

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Portland, Ore., May 10, 1907.

Portland Federated Trades Council held regular session this date, President McKenzie in the chair. Credentials from Musicians and Carpenters' Unions received and following delegates seated: Musicians, Tom Gilman, F. W. Prasp and C. M. Newman; Carpenters, C. V. Grafstrom.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. A committee from the Building Trades Alliance was announced at this time and the floor was granted to Brother Ledwidge, who explained the situation of the Hazelwood Creamery on the unfair list of the Building Trades Alliance.

Communications.—A communication from the Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Brass Workers Union, No. 7, of Grand Rapids, Mich., stating the firm of J. W. York & Sons, band instrument makers, is on the unfair list, and requested this organization to write J. W. York & Sons asking that firm to settle the trouble with the Metal Polishers' Union. On motion the secretary was instructed to comply with the request. A communication from the Building Trades Council, of Los Angeles, stating that the firm of Cohen-Goldwater & Co., manufacturers of "Boss" overalls, shirts and aprons, has been declared unfair. On motion the communication was ordered published in the Labor Press. A communication from the Labor party, giving notice that the Central Committee will, at its next meeting, Wednesday, the 15th inst., in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street, arrange for the holding of meeting of assembly of electors of One Hundred, to name party candidates for the June election. All union men are invited to be present.

A communication from R. S. Reeves, secretary general executive board of Amalgamated Association of Street & Electric Railway Employees of America, asking the secretary of this body to give information concerning the Oaks boycott, was read and the secretary was instructed to reply by stating the position of the Council in the matter, also that some hope of effectiveness is entertained as a result of the boycott.

Notice of an important meeting of the Consumers' League, to be held on Monday, the 13th inst., at 4 o'clock p. m., in the Unitarian Chapel, Seventh and Yamhill streets, was announced.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Building Trades Alliance were read and ordered filed.

Bills.—A bill from L. M. Dobyns for \$10, rent; a bill from The Misses Rebe for \$1.15, memo work; a bill from Portland Advertiser for \$18, advertising (held over from last meeting, were ordered paid.

Reports of Standing Committees.—The committee to the Industrial Peace Association reported the work done at the last meeting of that organization, consisting of the election of officers, as follows: President, Judge Frazer; 1st vice president, Rev. J. H. Black; 2d vice president, Harry Gurr; secretary, J. Hennessy Murphy; treasurer, Rev. Mr. Mueckley. An executive board was elected from the members of the board of directors, consisting of Rev. J. H. Black, Dr. A. C. Smith and J. Hennessy Murphy, representing the general public; T. B. Wilcox, C. F. Swigert and Paul Wessinger, representing the employers; Harry Gurr, W. E. Pitschke and J. L. Ledwidge, representing the labor unions.

The special committee appointed to confer with a committee of citizens regarding the many questions to be submitted to the vote of the people by referendum at the June election, reported having held conference with said committee of citizens and there passed upon several proposed measures, some of which effect labor and its interests. A full account of the recommenda-

tions of this joint committee will be given at a future date in the Labor Press.

New Business.—The delegates from the Musicians' Union moved to lift the boycott from off the Oaks Amusement grounds. The motion was ruled out of order; the musicians consenting to act upon the boycott question, at their next monthly meeting to be held in June. The delegates from the Carpenters' Union expressed satisfaction at this arrangement on the part of the Musicians' Union.

Brother Ledwidge, of the Structural Building Trades Alliance, was here given the floor for the purpose of bringing the matter of the Hazelwood Creamery Company before the Council. He stated that a building now in course of construction by seab labor, will, in all probability, be occupied by the Hazelwood Creamery Co., and as no arrangements could be made with the contractors to hire union labor on the building, the Building Trades Council had placed the structure on the unfair list. The fact of the building's being on the unfair list would render any occupant also unfair to organized labor. Brother Ledwidge explained, however, that at present only the building was unfair. The matter was referred to the executive board. Under this order of business, some discussion arose in reference to the A. F. of L. organizer. It was stated that this district was entitled to a salaried organizer, and, on motion, the secretary was instructed to communicate with Secretary Morrison in this connection. On motion, the Council decided to waive its right to this hall next Friday evening after 9 p. m., in favor of the Labor party, which will hold mass meeting on that occasion.

Good of the Council.—Brother Parsons, of the Cigarmakers' Union, was invited to address the meeting, and in a neat speech he congratulated the delegates on the lively interest they took in all the questions coming before the body. He said he desired to take this opportunity to thank the union men of Portland for the hearty support they had given him in his campaign for nomination as Councilman-at-large, and hoped the good work would be carried on throughout the election campaign.

Receipts.—Teamsters, \$3; Building Laborers, \$3; Bricklayers, \$9; Cooks and Waiters, \$6; Beerdrivers and Bottlers, \$3; total, \$24.

Disbursements, \$29.15. There being no further business, meeting adjourned for one week.

P. M. McDONALD, Sec.

WOMAN'S UNION LABEL LEAGUE.

The League held its regular open meeting May 9, and the crowd enjoyed the program prepared by the committee.

The surprise contest was the naming of thirteen labels found on articles used every day in the household, and strange to say the prize—a beautiful Japanese vase—fell to a gentleman instead of a lady. Mr. Fisher named nine of the articles correctly, being one higher than his competitor, so he proudly carried off the premium.

The prize given the card contest went to visiting sister, Mrs. R. Vaughn, who hereafter can use a Jamaica tray on her toilet table.

After refreshments the evening was spent in games.

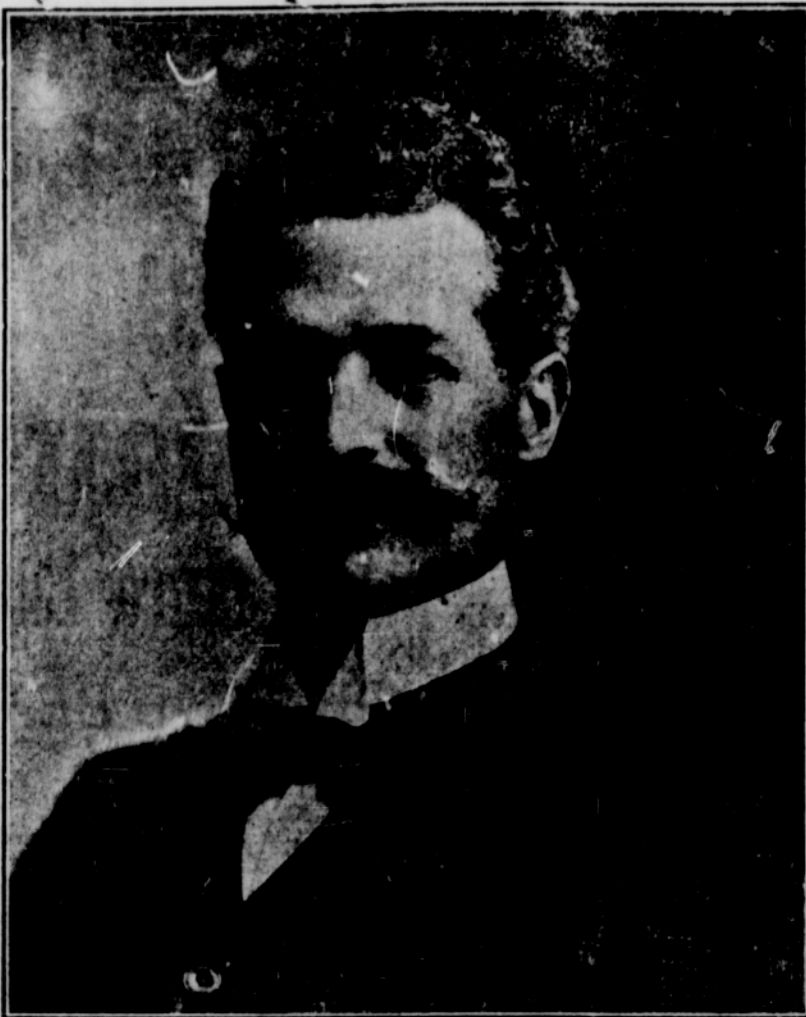
COR. SECRETARY.

LABOR DAY.

Union men, is it not about time you were thinking of arranging a program for Labor Day? Other cities are at work on the matter and, surely, Portland's unionism needs a rallying equally with any section of the country. A booming Labor Day celebration would do an immense amount of good for the labor movement here, and we suggest that the Trades Council take the matter up at its next meeting and get a strong committee at work on the proposition as early as possible.

Defeat labor's enemies.

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Republican Nominee for City Auditor

THE MOULDERS AND PEACE ASSOCIATION.

The Iron Moulders' local union has accepted the kindly offices of the Peace Association in the matter of dispute between the men and the employers regarding the 8-hour day.

We have not learned whether the employers have agreed to recognize the Association as a mediator, but it may be taken for granted they will oppose any interference from without so long as there remains hope of forcing the men to submit to their arrogant dictum.

The action of the union in consenting to refer their grievance to the deliberations of an uninterested party proves the righteousness of their case. Let the employers do as much.

AN INDUSTRIAL CANCER.

The "Let Well Enough Alone" Member a Burden on Unionism.

"Let well enough alone" is an expression always in the mouths of some unionists and all non-unionists. It has their teeth worn to a sharp edge and their brains flattened. "Let well enough alone" and "well enough" will leave you alone. It does not stand without hitching, and is very apt to return to the starting point. The organization of labor has never reached the point at which it can be left alone. It cannot be left still, tied still or held still. From the minute it started its forward march millions of non-union arms clasped its neck and sought to strangle it, but it has gone forward, carrying this industrial cancer with it, to a more healthful elevated and curative plane. This "let well enough alone" bunch joggled out the red corpses of their blood riding on the martyred backs of the active, working membership. They are exceedingly sly when it comes to collecting benefits, but are prone to faint and require restoratives when the payment of dues approaches.

They really do not want to be left alone; they want to leave others alone in the work and struggle necessary to gain the objects of organized labor. These stillborn unionists cannot be resurrected to the duties of unionism and have to be loaded on the car of improvements like dumb driven cattle. Conveying these union "dead ones" from intolerable to decent conditions is not a small part of the union's burden. However, it is a necessary part, and to whatever heights organized labor seeks to climb its back warmers must be given due consideration. The work is for them, but not by them.—Shoe Workers' Journal.

FARLEY ON THE STRIKE BREAKER.

In a recent interview the notorious Strikebreaker Farley tells of what Prof. Eliot, president of Harvard College, was pleased to term the "modern hero," in the following language, and Farley speaks with authority because he had practical experience, and does not theorize, like the well-fed Eliot:

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bor throughout the country to fight to the death striking union employes in all capacities, and the expense of so doing is borne by an association of employers through means of an assessment on all its members, so it virtually is a union of employers to wipe out the union of employes. In 90 per cent of the cases the strikebreaker is a shiftless mechanic, whose only care is of the present. He scarcely ever retains a position after the strike is broken, as he has no desire to settle down to steady work at wages which he himself regards as beneath a living standard."

STRIKE SITUATION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The labor troubles of San Francisco continue about the same as last week. Farley's gang of desperadoes has spread bloodshed among the citizens but the strikers remain firm in their position. The United Railways Co. hope to be able to run their cars with the assistance of the murdering strikebreakers, but as the situation now appears it will prove a futile effort.

There is some prospect of a settlement of the trouble between the Telephone Company and their opera-

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