

What's What in the Building Trades

By EUGENE E. SMITH

Council Notes

(By W. L. Sullivan, Protege of Eugene E. Smith.)

Our editor has left us for a few days to look after his "crops" in Eastern Oregon or to pick out a nice little spot for himself when his Land and Loan Measure is carried next Fall. He didn't tell us which, but did wish his job on to us for this week only.

Vice-President Hannan was in Astoria giving the young damsels of that thriving community a treat. Our eminent conductor, Delegate White, was also among those not present. Labor Press Delegate Fussell arrived at 8:45, two minutes before we adjourned.

The entire Carpenters' delegation was absent, teaching their young proteges, the Floorlayers, the art of self-defense. They will all be present next meeting.

The Council was called to order promptly at 8 P. M. Sullivan was in the chair. He left his grouch at home and appeared quite amiable. So did all the other delegates including our newly credited officer, "Gentleman-in-Waiting" Barrett.

The G. I. W. did not have much to do, as the plumbers seem to be pacified for the time being at least. Our jurisdiction expert and dancing master, "Gentle Sammie" Harris, was present, but one would hardly know it. "Sammie" has been selected as floor manager for the Tillamums' ball next Saturday night and cannot be expected to have two things on his mind at one and the same time.

Our eloquent orator, Sergeant-at-Arms Burton, left Wednesday for a short visit to relatives in the East. Therefore, the Tile Layers will not be among those present for the next few weeks. We found out what is wrong with our "stenog." It's Louis Guisto, the celebrated Beaver swat-smith, and Louis leaves for Salt Lake Sunday at that. Shades of Harry Krause! The continued downpour is fast driving Bert Sleeman and Judge McCredie to drink. Bert is anxious to get his boys to work and the judge is anxious to hear the ring of their koopeks at the Vaughn street arena. Announcement was made of the annual festival to be given by the Labor Temple Association at Crystal Lake Park Sunday, July 30. Harry Anderson, of the Bricklayers, will be generalissimo of this year's event, which practically insures its success.

Sam Webster, of the Plasterers, will soon be back in harness again, as Mrs. Webster is fast recuperating from a recent operation.

Word was received from our former secretary, J. W. Hayes, now in Salt Lake, and endeavoring to keep the City of Mormons looking spick and span with several other "knights of the brush." We venture the prediction that J. W. is also keeping tab on the doings of "Buddy" Ryan, "Bunny" Briel et al. of the Bees.

Our great well intentioned but misunderstood delegate never even so much as seconded a motion at the last session. But, rest assured, such will not always be the case. It's not in "Pick's" makeup to be forever quiet.

Phil Pollock, genial busy agent for the U. A. District Council, was also absent, which caused the Council to adjourn one hour and a half earlier than usual.

The Council had the distinguished honor conferred upon it Monday night in the person of "Jack" Lewis, generally recognized as the "brains" of U. A. local 235. Jack is real busy these days looking after his oyster and chocolate sundae business, together with making preparations for the visit to our city of National Organizer Leonard, who is now in Seattle. "Jack" is also vice-president of the Northwest association of the U. A., with offices in this city.

George Bozee, of the Sign Writers, is hot on the trail of one Rann, dealer in signs and stencils. It's a growing thing for Francisco Villa that

George is in Portland instead of Chihuahua or Tamale.

Much admiration is being expressed over the new decorations, etc., in the B. T. C. office. The Council is indebted to J. E. Fitzgibbons, the designer.

We have a stranger within our gates in the person of Gus Uhl, national organizer of the Brotherhood of Painters. Gus was quite a frequent visitor in Portland in years gone by, but of late has been active in the Northwestern states. He will be in the Northwest for the Summer in the interests of his organization.

Don't forget Parsons, Pettingell, Horne and Willison next Friday when you visit the polls; also our old tried and true fried, Judge-to-be "Pike" Davis.

While you are there also a drive in the tail of Beveridge, Bailey, Amidon et al., by giving a vote to John B. Coffey.

This is about enuff.

Next week 'Gene will be back on the job.

Adios.

McCutchan Defends McArthur

May 9th, 1916, Editor Oregon Labor Press: "In your issue of April 15th there appeared a statement in reference to Congressman McArthur and some of his supporters. I believe that you have no intention to be unfair to Mr. McArthur, and I submit for publication in your paper, the following statement:

"Mr. McArthur took his seat in Congress early in December, 1915, and since that time has been devoting his entire attention to legislation in Congress. He has been active in the support of a number of matters which are particularly interesting and of benefit to labor, amongst which are the following:

"He supported the Keating Bill prohibiting the transportation of child labor goods in interstate commerce; he supported and voted for the Burnett Immigration Bill advocated by organized labor; he appeared before the committee on expenditures of the Treasury Department and made an extensive argument for a living wage for elevator men and janitors in public buildings owned by the United States; he introduced and secured the passage of a bill providing for the transfer of two hundred forty acres of government land near Multnomah Falls to the city of Portland; he introduced a bill appropriating \$200,000.00 for the construction of a wagon road around Mt. Hood; he endeavored to have the specifications for the U. S. postoffice building at Portland provide for the exclusive use of such materials to be and as are produced in the state of Oregon.

"He has appeared several times before the Public Lands Committee in support of the original provision of the Chamberlain-Ferris Bill in reference to the O. & C. Land Grant and has steadfastly opposed all schemes to turn these lands over to speculators. The original provision called for the payment of 40 per cent of the proceeds of sale above \$2.50 per acre to be paid to the permanent school fund of the state and 40 per cent to be devoted to the building of roads in this state. He secured the adoption of an amendment to the bill protecting Portland's water supply from pollution.

"His advocacy and support of the foregoing measures is positive proof of his friendliness towards labor.

"I have been in charge of Mr. McArthur's campaign ever since he went to Washington and have not been deposed as your article would seem to indicate.

"I am not personally acquainted with Mr. Seneca Beach, do not know him by sight and have never held communication with him either directly or indirectly, either on behalf of Mr. McArthur or otherwise, and Mr. McArthur's campaign commit-

tee, of which I am and have been the manager, was not consulted by any one in reference to bringing Mr. Beach to Portland, nor have we been advised as to the nature of his business while in Portland. Mr. McArthur also instructs me to state that he has, at no time, requested Mr. Beach to come to Portland or to interest himself in behalf of Mr. McArthur's campaign.

"Mr. McArthur is a candidate for renomination on the Republican ticket and naturally is glad to receive the support of every Republican who has confidence in Mr. McArthur and his ability to represent the Third Congressional District of Oregon in the House of Representatives at Washington. Mr. McArthur has fully demonstrated his independence and the possession of those qualities which should rally to his support the rank and file of the Republican voters in this district. Respectfully submitted,

"H. S. McCUTCHAN,
"Manager McArthur Campaign."

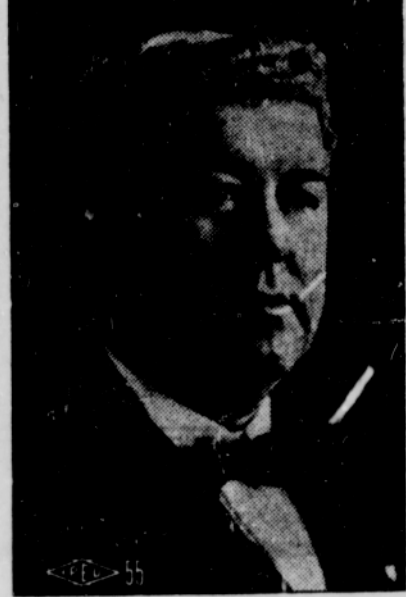
MYSTERY OF FORD VOTE.

Pendleton, Or., May 9, 1916.—Editor Oregon Labor Press: May I be permitted to contribute to the symposium of opinion upon the mystery of the Henry Ford vote at recent primary elections. It is a subject that every paper in the land has discussed, and most writers reach the conclusion that the strength of this man with the electors comes from a widespread peace at any price sentiment. Doubtless some of the Ford following comes from that element of our population, but in view of the fact that Ford himself has declared for reason, able preparedness, and is not a peace at any price exponent, the real source of his strength must be sought elsewhere. Is it not indeed to be found in recognition by fair-minded men of the work the man is doing toward a higher standard of wages, and better conditions for wage earners? The Ford factories may not have yet reached a just division of the enormous profits of the automobile industry between labor and capital, but it must be admitted that they have taken a long stride forward, and with public approval. The writer believes that the great mass of men are desirous of supporting labor in its effort to better conditions, and that when Henry Ford tried to meet that effort in good faith, he attracted to him the middle classes everywhere, and that those men gave him the bulk of his political strength shown in Michigan and Nebraska at the recent primaries. STEPHEN A. LOWELL.

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(Paid Adv. by Andy Weinberger)

As a figure of speech, "not worth a continental" seems to be getting ready to come back into the language.

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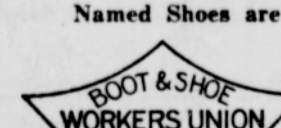
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"I haven't known you long," said the little Confederate colonel, Ben Cameron, "but I have carried you about with me for years and years." He displays a half-faded daguerreotype of the girl, a picture she had given her brother and which had fallen into Ben's hands.

Soothed by her kindness, Ben makes a rapid recovery. In the second half of the story, the scene of which shifts to South Carolina, they are sweethearts in the dread time of the second Southern uprising. To portray the fine flower of Northern womanhood throughout the whole-troubled era is the task of Miss Lillian Gish as Elsie Stoneman in this play.

Miss Gish is of the "golden aureole" blonde type which makes for photographic beauty. She is singularly graceful, and her features never lose their piquancy in in or outdoor scenes. The eyes, before the camera, are most expressive. The acting conveys sincerity as well a true feminine charm—at least so the New York critics thought.

Both Lillian and Dorothy Gish (the two being sisters) are the favorite actresses of the studios where D. W. Griffith, the director of "The Birth of a Nation" does his work. It took eight months to stage the Civil War and Reconstruction epic. Elsie Stoneman figures in hundreds of scenes from the early war-time to the end of Reconstruction, and her marriage to Ben.

