composed of scabs who are forcing down the price of labor and violating the most important principle of unionism by working in sweatshops and with Chinamen; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Oregon State Federation of Labor hereby indorse the label of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America, and instruct all affiliated unions that only such firms displaying the store card of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America are fair to organized labor, and said card is distinguished from the aforementioned scab card by the gold seal of the International Union being affixed thereto.

M. A. TRUMMER,

Local 74, J. T. U. of A., Portland, Or.

Resolved, That this convention recommend to all the labor unions of this state the advisability of holding

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Nancy B. Atkinson, deceased, in accordance with the order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah County, will offer for sale and sell at private sale, for cash, subject to the approval of the court, from and after the 1st day of June, 1905, at his office, at room 302, Chamber of Commerce building, in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, the following described real property belonging to the said estate to-wit:

Undivided one-third of lots 10, 11, and 12, block 11, in the town of Grant's Pass, Oregon.

FRANK M. WARREN,
Administrator.
First date of publication, May 1, 05

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution, decree and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County, to me directed, and dated the 28th day of April, 1905, upon a judgment and decree of foreclosure rendered and entered in said court on April 25, 1903, in the case of Charlotte M. Thurston, plaintiff, vs. Alexander Fargher, Ida L. Fargher, now Ida L. Ross, Horatio A. Fargher and Emma Fargher, his wife, George Sorenson, John Klernan, Mrs. J. J. White and A. Bundschuh, defendants, in favor of said plaintiff, for \$4878.30 U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon from April 25, 1903, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and the further sum of \$200, attorneys' fees, and \$49.30, costs and disbursements, and in favor of the defendant, Horatio A. Fargher, for the sum of \$6275.00, with interest thereon from May 1, 1895, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and \$15.00 costs and disbursements, commanding me to make sale of the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain premises situated in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon, and described as follows, to-wit: Lots one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5), situated on the south side of Spring street, in Portland Heights, in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, State of Oregon.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Wednesday, the 3d day of June, 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. at the front or east door of the County Courthouse, in the City of Portland, in said county and state, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for U. S. gold coin, cash in hand, the above described real property and all the right, title and interest which the defendants or any of them had on the dates of plaintiff's mortgages foreclosed in said cause, or which they or any of them have since had or now have therein, to satisfy said execution, decree and order of sale, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

W. A. STOREY,
Sheriff of Multnomah County, Oregon.
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