

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Portland, Ore., April 5th, 1907.

Portland Federated Trades Council held regular meeting in Drow Hall this date. President McKenzie in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read, corrected and adopted as corrected.

Communications and Bills — A communication from Samuel Gompers, president A. F. of L., was read and acted upon. On motion, Bro. Pitschke, in this connection was recommended as the proper person to be appointed organizer for this district.

Communication from cigarmakers of York, Pa., was read and placed on file.

Communication from Samuel Gompers, relative to the Russian delegation's coming to Portland was placed on file.

Minutes of Building Trades alliance were read and filed.

Communication from Japanese and Coran Exclusion Association was read and the secretary instructed to reply as requested.

Bills—A bill for \$22.00, secretary's salary and postage for March; a bill for statistical secretary's salary, \$5.00; a bill from Misses Rebe for \$1.00 mimeo work; a bill from Labor Party for monthly dues, \$2.00 were ordered paid. A committee of ladies from the Consumers' League was given the floor in behalf of the Saturday half holiday, who fully explained the aims of that organization and its endeavors to secure the closing of all business places on Saturday at 12 o'clock.

On motion, the Council decided to cooperate with the Consumers' League for the Saturday half holiday and instructed the delegates to agitate in the locals for the stopping of purchasing, by union men, on Saturday nights.

The special committee appointed to confer with the Oaks Amusement management, reported progress and asked for an extension of one week in which to further confer with the lessees of the resort. The report was accepted and the request for further time granted.

New Business—The resignation of Bro. Fitzgerald from the delegation to the Labor Party was accepted.

It was decided by unanimous vote that this body take no part in the nomination of candidates on the Labor Party's ticket and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the secretary of the Labor Party to that effect, explaining that each delegate present has the privilege of voting for his choice in the union he represents, therefore it is not necessary that he should vote through the Federated Council.

Reports of organizations—Under this order of business Brother Drew of the Iron Moulders stated that his union, as well as all the branches on the Pacific Coast would make demand for an eight-hour day after the 1st of next May, and while he hoped the request would be granted without a struggle, it was possible that the union would be obliged to resort to extreme measures to gain what it demands as justice.

Rev. Dr. Brougier, ministerial delegate was introduced for the first time, and made a nice address along the lines of the Peace Conference discussed by Brother Foster at a former meeting. The reverend gentleman also spoke in strong support of the half holiday movement discussed by the committee of ladies from the Consumers' League.

Rev. Mr. Muckley was present but declined making an address as he intended doing so at the following meeting when he will be the regular delegate from the M. A.

Good of the Council—Brother Foster advised the delegates to attend a lecture on Sunday, the 7th inst., to be given by Mr. P. Scullin in Chamber of Commerce hall on the subject of the Peace Conference for the settlement of labor troubles. The brother said he did not admire,

to any degree, Mr. Scullin but he believed it would do no harm to hear what he had to offer in this connection. To show that Mr. Scullin does not merit very favorable consideration at the hands of organized labor, Brother Foster read a letter from the Central Labor Council in Seattle, Wash., showing Mr. Scullin to have forfeited any claims he may have had in the past upon the consideration of organized labor.

Receipts of the Evening—Cigarmakers, \$6; Carriage & Wagon Workers, \$3; Printing Pressmen, \$3; Sailors, \$0; Cooks & Waiters, \$6; Barbers, \$3; Blacksmiths, \$3; Total, \$33. Disbursements, \$30.

Meeting adjourned for one week.

P. McDONALD,
Secretary.

To the Editor:—

Portland Bartenders' League Local 339 is in a flourishing condition and still going ahead. It has 335 members at present and 17 applications to act upon. We have gained over 40 members in the last three months and signed a good many new houses. Local 339 wishes to thank organized labor for the splendid support given in the past and hopes for the same in the future.

Our new by-laws have been adopted and approved on March 26, 1907 by our general president; no doubt they will be the means of strengthening this local. Whilst the dues have been increased, the increase in the Sick and Death Benefit is so material that they will be beneficial to the membership.

The new agreement submitted to the employers has also been approved by our general president.

With kind greetings to all unions and their sympathizers,

Yours fraternally,
PORTLAND BARTENDERS' LEAGUE, LOCAL 339,
Chas. Grassman, Fin. Sec.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Local 334, Freight Handlers' Union held a special meeting yesterday for the purpose of initiating candidates and casting the vote of its membership for the Labor Party candidates for municipal office. Four candidates for membership into the organization were initiated to the full privileges of the order.

The result of the referendum vote on the ballot prepared by the Central Committee of the Labor Party will be made known at the next meeting of the party, and it can be relied upon that when the labor ticket is finally arranged, there will be no desertions from the straight and narrow way among the members of local No. 334. Every man in that union is an enthusiast for the cause of labor, and they all realize the great importance of unity when election day comes around.

The Freighthandlers' has a membership of 275 legal voters, all of whom will vote straight for the Labor ticket.

TEAMSTERS CELEBRATE.

At the last meeting of the Teamsters' Union held on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., after the business routine was gone through, a number of friends and visitors were introduced and a splendid social feature indulged in. Music and song pleased the gathering for some time, then speakers entertained the boys with eloquent orations. Many of the employers were present and enjoyed the proceedings of the evening to the fullest.

Mr. M. J. Driscoll of the Driscoll & Collier Transfer Co., was called on for an expression of opinion on the political situation of the city. Mr. Driscoll stated that he was a candidate for the municipal office of Councilman-at-large and would enter the Republican primaries for nomination. He assured his hearers that his sympathies have always been with the working people, having always maintained membership in a labor organization until he became an employer.

Mr. Driscoll's speech made a very favorable impression on the audience, and indications are that

the teamsters will cast a strong ballot for Driscoll at the coming primaries.

Mr. J. Silverstone, candidate for nomination in the Republican primaries for the office of municipal judge was introduced and addressed the gathering on the issues of the political campaign. He was well received by the boys and will likely get the full support of that organization when election day comes around.

Mr. C. P. Jones of the Overland Transfer Co., was called on for a short address. Mr. Jones is a charter member of the Teamsters Union and held in highest esteem by the brother members. His speech was neat and forceful in support of unionism.

Bro. Gram and others addressed the meeting along the lines of political action in connection with the labor movement.

Refreshments galore were served and all went merry as a wedding day until the hour for retiring arrived when Auld Lang Syne brought the pleasant session to a close.

Evil of Fault-finding.

The chief weakness in our organization today is the weakness of the chronic union fault-finder. He seems to abound in nearly all local unions, wrought by the seeds of disruption sown by these chronic fault-finders, is apparent in nearly, if not quite, all localities. It is an important part of the dastardly work of this species of so-called union man to poison the minds of the local members against the general officers. The officers are not naturally injured by the constant pounding which they get, and, personally, may or may not care, for usually the imaginary charges which the trouble monger prates about can be cleared up in about two minutes by the officer assailed, if he happens to stumble upon an opportunity, but the unfortunate part of it is that the general officers not being omnipresent, like the Great Father of the Universe, cannot be everywhere at the same time, and, therefore, must be the silent recipient of these many cowardly assaults without a shadow of a chance at defense. But as a matter of fact, the organization which they represent is seriously injured and its usefulness impaired by the creation of suspicion, doubt and lack of confidence in the men who are put at its head. Here is where the harm is done, and it is to this phase of the subject that we propose to devote our attention. No man who is honest will continue membership in an organization which he believes is officered by crooks, thieves or ignoramuses, and of those who believe this it is only the dishonest ones who stay in the organization to ply their dirty work. Be the officers of an organization ever so honorable and ever so faithful, each individual member cannot have the opportunity of a personal acquaintance with them, and without an intimate knowledge of their personality, men who under ordinary circumstances are fair-minded fall ready victims to the lying propensity of the poisonous reptile whom we have herein characterized as the Chronic Union Fault Finder, and thus the general officers are convicted of almost every crime in the trade union calendar without a trial or without even a knowledge that they have been charged. The fault-finder declares "headquarters is no good. They are all rotten up there; all they want is your money," and thus the seed of distrust is sown in the mind of the otherwise would-be good union man and gradually pounded in, there to remain unquestioned, unless by chance he is brought face to face with unquestionable evidence of the honesty and fidelity of the official assailed. When these vile charges are made behind the backs of the general officers there are often men present who know they are untrue, but imbued, as many are, with an inherent weakness, they haven't the moral courage to get up and defend the absent officer, who is tried, convicted and "scouted" oftentimes without even knowing of the circumstances.

The success of a union must inevitably depend upon the intelligent



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standard of its members. If they are weak, it will be weak; if they are strong, it will be strong. Why can we not put aside these inherent weaknesses and for the sake of the union, if for no other cause, be men among men?

SHE IS A TYPHOID FEVER FACTORY.

A puzzling case is under observation in the Reception Hospital, in New York city. The patient is a woman, a cook, apparently in perfect health, but who is detained because she is suspected of communicating typhoid to about 25 persons within the past six years. According to Dr. Walter Benzel, the sanitary superintendent at Manhattan, the woman is literally a living typhoid factory. She herself was stricken with the disease about six years ago. It ran the usual course and she recovered. Now it is found that in all the time since she has kept on nurturing and developing typhoid germs. Though herself immune, the germs she has been developing have been a constant source of danger to all with whom she has come in contact.

"The Lord only knows what we can do with the woman," said Dr. Benzel.

"We will keep her under observation and will certainly employ every means known to science to locate and destroy these germs which persist in lingering in her anatomy."

Suspicion was attracted to the woman as typhoid invariably appeared in the families where she was employed, and when she was taken to the hospital the suspicion was confirmed through culture tests.

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