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Resolutions Adopted By The Convention

Following are some of the more important resolutions acted upon by the convention:

Whereas, Since the International Photo-Engravers' Union of North America, in convention, have adopted a label to distinguish the product of union labor in that trade, and, Whereas, Said label is not being demanded by some organizations using engravings,

Resolved, That this convention assembled instruct allied organizations in this state to demand the I. P. E. U. label on the face of all engravings, that we may carry out the purposes and intents of the trade union movement.

Be It Resolved, That the Executive Board of the State Federation be instructed by this convention, in conjunction with the Central Labor bodies of the state, to make a thorough investigation of the advisability of establishing a daily newspaper in Portland for the particular benefit of the labor movement of this state, and to report in full to the next convention of the Federation.

Be It Resolved, By the Oregon State Federation of Labor that we endorse the movement looking towards the publication of the text books used in the common schools of this state by the State Printing Department. Careful investigation and comparison with the experiences of other states shows that one-half of the present cost of texts can be saved to the patrons of the schools in addition to giving employment to Oregon workmen and keeping within the state thousands of dollars in wages and materials now going into the hands of Eastern book publishers. Statistics show that in 1914 over \$150,000 was sent East for text books, of which sum at least \$75,000 could be saved to the taxpayers and an additional \$35,000 would be paid to Oregon workmen, which would be kept in circulation within the state.

Resolved, That this convention is unalterably opposed to the exemption from taxes of water power or any other natural resources.

Whereas, It is to the best interests of all the citizens of this country that the right of trial by jury be preserved, and that no limitations therefore be imposed; therefore, Be it

Resolved, That the Oregon State

LETTER WRITING WEEK.

The following resolution was unanimously endorsed by the Oregon State Federation of Labor:

Whereas, There has just been concluded, we trust successfully, a letter writing week, designed to attract tourist travel to Oregon; and

Whereas, The motive and intent of the promoters thereof was only to attract tourist travel, and not to in any way attract labor to Oregon; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Oregon State Federation of Labor, in its thirteenth annual convention assembled, hereby directs the president and secretary of the Federation to prepare a concise form letter, setting forth the wages and conditions prevailing in Oregon's industries; the activity of such industries; the supply of labor, and particularly what interests are in control of Oregon's natural resources; and be it further

Resolved, That said form letter be published in the Oregon Labor Press and sent direct to all affiliated local unions, with a request to the individual workers of Oregon to send a like letter to his or her acquaintances without the state, that these latter may not misinterpret the letters sent out during "letter writing week" and come to Oregon misinformed as to conditions.

Federation of Labor indorse and farther any plan extending the right to serve as a juror to all citizens who are voters, and that the restrictions of sex and property qualifications now existing be eliminated.

Whereas, it is a well known fact that much material is being sold and disposed of as paint, which is not paint at all, and

Whereas, such concoctions are detrimental to the health of those who are forced to use it, and

Whereas, Other states have enacted pure paint laws, which compels anyone desiring to sell paints, oils, etc., to label same as to their correct contents; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O. S. F. of L. indorses pure paint legislation.

Whereas, A closer and more effective method of co-operation in matters of mutual concern and interest to the agriculturists and industrial workers of our state is needful and apparent for the welfare and progress of these groups of producers and our state, and

Whereas, It is generally recognized the State Grange, Farmers' Union, the railroad unions and our Federation are representative of these groups of producers; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this thirteenth annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor that the incoming officers of the Executive Board are hereby instructed to put forth an effort whereby a permanent and official joint board composed of representatives of the State Grange, Farmers' Union, railroad unions and our Federation may be organized for aggressive and defensive purposes in matters wherein the welfare of either group of producers may be promoted or may be threatened and further wherein said joint board may mutually agree upon a policy or program; and be it further

Resolved, That said incoming officers and Executive Board are hereby given full authority to, for this Federation, approve of such rules as may be provided to govern such joint board and make appointments thereto; provided that nothing in said rules shall operate against either organization taking action of its own in matters strictly concerning its own affairs or matters other than these wherein said joint board is unable to agree upon a joint policy or program; provided further that in legislative matters of general concern neither organization mentioned shall, after becoming a party to said joint board, take individual action except the proposed legislation be first submitted to the joint board and an effort is made by the organization bringing the matter up to get the joint board to act favorably thereon.

Whereas, The American Federation of Labor in convention assembled has repeatedly went on record as being opposed to employment bureaus or agencies run by private individuals or concerns for gain, and

Whereas, The Oregon State Federation is on record as being likewise opposed to such bureaus or agencies, and

Whereas, Such bureaus or agencies are inimical to the best interests of labor because the burden of their upkeep falls only upon labor and the burden of their abuses are likewise only borne by labor, and

Whereas, Such bureaus or agencies have been made unlawful in the state of Washington without working any hardships on employers or labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this, the thirteenth annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, that the incoming officers and Executive Board of the Federation are hereby instructed to further and support in the game of the Federation any proposed legislation that will in their judgment do away with this industrial evil and make unlawful the operation of such bureaus or agencies.

Whereas, After a struggle of more than 20 years on the part of the International Seamen's Union of Amer-

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Federation Endorses Land And Loan Law

Whereas, We believe that the enactment of the proposed law known as the People's Land and Loan Law will prove of inestimable value to the workers of this state, and of the United States; therefore
Be It Resolved, That the Oregon State Federation of Labor in convention assembled most heartily endorses the law and urge upon the workers of the state that they use every honorable means within their power to the end that the bill may be enacted into law;
Be It Further Resolved, That the executive committee and officers of this organization are hereby instructed to use their best efforts to support this measure, and all members and officers of organized labor, whether affiliated with the American Federation of Labor or not, are hereby requested to aid in the campaign to initiate and adopt the People's Land and Loan Law as a part of the Constitution of Oregon.

Of all the questions before the Oregon State Federation of Labor, the "People's Land and Loan Law" caused the most intense and thorough discussion.

Coming before the convention in the form of the foregoing resolution introduced by Delegate C. M. Ryerson, at the Thursday morning session. The resolutions committee recommended concurrence and it

LABOR COMMISSIONER SAYS NOT HIS FAULT

In answer to the article appearing in the Oregonian of January 28, stating in substance that the East Side Mill & Lumber Co. was censured for not having the winch that was responsible for killing a man last Monday properly guarded, and rebuking the State Labor Commissioner for not inspecting this plant.

Permit me to say that this mill has been inspected and that the winch in question was perfectly safe for the purpose for which it was generally used. It was not intended for, and never had been, used for the purpose nor expected to be subjected to the strain to which it was at the time of the accident.

It also seems to me that before the Coroner's jury censured the work of my deputy, either he or myself should have been summoned before them. We are liable to make mistakes, though in this case the fault was not with us.

By calling our attention to these matters and summoning us to the Coroner's investigation, it would do much to bring the facts properly before the jury, and also furnish our department with information in connection with accidents of this nature, without waiting for the same through the regular reports made of such cases.

In justice to the Coroner's office I wish to say that my deputy informs me that it has been the practice of that office to call his attention to all fatal accidents in plants under our supervision, but this information is seldom furnished until after the inquest.

O. P. HOFF,
State Labor Commissioner.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON'S EXTENSION CLASS.

Efficiency in the use of English as a practical business asset is a phase in the study of English that is being emphasized in the University of Oregon extension class in rhetoric, conducted in room B of the Central Library on alternate Fridays by Mrs. Mable Holmes Parsons. At the next meeting of the class, on January 28, one of the class assignments that will receive special consideration is the preparation of the kind of recommendations for business positions that will get the job for the man recommended, the idea being to distinguish between live words and words that are dead

was made a special order of business for the afternoon session.

The fireworks were touched off by Eugene E. Smith, speaking as a member of the standing committee on unemployment of the Central Labor Council of Portland. Mr. Smith stated that the committee, in its effort to alleviate the state of involuntary unemployment into which so many workers were thrust, came up against a stone-wall. Which ever way they turned, the land monopolist, either directly or indirectly, barred the way. So after several months spent in attempts to devise some plan of relief, the committee prepared the "Land and Loan Law."

This was done without prejudice toward this particular plan, but with open minds toward any plan that would accomplish the desired end—the abolition of poverty.

At the time of publication of the first draft, an invitation was extended, asking for suggestions, and also a challenge was made to the world to provide some better plan. To date this challenge has remained unanswered. Suggestions of a helpful nature have been received from many sources, and interest in the measure extends throughout the civilized world.

Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the late Industrial Relations Commission, has written a letter giving the measure his unqualified endorsement.

Without claiming it to be a panacea for all industrial and economic ills, the committee believes

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Musicians Mutual Association

Local No. 99,
American Federation of Musicians,
Headquarters and Secretary's Office, 128 1/2
Fourth Street—H. C. Banzer, Secretary.
(By H. C. Banzer, Secretary.)

Members reinstated: Laura Gatton. Transfers issued: F. E. Gahmig.

Through error it was published in this paper Wm. Cattanach was suspended in this local. Mr. Cattanach has always been in good standing.

Do not fail to attend the general meeting of this association, February 1, 11 o'clock A. M.

A report was received at this office that A. E. Pankopf, member of this association, was seriously injured at St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Pankopf is now entirely recovered.

CARPENTERS ATTENTION

All members of Carpenters' Unions No. 50 and 808 are urged to attend a joint meeting of the locals to be held next Tuesday evening, February 1, at 7:30 in Hall 201, Labor Temple.

The meeting is called for the purpose of perfecting the matter of the consolidation of the two locals.

There will be election of officers of the new organization and the working out of the business and legal details of the consolidation.

CARPENTERS, No. 1106.
This local wishes to report that we are getting along splendidly, taking in a few new members occasionally and otherwise helping in the general labor movement.
The meeting place has been changed from Myrtle Park Hall to Laurelwood and all members and friends are requested to note the change.

Unions Boosting To Build Labor Temple

At the meeting of the New Labor Temple Building Association held at 2 P. M. in the Labor Temple, last Sunday, an encouraging report was made by the general committee of real interest, backed up by cash being taken by the local unions.

Reports from 12 local unions were read by the secretary with a result summarized as follows:

Bricklayers, subscribed one thousand dollars and ten cents a month per member.

Building Laborers, subscribed fifteen hundred dollars and ten cents a month per member.

Painters No. 10, subscribed three hundred dollars and 10 cents a month per member.

Blacksmiths, amount of subscription to be determined later and ten cents a month per member.

Bridges and Structural Iron Workers, subscription to be determined later and ten cents per month per member.

Reports were received from Motion Picture Operators and from the Stage Employes, stating they would rent quarters, but could do nothing moer now, though they were hopeful the temple would be built.

The Lady Bookbinders sent in a very nice letter wishing the association success, but stating they could not co-operate now.

Bookbinders Local No. 90 reported having appointed their special committee.

The Portland Patternmakers' Union reported by letter they could do nothing but wish success to the movement.

The Press Assistants' Union stated in their report they could only promise to rent and be of any assistance the futuer made possible.

Carpenters No. 1106, who meet out in Myrtle Point, had a letter in, stating they had deferred action for the present.

All of these reports were referred to the committee for further efforts to enlist the co-operation of the unions not making pledges.

In addition to the foregoing, delegates reported that Carpenters' Union No. 808 had subscribed two thousand dollars and ten cents per member per month.

Condensed Proceedings of State Federation of Labor

Portland, Or., Jan. 25, 1916.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor was called to order in Library Hall at 10 A. M. by Eugene E. Smith, president of the Central Labor Council of Portland.

After introductory remarks, Mayor Albee was introduced and gave an address of welcome.

Labor Commissioner Hoff addressed the convention, outlining in brief the work of his office and offering some suggestions as to future labor legislation, paying particular attention to a change in the laws relative to the collection of wages of laborers.

Father E. V. O'Hara, chairman of the Industrial Welfare Commission, reviewed the work of the commission since its organization.

President T. H. Burchard took charge of the convention at 11:15 and announced the appointment of the following committees:

Assistant Secretary—C. M. Ryerson.

Committee on Ways and Means—Chairman, C. H. Kelly, Frank Hannan, R. Hartzman, James Irving, O. E. Hibbs.

Credentials Committee—Chairman, Frank Riley; C. W. Ryan, R. L. Hickman, Len Lowery, E. O. Gutzeit.

Label Examining Committee—Chairman, Mrs. L. Gee; Rose Looney, Miss Aletha Bouland; J. A. D'Elia, J. C. Di...

Constitution and By-Laws Committee—Chairman, A. W. Lawrence; H. H. Hillbush, E. H. Pickard, Peter Dennis, J. Rosen.

Resolutions Committee—Chairman, R. A. Willison; F. C. Simmons, E. E. Smith, W. M. McKenzie, V. O. Sizemore.

Delegates also reported the Stationary Engineers No. 87 had subscribed one thousand dollars and were canvassing the membership for more.

Delegates present subscribed over one hundred dollars in cash for stock.

Since the meeting, reports have been received by the secretary as follows:

From the Civil Service Workers pledging to rent, pay ten cents per month per member and to later pledge stock for the union and members.

From the Sheet Metal Workers to the same effect.

From the Laters' Union subscribing five dollars for the union and pledging ten cents per month per member and to canvass members for more stock.

It is reported Carpenters No. 50 and No. 808 have voted to consolidate and this will go a long way towards making possible the property now held by Local No. 50 being turned into temple stock, an item of twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars.

In addition, a well-known contractor has agreed to take from one thousand to twenty thousand dollars' worth of stock if he is successful in bidding the job in at the low figure.

It was determined to call the next general meeting of the association Sunday, February 13 at 2 P. M. in the Labor Temple.

At this meeting definite recommendations on incorporation will be made and soon after a permanent organization effected.

As for a site nothing is or can be definitely settled until after incorporation.

The only thing now standing between Portland unionists and a new temple is the assurance each union will rent, will pay into the sinking fund ten cents per month per member and a small initial amount of stock per union, but the latter is not so important as the two former factors, at least to the extent if a union can't do more they at least can assure the association they will rent and pay per member the ten cents per month.

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS COMMITTEE—

Chairman, F. L. Bourne; H. M. Lorntsen, J. I. Tucker, B. M. Locke, J. F. Hadley.

Law and Legislative Committee—Chairman, J. A. Madsen; Ben Osborne, Arthur Brock, W. L. Sullivan, P. R. Pollock.

Committee of Rules of Order—C. A. Sandal, chairman; H. B. McCabe, C. M. Ryerson, G. A. Neuling, E. Bennett.

The annual report of the president was then read and referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.

President Burchard also made a report as fraternal delegate to the Oregon State Grange.

The report of Secretary-Treasurer Stack was read and referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.

The annual report of the Legislative Committee was read and referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.

O. E. Hibbs, fraternal delegate to the Farmers' Union, read his report, which was referred to the Committee.

NOTICE TO UNIONISTS.

The Civil Service Commission hold a public hearing on alleged charter violations of civil service provisions in the City Council chambers Monday evening, 8 P. M. Representatives of the Central Labor Council and the Civil Service Workers' Association will appear before the commission. All Civil Service employes and unionists should attend.