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DEAL CAREFULLY WITH LABOR LAWS.

There seems to be some sort of underground influence at work over the country to bring about changes in existing labor laws, abolish state labor commissioners and otherwise interfere with laws that have been placed upon the statute books through the efforts of organized labor.

There are few labor laws that tend to protect the workers from greedy, avaricious, slave-driving, profit-mad employers that have not been put in operation by organized labor.

Can it be possible that that class of employers who must be forced by law to protect their employees, and who have been compelled to make their shops sanitary, adopt safety devices and otherwise contribute to the welfare of their employees, see in the temporary wave of reaction that has swept the country an opportunity to do away with the restrictions that have been placed upon their operation?

If this is not the case why all this sudden activity relative to the changes in labor laws that have been in successful operation for years? Why the sudden desire to abolish or combine with some other office the Labor Commissioners.

Here is a tip for the Oregon Legislators. The laboring people, organized and unorganized, don't want the Labor Commissioner's office abolished, neither do they want it combined with some other office where it will lose its individuality and effectiveness. Paste that in your hat.

So far as laws are concerned organized labor has never in its history proposed a selfish law. The laws proposed by them are usually of greater benefit to the unorganized than to the union men.

It would be well for the Legislators to remember that any action they take concerning labor legislation directly affects about 80 per cent of the population of the state, and that the other 20 per cent is pretty well able to take care of itself.

INCREASE THE RAILROAD MAN'S WAGE.

Two weeks of the inquiry at Chicago into the justice of the request of engineers and firemen of Western railroads have passed. A great deal of new and interesting evidence has been produced and the impartial observer cannot fail to understand why the men of the locomotive cab are making such a strong fight.

It has been brought out that not only are the hazards of the work unusual and the responsibilities great but the hours of work are long and the compensation, in most instances, too low. The spectacular testimony of that young engineer, Jones, the "respirator man" of the Siskiyou Mountain Range tunnels, for the first time gave the public a fair idea of what these quiet and earnest fellows undergo day after day and year after year that the public may travel in safety and the people receive their food and fuel supplies as they are needed. It always has been known that the average engineer and fireman is something of a hero, but the disclosures at Chicago have given the picture a more vivid tint.

All signs point to the fact that the comparatively few dollars now paid daily to engineers and firemen in the Western territory are trivial for what they perform, what they endure and what they always are ready to face, calmly, and with never-failing patience.

If all the energy which is expended doing charity about this time of year, were expended toward bringing about a condition that would make charity unnecessary what a revolution there would be in the industrial world.

Those who are looking for a man to succeed to the title now held by Jack Johnson should look among the union men of Portland. We have some of the most scientific knockers in the world.

In state after state it appears that the standpat victories were won for lack of proportional representation. The majority is unrepresented, or has less than its share.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION

(By D. O. Gallup, Secretary.)

A. M. Merrick, of Baker, but more recently of the Coos Bay district, passed through Portland Friday last. C. E. Esselstyne, who has been for a short time foreman of the Coos Bay Times at Marshfield, has deposited a traveling card and will be with us for some time. Mr. Esselstyne, who is an old-time San Francisco printer, has something to say about the conditions in the Times office, and advises printers to stay away from it.

Walter E. Cosby, who took an honorable withdrawal card from this union in September, has again taken out an active card and worked last week for a short time at Wells & Co.

A. E. Shurr, E. J. Jones and G. L. Patterson have returned from Rainier, where they were employed for about eight days in getting out a holiday edition for the Rainier Review.

Mrs. Nellie J. Shirley, a former member of Multnomah Union, who took an honorable withdrawal card in March, 1911, has again become an active member.

J. W. Proctor, who came here from Vancouver, B. C., has secured a linotype situation at the State Printing Office at Salem.

The Allied Trades Bowling League was forced to bowl in two sections last week, owing to the fact that the allies were not available on Tuesday, the day scheduled. The regular day hereafter will be Tuesday.

Beverly B. Crawford has taken an honorable withdrawal card.

STANDING OF THE LEAGUES.

JOB PRINTERS.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Sweeney, V. & S.	24	15	.615
Glass & Prudhomme	23	14	.590
Irwin-Hodson	18	21	.462
Portland Ptg. House	13	26	.333

Thursday—Sweeney, Varney & Straub won two out of three from Portland Printing House. High team score, Sweeney, Varney & Straub, 462; high individual score, Wood, 196; high average, Wood, 95. Irwin-Hodson won two out of three from Glass & Prudhomme. High team score, Irwin-Hodson, 469; high individual average, Hedberg, 192; high average, Hedberg and Glenn, 193 each.

NEWSPAPER PRINTERS.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland Linotype	16	2	.889
Labor Press	13	5	.722
Telegram	5	13	.278
Journal	3	15	.167

Wednesday—Labor Press took two out of three games from Journal. High team score, Labor Press, 449; high individual score, Morgan, 106; high average, Buzan, 89. Portland Linotype took three games from Journal. High team score, Portland Linotype and Telegram tied, with 45 pins; play-off won by Linotype; high individual score, Hecker, 116; high average, Hecker, 93.

ALLIED PRINTING TRADES.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Printers	7	2	.777
Engravers	6	3	.666
Stereotypers	5	4	.555
	4	9	.600

Tuesday—Engravers won three from Stereotypers. High team score, Engravers, 412; high individual score, Gallup, 97; high average, Gallup, 91. (Gallup played extra for Engravers.) Friday—Printers won two out of three games from Bookbinders. High team score, Printers, 451; high individual score, Nagel, 196; high average, Nagel, 94.

BOOKBINDERS UNION

(By A. Gluedauber.)

The regular monthly meeting of Local Union No. 90 was held last Tuesday, Dec. 15. Several important matters were taken up for the welfare of the craft. One apprentice was obligated into the mysteries of swinging the glue brush. An amusing incident happened when J. R. Braendle, a very silent member, got up to talk on the welfare of our local, which surprised all members when he arose to do an oratorical stunt (which, by the way, he must have rehearsed for a month or so), but somehow he got his lines twisted, which some members took in a humorous sort of a way and a few took seriously. They say he is of German descent, so got "the cart before the horse." Nevertheless he spoke "mit his heart out."

B. Sutherland dropped in on us from Vancouver, B. C. He was formerly an active member of Local 90.

After the meeting, "King" Christenson rounded up his team mates to give an exhibition at the bowling allies. Some high scores were made. Fred Anderson, our president, wondered why so many of the balls he threw rolled in the gutter, but Fred redeemed himself by coming out second.

The Bookbinders' Ten Pin League was badly beaten last Thursday night by the Blake-McFall team, but expect to have another match in the near future.

The Bookbinders and the Printers of the Allied Printing Trades Duck Pin League contested for honors last Friday night. The Printers won two out of three games played.

Fred Anderson, J. R. Braendle and J. Justice were delegates to the Allied Printing Trades Council last Friday.

At last our wish was granted which we have been longing for. Every member of our local union is working and look forward for a busy season.

Local Union No. 90 wishes all the allied crafts a Merry Xmas.

THE GARMENT WORKERS

The employes of Neustadter's Factory will hold a Mut day Tuesday, Dec. 22.

At the regular meeting Thursday, January 7, will occur the installation of the newly elected officers. It is planned to have a social meeting at that night.

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Transfers issued: W. J. Elliott, Mrs. S. D. Brown.

Transfers cancelled: F. H. Wing. The officers has received notification of the death of Brother E. F. McConaty, at Denver, Colorado. Mr. McConaty has been ill in a Denver hospital for some time. In consequence of his death, members will be assessed the usual death benefit assessment of fifty cents each.

Brother Tom Gilman has just returned from a visit with old friends at San Francisco, California. Mr. Gilman is a member of San Francisco Local and at one time was president of Local No. 99.

Don't forget the January meeting on Tuesday the 5th. Besides the installation of officers several changes in our by-laws and constitution and the price list is contemplated. The subject of doubling and singing will also be discussed.

On Thursday last, members of this local joined forces with the Mutts in their entertainment for the benefit of the poor and needy of the city.

Dues, locker rent and death assessment will be due and payable on January 1st. All who have not paid this quarters dues by that time will be promptly suspended.

ELECTRICIANS NO. 125

Fred L. Bourne and Sam Martin have been chosen as delegates to the State Federation of Labor.

A good percentage of the membership is working and we are in a very prosperous condition. Our only difficulty is with the Home Phone Company and we are receiving such loyal support in this controversy that we feel it is only a question of time until we will be able to secure a settlement. We wish to take this occasion to publicly thank our friends who have given us such valuable assistance and to assure them that if opportunity affords we will return the compliment.

SHEET METAL WORKERS

The following officers have been elected to serve the ensuing term: President, Thomas D. Peters; vice president, P. J. Sammon; recording and corresponding secretary, Robt. V. Smith Jr.; financial secretary and business agent, W. L. Sullivan; warden, Geo. W. Curtin; conductor, Harry Carlson; delegates to Building Trades Council, W. L. Sullivan, I. J. Ertle and Chas. Schuman; delegates to Central Labor Council, B. Moroney and W. J. Thomson; dele-

gates to Northwest District Council Sheet Metal Workers, B. Moroney and Robt. V. Smith Jr.; delegates to Metal Trades Council, W. L. Sullivan, Edward E. Erickson and J. C. Campbell; delegate to Oregon State Federation of Labor, W. L. Sullivan.

The Sheet Metal Workers have in the past elected their International officers at their convention but if a proposed amendment to the International Constitution now being voted on carries they will hereafter be elected by referendum vote of the unions. This union voted unanimously in favor of the change.

Letters from the People

"Won't Works."

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18—Editor Labor Press: Just so long as one individual in any given community cannot get work—which case is acknowledged—no charge can be laid against any man who don't work. That there are such individuals is admitted, but with the elimination of enforced idleness, voluntary unemployment or vagrancy could be successfully dealt with.

The foregoing paragraph, a self-evident and undisputed fact, was included in an article written on unemployment and submitted to a paper whose columns had been opened to the public for the discussion of unemployment and the unemployed problem. It was blue-pencilled from the remainder of the article, which was otherwise printed. It is given to the Labor Press to encourage workers and the working class to support their own press and organized unions. Were labor not thus organized and represented by their own press—weapons of defense and offense—they would get far less respect from the powers that be, than they even now get.

Agitate, educate and organize, industrially and politically for the preservation of the cause of humanity, which lies altogether with the working class of every government on earth.

C. W. BARZEE.

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