

LABOR NOTES

In Russia the penalty for leading a strike is the same as that for rebellion.

Gardening is taught in nearly all the primary and elementary schools in England.

It has been found, in Switzerland, that, in building a railway, laborers could work only one-third as long at a height of 10,000 feet as at a mile lower.

Ten hours is now the legal work day in France. Four years ago it was 12 hours, but the law reduced it to a half-hour a day until the 10-hour limit was reached.

A school for locomotive engineer apprentices is established in Dresden, Germany. The course occupies three evenings a week and Sunday mornings for one year.

The seventh annual convention of the National Building Trades Council of America will convene in Sioux City, Ia., beginning Monday, September 12, 1904, at 10 a. m.

A compact has been formed between the machinists of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern roads which practically brings the workmen of both under one jurisdiction.

New Orleans has 10 negro labor unions numbering 11,000 men.

Retail clerks at Detroit are planning to start a club house with a restaurant in connection therewith.

In Denmark any person who, at the age of 21 years, pays to the state a sum of £6 10s is entitled, if he reaches the age of 65, to an annuity of £13. But if he dies before that age the money is forfeited.

The Wisconsin Federation of Labor is assisting striking paper mill employees in the Fox River Valley district in a plan to purchase a mill and operate it on the co-operative plan, with union paper makers.

Preliminary steps are being taken by the Amalgamated Leather Workers' Union towards the formation of a leather workers' federation, including the tanners and shoe workers, and the adoption of an allied label.

Public Printer Palmer has signed a contract with a type setting machine company for 46 machines to be delivered in 90 days to the government printing office at Washington. It is said the bunch of machines will cost about \$180,000.

At the late convention of the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers, held at Buffalo, N. Y., the monthly per capita tax was increased from 10 to 20 cents per member, and it was made compulsory for every member to subscribe for the official journal.

A workmen's co-operative company has been incorporated in San Francisco with a capital stock of \$50,000, of which \$1300 is already paid up. The purpose is to establish a general merchandise store where union conditions will prevail and where union men may trade.

A plan for a permanent defense fund has been adopted by the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor. This is to be collected from each organization affiliated with the State Federation at the rate of 25 cents each month for every 50 members. It will be submitted first to a referendum.

The Canadian Pacific has established at Montreal, Canada, a school for teaching stenography, typewriting and telegraphy, in which its employees will be instructed at a charge of \$2.00 per month for a term of six months, the money to be refunded at the completion of the course, if the pupil has attended 80 per cent of the classes.

A movement is on foot to start a national organization of colored waiters. At the recent convention of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Union it was decided to withdraw the charters of all colored unions and force the colored men to join white locals. This was decided on because it was charged that the colored men were irresponsible when placed in control of the union affairs.

A notice has been issued by the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers to subordinate unions to nominate a city for permanent headquarters. Each union has the privilege of selecting a city, but the nomination must be in by August 1. After nominations are closed each local union will be supplied with a list of cities nominated, and vote on same must be taken on or before November 15, 1904.

Maryland has a compulsory arbitration law and did not know it until several days after the legislature adjourned sine die. It is a drastic law, and its provisions for the legal settlement of strikes are considered ample. The fact that it had passed the legislature in the last day's rush of bills had escaped the attention of all but a very few persons, and not until it came to the governor and he gave it his approval did the fact become generally known.

Twelve hundred men at McCloud, Cal., returned to their work for the Scott-Van Arsdale Lumber Company at 7 o'clock last Saturday morning. Four hundred Italians who struck Monday morning, causing the entire plant to shut down, were given their old jobs without discrimination. Every concession the Italians asked has been granted. The best of feeling between the company and men now prevails, and there is not a single scar left because of the strike. The company granted the 10-hour day to all its men instead of granting 25 cents a day increase.

A monster meeting of members of the various railroad brotherhoods was held last Sunday at Columbia, Pa., an important freight traffic center of the Pennsylvania Railroad, to discuss the company's action in reducing the size of train crews. This action was vigorously denounced and it was decided to bring the grievance before the national officers of the various brotherhoods. The sentiment of the meeting was against a strike just now.

The Cigar Makers' Union and the American Tobacco Trust are having a legal battle in Rochester, N. Y., over infringement of the blue label upon goods manufactured by the latter.

Thirteen hundred Japanese laborers on the Oahu Sugar Company's plantation at Waipahu, near Honolulu, have gone on strike. They demanded first the discharge of the Japanese foreman, and the management agreed to transfer him to a Korean gang of workers. The strikers then made other demands. Many of the striking laborers have profit-sharing contracts. The crops have been poor on account of the ravages of the leaf-hopper, the workmen want their contracts annulled and they demand regular wages. The managers refused to accede to this proposal and began paying off all the strikers. Police from Honolulu have been sent under Officer Chillingworth.

As a result of a conference held July 20 between a committee from Bookbinders' Union, No. 31, and a committee representing the employers, an agreement was reached adjusting differences which had arisen over the restriction of apprentices in the shops by the union. The union agreed to modify its rules regarding apprentices so that the number of boys employed at padding and quarter-bound work would not be limited. A wage agreement was thereupon signed by the two committees with the modified rule as to apprentices incorporated therein. The compact is to run for a year from July 15. The conditions regarding wages and hours in force last year are maintained.

Sheet Metal Workers' Union, No. 104, of San Francisco, is considering plans for establishing a co-operative shop to provide employment for its members who were locked out by the employers on the water front. After 12 weeks of fighting it is said the union finds itself in stronger financial condition than at any time since the lockout was inaugurated. The union has just received a check for \$2500 from the international union for the support of the 45 men who are idle, and will receive \$3750 next week, with a promise of further assistance. The cause of the lockout was due to the refusal of certain shops to pay the union wage scale, which has been long in effect in the larger shops of San Francisco.

The Terre Haute Gazette, a vindictive Parry sheet that has made war on the Typographical Union for the greater part of its twenty-five years of existence, has gone out of existence, being merged with The Tribune, a strictly union paper. The owners, in throwing up the sponge, state frankly that they lost a great deal of money in fighting organized labor and that their attempts to conduct a co-operative enterprise to get the best of unions has been a failure. "The entire territory in which a Terre Haute paper must circulate," they say, "has become essentially a manufacturing and mining one, and it is so largely unionized as to make effective the boycott waged against The Gazette because it absolutely refuses to close its shop to all but union men."

HIRED UNION BAND.
George W. McBride, president of the Astoria Regatta Association, spent several days in Portland last week looking up special features for the event which takes place at Astoria next month. While here Mr. McBride secured the services of Brown's band. Other bands were persistent candidates for the job, but being no-union combinations Mr. McBride would not consider them, and employed Mr. Brown's aggregation of excellent union musicians. Astoria is well organized, and her citizens, instead of trying to destroy that which provides her workmen with better conditions, and giving them more money to spend at home, encourage her trades unions by such actions as has been made by Mr. McBride.

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Trade Union Directory

SUNDAY.
Photo Engravers, Local 31—Meets every first Sunday in month at 11 A. M. at 230½ 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 230½ 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, 264½ 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 228½ Yamhill street.
Stereotypers and Electrotypers, 48—Meets first Monday in each month at 250 Third 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 230½ 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, 264½ Alder street.
Brotherhood of Book Binders, Local 90—Meets third Tuesday evening of each month in Alisky building, third floor, room 300.
Cabinet Makers' Union, Amalgamated Woodworkers, No. 252—Meets every fourth Tuesday evening at Plasterers' Hall, 127½ First street. Secretary, Harry Burroughs, 692 Front street.
Cigar Makers, 202—Meets every first and third Tuesday evening of each month in Arion Hall, 228½ Yamhill.
Journeyman Horsehoers, 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, 127½ 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, 228½ Yamhill street.
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 128—Meets every Wednesday evening in Painters' Hall, 234½ Morrison street.
Leatherworkers—Meets every Wednesday evening, 162 Second street, third floor. D. H. Williams, secretary. Address, 442 E. Eighth St.
Plasterers' Union, 821—Meets every Wednesday evening Plasterers' Hall, 127 First street.
Ice Drivers and Helpers' Union, No. 316—Meets first and third Wednesday evenings at Bartenders' Hall, 264½ Alder street.
Carpet Workers and Drapers, Local 110—Meets every Wednesday evening at 230½ Yamhill street.

THURSDAY.
Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers, Local 15—Meets every second and fourth Thursday evenings in the month Engineers' Hall, 47½ First.
Boiler Makers' Union—Meets every second and fourth Thursday evening at Arion Hall, 228½ Yamhill street.
Longshoremen's Association, 265—Meets first and third Thursday evening in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets, third floor.
Coopers' Union—Meets first and third Thursday evenings at Bartenders' Hall, 264½ Alder street.
Steam Engineers, Local 87—Meets every Thursday evening in Engineers' Hall, 47½ First street.
Wood and Wire and Metal Lathers, Local 54—Meets every Thursday evening at 230½ 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 10—Meets every Thursday evening in Painters' Hall, 234½ 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, 127½ 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, 234½ 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 Saturdays, 6 o'clock p. m., at 228½ Yamhill street.
Beer Drivers and Bottlers, Local 201—Meets every first and third Saturday evening at Bartenders' Hall, 264½ Alder street.
Brewers' Union—Meets every first and last Saturday evening in the month at 228½ 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 230½ Yamhill street.
Shipwrights, Joiners and Caulkers, No. 12—Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in Engineers' Hall, 47½ First street.

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