

LABOR NOTES

In Saxony, Germany, there is an industrial school for every 16,641 inhabitants.

Thirty cracker manufacturers in the country use the union label of the Cracker Bakers.

Officers of unions in New York and other cities are agitating for trades union banks in the principal cities.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company has renewed its agreement with the union machinists of the entire system.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Engineers has increased from 800 to 37,000 members in two years.

Longshoremen at lake ports have accepted 7 1/2 per cent reduction in wages. The hours of labor remain the same.

It is estimated that 30,000 textile workers are idle in Philadelphia, Pa., because the mills have been unable to make contracts for future deliveries.

Most all union men at Sacramento are at work in closed shops, and the Citizens' Alliance has already practically given up its fight against union labor.

The San Francisco labor unions have been advised by the American Federation of Labor to organize all unions under one central council under one charter from the A. F. of L.

International Union of Hotel and Restaurant Employees is composed of cooks, waiters and bartenders, but the latter are talking of pulling away from the others and forming a separate union.

There has been a large increase of female employees in recent years, the total between the years of 1896 and 1903 being 51.77 per cent. The average workday for the female is nine hours and a half.

Brockton, Mass., is the best organized center in the shoe trade, having the greatest number of members in its shoe unions, and earning the highest average wages in the world under the best conditions.

A finish fight between the Musical Protective Union, of New York, and the Association of Theatrical Managers has been started by the action of the managers in demanding a reduction of the wage scale.

Twelve hundred working permits have been issued for children between the ages of 14 and 16 years by parents in Milwaukee, in almost every instance on account of the fathers being addicted to the use of intoxicants.

Herbert George, of the Citizens' Alliance, when informed that the police commissioners of San Francisco refused nonunion stable men permission to bear arms, said: "They ought to be lynched or thrown from the top of Pike's Peak."

The arbitration agreement between the Typographical Union of San Francisco and the Bulletin was signed by the representatives of the I. T. U. and the evening paper on June 6. The composing, stereotype and mailing departments are included.

Sixteen unions in Spokane, Wash., have organized a Central Labor Council under charter from the A. F. of L. The old council has been an independent organization, accepting unions from the A. F. of L. and the A. L. U. upon equal terms.

The San Francisco Labor Council has recommended to its affiliated unions a levy of 15 cents per member towards a fund to be used in entertaining delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention, that will be held in that city this summer.

An important change has been made in the order of business of the Carpenters' Union of Reading, Pa. Hereafter the meetings will be opened and closed with divine service. It is, perhaps, the only union in the state which has adopted this plan.

Any sober, reliable farm laborer in Denmark, who has saved one-tenth the mortgage value of the little farm he covets—this value not to exceed \$1000—can buy the land by borrowing the other nine-tenths from a government fund. He gives a mortgage, on which he pays 3 per cent.

The Sacramento Bee of June 6 contained an editorial on the signing of a five years' contract between Sacramento Union and the two dailies—the Bee and the Union. The printers are held up as models for other trade organizations to follow, and the conservative element advised to restrain the other kind.

San Francisco Typographical Union, No. 21, at its monthly session June 26, instructed its delegates to the coming international convention to urge the changing of the present system of electing officers of the International Union, which is by referendum vote, and if possible have the delegates at the annual convention elect.

Workmen in Sweden are preparing for an extensive political strike in case they are not granted the right of suffrage. The immense demonstrations of 1902, when nearly all industrial Sweden stood still, is not forgotten by the workmen, and the next affair, it is promised, will be much more serious.

All over England the leaders of the trades union movement are standing for parliament. In most instances they are leaving their old political affiliations and standing as "labor candidates," and announcing their bitter hostility to the court decrees that have done so much to undermine and destroy their organizations.

Conditions are unchanged in the Stockton strike of Feed and Flour Packers. A number of "scabs" are at work, and but two former members of the union out of 300 have returned. Crown and Sperry flours are unfair. The Citizens' Alliance has placed a boycott on the Stockton Labor Advocate, which extends to the family physician of the editor.

The first Monday in July is the date agreed upon between the Typographical Union and the Typographical Union of San Francisco for the third change of scale in the job section. The minimum wage will then be \$19.50, and the hours eight and a quarter a day. This rate will last until January 2, 1905, when an eight-hour day, at \$20 a week, will become effective in the job trade.

There are now in Belgium four schools for the instruction of fishermen. The pupils are taught how to read weather charts, how to make the best use of currents, what the bottom of the sea is like, how to manage their own nets, how to manage a boat in a storm, how to use the latest inventions in the line of fishing apparatus, etc. There are about 250 pupils now in these schools.

Arrangements have been made to give such employees in the various navy yards of the country as can be relieved of work a half-holiday on Saturdays during the months of July, August and September. Those who cannot be spared during those three months will be given the vacation later in the year. This was decided upon at a recent conference between Secretary Moody and President Roosevelt.

Commissioner E. E. Chapin, of Milwaukee, Wis., issued an injunction requiring three Milwaukee tailors to refrain from employing any but union workmen. They are also enjoined from violating the terms of a contract which, it is claimed, they entered into with the Milwaukee Custom Tailors' Union. The injunctive order is said to be the first that has ever been issued restraining a firm from employing nonunion workmen.

The first international strike in history of the labor movement began Friday when the employees in eight cities of the Otis Elevator Company, known as the trust, went on strike against the open shop. Through President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, all work under way by the company in Great Britain and Germany will also be stopped by a sympathetic strike. The Elevator Constructors' International Union ordered the strike. The Chicago employees of the company, 200 in number, were ordered out.

The Western Laborer, of Omaha, Neb., says that last spring the Omaha Parryites took the fighting laundry proprietors under their protecting wing and urged them to abolish unionism in their places and declare "open shop." This the Frontier, Nonpareil and other laundries did, but the union started a co-operative establishment of its own. Today the union laundry is running three shifts of eight hours, and cannot keep up with its orders, while the Nonpareil and Frontier "consolidated" and is for sale under a foreclosed mortgage.

For once the public is reaping a benefit from a strike. As a result of the Icemen's and Engineers' troubles with the Seattle Ice Company a boycott was placed upon the product of the company. This so reduced the output of the company that it reduced rates in order to get patronage. Its rivals have met the cut, and the public is getting the benefit. In the meantime the Icemen's wages have not been reduced and they are all working. It would seem that the Seattle Ice Company is "cutting its nose off to spite its face."—Seattle Union Record.

The San Francisco Freight Handlers and Warehousemen's Union at a special meeting a few days ago voted to continue the strike until the Southern Pacific Company sees fit to concede the strikers better pay. The men feel that the work they do is worth 25 cents an hour. They have been receiving 22 cents an hour. The ballot was secret. The majority was largely in favor of continuing the strike. There was a minority that wished to call the strike off. After the vote was announced a motion to make it unanimous was carried amid cheers.

A report by a special committee of the Sydney, Australia, Labor Council, appointed to investigate the matter of Chinese competition shows that 300 Chinese are engaged in laundry work, 700 in the grocery trade, and 3500 in market gardening, while in the furniture-trade Chinese and whites are about equal in numbers. The report advocates that all Asiatics be barred from mining, Sunday work abolished, the shops and factories act strictly enforced, Chinese-made goods stamped "Chinese Manufactured," and that an active anti-Chinese crusade be engaged in.

Trade Union Directory

SUNDAY.
Photo Engravers, Local 31—Meets every first Sunday in month at 11 A. M. at 230 1/2 Yamhill street.
Typographical Union, 58—Meets every first Sunday in the month in the Auditorium building.
Railway Freight Handlers, 334—Meets every second and fourth Sunday 230 1/2 Yamhill street.

MONDAY.
Broom Makers—Meets every first and third Monday evening at Plasterers' Hall, 127 First street.
Cooks and Waiters, Local 189—Meets every Monday evening at Bartenders' Hall, 264 1/2 Alder.
Grain Handlers, 263—Meets every first and third Monday evening at Davis Hall, corner Russell street and Albina avenue.
Journeyman Tailors, Local 74—Meets every second and fourth Monday evening in Union Hall, corner Second and Stark streets, third floor.
Sailors' Union of Pacific—Meets every Monday night at 23 North Front street.
Photographers and Engravers—Meets first Monday in each month in the engraving department, Oregonian Bldg., ninth floor.
Plumbers—Meets every Monday evening at 228 1/2 Yamhill street.
Stereotypers and Electrotypers, 48—Meets first Monday in each month at 250 Tenth street.
Street Railway Employees' Association, 18—Meets every first and third Monday in each month in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets, third floor.
Journeyman Barbers, Local 75—Meets every Monday evening at 230 1/2 Yamhill street.

TUESDAY.
Allied Printing Trades Council—Meets fourth Tuesday of each month, 300 Alisky Building, third and Morrison streets.
Bartenders' International League of America, Local 339—Meets every Tuesday, alternate afternoon and evening, at Bartenders' Hall, 264 1/2 Alder street.
Brotherhood of Book Binders, Local 90—Meets third Tuesday evening of each month in Alisky building, third floor, room 300.
Cigar Makers, 202—Meets every first and third Tuesday evening of each month Arion Hall, 228 1/2 Yamhill.
Journeyman Horseshoers, 75—Meets every first, second and third Tuesday evening of each month Plasterers' Hall, 127 First street.
Musicians' Mutual Protective Association—Meets first Tuesday afternoon of each month room 227 Chamber of Commerce.
Portland Printing Pressmen, 43—Meets every second Tuesday evening in the month in the Plasterers' Hall, 127 1/2 First street.
Team Drivers, 162—Meets every Tuesday evening in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets, third floor.

Retail Clerks No. 294—Meets every Tuesday evening at 162 Second St. Riggers, Liners, Ship Painters and Cleaners—Meets second Tuesday of each month in Alisky building, room 300.

WEDNESDAY.
Bricklayers' Union—Meets every Wednesday evening in Arion Hall, 228 1/2 Yamhill street.
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 125—Meets every Wednesday evening in Painters' Hall, 234 1/2 Morrison street.
Leatherworkers—Meets every Wednesday evening, 162 Second street, third floor. D. H. Williams, secretary. Address, 442 E. Eighth St.
Plasterers' Union, 321—Meets every Wednesday evening Plasterers' Hall, 127 First street.
Carpet Workers and Drapers, Local 110—Meets every Wednesday evening at 230 1/2 Yamhill street.

THURSDAY.
Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers, Local 15—Meets every second and fourth Thursday evenings in the month Engineers' Hall, 47 1/2 First.
Boiler Makers' Union—Meets every second and fourth Thursday evening at Arion Hall, 228 1/2 Yamhill street.
Longshoremen's Association, 265—Meets first and third Thursday evening in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets, third floor.
Coopers—Meets first and third Thursdays in each month, Bartenders' Hall, 264 1/2 Alder street.
Steam Engineers, Local 87—Meets every Thursday evening in Engineers' Hall, 47 1/2 First street.
Wood and Wire and Metal Lathers, Local 54—Meets every Thursday evening at 230 1/2 Yamhill street.
Theatrical Employees, Local 28—Meets every second and fourth Thursday in Marquam building at 2 P. M.
Brotherhood Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, Local 40—Meets every Thursday evening in Painters' Hall, 234 1/2 Morrison.

FRIDAY.
Machinists, Willamette Lodge No. 63—Meets every Friday evening at 162 Second street.
Federated Trades Council—Meets every Friday evening at 162 Second street.
Laundry Workers, Local 90—Meets every Friday evening in Plasterers' Hall, 127 1/2 First street.
United Garment Workers of America, Local 228—Meets every first and third Friday evening of each month in the Marquam building in Knights of Pythias Hall.
Hod Carriers and Building Laborers, 71—Meets every Friday evening in Painters' Hall, 234 1/2 Morrison.
Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local 50—Meets every Friday evening at Union Hall, Second and Stark streets, third floor.

SATURDAY.
Bakery and Confectionery Workers—Local 114—Meets every first and third Saturday, 6 o'clock p. m., at 228 1/2 Yamhill street.
Beer Drivers' and Bottlers', Local 201—Meets every first and third Saturday evening at Bartenders' Hall, 264 1/2 Alder street.
Brewers' Union—Meets every first and last Saturday evening in the month at 228 1/2 Yamhill street, Arion Hall.
Longshoremen's Association, 264—Meets every first and third Saturday evening in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets, third floor.
Stationary Firemen—Meets every first and third Saturday evenings in Musicians' Hall, 227 Chamber of Commerce.
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Meets every Saturday evening at 230 1/2 Yamhill street.
Shipwrights, Caulkers and Ship Joiners—Meets first and third Saturday evenings in Painters' Hall, 234 1/2 Morrison street.

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