

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Portland, Ore., August 9, 1907.
Portland Federated Trades Council met this date in regular session, President McKenzie in the chair.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Credentials—Leatherworkers, Brothers Johnson and Richison; delegates were seated.

Communications—From President Gompers, bearing on the question of anti-trust law, was referred to the legislative committee, consisting of Brothers Thayer, Leabo and McDonald; from R. A. Harris, bearing upon the bonding of financial officers, was referred to the executive board.

Bills—From L. M. Dobyns, \$10 for rent of hall, was ordered paid.

Reports of Committees—The organization committee reported having failed to connect with the temporary Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen at their meeting on last Monday evening through a misunderstanding of the time appointed for said meeting, but Brother McDonald, having been present at that meeting, was asked for a report, which is as follows: The Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen held a meeting at Mr. Joslin's office, on Monday evening, the 5th inst, 12 journeymen being present. The charter roll has been signed by 14 members and temporary officers elected. It was the desire of the meeting that the secretary of the Federated Trades Council accept the necessary fees for charter (\$15) and forward same to Secretary H. D. Call, of the International Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen, on behalf of the temporary organization. Brother McDonald advised that the organization forward the money through the party now having the work of organizing the local in charge. This was agreed upon and the instructions given Mr. Joslin to forward the amount on the following morning, which it is understood he has done. The secretary of the Federated Trades Council also wrote to Secretary Call informing him of what has been done in the matter, and requesting that the business pertaining to the perfecting of the organization be expedited as much as possible. In connection with the report, it was suggested that the Council render every possible assistance to the Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen in perfecting the organization and in getting every eligible subject in the city into the local. The report was accepted. Labor Day committee reported having secured the Lewis and Clark fair grounds as the site of the celebration, also the complete arrangement of the general features of the day. The committee requests every local to send in report of what representation approximately they will be able to turn out, also to provide suitable badges, etc., for the parade. Next meeting of the committee will take place in Painters' office, 102 Second street, on Sunday, the 11th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m.

New Business—Under this order of business, the secretary was instructed to notify all locals affiliated of any arrears of dues, and those in arrears for six months not remitting by the 1st of September, shall be expelled from the Council.

A committee of three, consisting of Brothers Kelly, McIntire and Wells, was appointed to act, in conjunction with a similar committee from the Building Trades Alliance, on the unfair list.

On motion the Council went on record as opposed to the renewal of the exclusive heating franchise now before the City Council, and a committee of three, consisting of Brothers Fitzgerald, Gurr and McKenzie, was, on motion, appointed to confer with the City Councilmen to urge upon them our opposition to said extension of franchise.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and referred to the executive board for audit.

The withdrawal of the Bookbinders' Union was, on motion, accepted.

Reports of Organizations—Engineers report having received the application for membership in their organization of the engineers employed by Albers Bros., and feel confident the trouble between said firm and their union will be properly adjusted before the next meeting of this body takes place.

All organizations report conditions good in their respective lines, and all say a continuance of increase in membership marks the great progress of unionism in this city.

Receipts—Tailors, \$21; Teamsters, \$6; Stationary Firemen, \$6; Steam Engineers, \$6. Total, \$39.

Disbursements, \$10.

There being no further business before the house, meeting adjourned for one week. P. McDONALD, Sec.

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GOOD CITIZENSHIP DECALOGUE

Before the Boston Equal Suffrage Association for Good Government, which met during the latter part of July, Rabbi M. M. Eichler read the following "Ten Commandments on Good Citizenship":

1. Love thy country which has redeemed thee from tyrants and bondage.
2. Thou shalt not worship any political idols, nor bow down to them, nor serve them, for their iniquity will be visited upon thee and upon thy children until the third and fourth generation.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of patriotism in vain nor use it to hide thy selfish motive.
4. Remember the day of election to keep it holy.
5. Honor the sanctity of the ballot that the days of the republic may be prolonged.
6. Thou shalt not kill the spirit of freedom by neglecting to exercise the prerogative of a freeman.
7. Thou shalt not adulterate the purity of civic life by entering politics for gain.
8. Thou shalt not encourage public servants to steal by thy indifference.
9. Thou shalt not let greed for political reward bear false witness against thy patriotism.
10. Thou shalt not covet a public office which thou art not fit to fill.

NOTICE.

All affiliated unions are requested to forward quarterly per capita tax to the new secretary, T. M. Leabo, at 167½ First street. The executive board will consider it a great favor if all arrears be remitted as early as possible.

H. C. GRAM,
President Oregon State Federation of Labor.

HOW ONE MINISTERIAL DELEGATE WAS RECEIVED.

(By Rev. Charles Steitz.)
My friend was a big-hearted preacher. I was sure that he would make good with the boys, even though he was the pastor of the swellest church in town—made up largely of employers.

He did lots of good, too. I shall not take space to tell about it, because I want you to know about the welcome that he received by the central body. This is about the way that he told me about it:

"I had been told that the labor unions were hotbeds of infidelity; I had sat in a meeting of Socialists where preachers were referred to with scorn and the name of Jesus was received with cheers. When our Ministerial Association appointed me fraternal delegate to the Federated Trades Council, I wondered what would happen when I presented myself for admission. Would they sneer? Would they treat me with studied indifference? It is revealing no important secret of the council chamber to say that when I crossed the threshold there was a round of applause, and that I was escorted to a seat on the platform next to the president.

"I served as fraternal delegate for a year. It involved no little sacrifice; but it paid—paid big. I became a sort of chaplain among the workmen. They invited me to visit their local unions and to be present at their social gatherings and public meetings. When they asked me to speak at their annual outing in the amusement park they inquired somewhat timidly if I objected to participating in a picnic where there would be a good deal of dancing and shooting the chutes. I said 'No,' most decidedly. It was a great day. I never preached to the men. I did not try to get them to come to my church. I did not pose in print as a 'friend of the laboring man.' I simply went to the Council as a delegate to help in any possible way. I did not even think it necessary to re-

mind the Council that I represented the churches or the Ministerial Association. They, of course, understood that. I did say something on the subject of religion on one occasion. It was a banquet. They asked me to give one of the addresses. I tried to give them some idea of the service the church could render their cause in some such way as this: Laboring men are demanding justice, not charity. Every true minister is urging this every Sabbath. Laboring men are emphasizing the brotherhood of man. This is the commonest theme of the pulpit. Laboring men are struggling for what they conceive to be their rights as to property and leisure. We are eager to give them our help. And it is our mission also to remind them that they have souls as well as bodies, that there is a God and that heaven is just beyond.

"When I sat down, the man at my right said, 'We ought to have something like that once a month.' And the man at my left said, 'I've been a member of the union for fifteen years and I never heard anything like that before. It's all right.'"

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MARRY THE MAN YOU LIKE.

The Union Labor Girl May Make the Non-Union Man Take the Right View.

The Woman's National Trade Union League is a noble organization. May it prosper and put tasks in the path of the selfish man who underpays women and overworks them; may it help to bring about real civilization, in which no woman will work with her hands, but only with her head and with her heart to make men better and to produce better children than the world has known.

It is distressing that the Woman's National Trade Union League should not always be wise. The young ladies have decided to establish a matrimonial endowment fund. The fund will pay a certain sum to each young woman when she marries. That is a good idea.

But the young women have a bad idea, expressed thus: "There shall be no marriage of a union labor girl and a non-union man." That is not sound. It is silly.

Women marry, largely, to make men better. The best way to make a non-union man take the right view of labor is to have a union girl marry him. She can talk him into unionism very quickly.

The important thing in marriage is not color, height, religion, unionism, or anything else—it is affectionate sympathy.

Real affection between the man and the woman means good children, a good life, a greater mental strength in the next generation—and that is what the world wants.

We point out respectfully to the labor union ladies that the babies cannot possibly be born with union label on their little backs. Every baby must start out her herself, and what the girls think about when they get married should be not the present, but the future; not only the man of today, but the child of twenty years hence.

Let the union woman marry the man she likes, and fix his ideas and beliefs afterward if they don't suit her.—New York Journal.

UNION PRINCIPLE NEEDS NO APOLOGY.

You never heard a union man apologize for buying goods with the label on, but how often do you see one squirm and wriggle for an excuse to explain why he gives his union wages for the produce of cheap tenement house or prison-made goods. A merchant respects a union man who

calls for union label goods, but he only has secret contempt for the union man who is too weak to insist on getting union made goods for union money.—Michigan Union Advocate.

GOOD EXPLANATION.

"Explain," said the teacher to the class, "the difference between 'the quick' and 'the dead.'"

"Please, ma'am," answered little Johnnie, "the quick are those who get out of the way of a motor car, and the dead are those who don't."

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