

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, Or., August 14.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock by President Gurr. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials—Typographical Union, A. R. Lawton; Butchers, J. T. Welch; Tailors, J. A. Bendroth.

Communications—From Samuel Gompers, relative to the appointment of agent for A. F. of L. publications; placed on file. From Stambler's Union of San Francisco, stating that the Morton Special Delivery Co., of San Francisco, is unfair to that union; referred to Team Drivers' Union, No. 162. From Tacoma Shinglers' Weavers' Union, stating that the St. Paul & Tacoma and Far West Lumber Co. is unfair to their union; referred to Carpenters' Union. From Beer Drivers and Bottlers' Union, asking that the Olympia Bottling shop be placed on the unfair list; referred to grievance committee. From Street Railway Employees' Union, donating \$10 to striking Electrical Workers; filed. From John G. Hoffman, tendering his resignation as statistical secretary of this Council; resignation accepted and Council extended him a vote of thanks for his faithful services.

Report of Committees—Executive committee report that the books of the secretary and treasurer were examined and found correct; the committee recommend that the balance of \$49.25 in the strike fund be transferred to the general fund of the Council; report accepted and recommendation concurred in. Committee appointed at last meeting to consider advisability of amending constitution of A. F. of L. as suggested by the San Francisco Labor Council, report in favor of the proposed amendment and recommend that we take steps to place ourselves in a position to send a delegate to the next convention of A. F. of L.; report adopted. Committee to whom was referred the withdrawal of the Blacksmiths' Union from the Council, report progress. Committee on revision of by-laws relative to blackboard, report that two vacancies exist in the committee; chair appointed Brothers Cannon and Sinnott to fill the vacancies.

New Business—Motion that a committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means for sending a delegate to the next convention of the A. F. of L.; carried. Chair appointed Brothers Gram, Welch and Zerweh. The chair appointed the following standing committees for the term: Grievance—J. B. Loreh, W. H. Blaney, J. T. Worley.

Organization—A. R. Lawton, J. W. Warner, M. A. Trummer. Executive—L. D. Reed, H. Henck, A. Walsh, M. E. Gill, J. Holtz.

Legislative—B. P. Welsh, J. K. Stanton, W. R. Healis, J. Roberts, J. A. Goldrainer.

Arbitration—H. G. Parsons, J. J. Ferris, W. J. Thompson, C. M. Richmond, S. Berven.

Press—G. McDonald, M. W. F. Holling, J. T. Welch.

Nomination and election of officers being the next order of business, the chair stated that nominations for the office of statistical secretary were in order. J. A. Goldrainer, of the Barbers, and Miss Birdie Goertz, of the Cooks and Waiters, were the only nominees. The chair appointed Brothers Rhodes and Roberts as tellers. Miss Goertz receiving the majority of all votes cast was declared elected. P. H. Scullen asked permission to address the Council. He was admitted and made an address for his plan of arbitration and asked the indorsement of the Council. Motion to refer matter to committee of three carried. Chair appointed Brothers Graham, Berven and Davis.

PRESSMEN MEET.

At the meeting of the Pressmen in the evening of August 11, the eight-hour plan as proposed by the Allied Printing Trades Council was endorsed unanimously, and it was voted that the matter be left to the A. P. T. C. to carry out along the lines recommended.

Paul Shuele was elected financial secretary in place of B. J. Deponning, resigned.

Two new members were initiated, one application filed, and one member admitted by card.

The Allied Printing Trades Council has sent the following circular letter to all of the job shops proprietors, and this is the plan endorsed by the Pressmen's Union:

Portland, Ore., Aug. 13, 1903. Dear Sirs: The Allied Printing Trades Council, composed of Multnomah Typographical Union No. 58, Portland Printing Pressmen's Union No. 43 and Local Brotherhood of Bookbinders No. 90, have decided to place in force an eight-hour workday. In order that present trade conditions be not seriously interfered with, it has been decided to do this on a graduated basis.

Beginning the first Monday in September the hours will be shortened fifteen minutes each day, with the exception of Saturday, thus reducing the time one hour and fifteen minutes per week. The second reduction in time will be made three months later, December 7, 1903; the third reduction March 3, 1904, and the last June 2, 1904. The number of hours per week being as follows:

First Monday in September (September 7, 1903), 51 hours 45 minutes.

First Monday in December (December 7, 1903), 50 hours 30 minutes.

First Monday in March (March 3, 1904), 49 hours 15 minutes.

First Monday in June (June 2, 1904), 48 hours.

The present scale for nine hours in all branches to be maintained. Yours respectfully,
PORTLAND ALLIED PRINTING TRADES COUNCIL.

BARBERS' UNION.

Notwithstanding the great responsibilities that have overcome our aged president during the past few days, and the trials and tribulations that he has been forced to face in the future, and which many of his fellow-workmen have fallen by the wayside in attempting to obtain for themselves the exalted position in life as a dutiful husband and the possibility of a loving father, was able to perform all the duties of his office at the union last Tuesday evening to the queen's taste.

There were two members accepted by card and B. Butler was initiated.

The revised price list was read for the second reading and at the next regular meeting will come up for final passage.

The secretary has received word from headquarters that while moving the general office from Cleveland, Ohio, to Indianapolis, Ind., which was quite an undertaking, Jacob Fischer, general organizer and assistant secretary-treasurer, was seriously injured in a railroad wreck. This means a delay to some extent in the transaction of business, as the general secretary-treasurer, Klayetzyk, has taken a leave of absence and is now in the West, on account of his poor health.

The official "journal," published by the International Union, will cease publication for a few months on account of the editor's illness, and the new officers in charge are so pressed with other work that it would be impossible for them to take up the work of the "journal" at this time, until at least they are thoroughly settled in their new headquarters.

LOCAL NEWS.

Wm. C. Hennelly, representative of the United Hatters of North America, is in the city in the interest of his organization.

The baseball team of the Carpenters' Union challenged any other union team for a game on Labor Day and their defy, was accepted by the Iron Workers.

G. Y. Harry left for Salem on Tuesday afternoon's local with the intention of being present at a meeting of the Central Labor Council in the evening. From there he will go south visiting the various towns in Oregon where there is organization work to do. On his return he will revisit the valley cities and hold public meetings. He will be gone about two weeks.

G. B. Thomas returned from Chicago last Tuesday afternoon, where he went to secure the machinery for the Federated Trades Laundry Co. He encountered some difficulty and opposition from the Manufacturing Association, but succeeded in securing a complete and up-to-date plant. The machinery will arrive early in September.

J. T. Morgan, at one time a delegate to the Federated Trades Council from the Millworkers' Union, is billed to lecture at Beaverton Saturday evening, August 29, his subject being "Justice." Mr. Morgan is a lecturer of exceptional ability who is certain to interest and amuse his hearers.

Frank Curtis, formerly president of the Grainhandlers' Union of this city, and otherwise prominent in local labor circles, has been appointed first warden at the state prison. Mr. Curtis accepted the position of shop guard under the new administration, and discharged the duties imposed upon him in such a creditable manner that when the office of first warden was made vacant by the resignation of Mr. McPherson, he was offered the place. Mr. Curtis has many friends in Portland who are pleased to learn of his good fortune. They feel that Frank Curtis will fill the position as he has filled all positions of trust, with credit to the institution and himself. In

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A special meeting of the Typographical Union will be held Sunday afternoon, August 23, for the purpose of discussing the eight-hour schedule, and also to investigate certain contracts that were made some time ago.

FALSE STATEMENTS.

Reports That Linemen Return to Work Not True.

The Pacific States Telephone Company persists in circulating, and having printed in the newspapers, false reports about the linemen's strike. Last Monday a telegram dated from San Jose, Cal., was published in the Telegram stating that the union there had called the strike off and the men had returned to work. Word has since been received from that point stating that no men have returned to work there, and the situation all along the line is the same as it has been for the past two months.

The bulletins sent out by the Western Conference Executive Committee in San Francisco indicate anything but a faint-hearted fight. Communications received from all points affected by the strike are of the most cheerful kind.

There has been an effort made in San Francisco by Mayor Schmitz to induce Mr. Sabin to agree to a conference with the men. At a secret meeting held last week the matter was discussed at length.

Mayor Schmitz presided, and there were present, besides President Sabin, Supervisors Braunhart, Rea and Loughery, D. L. Randolph, president of the National Electric Company; Andrew M. Hunt, general manager of the Independent Electric Light and Power Company; General Superintendent Pollok of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Light Company and Secretary Taylor of the Consumers' Gas Company.

President Sabin insisted that the service of the telephone company in the city and county of San Francisco was not suffering by reason of the strike, and that there was nothing for the committee to adjust. The mayor and committee urged that there ought to be some basis upon which a settlement might be reached if the telephone company would agree to some plan of arbitration.

After a long discussion in which the committee stated that the present state of affairs was causing much inconvenience in San Francisco, especially in view of the boycott placed upon the telephone company by the labor unions and the removal of many telephones, President Sabin stated that he would be willing to meet a committee of men and have a friendly discussion with them, but the committee must be employes or ex-employes of the telephone company.

He stated that the company would not discriminate against linemen belonging to the union, but positively refused to discharge any non-union man to make way for those that went

on strike, or because they refuse to join the union.

After the conference Mr. Sabin issued a public letter setting forth the company's side of the controversy. Many statements made by him will not bear investigation. Among the misstatements he makes is the following: "Before the strike we had on the Pacific Coast, in round numbers, one thousand linemen. Five hundred men went on strike; five hundred remained."

In the letter he attempts to assure the public that the service has not been affected by the strike in the least, when, in fact, the service could not be much worse. This sort of stuff is not supposed to be read at the time one is trying for five minutes to get a party over the phone.

The only developments, therefore, in the controversy is that John I. Sabin has at last agreed to talk, where before he kept up a persistent silence. He may yet be persuaded to confer with the representative agents of the linemen through matters of necessity.

LABOR DAY SPORTS.

The Labor Day committee from the Federated Trades Council met at the office of the Labor Press last Wednesday evening and listened to and acted upon the reports of the sub-committees.

The committee on sports reported that the Leatherworkers, Broom-makers and Team-drivers, No. 162, had placed challenges in the hands of the committee for a baseball game. All unions who wish to enter the baseball contest must notify the committee of the fact not later than August 29.

Other sports have been arranged as follows:

Foot race—50 yards, for girls holding union cards.

Potato race—For union men.

Foot race—200 yards, for union men.

Sack race—50 yards.

Three-legged race—75 yards.

Several other features are under consideration.

Team-drivers' Local 162 are still waiting for some union to challenge their championship team for a tug-of-war. The teamsters are ready to do business, but so far no ambitious contestant has showed up. An effort will be made to get a gasoline launch placed upon the lake in Hawthorne Park.

As stated in last week's paper a large and commodious platform will be erected for dancing in the afternoon and evening.

In next week's issue the programme will be published in full.

ATTENTION, BARTENDERS.

At our next regular meeting, August 25, at 7:30 P. M., business of importance.

T. S. WORLEY,
Fin. Sec'y Local 339.

FOURTH PAYMENT DUE.

The fourth payment on the Portland Federated Trades Laundry Co. stock is now due. Make payment at Portland Labor Press office, 232½ Washington street.

A. W. JONES, Secy.

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