LABOR UNITED IN TROUTDALE

JOINT MEETING OF BUTCHERS AND FEDERALS AT TROUTDALE—M. GRANT HAMILTON DEFENDS THE A. F. OF L.

For some weeks past the union boys of Troutdale had been contemplating a revival of the spirit of unionism in the form of a general meeting with a social feature to follow the business session. Their hopes and aspirations were fully realized last Tuesday night when every union man in the town assembled at the hall to hear discussed the vital questions of the day pertaining to organized labor.

A cordial invitation had been extended the brothers of Portland, and the few who were lucky enough to have accepted the invitation know how to sympathize with the boys who were so unfortunate as to have missed that splendid affair.

The meeting was called to order by Brother Goodwin, president of the Federated Labor Union at Troutdale at 8:15 P. M. He stated the chief business object of the meeting was to consider the advisability of consolidation between the two unions in the town—the Butchers and the Federal Union. It was shown by the chairman that nearly all the members of the Federal Union were eligible to membership in the Butchers' Union, being mostly men engaged in and about the packing house plant.

Brother Ott, of the Butchers', was asked to state the case from the Butchers' point of view. This he did in a brief, but lucid manner, showing that the Butchers were perfectly satisfied to extend the benefits of their organidation to the boys who are employed by the Union Meat Co. in and around the works, and who are eligible to such membership. Many of the members of each organization, spoke all evincing a willingness to consolidate.

Organizer M. Grant Hamilton, of the A. F. of L., being one of the invited guests from Portland, was requested to express his opinion of the move. This he did briefly, saying: "So long as no good union man would be thrown out of the ranks of organized labor by this proposed amalgamation, and since all seem eager for the move, there can be no objection whatever on the part of the superior body, to the carrying out of the plan."

It was shown that not more than five wage-workers belinging to the Federal Union would be ineligible to become members of the Butchers' Union, and these are, in every instance, eligible to the union of their craft in Portland, hence none need remain without the movement, as they may readily secure membership in the unions of this city.

It was the unanimous decision that henceforth there shall be but one union in Troutdale until such time as the different trades may be sufficiently represented to insure the installation of the different trades unions.

After the business portion of the meeting had been properly dispensed with, the social feature of the evening was opened. A magnificent spread had been prepared by the good brothers of Troutdale, and, with the many invited guests, the boys sat odwn to a most delicious repast. Cigars were passed in abundance, music and songs filled the atmosphere with charming melody and all became a round of ecstacy and joy.

Organized Hamilton was called on for an address on the general labor movement, and in response, the said he was highly pleased at being present on so enjoyable an occasion. He reviewed, briefly, the history of trades unionism, pointing out the regular development of the great organization known as the American Federation of Labor; how in a period covering twenty-five years there has been welded together a body of wage-workers numbering more than two and one-quarter millions, comprising men and women of the highest order of intelligence and skill, working together by well regulated methods, legitimate in their nature, for the betterment of mankind, and having to their credit more beneficent results than any other organization that man has been able to evolve. In answer to the suggestion that all wage-earners ought to belong to the same organization and not be divided into the several crafts, the able speaker showed clearly the utter impracticability of such a scheme. He illustrated his position by reference to the butcher trade, and asked the audience what showing they imagined a garment worker would make legislating in the union for the needs of the printer. The speaker referred to the former organization known as the Knights of Labor, stating that its industrial character had to give way to the more practical and efficient form of labor organization, the trades union movement.

Brother Hamilton said:

"From experience it has been learned that Industrial Unionism, as taught by some visionary enthusiasts of our day, could not and did not meet the requirements of the working men and women of this country, it was proven to run counter to the natural tendencies of human affairs, and was logically destined to give way to the more effective plan of trades unionism. The Knights of Labor was a fair test of the plan advocated by some who resolved to either rule or ruin unionism, and the organization of the crafts is the sequence to this experiment."

Brother H. W. Drew, of the Iron Moulders, of Portland, was next called on. He expressed pleasure at being present on so enjoyable an occasion and hoped that all would meet again in the near future. His remarks along the lines of trades unionism were sound and well received.

Mr. Young, superintendent of the packing plant, being one of the invited guests, was called on for an expression of opinion. Mr. Young is a favorite with his men, and his words of commendation were received with applause. It was clear that no friction exists between the management and the employes of that splendid plant—the Union Meat Company. Many other citizens were called on for brief remarks, all responding in highest praise of the labor movement in their prosperous town.

Recitations by the worthy druggist of the town, songs and music by Brother Smith, brought to a close one of the most enjoyable social gatherings that we have had the privilege of attending during the present year.

THE COMING DEMOCRACY.

By the Rev. Charles Stelzle.

Sometimes we wonder why the men of olden days could not see the coming of inevitable crises, which are so clearly discerned by the present-day historian, as he looks backward. Hindsight is not always so commendable a virtue as foesight, but it has its compensations. If history repeats itself, and if the historian is really a prophet, then let us learn from the seeming blindness of our fathers.

One need not to be a prophet nor the son of a prophet, to say that this is the era of the common man. The masses are rising to assert themselves as never before, because the coming democracy is being built, not upon a lawless revolution, but upon an evolution which seems natural and, therefore, must be permanent. No human power can prevent its coming.

This means great things for the people. It fills with hope those who have been bowed down with the burdens of the past. It means, also, that every true lover of the race will rejoice, for the well-being of the coming humanity must be the ultimate aim of every worker in the field of social service. And more and more is the great-hearted employer realizing that his business must be conducted upon a social basis—not simply for the good of the few who are directly interested as stock holders.

The power of the labor leader in the past will be considered small indeed, when compared with that which shall be given the leader of the future. He shall be statesman, prophet, preacher. He cannot be demagogue, grafter, charlatan. He must be such as to inspire confidence—not only from those who are his immediate followers, but by those who look to him as an expert on the subject most directly involved—as the true representative of the common people.

IN SESSION.

The Barbers' State Board is in session at headquarters, 167½ First street. The session will continue for three days when a large number of applicants for licenses will take the prescribed examinations.

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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 afternoon, A. O. U. W. Hall, Selling-Hirsch Building. Geo. aVth, Journal.

MONDAY.

Building Trades Council—Every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128½ Fifth street.
Building Laborers—Every Monday evening, Bartenders' Hall, 164½ Alder street. M. J. Conroy, 264½ Alder.
Carriage and Wagon Workers—First and third Tuesday evenings, Drew Hall. Robert Ewing, 297 Morris St.
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—Second and fourth Mondays. Drew Hall No. 206. R. Loveridge, 335 Broadway
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 128½ Fifth street.
Web Pressmen—First Monday, Room 214 Goodnough Bluilding.

TUESDAY.

Bartenders' League, No. 339, in Bartenders' hall, 264½ 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.
Bindery Women's Union, No. 113—First Tuesday evening, 162 Second street.
Bookbinders No. 90—Third Tuesday, Room 200 Drew Building. E. J. Sonnenburg, box 3 Woodlawn.
Carpenters—Every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, hall 302 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.
Cooks and Waiters—1st, 3r and 4th Tuesdays at 8:30 P. M., and 2d Tuesday at 2:30 P. M., in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128½ Fifth street.
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. E. L. Rice.
Sheet Metal Workers—First and third Tuesdays, Drew Hall. Ira S .Hill, 1169 E. Main.
Stationary Firemen Local No. 118—Meet every Second and Fourth Tuesday in the month. Drew Hall 300. Sec. Otto Leeser, 212 Twenty-first St. N.
Teamdrivers' Union, Local 162—Every Tuesday night, Union Hall, Second and Stark. P. C. O'Meara, 553 Jefferson St., Secy.

WEDNESDAY.

Allied Printing Trades Council—Second Wednesday evening, 214 Goodnough Building.
Bricklayers' Union—Every Wednesday evening, Arion Hall, 228½ Yamhill. Chas. Stokes, Box 328.
Grainhandlers' Local 263—First and third Wednesday evening at Davis Hall, corner Russell street and Albina avenue. L. L. Ray, 120 Sellwood.
Labor Party—Every Wednesday at 8 P. M., in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128½ Fifth street.
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, 844 E. Seventh, N.
Painters—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, hall 201 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.
Plasters' Union, 821—Every Wednesday evening, Plasters' Hall, 127½ First.
Riggers and Shipliners, No. 320—First Wednesday evening in month, Hall 300, Allsky Building. Henry Arndt, 248 Burnside.
Stereotypers and Electrotypers, 48—First Wednesday evening, Room 214, Goodnough Building. Frank Land, Journal.
Street Railway Employes—Every Wednesday, Drew Hall.
Journeymen Tailor's 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. Leabe, secretary, 167½ First; phone, Pacific 1501.
Women's Union Label League—Every Thursday night in Hall 302, Drew Building, 162 Second street.
Boiler Makers' Union—Second and fourth Thursday evening, Arion Hall 228½ Yamhill.
Coopers' Union—First and third Thursday evenings, Bartenders' Hall, 264½ 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.
Lathers Union—Every Thursday at 8 P. M. in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128½ Fifth street.
Printing Pressmen, Local 43—First Thursday, 127½ First. W. H. Gerdes, American Type Founders Co.
Retail Clerks—Second and fourth Thursdays. Dred Hall No. 20.
Theatrical Employes, Local 28—Second and fourth Thursday, 228½ Yamhill. C. M. Campbell, Star Theatre.
Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers Union—Thursday evening, Laters' Hall, 218½ First.

FRIDAY.

Carpet Workers, Local 8—Friday evening, 230½ Yamhill. H. C. Brown, 453 Florence.
Electrical Workers, No. 317—Friday, Drew Hall. J. L. Crockwell, box 644.
Federated Trades Council—Every Friday night at 8 o'clock, hall 302 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.
Inside Electrical Workers—Every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128½ Fifth street.
Machinists, Willamette Lodge, No. 63—Friday evening, 162 Second. W. A. Dalzell, 1004 E. Yamhill.
Steam Fitters—Every Fridays. Drew Hall No. 200.

SATURDAY.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 114—First and third Saturdays, 8 o'clock p. m., 228½ Yamhill. A. Dupois, 293 Burnside.
Beer Drivers and Bottlers—First and third Saturday. Drew Hall. G. C. Goldenberg, 811 Kelley.
Brewers' Union—Second and fourth Saturday evening, 228½ Yamhill, Arion Hall. Otto Kulka, box 171.
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Saturday evening, 230½ Yamhill.
Longshoremen, Local 264—At call of president, Hibernian Hall, Second and Stark. Hugh Fitch, 27 N. Front.
Stationary Engineers—Every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128½ Fifth street.

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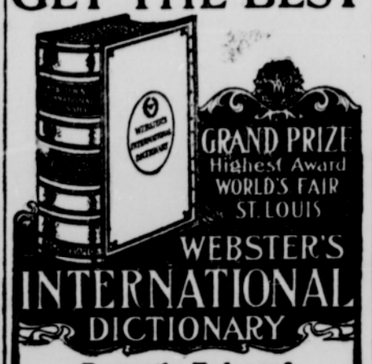

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