

**STATUS OF LOCAL STRIKERS.**

**Little Prospects of Settlement Between Contending Parties.**

A report has become current that the boss bakers and the employing leatherworkers have sought the aid of the Citizens' Alliance in their impending trouble with their men, and there is no question but what there is sufficient grounds for the belief.

There has been no change in the bakers' situation for the past three weeks. The men are standing out firmly, and a number of them have secured positions in country towns. Enough are at work at the wages asked for in the new scale to keep the idle ones for an indefinite length of time. While the idle bakers do not get as much as they would were they working, still they receive a weekly allowance sufficient to meet necessary expenses. There has been no desertion from the ranks, and as fast as possible the idle ones are secured employment, thus reducing the expense of the fight. A few days ago it was thought that the trouble would be adjusted. Some of the boss bakers of the larger shops intended to agree to the concessions made by the journeymen, and sign up. This was frustrated, however, by other parties than those in the baking business.

The trouble is not felt by the public, as there are plenty of fair shops to supply the market. The only ones inconvenienced are the employers, who stubbornly oppose their own interests, and the few idle men. The union has conceded enough points for any reasonable man, and it is now up to the bosses.

The union still continues to agitate its label with telling effect.

**Leatherworkers' Strike.**

The leatherworkers' strike is now going onto the eighth week. There has been little change from the start. A similar condition obtains in San Francisco and Los Angeles. There has been a concerted effort of the firms in this line of business on the coast to destroy the union. Although the union has not asked for an increase in wages nor the shortening of hours it makes little difference. The employers are determined to have an open shop. All the union asked for was a renewal of last year's agreement, which was refused. It is therefore the life or destruction of the union involved.

Last Friday the fight was carried into Justice Reed's court. Since the commencement of the trouble the firms have imported a number of men, among whom are several bruisers. The latter have been parading around and in front of the shops about the time the union members were doing picket duty. The bruisers have been displaying a deputy sheriff's badge, notwithstanding Sheriff Storey denies that he appointed them as deputies. On April 28 E. M. Hogue, president of the union, was struck by one of these bullies by the name of Schulpus. The assault was unprovoked, but no resistance was made by Mr. Hogue, as it was believed that the attack had been purposely made to cause a riot, expecting thereby to invoke police protection and secure the sympathy of the public. Instead of falling into the trap, Mr. Hogue secured a warrant for the arrest of Schulpus for assault. The trial was held last Friday, the defendant calling for a jury trial. It was clearly shown in the evidence submitted, and there was plenty of it, that Schulpus was guilty as charged. The testimony of a policeman alone, who saw the assault committed, was sufficient to convict the accused. In fact the officer told the alleged deputy that he had no right to strike the man, and he should not do so again. If Mr. Hogue was guilty of disturbing the peace he should arrest him, but to strike him he had no right. The officer testified that he had seen no wrong committed by Hogue.

In the face of all this evidence the jury went out and in a few moments returned a verdict of "not guilty." This jury was composed of the following business men: John A. Henkle, A. Goodman, W. C. Puffer, H. W. Fries, C. H. Meussdorffer and Louis Rosenblatt.

The attorneys for the defense were R. A. Leiter and B. Haney, and the prosecution was conducted by District Attorney Manning.

**PACIFIC COAST LOCALS MAY SECEDE.**

**Don't Like Treatment Given Them by the International.**

The executive council of the Pacific Coast Branch of the International Longshoremen, Marine and Transport Workers, has issued the following circular letter to all its affiliated unions:

To all Locals affiliated with the Pacific Coast Branch, I. L. M. & T. A. You are hereby requested to send delegates from your local to the third annual convention of the Pacific Coast Branch of the I. L. M. & T. A., which



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meets at Astoria, Oregon, Monday morning, the 6th day of June, 1904, at 10 a. m. The basis of representation will be the same as allowed by the international at its conventions. Matters of grave importance will come before the convention. The various locals on the coast are in favor of complete jurisdiction on the coast. It is absolutely necessary for all locals affiliated to be present. Have credentials signed by president and recording secretary, with seal of local affixed.

J. HURLEY,

Sec.-Treas. Pacific Coast Branch. The above letter is particularly significant for the reason that the Pacific Coast longshoremen's union are dissatisfied with the treatment they have received from their international. They hold that the Pacific Coast has been discriminated against in favor of the Great Lakes unions, and in fact that the former has received no benefit whatever in proportion to the amount of tax that they pay in each year. Their grievance is that the Western unions have been left to shift for themselves at their own expense. Two years ago the Pacific Coast Branch was organized, and more good has been derived from it in that length of time than has ever been given by the parent body, they say.

A short time ago the Pacific Coast Branch petitioned the international that they be given a portion of the 5 cents per capita tax paid into the parent body for local organization, and that the branch be empowered to settle its own affairs—in other words, they felt that they should be given the right to control their own affairs since the international paid little attention to them anyway. The petition was turned down cold, hence the spirit of secession in the Pacific Coast unions. It is said that the longshore unions of the Gulf are also in the same humor, and unless President Keefe and his official colleagues change their tactics the international organization will have a big slice cut off from the West and South.

This is the most important matter that will come before the convention at Astoria, and it is essential that all locals affiliated with the Pacific Coast Branch be there.

Besides this, an attempt will be made to adjust the differences that have arisen between Locals 263 and 265 in the Port of Portland.

The trouble existing between the local and the exporters at Honolulu will also be reviewed, and decided steps will be taken against ships from the islands that arrive on the Pacific Coast with a cargo loaded with scab labor.

There are other important questions that will be raised in the convention that are not sufficiently mature at this time to announce, but it is certain that it will be an interesting meeting.

**PRESSMEN'S UNION.**

Last Tuesday evening the Portland Pressmen's Union held their regular monthly meeting. President Ponnay manipulated the gavel upon a good turn-out of members.

There was one application for apprentice membership.

The hall committee was given full power to select a meeting place for the union, and it is expected that by next month a new hall will have been secured. The union has been holding forth at the Plasterers' hall, 127 1/2 First street.

The excursion committee that had full charge of the Pressmen's railroad excursion to The Dalles last Sunday, reported that about 400 people were accommodated, and that all had an enjoyable time. As the business of the affair had not been completed the committee made only a partial report, but will render a full account at the June meeting. It is thought that the receipts will be slightly in excess of the expenses, but the railroad companies have raised their rates for excursions considerably over that of last year, making it almost impossible for the promoters to realize anything like decent returns for their labors. For this reason the pressmen will quite likely abandon the giving of railroad excursions in the future unless the companies are willing to allow a fair percentage.

A special meeting of the union may be called between now and the regular meeting night in June to receive the agreement with the Oregonian Publishing Co. back from the international, to which it was submitted under international requirements to be approved. That the officers of the parent body has accepted the contract the members here have no doubt, and all that will be left to do is the formal proceedings winding up the affair. From that time on two shifts will be employed in the press rooms of the Oregonian.

Delegate-elect W. S. McHugh will leave for St. Louis about the 16th of June, to attend the convention of the international, which convenes in that city June 20.

George McCormack, a member of the Seattle Pressmen's Union, was a visitor last Tuesday evening. He not only expressed a few happy remarks, but he rendered substantial compliments in the shape of a box of good, union-made cigars. Mr. McCormack is in the employ of the American Type Foundry, traveling about setting up machines. He is here installing a handsome Miehle for the Marsh Printing Co.

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