Minutes of Central Council

Council called to order at 8 P. M. by President Trullinger.

Jordan and Raven noted absent on roll call.

Credentials — Bridgemen, J. Prahl; Electrical Workers 125, Ben Lewis, J. Bull, F. M. McClellan; Railway Carmen, W. W. Ebbett; Steamfitters, B. Donnis.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Communications—Philadelphia Central Labor Union, to Labor press; Danville Trades and Labor Council, to Labor Press; financial statement of Shop Federation, filed; financial statement, Oregon Federation of Labor, filed.

Bills—N. W. Telephone, $1.35; Pacific Stationery Co., $2; Labor Press, $2.50; Schwab Printing Co., $3.75; Labor Temple Association, $20.

Reports of Sections—Building Trades reports work in good shape for week, improvement is noticed for past six months. Printing Trades reports work quiet. Brewery Trades reported everything O K. Metal Trades reported unfavorably on the organization of a railway section. Cooks ask members of organized labor to demand August button on the cook. Electrical Workers are making good progress in their fight against the lockout, a request for the local button will assist them greatly. Barbers now have the largest local in the country. Garment Workers reported splendid time at their picnic—look for the label when making a purchase. Bartenders are making progress and striving for larger and stronger organization to the end that all shops will display the card. Teamsters are making splendid strides in organization work—ask the driver for his card and button. Meat Cutters are getting along nicely and warn union men against Frank L. Smith markets, look for the card. Shingle Weavers are fighting West Side Shingle Co., with good prospects for an early settlement. Carpenters will please ask for union label on shingles. Railway Federation is still on strike and asks further financial aid. Sheet Metal Workers are still fighting Portland Sheet Metal Works.

Unfinished Business—Officers installed for ensuing term.

New Business—On motion the University and West Side shingles were placed on the unfair list at the request of the Shingle Weavers. Request to place Mike's restaurant on unfair list failed, as firm has gone out of business. Request of Steamfitters to place Kendall Heating Co. on unfair list complied with.

Organization Committee recommended that President Tobin of the Shoe Workers be requested to send Organizer J. E. Donovan to the Coast.

Request of the Glass Workers for affiliation was laid over for one week.

Labor Day Committee reported progress and announced that committee was able to secure Eugene V. Debs for Labor Day.

Motion to give committee power to engage speaker was lost.

Commitee on anti-boycott and anti-free speech bills recommended the printing of 25,000 circular letters to labor unions and State Grange, and an appeal to unions for per capita of 10 cents per month for three months. Recommendation concurred in.

Hospital plan was indefinitely postponed. Retiring officers were given rising vote of thanks for efficient services.

Labor Day Committee instructed to meet at 162½ Second street next Sunday.

Receipts for the week as follows: Stage Employes, $3.40; Pressmen, $2.25; Bridgemen, $3; Molders, $1.50; Beer Drivers, $3; Cooks, $1; Grainhandlers, $4.20; Longshoremen No. 6, $6.

Council adjourned for one week.

E. J. STACK, Secretary.

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EDMONTON EMPLOYERS MISREPRESENT.

The following letter has been received by W. J. Shelley and is typical of the letters from other sections of the United States and Canada where the advertisements for large numbers of working men for any particular locality is thoroughly investigated. We will let the Edmonton carpenter speak for himself:

Dear Sir and Brother: I recently received a letter from Brother Dowler of your city containing a clipping from the Morning Oregonian which contained an advertisement calling for 200 carpenters for the City of Edmonton.

Brother Dowler suggested that I would acquaint you with conditions here so that you might give same publicity through the Labor Press or any other means at your disposal.

It is perfectly true that the building trades are active in this town this summer, but it is equally true that there is an abundant supply of carpenters.

Conditions for our craft are very poor in this place on account of the migration which is continually going on through people coming and going in search of land.

It just happened that three carpenters from Portland, Ore., were sitting in this office after having tramped all parts of the city in a vain search for work, when the postman entered with Brother Dowler's communication.

The wages paid carpenters in this city is ridiculously low when compared with the cost of living.

Board and room of the meanest kind costs $8 per week and the average rent of a four-room house in the east end of the city is $30 per month. Many carpenters who have come here from Seattle, Spokane, etc., have pulled out whenever they saw how conditions were.

Yet this advertisement which was published in Portland has been published in most cities in the United States and also in Eastern Canada. A man simply cannot save money in this place if he has his trade only to depend upon.

Trusting you will give these facts whatever publicity you can, I remain.

Yours fraternally,
DONALD MACLEOD,
Business Agent.

THREE-TOUR SYSTEM SPREADS.

The three-tour system of operating paper mills is spreading rapidly. Since the workers in the Holyoke mills organized and brought about the general adoption of the shorted workday in the Eastern country, the sentiment in favor of the three-tour system has increased wonderfully. The Rhinelander Paper Company of Rhinelander, Wis., started its machines upon the three-tour or eight-hour day system the 8th of July. This plant is made up of a news machine, a manilla machine and a tissue machine.

The Peninsular Paper Company of Ypsilanti, Mich., having two machines, making book, writing and specialties goes on the three-tour system August 1st.

The Elkhart Paper Company, having two machines, making book, writing and bonds, are now negotiating for the inauguration of the eight-hour day.

The tour workers of the four largest paper companies of Kalamazoo, Mich., are on strike for the eight-hour day. The mills are completely tied up. The manufacturers at this place make the same old claim that it is impossible to operate under the three-tour system, but will possibly, in the near future, see the matter in a different light, as have other manufacturers who at first made the same claim.

The favorite scheme of the manufacturers to stall off the three-tour system is to offer to bonus to be paid every three months in lieu of the three-tour system. This plan of the companies is not being accepted by the workers, they realizing that it is only an effort of the employers to keep them on the long-hour day. That this is impossible and that the sentiment for the eight-hour day is well grounded is shown by the fact that in every case all propositions which had for their purpose the delaying of the installation of the eight-hour day have been turned down by the men. There is no question about what the men in the machine room of the paper mills of this country want. It is the eight-hour day. Slavery conditions must be abolished.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING.

Lady (to returned missionary)—And how was the king of the savages clothed?

Missionary — H'm — principally with authority, madam, and not much of that. —McCall's Magazine.

Union Label Clothes for Men

Look--

The Greatest Sacrifice Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings, ever known in our history is now going on here.

Having bought the entire stock of A. B. Steinbach & Co., we are forced to raise money to make payments---Therefore we have applied the knife to all our prices including new Fall Clothing and have cut so deeply that we compel your attention.

Supply your needs now for months ahead

MORRISON STREET at Fourth
LION CLOTHING CO.
166 - 170 Third Street
166 to 170 THIRD STREET

OPEN SHOP FIGHT ON.

Strikes have been declared on fifty-five building jobs in Minneapolis since the inauguration of the closed shop policy of the Minneapolis Building Trades Council two weeks ago.

This strike was not of the Council's seeking, but Organized Labor of Minneapolis was forced to either take a decided stand at this time or have its unions disintegrate slowly but surely.

The organized contractors started this spring with a secret, silent, but systematic, slassh of wages.

Building mechanics of Minneapolis, who are forced because of weather conditions to remain idle fully five months out of each year were brought face to face with starvation wages.

Cunningly worked advertisements were published in Northwestern newspapers by the contractors, and outside workmen and floaters were brought in to glut the labor market.

Bosses were eager to take advantage of the conditions which they themselves created, and the Minneapolis workmen were at the mercy of the unscrupulous employers.

For—no matter how fair some employers are trying to be, the fair employer could not compete with the unfair employer, and consequently had to cut wages also.

The Builders and Traders Exchange proudly states that it is for the open shop, but it is for the closed shop instead—that is a shop closed to union men.

The Master Builders Association has refused to meet a committee from the Building Trades Council, and no plan of conciliation is now in sight owing to this attitude.

As a result of this crushing plan of the master builders, hundreds of the best citizens of Minneapolis have been compelled to seek work elsewhere.

Fortunately, out-of-town work this year has assumed great proportions, and the experienced mechanics find no trouble in securing work out of Minneapolis at a decent living wage.

All but three of the twenty-three building trades crafts are affected by this strike; the plasterers having refused to abide by the decision of the Building Trades Council, and the Bricklayers and Stone Masons who are not affiliated.

"Have you a lawyer, Mose," asked the court.

"No, sah."

"Well, to be perfectly fair, I'll appoint a couple. Mr. Jones and Mr. Brown will act as counsel."

"What's dat?"

"Act as your lawyers—consult with them and prepare to tell me whether you are guilty or not guilty."

"Yes, sah."

Mose talked to his lawyers for a few moments in husky whispers. The judge caught only the several times repeated word alibi. Then Mose arose, scratched his head and addressed the court.

"Jedge, yoh honah," he said, "cou'se I'se only an ign'ant niggah, an' Ah don' want toh bothah yoh honah, but Ah would suttinly like toh trade yoh honah one ob dese yeah lawyahs foh a witness."—Kansas City Journal.

"Professor," said Miss Skylight, "I want you to suggest a course in life for me. I have thought of journalism—"

"What are your own inclinations?"

"Oh, my soul yearns and throbs and pulsates with an ambition to give the world a life work that shall be marvelous in its scope and weirdly entrancing in the vastness of its structural beauty!"

"Woman, you're born to be a milliner." —Tit-Bits.

$5.00 FOR A WORD.

W. H. Kaufman, the insurgent assessor of Whatcom County, Washington, and now candidate for Land Commissioner, is out hunting for a word. He offers five dollars for the capture of a one-syllabled word, designating those who are robbed of their population value by speculators and franchise grabbers. "Slave" designated those who were robbed of the labor value they created. If you can't find a word, make it, and report to the Labor Press. Disinherited is good, but too long.

CHILD LABOR.

No fledgling feeds the father bird,
No chicken feeds the hen,
No kitten mouses for the cat,
This glory is for men,
We are the wisest, strongest race,
Long may our praise be sung,
The only animal alive
That lives upon its young.
—Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

EVIDENTLY APPLIES TO JOSH.

"I see one of our big corporations is going to do something for its old clerks."

"Good enough! What form will it take?"

"Well, after a man has been with them twenty years they're going to give him a gold stripe on his sleeve."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SONNY WAS WISE.

Suspicious Neighbor—Did your mother have a rooster for dinner yesterday, sonny?

Sonny—Yes'm.

Suspicious Neighbor—A big one with black tail feathers?

Sonny—Dunno. Mother didn't cook the feathers.—McCall's Magazine.

AT A SUMMER RESORT.

(By Brand Whitlock.)

Yes, it is beautiful, this peaceful scene,
Of simmering lake, deep in the pine-woods green,
With happy, brown-kneed children, youth and maid
And elder folk in summer white arrayed,
At tennis, golf, and boating all at play.
Wherewith they while these golden hours away.

And yet—and yet—I wish I could not see,
Back in the city's heat and misery,
Those patient men who toil in shop and mill,
Their work-worn wives, their children wan and still,
Wasting their lives in cruel sacrifice
To give these idle ones this paradise!

The poll tax must go in California. It is to be executed by the initiative. Even the opponents of justice in taxation in Oregon do not dare prpose to resurrect it.

The new charter proposed by the third and official board is lengthy, full of unnecessary detail and will saddle on the people a misrepresentative body of bosses who will be chosen in such a manner as to give big business and big vice the majority. The short charter which will be on the ballot at the same time if the courts so decree, and is a far more sensible, intelligible and genuinely democratic instrument.

Once in a while some bunch of taxpayers discover evidences of graft and incompetency in the management of the public schools of Portland. None of them seem to realize the situation, and not a single taxpayer comes to offer aid to organized labor in the only way to clean out the entire crew, and that is an initiative measure to put the management of the entire school affairs into the hands of an elective, responsible head.

CUT PRICES AND SMILE.

I cut prices and smile. No heavy rent hangs over my head. Men's suits, 1$6.50 to $18 values, marked $12.75, now $10. Jimmy Dunn, room 315, Oregonian bldg. Take elevator.

The doctrine of smash your employer's property is not going to be adopted by the workers of the United States.

"Mamma, our governess can see in the dark."

"How do you know that?"

"Last night out in the hall I heard her tell Uncle Jack that he needed a shave."—The Jester.

Has-been statesmen in California oppose the abolition of the poll tax.

Blue label cigars can be found everywhere, and may be had for the asking. Likewise, however, cigars may still be found without this label. It ought to be the privilege of every smoker to assist in changing this condition of affairs until the blue label—the mark of quality—shall adorn every box.

Smoke La Gran Marca, The Schiller, Schiller Union, 5c.
Schiller Cigar Factory
Retail Stores: Sixth and Washington and Fourth and Washington.
Phones: Main 1381, A 1405.

Ross Sharp Co.
Union Factory, Union Cigars, Union Tobaccos.
Ground Floor of Union Headquarters,
Hohenstaufen Building, 270 Alder Street.

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