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Local People and Incidents

Alder T. Smith, of the Longshoremen, No. 6, assures us that his organization is always ready for business.

C. Allsup, secretary of the Web Pressmen, reports that his organization is in good shape, and that the boys are all as well satisfied as can be expected.

Ed. Smith, of the Lathers, is finding the influx of eastern tourists affecting conditions directly and indirectly, but most of the men have been working right along.

E. N. Fairchild, secretary of the Moving Picture Operators, is finding considerable success in his work endeavoring to unionize the few remaining houses on the East Side.

The Waiters are all torn up in their new quarters at 266 1/2 Alder street, but when they get the rooms fitted up will have one of the swiftest clubrooms of any union in Portland.

Charlie Grassman, of the Bartenders, is always at his post at 205 1/2 First street. The Bartenders know Charlie is there with the goods. There is no more difficult position in the labor movement than his.

Among garment workers in New York the infamous Triangle shop that burned alive 150 young women, was known as "The Prison." It will now be known as "The Hell" in the expressive Yiddish tongue.

F. W. Land occupies the position of secretary of the Stereotypers. If the boys would all come through with the goods like Frank as a union man, well, there would be no trouble in labor ranks, you may believe.

Tom Killen, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, is quietly moving around in the interest of his organization. Long ago railroad men learned to go quietly about their business, and Tom don't want any notices.

Tom McKittrick, business agent of the Steamfitters, has a lot of business to look after, because of so many new buildings going up and planned. He is a valued member of the Building Trades bunch that do things.

P. Dowler, of Tacoma, general organizer for the carpenters of the Northwest, is in the city in the interest of his organization. He has been in San Francisco for some time, and says that things are looking fine in that city.

The Allied Printing Trades Council has matters before it of importance nowadays, and the meetings should be well attended. George H. Howell, its very judicial secretary, reports the various trades all alive to the situation.

R. O. Rector, of Carpenters 50, has several nails to drive with one hammer all at once sometimes in his official capacity as business representative. He can come as near doing it as any heavy-weight carpenter that can be found.

A strong effort is being made in Montana to secure the referendum on the law regarding the National Guard. Labor organizations hope to defeat it, for the bill virtually establishes a military dictatorship at any time the governor desires.

The Brewery Workers are working. Anybody can tell that, for there is lots of union-made product floating over the raging bars in schooners loaded to the plimion line, and then some. George Gross, the secretary, says "the boys are well, thank you."

The Bridge and Structural Iron Workers are a very strong organization, with F. Hannon in the chair of business agent. The practical benefits and fraternal sentiment among them is above the average. You should hear J. F. Cassidy on this subject.

Blacksmiths and Helpers are not much heard of in the labor movement. They are a conservative, hard-working body of men, possessing great skill at their trade, and also in keeping in the background. Henry Weber is president, and he looks after the meetings faithfully.

F. W. Chausse, Secretary of the Employing Printers' Association, seems to be very fond of getting his name in the papers these days. Must be getting ready to run for Councilman. It's a safe bet that if Mr. Chausse's organization gets into trouble with the prints he won't feel quite so much like being quoted.

Had it not been for some of the cloak workers having an organization and securing union hours there would have been several hundred more women burned in the New York holocaust recently horrifying the country. They quit earlier,

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because organized, and the unorganized girls were the victims three hours later.

Charlie Gram was in town a few days this week.

William H. Jenkins, of the Cement Workers, says that in a few years there will be only two building trades left—his and the tile setters.

William Noffke is secretary of the Building Trades Council, and these days he is kept busy. Noffke keeps the minutes, and also a few other things that are not on the minutes.

The Waterfront Federation is a hot tamale these days. J. I. Tucker can tell you that they are doing things, but he won't tell you all the particulars. They don't do things by telling about them—till afterwards.

Andy Madsen recently returned from a trip on the Sound. He reports everything in fairly good shape and said that the loggers to the number of 800 had formed an organization and have sent to the American Federation for a charter. They were formerly affiliated with the I. W. W.

J. F. Wetherby, financial secretary of Carpenters, 808, is inclined to shift from one foot to another when a stranger asks him about the industrial situation; but ask him about eight hours as a general proposition, and he call tell a great many interesting things, especially to a non-union carpenter, who ought to come off an unfair job.

Musicians Making Progress

The regular weekly meeting of the directors was held on Wednesday, April 5th, President Oberender presiding. There is every indication that the Peninsular Band will make application to join the local, provided some easement can be given them. The directors feel that the aim of the association should be to increase the membership in what ever way it can. It should not be a question of dollars and cents, but rather the idea that for every member gained is that much less competition on the outside and one more friend and booster added to help the cause; for that reason it is recommended to the next general meeting that some action on these lines be considered. It is officially reported that the traveling band, under the leadership of Ferulla, has secured the contract for the Salem Fair. It was probably secured on account of his "national reputation" and at a material advance over what this local would have required, "probably" (?) Some active work will be required to offset the methods used by these bands in bidding for engagements in neutral territory, especially the Astoria Centennial.

The regular meeting has given permission to members to donate their services for the benefit which is being given in behalf of the Labor Temple at the Heilig Theater, April 9th. The final reading and consideration of the price list will be had at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, May 2d.

Label Trades Section Is Busy

All affiliated unions are urged to see that their delegates attend the meetings.

At the last meeting of the Label Trades section M. Olney, 271 North Twenty-first street, was elected secretary to replace E. G. Barger, who resigned.

A cook's union has been organized by President Chas. R. Price. A charter has been sent for and the union will be installed immediately upon its arrival. They start out with a membership of 20.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

A writer in the Corvallis Gazette-Times calls for the purchase of some timber lands to protect the municipal water supply. He points out that a few years ago the land could have been purchased for \$10 an acre, and that now probably \$40 an acre would not secure the 2000 acres needed. He further calls attention to the fact that with proper care and conservation the sale of wood and timber would return a large income to the city, constantly increasing. He does not tell what the lands are assessed for, but probably for less than half what would be demanded in case the people of Corvallis took up with the idea and proceeded to purchase the tracts needed. If the people of Benton county would tax only special privilege and quit punishing men for using and improving land, as they have the power to do, there is no doubt that tracts of vacant land could be easily and reasonably secured from their speculative owners.

Taxes went up in Oregon this year all alone the line, but the fellow who gets out from under is the man who owns land which he has leased on a long term for a cash rental, the renting party to pay the taxes.

Tobacco trust still fighting the wretched cigar-makers of Porto Rico. The combine fairly hates a man that loves his fellowmen.

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