

CONTRACTORS HAVE TO PAY

(From the Spokane Chronicle.)
All contractors doing city work must pay laborers at the rate of \$2.75 per day as required by ordinance. Any contractor violating this order in the future will have his bond cancelled and be allowed no more contracts.

Laborers who have received less than \$2.75 per day for eight hours' work may seek redress by reporting the fact to Mayor Pratt, who will recover for them the full amount.

Declaring that he would fulfill his promise that laboring men would receive a square deal in matters of salary when doing city work, Mayor N. S. Pratt made the statement that in the future he would refuse to sign any contract until the contractors agreed to pay \$2.75 a day, as the ordinance requires.

In cases where contractors refuse to comply the contractors will be cancelled, and the bond for the work refused. "If the contractors make an objection to this ruling we will carry the matter to the supreme court if necessary," says the mayor.

"Before election I promised laboring men that I would see that the ordinance regulating salary would be enforced if I was elected. I intend to abide by that promise. There have been numerous instances where contractors are only paying \$2, \$2.25 and \$2.50 per day. This must be stopped. If all laboring men who are not receiving \$2.75 per day as required by ordinance, will report the matter to this office, I will take steps to compel contractors who employed them to make good the difference."

Mayor Pratt was in consultation with several of the contractors the other day and compelled some of them who had hired men at \$2.50 per day to pay the difference during the time they were employed.

One interesting fact in connection with the ruling is that all contractors in making estimates on contract work, figure the labor at the rate of \$2.75 per day as do the estimates of the engineer. When the contractors employ laborers for less than this amount, taxpayers are paying a sum which is a benefit only to contractors.

Convention of the Pressmen

The Printing Pressmen and Assistants of North America held their twenty-first annual convention in Omaha the past week, quite the most important labor gathering scheduled for the Gate City this year. The total of 181 votes cast at the election of officers represents closely the delegate strength of the convention, in addition to which there were scores of visitors.

In the annual election of officers, there was no contest except on first and second vice presidents, where, in each instance, the old officers were re-elected. First Vice President Peter J. Dobbs of New York defeated Frank Wilke of Milwaukee by a vote of 136 to 45, and Second Vice President Michael H. Pannery of Chicago defeated John P. Mines of New York by a vote of 142 to 38.

President George L. Berry, Secretary-Treasurer P. J. McMullen and Third Vice President C. A. Pense were re-elected without opposition and the new administration will practically be the same as the old.

One of the most important measures acted upon by the convention during the week was the resolution authorizing the board of directors to increase its force of organizers in the field, the object being to broaden and strengthen the organization in the United States and Canada.

Following the installation of officers, M. E. McSwigen, general agent of the Flat Glass Workers' Union, made a strong plea for the moral support of the pressmen in their strike and urged the importance of all union men demanding union-made goods.

Cooperate With Forestry Service

State officials, associations and individuals will cooperate with the United States Forest Service in an attempt to get accurate records of all fire losses in Washington and Oregon this summer. The forest service will compile a report showing by counties the area burned over, merchantable timber, non-merchantable timber and the value of the timber destroyed, and the cost of fighting the fire. In this way the federal and state governments as well as the public will be enabled to obtain at once accurate information concerning all fire losses in these states.

District Forecaster E. T. Allen is receiving the active help of the Oregon Conservation Association, the Oregon State Board of Forestry and the Washington Forest Fire Association in organizing the work. The two latter have revised their report forms to bring out the same facts regarding all fires. The Oregon Conservation Association is canvassing the state to secure suitable men to act as fire wardens and report on fires in their territory and presents their names to the state board for appointment. It will also send every man a postcard reminder every two weeks, with a return card on which he will enter a few main facts about the fire. The Washington Forest Fire Association

HATTERS ASK ASSISTANCE

The striking hatters of the Atlantic states are still in need of financial aid. Twenty-one of the 70 odd members of the National Hat Manufacturers' Association have granted union conditions in their shops. Fifty of their members still refuse to use the union label on union-made hats.

An appeal for the continuance of financial aid, setting forth the actual state of affairs, has just been received by The Press from the national headquarters of the United Hatters. It is as follows:

"New York, July 1, 1909.
"To the members of organized labor, greeting: It affords us great pleasure to inform you that after a five months' struggle with the National Association of Manufacturers we have at last made a substantial break in their organization—21 manufacturers have resigned from their national association and are now operating under union label of our organization. While the 21 factories is quite a relief, and is of great value both financially and in the fight, we are now waging, there are still outside some 50 factories, and we are determined to wage the fight against them stronger than ever until the last one agrees to operate under union label. The manufacturers and their agents have tried to make it appear that the fight is declared off. This is done for the purpose of stopping any donations which we may receive from the members of organized labor. The 21 factories which are about to open will not be under way for several weeks, and will not be able to render any financial assistance to those who are still out and in the meantime our members who are still continuing the fight are badly in need of help."

"We would urgently request that you make the most liberal contributions possible, and we now feel that we can promise, with almost a certainty, that every manufacturer in the hat industry who declared for the open shop on January 14 last will be compelled in the very near future to again recognize the union and use the union label of our organization."

"Thanking you for your generous donations, which have made it possible for us to secure this partial victory, and assuring you that if you will do your part, the United Hatters of North America will be able to report a complete victory in the very near future, I am, respectfully yours,
"MARTIN LAWLER,
"General Secretary, 11 Waverly Place, New York City."
"JOHN A. MOFFITT,
"General President."

Have No Union; Get Low Wages

An example of what the disbanding of a trade union means is furnished in the present condition of the packing industry in Kansas City. Previous to the disbanding of the packing-house unions, every man working at the industry in that city had plenty of work and good pay—skilled workmen earning from \$20 to \$30 per week. Then came the disastrous strike, with the result that now very few skilled men are employed, and these earn from \$7 to \$15 per week. The skilled men have been replaced by cheap labor, and now that the men are helpless because of their disorganized condition, the packers are taking advantage of them. And the only reason that such conditions exist is that there is no union to enforce the rights of the men.

MRS. FISKE FRIEND OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

(From the San Diego Leader.)
The San Diego Union recently contained an article headed, "Strangely Canceled," and "Because there is a 'nigger' in the woodpile" somewhere, San Diego, theatre patrons are to be deprived of the privilege of seeing and hearing Mrs. Fiske. The Union evidently did not try very hard to find out the real reason why this noble woman cancelled her advertising, light, rental and other contracts to play in the Isis theatre. This theatre has for several years past remained dark, except on rare occasions, on account of the management's unfriendliness toward organized labor. Mrs. Fiske was informed of this fact, and being a member of a union, and heartily sympathetic with the trades union movement and all it stands for, she was antagonistic to the union movement.

While Mrs. Fiske has reached the pinnacle of fame as an actress, and is numbered among the "big stars," she has not forgotten the unfortunate who are organized in that great struggle for the betterment of the conditions of the working classes. All hail to this noble woman. The Isis need not remain dark a single night. It is one of the most beautiful, as well as the cosiest, theatres in the state. All its management needs is regeneration, and by joining that other great "brotherhood of man," the union movement, which stands for a fair day's wage for a fair day's work, the suppression of child labor, the same wages for women as men, work, and better sanitary conditions for the toiling masses, it will come into its own and be a blessing to the theatre patrons of San Diego. All actors are human—and union. A word to the wise is sufficient.

TIN WORKERS' STRIKE.

The strike of the Association of Amalgamated Iron, Tin and Sheet Workers of the American Tin Plate Company, which started last week in practically all of the union plants of the United States Steel Corporation's subsidiary at Pittsburgh, will be extended materially, it is said, by a strike of the Tin Workers' international Protective Association. The wage scale of the latter organization expires July 1 and at Newcastle 3,000 additional men plan, it is said, to quit work. In the event the second strike is general, the number of men affected will total nearly 25,000.

PRINTER ELECTED MAYOR.

W. L. Lambert of the firm of Lambert & McKeon, printers, has been elected mayor of Eureka, Cal. Mr. Lambert is treasurer of Eureka Typographical Union, has long been a consistent worker, and served two terms in the city council. His opponent was J. L. Hicks, the incumbent. The latter represented the Citizens' Alliance forces, and was beaten in every precinct. Mr. Lambert having a majority of over 500 votes.

Remington Is All to the Bad

The trouble between the Remington Typewriter Company and its striking aligners culminated in the announcement by the company that it would close the plant at Ilion, N. Y., June 30 for an indefinite period because of the accumulation of unaligned typewriters.

There will probably be no settlement of the strike as both sides are determined to yield. The inspectors have gone out in sympathy with the aligners, and when the company tried to have its work done by the American Writing Machine Company of New York, the organized men objected and that concern notified the Ilion plant besides throwing many hundreds of men into idleness will also be a hard blow to the Remington company, which recently introduced a visible typewriter, orders for which are many thousands behind.

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The Life of the Organization Library Books of Interest to You

Occasionally you hear a union man say that the dues of the organization are entirely too high. In most cases these members are paying 75 cents to \$1 a month. These calamity howlers should compare their condition with the printers, who for several months during the eight-hour fight, paid from \$2.80 to \$3.50 per week dues, according to their position, and whose regular assessments will average close to \$2 per month.

The result is that the Printers' Union has a large membership, plenty of money on hand, pays benefits promptly, and, in short, the Typographical Union treats its members royally.

You seldom hear a complaint from a member of the Printers' Union about their dues and the union man should remember that your union must have money to pay all these things, and the only way to get that money is from high dues. The calamity howler should paste this in his hat and quit kicking if his union wants to raise them a little.

Now Use Joint Working Card

The new joint working card, gotten out by the brickmasons and stoneasons' unions of the state of Washington, is now in use in that city. The new card system is the result of the adoption of the policy of closer affiliation which was announced early this season. The unions really belong to the same international, the Bricklayers and Masons' international Union of America, but maintain separate locals.

From this time the locals of the state of Washington will hold their state conferences together. Members of the local unions are of the opinion that the new policy will greatly strengthen the union in this state.

Eight Hour Law in New York

The state of New York has a substantial eight-hour law. Hereafter contractors and subcontractors on public work, or contracts most grant the eight-hour day to all mechanics and laborers at the prevailing wages.

The Central Labor Council of Portland is studying the eight-hour laws of the various states with the object in view of course, of eventually securing the passage of a good law of the kind in this state.

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Printing Trades—Werner Printing company, Akron, Ohio.
Sheet Metal Workers—Hirschberger, 247 Ankeny street.
Ship Carpenters—Joseph Supple and the Portland Shipbuilding company.

Stationary Engineers—Portland Enterprise and Yosemite Brewing Agency, Crystal Ice company, the Liberty Ice & Coal company, and the Independent Ice & Coal company.
Walters and Waitresses—Jake's Restaurant, 243-1/2 First street; George Ritchie's Restaurant, 232 Yamhill street.

CONWAY IN CHARGE.

President Conway of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association has taken charge of headquarters in Denver since the death of General Secretary-Treasurer Max Morris and will conduct the business of the association until the national convention meets and elects a successor to Mr. Morris.

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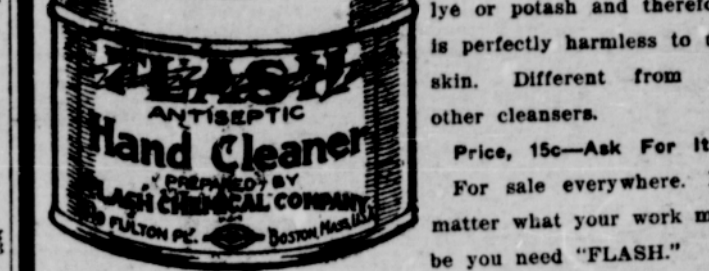
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