

## 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., October 14, 1904.  
Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock, G. E. Shaver in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials—Plumbers, A. B. Leper, — Schults, — Campbell; Laborers, James Roycroft; Retail Clerks, J. E. Webber; Leather Workers, Henry Smith.

Communications and Bills—Communication from packing house employees of South Omaha asking for contributions to assist in caring for the families of a number of their members who were placed under arrest during the late strike; placed on file. From Retail Clerks Union, asking that the Hub, Third and Burnside streets, be placed on the unfair list for keeping open after 6 o'clock after having signed an agreement with the Clerks' Union to close at that hour; referred to the retail trades committee. Warrants were ordered drawn in payment of the following bills: Glass & Prudhomme Co., for 1000 envelopes, \$3.25; Oregonian Publishing Company, for publishing meeting notice, \$1.10; R. A. Harris, postage, \$1.

Reports of Committees—Labor Day committee made a partial report showing the celebration made about \$245 over and above all expenditures. Of this sum \$229 was turned over to the former treasurer of the Leather Workers' Union. Owing to the number of tickets that are outstanding still the committee are unable to make a full report; report received as progress. Organizing committee report that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction among the employees of the telephone company owing to a set of unreasonable rules adopted by the company for the government of the girls employed by them.

New Business—The Leather Workers having declared their strike off, a motion to remove from the unfair list the names of the manufacturing firms was carried. The chair appointed L. D. Crowder, Gales Downes and J. E. Webber to fill vacancies on the retail trades committee. Vice-President Williams being no longer a delegate to the Council, H. G. Parsons, of the Cigar Makers' Union, was unanimously chosen to fill that office.

Reports of Unions—Cooks' and Waiters' delegates report that their union will give a grand ball at the Arion Hall on Thanksgiving eve. Retail Clerks' delegates report that under existing circumstances they have given permission to several of the union stores in the vicinity of Third and Burnside streets, to keep their places open after 6 o'clock until such time as the difficulty with the Hub has been adjusted. Leather Workers' delegates report that only a few of their members are employed, the bosses appearing to have an agreement that only certain members shall be given work; they also report that they have engaged an expert to straighten out the books of their former secretary-treasurer. It is estimated that he is about \$1400 short in his accounts. The Leather Workers express thanks to the unions of the city for the assistance given them, and they ask that every union that contributed funds notify them of the amount. Plumbers' delegates report that their trouble with the Master Plumbers' Association is progressing favorably, they having been successful in unionizing several shops in the past few weeks. A list of union shops was read and they request that union members patronize these shops when in need of the services of a plumber.

The following receipts and disbursements were read:

Receipts—Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, \$9; Longshoremen, No. 265, \$9; Engineers, \$6; Sailors, \$6; Retail Clerks, \$9; Bricklayers, \$3; Team Drivers, \$3. Total, \$45.  
Disbursements, \$5.25.  
Meeting adjourned.

GRANT McDONALD, Sec.

#### BARBERS' UNION.

In view of the fact that Portland will soon be crowded with visitors to the Lewis and Clark Centennial and in order to accommodate the increased patronage which will naturally result, Local Union No. 75, J. B. I. U. of A., at a regular meeting held October 17, selected a committee of thirteen to perfect and draft amend-

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ments to the by-laws of the union in accordance with plans which had been under consideration by the organization for some months past, but which had been held in abeyance until after the adjournment of the national convention and the return home of the delegates.

At a special meeting held October 18, 1904, the report of the committee on resolutions were read and adopted:

"Resolved, That all journeymen barbers, members of Local No. 75, working in the City of Portland, Oregon, shall not work more than ten and one-half hours in any one day excepting Saturday, when thirteen hours shall constitute the day's work. The wages to remain the same as guaranteed at present. The hours for journeymen on holidays shall be from 7:30 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon. Bosses of union shops are permitted to regulate the opening and closing of their respective places of business. Journeymen running shops shall have the same privilege as employers. Apprentices working in union shops shall not work longer than the hours of journeymen. These regulations shall go into effect Monday, October 24, 1904.

"H. A. THOOLENS, Pres.  
"T. M. LEABO, Sec."

The above conclusions were reached at the regular and special meeting of the union last Monday and Tuesday evenings, which is the culmination of a plan that has been under consideration by the union for sometime.

T. M. Leabo, secretary of Local 75, returned from the Louisville, Ky., convention last Tuesday evening, in time to attend the special meeting. He reports that the convention was the biggest success that the organization has known in its history. There were 635 delegates in attendance, and the session lasted from October 4 to the 8th. Many questions of great importance to the organization was raised and disposed of upon the termination of vigorous debate. The constitution was attacked in a number of places and amended, which will unquestionably result in benefit to the craft.

Following are the most important amendments to the constitution passed by the convention:

Time of holding convention changed from every three years to five, and the representation cut down to about two-thirds of what it has been heretofore.

Delegates to the international convention to get an increase of \$1.00 per day—from \$3.00 per day and expenses to \$4.00.

The number of funds kept up by the per capita tax was reduced to three, as follows: Fifteen per cent to go to the general expense and organizing fund; 15 per cent to the sick and death benefit fund; and 5 per cent to the convention fund.

Instead of allowing \$60.00 for death benefits for a member, the law now provides: Members from six months to a year in good standing, \$60.00; from one to two years, \$75.00; two to five years, \$100.00; five to ten years, \$200.00; ten to fifteen years, \$350.00; all over fifteen years, \$500.00. Where a member drew sick benefits for sixteen weeks before, they are now allowed benefits for twenty weeks.

The organization system has been so changed that members in towns too small to hold a charter can affiliate with the nearest city barbers' union.

Instead of a finance committee being appointed to examine the books of the general secretary-treasurer immediately prior to the convention, the general president is instructed to appoint such committee to expert the books each year.

Where the international heretofore objected to union shop cards being displayed in the windows of the shops, it now permits the card to be exhibited anywhere within the interior of the shop. This law goes into effect after January 1, 1905.

Arrangements were made and \$10,000 was appropriated for the publication of an official journal, which is to be established somewhere on the Pacific Coast. It is to bear the title of "Journeyman Barber." It will be published under the exclusive management and direction of W. E. Klapetzky, former secretary-treasurer. The barbers at one time had an official journal, which was a very creditable publication, but it has been suspended for more than a year on account of the illness of Mr. Klapetzky, who was acting as publisher.

The next convention will be held at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1909.

The election of officers resulted as follows: General president, F. X. Neschang, Albany, N. Y.; first vice-president, T. M. Leabo, Portland, Or.; second vice-president, Jno. Young, Louisville, Ky.; third vice-president, J. J. Delaney, Massachusetts; fourth vice-president, E. N. Compton, St. Thomas, Ont.; general organizer, D. Hubble, Cleveland, Ohio; general secretary-treasurer, Jacob Fischer, Indianapolis, Ind. W. E. Klapetzky was unanimously chosen general adviser.

#### COOKS' & WAITERS' ALLIANCE.

Local 189 is still progressing, not over fast, but still on the go. Only a few of our members being on the unemployed list.

Our latest move is a grand annual ball to be given on Thanksgiving eve in the Arion hall, Second and Oak streets, the proceeds to be devoted towards furnishing our headquarters.

We have engaged an orchestra of seven pieces, under the leadership of Mr. Sam Driscoll, the popular leader of the Marquam Grand orchestra. Mr. Driscoll's name is a guarantee of the excellence of the music.

We are going to give an excellent ball supper at 25c a head, that will be a credit to our culinary workers.

A novel departure in ball program will be presented to the sandwiching of vaudeville acts between dances.

All in all our ball will be second to none and is already being looked forward to by a goodly number of Portland people. Admission will be 50c, which includes a gentleman with two ladies.

Our headquarters, 287 Salmon St., is the scene of lively and strenuous times, we having invited the striking telephone operators to make it their headquarters. The girls are most enthusiastic in the cause of unionism and deserve the hearty co-operation of all friends of organized labor. No. 189 will certainly do all we can for them.  
GEALE DOWNES,  
Business Agent.

#### BAKERS' UNION.

The awarding of the cash prizes by the Bakers' Union last Saturday, at their headquarters at 228½ Yamhill street, was pulled off as advertised. The names of the individuals who turned in the most labels, and the amount in cash prizes received, are as follows:

##### Restaurants, Hotels and Boarding Houses.

Hotel Zur Rheinphalz, corner Front and Madison streets, A. J. Hass, proprietor, labels turned in, 2196; prize, \$10.00.

Holstom Hotel, 491 Railroad street., Mrs. Holstom, proprietress, 518 labels; prize, \$7.00.

##### Private Purchasers.

Mrs. Mary E. Ensminger, 344 East Ankeny, 976 labels; first prize, \$10.00.

Mrs. Chas. Williams, 54 Union avenue, 859 labels; second prize, \$5.00.

A. Smart, 411 Montgomery street, 467 labels; third prize, \$5.00.

Henkel & Kampe, 354 East Burnside, 351 labels; fourth prize, \$5.00.

Mrs. Groeger, 10 East Tenth street N., 275 labels; fifth prize, \$3.00.

Miss Gladys Robinson, 935 Williams avenue, 191 labels; sixth prize, \$3.00.

Mrs. J. C. Wangeman, 185 Sherman street, 103 labels; seventh prize, \$3.00.

Mrs. C. H. Gram, 923 Grand avenue, 58 labels; eighth prize, \$2.50.

J. A. Madsen, 306 Couch, 46 labels; ninth prize, \$2.50.

The above list means that 6040 loaves of bread have been purchased that bear the union label. This is but the beginning of the campaign commenced by the Bakers' Union to induce the purchasing public to patronize the goods made by the bakeries that have signed contracts with the union.



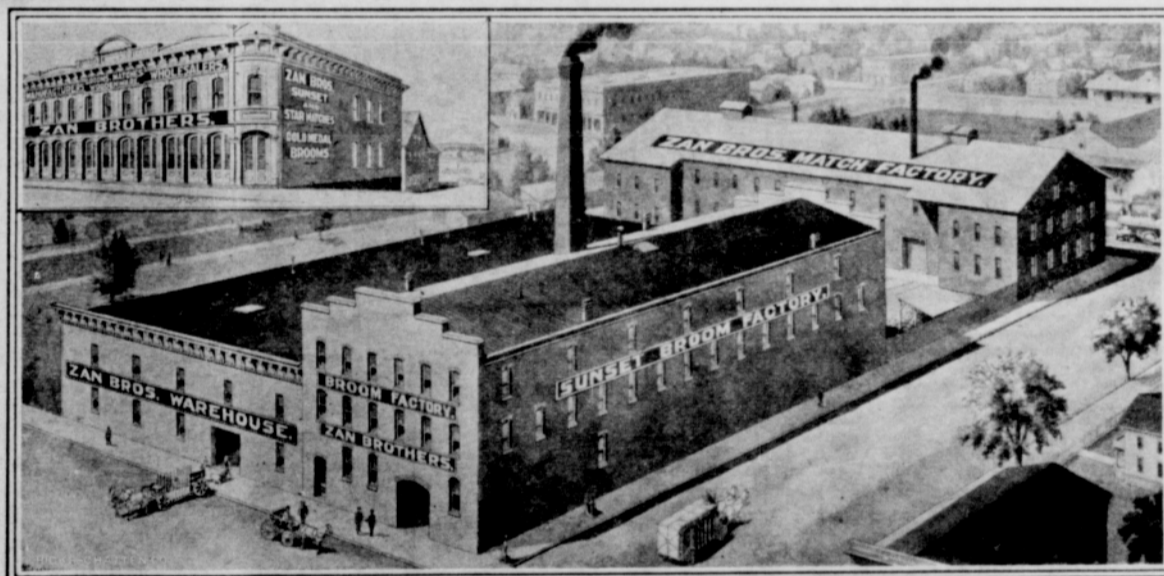
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