

Thursday, July 6, 1911

Minutes of Central Council

Official proceedings of the Central Labor Council of Portland and vicinity, June 1911.
President Daily in the chair.
CREDENTIALS.
Cook—L. Jamison.

COMMUNICATIONS.
From Bartenders, requesting that saloon be placed on L. D. Reed be placed on the unfair list. Referred to Executive Committee.

From Conference of International Officers on the McNamara Defense. Filed.
From Musicians, asking endorsement of new wage scale. Concurred in.
From Building Trades in reference to Labor Temple. New business.
From Salem Labor Council—Referred to Secretary.
From Theatrical Stage Employees. Filed.
From Building Trades. New business.

NEW BUSINESS.
Moved that Building Trades resolution be adopted. Moved to lay on table one week.
Moved that our member of the Board of Directors of Labor Temple be instructed to bring in a definite plan of assuming supervision next week:

1. Amended that Secretary be instructed to notify Building Trades that we accept their offer and will assume the supervision of the Labor Temple.

2. Amended that entire matter be referred to referendum vote of affiliated union. Amendment to amendment lost. Amendment carried.

Moved that resolution of Building Trades be reconsidered. Moved that it be filed.

Moved that committee of five be appointed to bring in recommendation on holding Labor Day celebration in Portland. Harris, Holgate, Stack, Fleming and Patino appointed.

Moved that committee of three be appointed to investigate the Auditorium Commission matter. Ledwidge, Maguire and Harris appointed.

WELFARE OF COUNCIL.
Cooks have reorganized. Demand the button.

Linemen are making good progress in their strike against the Mount Hood Railway company.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—	
Tailors	4.95
Elevator Constructors	1.00
Cement Finishers	1.00
Building Laborers	3.55
Moving Picture Operators	4.59
Sailors	9.00
Longshoremen No. 5	3.00
Total	\$27.09
Expenses—	
D. W. Robinson, salary and postage	\$22.00
D. W. ROBINSON, Secretary.	

Unfair List.

Bartenders—All saloons that do not display the Union Bar Card.

Building Trades—Trustee Company of Portland, Fred Hobbisefken, plasterer, Stone & Webster, National Ice Co., Magg-Tichenor building.

Cigarmakers—United Cigar Stores and all cigars that do not bear the Union Label.

Metal Trades—Portland Artificial Ice Co., Bell, Wildman & Co., Portland Sheet Metal Works, Portland Elevator Co.

Meat Cutters—Frank L. Smith Meat Co.

Bakeries—Royal Bakery & Confectionery Co., New York Bakery.

Molders—Pacific Stove & Range Co., stoves handled by Calef Bros.

Painters—Williams & Blid and all shops that employ non-union men.

Printing Trades—Saturday Evening Post, Independent Printing Co.

Plumbers—J. F. Shea.

Stationary Engineers—Portland, Crystal Ice Co., Liberty Coal & Ice Co., Independent Ice & Coal Co.

Tailors—All custom tailor firms that cannot supply the Union Label.

Brewery Trades Section—Spring Valley Wine Co.

GOOD FOR A COAL BARGE.

The protected cruiser Boston is being used as a plaything for a company of militia. It lays in the harbor and is a constant source of delight to numerous people. It will cost the working people of Oregon \$25,000 in two years to keep it polished up and to wine and dine and entertain the visitors, fire salutes to officials, etc.

Governor West held back \$15,000 of the appropriation, but when he heard those salutes and saw the shining guns, the strutting officers and the bustling privates he relented and gave to the Boston the money other people have to sweat for.

Now the Boston is of no use on earth. Changes in naval warfare, ship construction, etc., will continue in the future as in the past, and the only lessons of value will be to know the stem from the stern and port from starboard, all of which could be taught on a coal barge.

And this is what the Boston is fit for. If Governor West could secure the consent of the President of the United States to dump the guns and the armor on the scrap heap and send the Boston to Australia for a load of coal, to be sold to the

people of Portland at cost, he would be doing a good service to the people. The fuel trust of Portland stands up the people of this city for fully half a million a year, and the Boston as a coal barge would be a useful addition to the Oregon navy.

As a warship she is junk; as an educator of our youth in warfare she is a joke, and as to being any return to the taxpayers for the \$25,000 she is a dead loss.

LABOR SLUGGERS.

The Public: Good people outside of Chicago, and many such inside, should be advised, as the fact is, that the "labor sluggers" of whom they read so much are not labor union sluggers. Gangs whose brutal services are at the command of any paymaster, they are frequently hired by employers of labor. Members of this identical gang are reasonably believed to have been employed by detective agencies with anti-union work to do. They were hired by certain Chicago newspapers only recently to "promote circulation." They did it by slugging news dealers. They were hired to create labor disturbances at Muscatine, Iowa, during the pearl button strike, in order to make an excuse for calling out the militia to awe the strikers. The men "higher up" in the Chicago slugging are not labor leaders. They are business men and politicians.

A MINORITY CAN ELECT.

In electing delegates to the national conventions to people of Oregon in the primaries will vote for one candidate only. This will give the party full and free representation, as any body of men numbering over one-ninth of the total vote of the party can by voting for one candidate be sure to elect him.

Organized labor should select some workingman who has made good and send him to the national convention. It would indeed be a relief to see some carpenter, printer, engineer, building laborer, electrical worker or other journeyman, who is not a lawyer, a real estate speculator or a railroad lobbyist sent to the Republican national convention from Oregon.

The same applies to the Democratic party with equal force. Organized labor can easily elect two or three out of each delegation of eight, and compel the party managers to select a much cleaner and reputable class of men for the other seats than has heretofore characterized Oregon.

OPPOSE REFORM MEASURES.

The United Press sent out the following dispatch relative to the future work as outlined by the Pacific Coast Manufacturers' association in their recent Portland convention.

"The fight is no more directly between capital and labor. Organized wealth is now bound together to fight not men, but measures; to discredit and repeal popular legislation and to carry on through the subsidized party press a constant campaign against any reforms that give the people more power. Capital is not worried about strikes; its chief worry today is over the initiative, referendum and recall."

HE HAD CHILDREN OF HIS OWN.

The Hartford Labor Standard quotes the following remarks of a business man of that city who had just visited a tobacco factory in the South: "While I have never borne labor unions any animosity, I have been rather lukewarm relative to their existence. But since my visit to a tobacco factory in Richmond, Va., where I saw women and children working their lives away under the most exacting conditions, I shall henceforth assist and sanction the existence of the unions, if for nothing else than the stand taken against child labor. I have children of my own."

IF THEY COME OUT.

Marshfield Daily Agitator.

We don't know U'Ren, nor do we know Bourne, but we do know the initiative and referendum and recall and know them to be the right thing in the right place. It is what the people want and what they are going to keep, and the more some people howl about those laws the more convinced become the people that they did the wise thing. If the kickers will come out of the brush long enough to start a recall of the recall they will soon learn how the people feel about the proposition.

LET THE DANCERS PAY.

There is no reason why the taxpayers of this city should pay for a cent of the expense of the proposed scheme to tunnel the hills into the Tualatin valley. It will add millions to the estate speculators' bank accounts. The city should have power to assess the cost of it to the property benefited and take it out of any corporation. So long as it is to be a private real estate boosting scheme, let the dancers pay for the pipers.

The depths of political depravity and treason can scarcely be deeper than that disclosed in Ohio, where a judge has fined and disfranchised 2,000 voters for bribery, yet has himself purchased votes. The gloom of sin is deepened by the fact that the judge himself sees no more wrong in his purchasing votes than do the voters in selling them.

BORN ON A LUMBER PILE.

In 1885 a few men met in the rain at the foot of Folsom street in San Francisco and formed the Coast Seamen's Union. The speakers mounted a lumber pile. The membership roll was signed in the rain. The union was too poor to even hire a hall.

Every 6th of March the Sailors go to that spot and give three cheers for the old guard. There are but few of them left now, but the union is one of the strongest and most progressive known. It publishes the Coast Seamen's Journal, and has led in many a fight for the upbuilding of labor all along the Coast.

All honor to the union that raised the workers on the vessels of the Coast from slavery to freedom; from \$15 a month to \$45 and more. No stronger example of the moral force of organized labor is to be found than in this organization. Its men were too poor to marry and have homes. They were too cowed and kicked down to stand up for their rights. Now they are home-owners, citizens, leaders among men, and their union is pointing the way to nobler and higher things.

FARMERS WHO KNOW.

In Denmark over 200,000 voting farmers have over and over again adopted the following resolution in their national and district conventions:

"The Danish peasant farmers demand the earliest possible abolition of all duties and taxes levied upon articles of consumption or assessed in proportion to income on labor, and in lieu thereof they demand that a tax be imposed on the value of the land, which value is not due to any individual effort, but is derived from the growth and development of the community."

The lecturer loudly proclaimed that he would give a dollar for the best reason why the community should not take the value of land for public purposes. It was claimed by one of the audience who gave as the reason, "Because the people are darned fools." He got the dollar.

How much money can society rightfully collect from a man? Not more than it honestly earns. For when society collects something it has not honestly earned it collects something that individuals have earned and money to which it is not honestly entitled.

Farmers in Australia receive agricultural implements made in Ohio for two-thirds the price paid for them by the Ohio farmers. Hur! Read that again.

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