

STRENGTH OF UNIONS

ORGANIZED LABOR EMBRACES ONE-SIXTH OF POPULATION ELIGIBLE TO MEMBER-SHIP.

According to the statistics compiled by the United States Department of Labor, the ratio of unionists to population in the United States is 1 to 23. On its face this ratio does not look well for organized labor. But when analyzed it looks much better. The population figures include every man, woman and child in the country. A fair estimate would allow one male adult old enough to belong to a union for each family or group of five persons. This would give one unionist in six of those eligible as to age. Now, remember that more than half of the men of the country are engaged in agriculture, merchandising or the professions, and you will see that the union showing is rather good than bad.

Woman's Label League.

The League held its regular session Thursday evening and had to meet a very unpleasant problem—such difficulties as are bound to arise in any organization.

The application of a very desirable person was received, which was indorsed by worthy members, and which represented a person who at present was following a calling that has a permanent organization (although this was not the regular occupation of the applicant). Now, a section of our by-laws, which was copied from the international constitution, forbids us to accept any one under such conditions. A heated discussion followed which was ended by the withdrawal of the application.

Personally I believe that clause a great hindrance to our growth and as a strong majority are likewise convinced. I hope we may take legal steps to have it eliminated. Meanwhile I would ask ALL members to remember the wise saying of one of our great leaders, "Without difficulties there could be no success. Difficulties develop fiber, resolution, resources—the victory worth the boasting comes after many struggles, after many perils, after many defeats." And another leader who says, "Difficulties and dangers are new incentives to action. Defeats do not discourage, but rather give new wisdom wherewith to circumvent and conquer opposing forces."

The Tuesday afternoon socials have already proven to be a grand success and it is to be hoped every lady shall be found at these meetings when circumstances allow. At these gatherings you can see the wives, mothers, or sisters (or the wage-earner herself) representing the following callings: Cooks and Waiters, Teamdrivers, Typographical Workers, Carpenters, Cigarmakers, Brickmasons, Plumbers, Bartenders, Clerks, Seamstresses, Teachers, Garment Workers, Railroaders, etc., where no differences can be found as to apparel, social courtesy, or common sense; where each lady realizes this world as a great workshop full of common interest for us all, for nature makes no mistakes and has endowed each with latent powers that are inexhaustible, for as we step, on higher plains and hold others to the same, we are stimulated to broader and nobler actions. The first meeting was held at Sister Brown's; the second at Sister Mack's and the next, February 12, at Sister O'Brien's, 445 Fourth street. All are invited.

MRS. A. BONTIAM, Sec'y.

Why?

Mr. Editor: Following are a few questions which I wish would be answered through the columns of the Labor Press:

Why should the wage-earner ask for wages more than sufficient to pay his living expenses?

Why should the wage-earner organize? The bankers, insurance men, real estate dealers, railroad interests, telephone and telegraph companies, and am I not right in saying that the express companies are all organized that they may establish a price for their product? The newspapers, all commercial interests, the middle men, i. e., the commission merchant, the wholesale as well as the retail dealers in every branch of industry, the manufacturer of every utensil, machine and hundreds of divers commodities are organized, leaving only the wage-earner unorganized; and why should we organize?

The old slave was the freest from care of any one on earth; they had only to work while the sunlight lasted; all the necessities were provided for them by the care-worn slave owner. Is it not the same today with the white slave? Why should we

complain? The present slaveholder, while he provides no food or shelter, yet his care-worn mind is taxed to its utmost in figuring thus—giving an organized business man's liberal allowance for the wage-earner and his wife: Rent, per month \$15, \$180; meat and groceries, per month, \$15, \$180; light, per month, \$2, \$24; fuel, per month, \$4, \$48; car fare, per month, \$2.40, \$28.80; bargain clothes, per year, \$92; total, \$552.80.

To make whole time he allows that this amount must be earned in nine months, or 224 days. He must, therefore, pay his help at least \$2.33 1-3 per day, but that he may show his wonderful spirit of liberality and that his dear friend in whom he has a personal interest may live in luxury and lay by a penny for a rainy day, he will pay 25 cents per hour, or \$2.50 per day. Why should we ask for more?

Why should the wage-earner organize, while so liberal a benefactor has taken upon himself the interest of the general public? This care-worn agent of monopoly has spent his valuable time in delving into statistics that he may furnish to all throughout the length and breadth of our land this valuable estimate of living expenses.

When the value of our labor has been established by 5 per cent of the entire population of our Nation, why should we who represent only 95 per cent of the same people, question the ability of such a brilliant body of mathematicians?

What right have we to place an estimate upon the value of our own labor? or organize for its protection?

Does not this elect body estimate that they must not allow us to suffer too much? If their estimate is too small have they, not provided that our wives shall obtain work in the sweat shops that they may assist us in meeting our bills?

What if we are unable to support and educate our children? Have they not provided apartment houses to employ all such? And have not the city fathers in their wisdom provided and protected by law the red light district that all may find support?

But why should we complain? How can the mill owners pay 20 per cent semi-annually on their stock and pay more than \$1.75 per day for their labor? Should we not be more considerate for these care-worn model examples of true American citizenship?

If we have reason to complain from what source may we expect adjustment? May all express their opinion on these questions.

HUGH NELSON.

UNFAIR LIST.

Dayton Typographical Union No. 57.

Dayton, Ohio, February, 1907. To the Members of Organized Labor: Greeting: We take this opportunity of asking the co-operation of sister unions in the fight for the eight-hour day, for which members of Dayton Typographical Union No. 57 have been fighting for the last sixteen months. We present herewith a list of offices that are now fighting us in the city of Dayton, Ohio:

NATIONAL CASH REGISTER CO.—Distributors of the N. C. R. for storekeepers, for groceries, for cafes, and all branches of business; supplies for cash registers, checks, order slips for hotels, checks for restaurants, K. & W. circulars, and all other printed matter that goes with cash registers.

UNITED BROTHERS PUBLISHING HOUSE.—Publishers of religious Telescopes, The Watchword, Friend for Boys and Girls, U. B. Review, and other Sunday school literature of the U. B. church. Lesson leaves and supplies for Sunday schools, Epworth League etc. Also, a general line of job printing such as catalogues, blank books, etc.

REYNOLDS & REYNOLDS COMPANY.—Doing a line of duplicate order blanks, pocket memorandums, theme tablets, composition tablets, and a general line of work. This firm does business all through the United States, and makes a specialty of the tablets and duplicate order blanks.

WESTERN PRINTING CO.—Publishers of catalogues, brochures, magazines etc. Also, a general business in the job line.

GIELE & PFLAUM.—Publishers of Young Catholic Messenger, and general line of work. The Young Catholic Messenger is distributed widely throughout the U. S. and goes into the homes of Catholics. Let all your Catholic friends know of its unfairness. Any favors along this line will be appreciated.

DAYTON BLANK BOOK & PRINTING CO.—This firm makes a specialty of political work for all sections of the country surrounding Dayton, such as election tickets, registration books, poll books, tax duplicates, etc. Let your political friends

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GRONEWEG PRINTING COMPANY.—Lodge work, such as annual reports of the Odd Fellows' and Masonic Orders. Fraternity men can do a whole lot of good by bringing this firm to the attention of their brothers.

We respectfully ask that this circular be read at the regular meeting of your union, and that it be brought to the attention of the Central body if there is one in your city. Thanking you for the anticipated courtesy, and with best wishes, we remain,

DAYTON TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION, No. 57, 51 Louis Block, Dayton, Ohio.

An Opinion Worth Considering.

Organized labor is necessary to man, it is necessary to peace and the prosperity of the country. Labor is merchandise that will not keep. In its individual capacity it is helpless and must take what it can get. It cannot go to another market, for when it leaves home the wife and children are in need.

Individual labor is subject to the laws of supply and demand, because it can't wait. In its united capacity it is strong—not strong in wrong, because labor has no desire to do wrong to capital or to conditions. It has too much brains.—Governor Frazier of Tennessee.

A FAIR STARCH.

At the solicitation of the Women's Union Label League of Portland, Monarch Gloss Starch and Royal Corn Starch have been placed in many grocery stores in our city and it now becomes the duty of union purchasers to create a demand for those starches.

Let every union man and woman demand the Monarch and the Royal when making purchases of their grocer. These goods are fair to organized labor, as you will see by reference to the label on the cartons—the Allied Printers' Label appearing on every label.

Endorsement.

The Executive Board of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, at its regular meeting on the 5th inst., endorsed the Labor Party and its principles.

The Board appointed the first Monday in each month as the regular meeting time of the Executive Board, meetings to open at 7:30 P. M.

UNSOUND THINKING.

By the Rev. Charles Stedman.

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My text is a comforting one. As there are so many men who know so much that isn't so about religion, science and economics, it is a great thing to have a clear, unquestioned opinion concerning any one of those subjects. A single fact is better than a thousand theories. Furthermore, one who has a single fact to build upon, is in a fairer way to increase his knowledge than he whose knowledge is built upon lay, stubble and grass.

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Trade Union Directory

Following will be found a directory of Portland unions, giving the name, time and place of meeting, and wherever possible for the Labor Press to ascertain the name and address of the secretary. Secretaries will confer a favor upon the Labor Press by notifying the management of errors or changes in this list:

SUNDAY.
Shingle Weavers' Union No. 58—Every Sunday, 2 p. m. Fulton.
Photo-Engravers Union—Eleven o'clock first Sunday, Room 214, Goodnough Building, Geo. Handley, Oregonian.
Railway Freight Handlers—Second and fourth Sunday, 2 p. m., Drew Hall, P. McDonald, 162 Second.
Typographical, No. 58—First Sunday after Easter, U. W. Hall, Selling-Hirsch Building, Geo. A. V. Journal.

MONDAY.
Building Laborers—Every Monday evening, Bartenders' Hall, 164 1/2 Alder street. M. J. Conroy, 264 1/2 Alder.
Carriage and Wagon Workers—First and third Tuesday evenings, Drew Hall, Robert Ewing, 327 Morris.
Cigar Makers—Second Monday, Drew Hall, W. H. Fitzgerald, 162 Second.
Electricians, No. 125 (Line Men)—Every Monday night, Drew Hall, W. S. Jenkins, 248 E. Thirty-fourth.
Pattern Makers—First and third Monday, Drew Hall.
Plumbers—Every Monday evening, Arion Hall.
Sailors—Every Monday night, 7:30, No. 40 Union avenue, L. W. Paul.
Shipwrights and Caulkers—Every second and fourth Monday, Drew Hall.
Structural Building Trades Alliance—Every Monday night at 12:15, Room 106, at 1 o'clock p. m. F. E. Newberger.
Web Pressmen—First Monday, Room 214 Goodnough Building.

TUESDAY.
Bartenders' League, No. 339, in Bartenders' hall, 264 1/2 Alder street, every 1st and 3d Tuesday night, and every 2d and 4th Tuesday afternoon.
Blacksmiths and Helpers Union—Every second and fourth Tuesday, Drew Hall.
Blind Women's Union, No. 112—First Tuesday evening, 162 Second street.
Bookbinders, No. 52—Third Tuesday, Room 209 Drew Building, E. J. Sonnenburg, box 3 Woodlawn.
Carpenters' Union, No. 54—Every Tuesday evening, 86 Tenth, R. F. Robson, 86 N. Tenth.
Cooks and Waiters Union—Every Tuesday evening, 123 1/2 First, C. Frederick.
Locomotive Engineers—First and third Tuesday at 11 a. m., Drew Hall.
Musicians—First Tuesday afternoon at No. 162 Second. Board meets every Tuesday afternoon at same place, Room 106, at 1 o'clock p. m. F. E. Newberger.
Painters—Every Tuesday evening, Drew Hall, L. N. Dolyns.
Sheet Metal Workers—First and third Tuesday, Drew Hall, Ira S. Hill, 1149 E. Main.
Teamdrivers' Union, Local 162—Every Tuesday night, Union Hall, Second and Stark, W. J. Rogers, 1508 Northrup.

WEDNESDAY.
Allied Printing Trades Council—Second Wednesday evening, 214 Goodnough Building.
Bricklayers' Union—Every Wednesday evening, Arion Hall, 228 1/2 Yamhill, Chas. Stokes, Box 228.
Grainhandlers, Local 263—Every Wednesday evening at Davis Hall, corner Russell and Franklin, L. L. Ray, 120 Sellwood.
Leatherworkers—Every Wednesday evening, 162 Second, third floor, Manley Davis, 214 Union avenue.
Messenger Boys' Protective Union—Every Wednesday night, Drew Hall, Cecil E. Messinger, 344 E. Seventh, N.
Plasters' Union, 821—Every Wednesday evening, Plasters' Hall, 264 1/2 Alder.
Riggers and Shipbuilders, No. 329—First Wednesday evening in month, Hall 306, Alley Building, Henry Arndt, 248 Burnside.
Stereotypers and Electrotypes, 48—First Wednesday evening, Room 214, Goodnough Building, Frank Lund, Journal.
Street Railway Employees—Every Wednesday, Drew Hall.
Journymen Tailors' Union, No. 74—Second and fourth Wednesday, Union Hall, Second and Stark, J. M. Bendroth, Box 122.

THURSDAY.
Barbers' Second and Fourth Thursday evening, 162 Second, T. M. Leabo, secretary, 167 1/2 First; phone, Pacific 1501.
Women's Union Label League—Every Thursday night in Hall 302, Drew Building, 162 Second street.
Buller Makers' Union—Second and fourth Thursday evening, Arion Hall 228 1/2 Yamhill.
Coopers' Union—First and third Thursday evening, Bartenders' Hall, 264 1/2 Alder.
Garment Workers—First and third Thursday evening, 162 Second.
Longshoremen's Association, 265—First and third Thursday evening, Union Hall, Second and Stark, third floor.
Printing Pressmen, Local 45—First Thursday, 127 1/2 First, W. H. Gerdes, American Type Foundry Co.
Retail Clerks Union—First and third Thursday, Drew Hall, Geo. Rodner, Lion Clothing Co.
Theatrical Employees, Local 26—Second and fourth Thursday, 228 1/2 Yamhill, C. M. Campbell, Star Theatre.
Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers Union—Thursday evening, Lathers' Hall, 218 1/2 First.

FRIDAY.
Building Trades Alliance—Friday night, 86 Tenth.
Carpet Workers, Local 8—Friday evening, 230 1/2 Yamhill, H. C. Brown, 453 Florence.
Electrical Workers, No. 317—Friday, Drew Hall, J. L. Crockwell, box 644.
Federated Trades Council—Friday evening, Union Building, Second and Stark.
Machinists, Willamette Lodge, No. 63—Friday evening, 162 Second, W. A. Dalzell, 1604 E. Yamhill.

SATURDAY.
Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 114—First and third Saturdays, 6 o'clock p. m., 228 1/2 Yamhill, A. Dupuis, 293 Burnside.
Beer Drivers and Bottlers—First and third Saturday, Drew Hall, G. C. Goldenberg, 811 Kelley.
Brewers' Union—Second and fourth Saturday evening, 228 1/2 Yamhill, Arion Hall, Otto Kulka, box 171.
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Saturday evening, 230 1/2 Yamhill.
Stationary Firemen—First and third Saturday evening, Musicians' Hall, 227 Charles of Commerce, James Roberts, 584 Pettaverve.
Longshoremen, Local 261—At call of president, Hibbard Hall, Second and Stark.
Hush Pitch, 27 N. Front.
Steam Engineers—Every Saturday night in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street, C. H. Powers, Secretary.

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