

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, Ore., July 14, 1905.

Meeting called to order by President Arthur Purdy.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials—Beerdrivers and Bottlers, H. Jenne, C. Schmidt, H. Lamere; Carpenters and Joiners, W. Wells; Bartenders, Geo. Vollum.

Communications and Bills—Communication from Y. M. C. A. extending an invitation to the members of the Council to attend a meeting to be presided over by Prof. Graham Taylor, of Chicago, on next Sunday afternoon; invitation accepted and as many of the delegates as can be requested to attend. From International Union of Teamsters acknowledging receipt of \$5 donated by the Grainhandlers Union of this city; placed on file. From A. F. of L. relative to the invitation extended John Mitchell of the Mine Workers to attend the conferences to be held in this city during the summer; filed. From John Mitchell stating that it will be impossible for him to attend the conferences to be held in this city; filed. From A. F. of L. relative to the controversy existing between the Sailors and the Longshoremen; filed. From International Broom Makers Union, asking that the organizing committee of the Council be instructed to look after the local union of Broom Makers; referred to the organizing committee. From Musicians Union explaining why their committee failed to attend the meeting with the representative of the Italian Band and the committee from the Council; referred to the committee having the matter in hand. From Painters Union protesting against the action of the Drivers and Brewery Workmen in not reporting to the Council that a non-union concern was doing the painting on the brewery building; referred for an explanation to the Brewers and Drivers Unions. The bill for \$12 for hall rent was read and referred to the auditing committee.

At this time a committee from the Woman's Suffrage League asked for and was granted the privilege of the floor; they ask that the members of the Council assist them in securing signatures to their petitions to bring the woman's suffrage question to a referendum vote; action was deferred until order of new business was reached.

Reports of Committees—Mrs. Ross, the delegate to the Woman's Suffrage convention reports having attended two of the meetings and having met with a very hearty and cordial reception. Labor Day committee report having met and organized on last Tuesday evening. They recommend that the day be celebrated with a picnic and no parade, and that no intoxicating liquors be sold on the grounds; report approved. Auditing committee report favorably on the bill for hall rent and a warrant was ordered drawn in payment of same. Committee on Convict Labor Contract report having prepared petitions for circulation.

New Business—Under this head the request of the Woman's Suffrage League was taken up and after thorough discussion it was moved and seconded to endorse the movement and instruct the delegates to circulate the petition for signatures to bring the matter to a referendum vote. Motion that the matter be laid on the table until next Friday at nine o'clock; carried. Motion that the secretary be instructed to circulate the poems purchased from Bro. Jones among the delegates free of charge; carried.

Dr. Hill reports that this will be the last meeting that he will be able

to attend as this concludes the term for which he was elected. Motion that the Council extend an invitation to Dr. Hill to attend the meetings of the Council whenever he is able to do so; carried.

Delegate from the Cooks and Waiters Union extends an invitation to the delegates to attend a smoker to be held by his union at 162 Second street, on next Tuesday evening; invitation accepted and delegates are urged to attend. There being no further business the following receipts and disbursements were reported: Receipts, \$3; Team Drivers, \$3; Painters, \$3. Total, \$9. Disbursements, \$12.

Meeting adjourned.

GRANT McDONALD, Secretary.

AUXILIARY MEETS.

The July meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Typographical Union was held in Hall 300, Alisky building, the second Tuesday of the month—the first Tuesday being the Fourth. With few exceptions, the usual number were present. Interesting discussions were had on various topics and a recess called to allow members to pay the regular quarterly dues to the treasurer. After the business of the evening was disposed of ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. Fulton, president, and Mrs. Jones, secretary-treasurer, were the hostesses for the occasion. Mrs. O. W. Athey and Mrs. J. W. Green were appointed to prepare refreshments for the next meeting, Tuesday evening, August 1.

WAITRESSES GET INCREASE.

By a clever ruse the dozen pretty waitresses at Hall's Restaurant on Fourth street succeeded last Tuesday in having their wages increased during the summer months. Portland has no Waitresses' Union, but the young women who attend to the wants of Hall's hungry patrons decided that they were in numbers aplenty to enforce a demand for an increased salary.

The young women argued that during the Exposition their duties have much increased, and while the proprietor is compelled to work overtime to take in the large amount of money that is passed over the cashier's desk, the hardworking waitresses must be content with the same old eight dollars a week of ordinary quiet times.

The girls waited quietly until the busiest time of the day to carry out their plans. When tables began to fill with patrons they refused point blank to carry an order until the proprietor promised an increase of \$2 for each of the fair ones. Hall was "up for the fight" it, and gracefully capitulated. By a little organizing and united effort the girls will now draw ten dollars a week while the Fair is open.

COOKS AND WAITERS' SMOKER.

Cooks and Waiters' Local No. 189 held full sway last Tuesday evening within the cool and shady precincts of Drew's Hall. The occasion was a most enjoyable smoker given by the union to its members and friends. An excellent program was rendered by some of the boys, who are known to possess much talent in the entertaining line. Many professional people from the different local theaters volunteered their services for the evening and helped to make the affair one to be remembered by the boys of Local 189.

The following program was given:

Overture.

Song—"Selected," Geale Downes.

Song—"Asthere," A. Neale (Empire Theater).

Duet—"Selected," Butler & Angel.

Song—"When We Go on the Trail," Lynton Athey (Empire Theater).

Zeyss—Contortionist.

Instrumentalists—Butler, Angel & Co.

Song—"The Gray Haired Pioneer," Joe Thompson (Lyric Theater).

Musical selection—T. Friege & F. Turner (Lyric Theater).

Song—"My School Mate Johnnie and I," Thos. Ray (Lyric Theater).

Miscellaneous—Volunteers.

Will Continue Strike.

Both the railway express drivers and the department store drivers of Chicago have voted to continue the struggle. Union leaders predicted that the teamsters strike would be prolonged until after the convention of the International Brotherhood of

Teamsters, which opens in Philadelphia August 7.

Department store drivers decided by an almost unanimous vote to continue the strike, after they were informed that the railway express drivers had taken similar action. The railway express drivers' vote resulted in a count of 163 for war and 121 for peace. There are more than 700 members in the organization, and the light vote that was cast was due, it is said, to the fact that nearly half the members of the union have obtained employment in other lines. Others who have become indifferent remained away from the polls.

The frequently deferred plan of Mayor Dunne to take policemen off the wagons of the firms affected by the teamsters' strike went into effect last Monday in the business district. About 500 policemen were returned to ordinary duties. For a time the business streets and crossings will be guarded by additional policemen. Specially guarded routes to all freight stations will be taken by wagons of the strike-affected firms. As a preliminary to the change, the police on wagons in the business district have for a week been in plain clothes, instead of uniforms.

THE OFFICE DOG RETURNS.

George K. McCord, manager of the Labor Press and office slave to the handsome editor, has returned from an extended visit in the wilds of Southern Washington. The manager spent nineteen days in the jungle near the base of Mount St. Helens, in the interest of this paper and to great discomfort and annoyance of the trout in the nearby streams. He says he discovered a new species of trout, nearly three feet long, but the doctor thinks he will recover.

Ready to Strike.

The authorization of a strike of telegraphers and station agents on the Northern Pacific has been formally announced to employees in a circular issued by President H. B. Perham, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers and the general committee. The circular states that a strike will be ordered unless the company settles with the committee, and contains full directions as to the conduct of the men.

"When you are notified by your local chairman that the strike is on, you will turn your board red, set your semaphores at danger, whether you have train orders on hand or not, so, if trains proceed, they will do so at their own risk. Also cut out your telegraph instruments. Every precaution possible should be taken to insure the safety of the traveling public as well as the property of the company."

The circular also states that the Great Northern Railway will not be allowed to handle traffic that the Northern Pacific cannot handle on account of its striking telegraphers.

The telegraphers' committee has resumed conference with General Manager H. J. Horn, of the Northern Pacific, and with General Manager F. E. Ward, of the Great Northern. These conferences are expected to continue several days before any final adjustment or disagreement results.

The employees are making demand upon officials of the two companies for additional pay for Sunday and overtime work that would amount to a material increase of pay. Those of the Northern Pacific are also making an effort to have F. A. Browne, formerly operator at Rathdrum, Idaho, and general chairman for the order; H. C. Carlson, general secretary of the order, and C. C. Turner, of the Spokane relay office, who have been discharged from service of the railroad, reinstated. The conferences also have other matters at issue and are considered of much significance by the telegraphers, though the differences are not of an acute character.

How to Spoil the Trust Game.

A Pittsburgh dispatch says the American Tobacco Company, which makes a specialty of manufacturing scab tobacco and cigars, has gobbled up the largest independent snuff concern in the country and will now have an absolute monopoly in that line of tobacco. An effort is being made to absorb the big Pollock stogie factory in Wheeling, which would also give the octopus practically a monopoly in that branch of the tobacco business. If the workers would demand the union label upon tobacco and cigars more generally, says the Cleveland (Ohio) Free Citizen, the trust would not be able to drive out competitors

who pay decent wages. But who can buck a concern that has millions and makes more millions because it pays beggarly wages to women and children? Those who purchase trust products are helping the trust to enslave labor.

Will Not Employ Union Labor.

Attempts to unionize the crews of the shingle mills in Olympia, Wash., have been met by an agreement signed by four mill owners today to employ no union labor. As a result of the agreement, one mill is running short-handed and another has shut down.

The mills have been "open" since the labor troubles of last year, when Japanese workmen were employed for a time in one of the mills. Threats of other mills to employ Japanese at that time caused a disorganization of the union and a return to white labor.

Trouble is also on in the shingle mills of the Aberdeen district. The fight is being precipitated by the lumber companies against labor unions in the shingle industry.

Want to Rest on Sunday.

Salesmen employed in retail stores on the lower East Side, New York City, who, year in and year out, work from 14 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week, have determined to form an organization with the object of compelling the police to enforce the Sunday closing law. They will ask that a special detail of police be assigned each Sunday to arrest their employers if they open their stores. A majority of the employers, it is claimed, who are now forced by competition to keep open seven days a week, would be glad to have the law enforced.

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COOLIES MUST STAY OUT.

Samuel Gompers Tells of His Interview With President.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, expressed himself as being pleased with the interview he had with President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay on Wednesday, July 12, on the subject of the meaning of the President's Chinese exclusion order.

"We found the President in thorough accord with the views of organized labor on the admission of coolies," said Mr. Gompers, "and in a very little while came to understand that the President is as strong as ever in favor of the existing laws excluding this class of Chinamen from this country. In his frank and fearless manner he said that the coolies must not come to America. The reason of our call on the President was that many persons had come to believe that the President had directed the immigration officials to show leniency to the coolies as well as to the exempt classes. It will not take us long now to straighten them out on this score."

Mr. Gompers was asked about the prospects of the labor question on the Panama canal.

"That is a serious problem," he replied, "and I am in no position to talk about it."

"Do you feel, many persons do, that the unskilled labor employed on the canal will be Chinese?"

"The Chinese laborers must stay out of the United States," said Mr. Gompers with great emphasis. "That is the law and the law must be enforced."

"How about Japanese labor?" he was asked.

"There is no law against Japanese labor yet," was the terse reply of the labor leader.

In pursuing its campaign for the union label, the San Francisco Labor Council will issue a circular letter to every householder urging the patronage of the union label goods.

Booker T. Washington, the negro clergyman, in a public address at Montclair, N. J., on July 4, advocated the admission to the United States of Chinese laborers.

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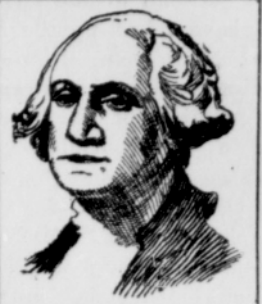
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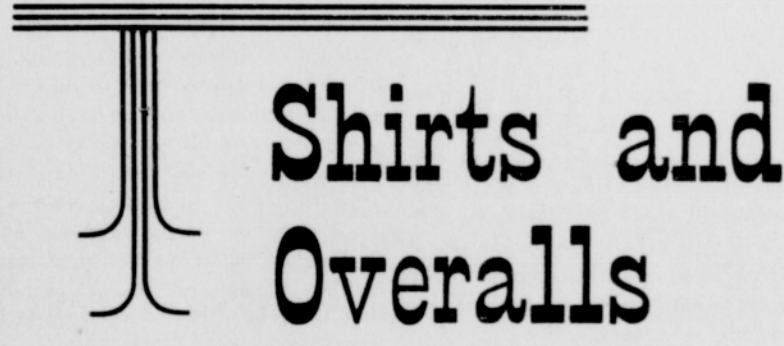
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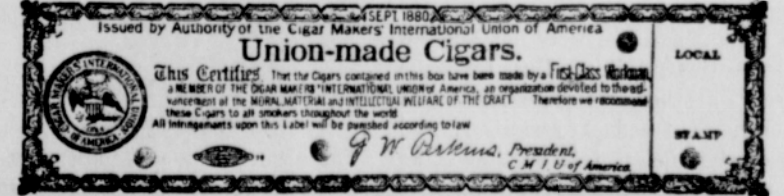
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