

UNIONS MAY NOT CONTINUE FIGHT

Labor Organizations Assured Belding Ordinance Is Not Aimed at Them.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OPINION

Nevertheless Committee of Workingmen Will Attend Council Meeting Today and Ask Amendment to Protect Interests.

Several matters of importance are to come up for consideration in the Council at its regular meeting this afternoon, chief among them being the Belding anti-trust ordinance. Another important measure that is on the card for discussion is Baker's automobile ordinance. In addition there is an unusually large amount of miscellaneous business to be taken up.

The first session since the time of meeting was changed from the first and third to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Indications are that there will be a heated debate over the anti-trust ordinance, as it is known that considerable opposition to it has arisen in certain quarters. Just how much of this opposition exists within the Council is not known, as none of the members have yet expressed disapproval of the measure. Many of the Councilmen have openly declared themselves in favor of it, and there seems little likelihood that it will be defeated, although amendments may be adopted.

The only open opposition to the measure comes from the Federated Trades Council, which appointed a committee last week to confer with members of the Council, asking them to oppose the Belding bill's passage. The members of this committee are P. McDonald, T. M. Leabo and Ed. Thayer. They have discussed the ordinance with several of the Councilmen and will be present at the meeting this afternoon. It is possible they will withdraw their opposition.

Fear a Hidden Joker.

The fact of the Federated Trades Council is that since provisions of the Belding measure may be construed as legislation against labor unions. By its terms the ordinance forbids all kinds of combinations for the restraint of trade, or the fixing of prices. The representatives of the unions believe that this may be taken to mean the organization of laborers and the adoption of wage scales.

When this phase of the ordinance was called to the attention of Belding, he took it up with the City Attorney, who reported that nothing in the ordinance could be construed as applying to labor unions. McDonald, chairman of the committee, has since then discussed the matter with Belding last night, and it was decided that the committee should consult the City Attorney about the ordinance today before the meeting of the Council.

It is the contention of the committee that a clause should be inserted in the ordinance exempting the labor unions from its provisions. No matter what the result of the conference with the City Attorney, it is probable that the committee will appear before the Council today and ask that such an amendment be made.

Wallace May Fight It.

The ordinance will come before the Council with the unanimous recommendation of Vaughn, Cellars and Bennett. The only indication that there will be opposition to the measure comes from within the Council in the fact that Wallace blocked its passage at the last meeting of the Council. It would have been carried at that time, had it not been for the objection of Wallace under the rule that it makes unanimous consent to pass an ordinance on the day of its introduction. He attempted to kill the bill by referring it to an entirely inappropriate committee, that one on accounts and current expenses.

It is understood that there is decided objection to the ordinance on the part of some of the trade combines of the city. Whether they will have representatives on hand to put up a fight this afternoon is not known. It is hardly probable that they will oppose the ordinance openly, but they may come forward with suggested amendments that would cripple the measure.

"Some opposition to the measure has developed, but I feel confident that it will pass," said Mr. Belding last night. "The labor union will favor the amendment is passed protecting them from its operation. Among the employers the chief opposition has come from the printers and druggists. Some of the employers have expressed a desire to let the ordinance cover the unions, but that is decidedly not the intention."

Baker Bill Has Enemies.

There will probably be a lively discussion when the Baker automobile ordinance is brought up. This may not come up today, as the ordinance will probably be sent to a committee before it is acted on by the Council. Auto owners are not at all pleased with some of the provisions of the ordinance, including the four-mile speed limit in rounding corners, and the provision that all drivers must pass examination before the City Engineer and City Physician before taking employment.

THEY ACCUSE D. R. NELSON

TRAVELERS' AID OFFICERS SAY HE INSULTED SEVEN GIRLS.

Young Women Who Applied for Position of Stenographer, They Say Met With Indignities.

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(To the Editor.)—For a long time the Young Women's Christian Association has been the subject of conditions in some of the business offices in Portland, where innocent girls applying for positions or regularly employed, are subjected to insults or indignities.

Many such cases have been reported to us and action has been taken, but in most cases it has been the word of one girl against her employer, who often was a man of some standing in the community. Therefore the cases were necessarily weak. Recently the Travelers' Aid Department took up the matter of an orphan

girl 17 years of age, who was ruined under the most subtle surroundings in the office of a Portland man who is married and has a family. The employer began by telling the girl if she would kiss him she might have a whole day off. It took him a month before he accomplished his design.

This girl had no protector except the association. The man acknowledged his crime and was punished, but the incident was kept from the papers on account of the girl's name. We decided at that time that the next case should reach the public.

During the past few days our attention has been called to a case where seven girls were reported to us as having met with indignities in one office. These young women were unacquainted with one another and reported to their respective employment agencies, not knowing that any other girl had met the same peril.

As the office was located in the Marquam building and the party was recommended by an honorable professional man, we had no hesitancy in sending girls to apply for stenographers' position unaccompanied.

Before any adverse report had been received these girls had been given this address. At first all were reluctant to tell their experiences as each felt that the incident would reflect on her character. Every girl stated that the advances were made by her before she realized their import. The result of our investigation was so startling and so convincing that we felt sure the law would convict, but after a formal hearing before District Attorney Manning we are astonished to discover that for all our evidence, Oregon has no punishment for such an offense beyond a fine of \$500.

The case at hand is that of D. R. Nelson, a man 67 years of age, who is attorney and manager of the National Finance Company, occupying suite No. 38, Marquam building. This man answered our advertisements, which we placed in the papers for stenographers.

"Little Miss A., a modest, timid girl, who has no other resources for a living, went to Nelson's office to apply. She returned to the association in a state bordering on hysteria and when questioned told the most astonishing story of the treatment she had received. Her story started the investigation. Miss A. was asked if she had parents living. She answered no. Nelson said he was glad and when asked why, replied that a girl without parents was more independent. He asked her age and said if she was 18 years old he could give him more of her time. He asked if she had any boy friends. The girl asked what that would be to an employer and he said that the girl he had in mind was wanted for his office. He said that there was not much typewriting to do. Wages were \$15 if she suited him. He told how kind he had been to her and how he had given money to go East.

Nelson said that he had been ill and that he had a suite of rooms and the stenographer would live with him. He was lying on the bed with him; that he took her to the beach, and that she would travel with him and have a good time. He said that she should be in the position, as he thought he would like her better than the other girl who had applied; was going to New York soon and would take her with him.

Before making these proposals he reached over and took the little girl's purse, opened it and remarked to her that she had not much money. The girl had a little over a dollar in the pocket-book.

He then said to her, "Wouldn't a little money look good to you, dear?" and came so near that she could scarcely move. No other person was in the office, and the door had closed by a spring lock when she entered.

Miss B. applied by request of Nelson Sunday afternoon, as he said that he was going out of the city early Monday. He said that he had a business office alone on Sunday, the husband of the friend where she was staying offered to accompany her. On seeing the girl he said she was a very nice girl. He invited her to go into the private office with him but she replied that she was perfectly willing that the friend should hear any conversation that they might have. He asked her a few questions but did not hire her as he had the others. Having the phone number of this girl, he called up the police station and asked the wife of the gentleman if he knew that her husband was running around with the young woman—that her husband came to his office with the girl and Nelson said some uncomplimentary things to the lady which she repeated to her husband upon his return. The man put his pistol into his pocket and returned to Nelson's office but no one was there and the incident closed, as the gentleman was leaving Portland the next day on business.

Miss C., a bright, capable stenographer, arrived in Portland, coming at once to the Association, as she was anxious to procure work. Her husband was nearly exhausted. At this time no adverse report had been received from the Marquam building.

She applied during the afternoon and went to work with Nelson the following morning, but was compelled to leave his office at noon on account of his indecent proposals. She soon found that she would be required to come back at 1 o'clock at night, and when she objected, he said to her: "You are hard up for money, aren't you?" He also asked if a five-dollar gold piece would not look good to her. If she would do some light work at night, he said, he would give her the \$5; that he was so lonesome. He held out to her many inducements if she would yield to him; at last, however, before she was aware of his intention, leaned over her and kissed her. Upon this the girl rushed from his office. He paid her \$1 for her attempt to work.

While we revolt from publicity in these matters, we believe that the time has come when the name of every man who insults the girl in his employment, and the case is positively and definitely proved against him, should be published, for there is nothing he so much dreads. Our girls must work with the man who is less with men in office, but it is due to the thousands of clean, decent business men that these scoundrels who prey upon girls who are out in the world without natural protection, shall not stamp the business office with shame.

We believe that the Travelers' Aid Department of the Young Women's Christian Association has the admiration and respect of the business houses of Portland and that they will stand by us in this matter, even to the extent of a court of law, if no other means is effective in cases such as we have here mentioned. We are determined that the city shall be a safe place for an unprotected girl to come and earn an honest living for herself and that the people of Portland are with us in the matter. Last year we placed over 600 girls in employment and are in position to know whereof we speak.

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never misled, or attempted to mislead, a female, believing, as all Southerners do, in the enforcement of the unwritten law for the protection of our women. All who are well acquainted with me know that I have always held that if a man wanted to be mean, he should seek women who engage in the business.

"My wife died in this city March 22 of this year, and until her last sickness was my private stenographer. I have had two stenographers in my office since her death, and both were refined, educated, truthful, honest and competent ladies, of which I was not ashamed to associate, and was willing to take them to any public place. One has a better position than I could give her, and the other, after having nursed me through a case of severe illness, from which I have not yet fully recovered, is in Iowa visiting her uncle and their orphan brothers. She left here July 25, and I doubted her return. I was looking for a decent, pleasant, intelligent, honest and competent stenographer, and I was not at all surprised to find that I would not have a woman in my office who is not a lady in every respect, whom I could make an associate and to whom my daughter and the little orphan girl my wife and self reared could not meet.

"I have no time to investigate applicants by making outside inquiry, and therefore I have before me only the qualifications, experience, antecedents, and test them as to decency. I usually and out what they are in this particular very quickly, and if they are lacking in any of my requirements they get no place with me.

"So far, I have not found an applicant who came anywhere near what I wanted. I have also told them that the position would not be permanent if the young lady wished to return from Iowa. I have received a telegram from her that she will start for Portland on the 12th of this month, and I thank God that my hunt for a stenographer is ended. In my opinion, at least 90 per cent of the business men of this city have found a large proportion of the applicants for stenographic positions wholly deficient and when questioned told me that they were public and both men and women are there many times each day on business. It is always open to investigation.

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"Do not keep my door locked, as people are constantly coming in and going out, and the partitions of the rooms are so thin that one in the office next to mine can hear all that goes on in my office. I intend to sue all the parties connected with this case to defame my reputation before the public."

FIRE IN SHIRT FACTORY

STARK-STREET BLAZE DOES \$500 DAMAGE.

Flames Threaten for a Time to Wipe Out Entire Block of Wooden Buildings.

Crossed wires in the workshop of Charles Jacobs' shirt factory, at 2915 Stark street, started a fire at about 11:35 o'clock last night that threatened for a time to wipe out the frame buildings of the city. The prompt arrival of the fire department in response to an alarm turned in from box 135, at Fifth and Washington streets, by Deputy Sheriff Henry Parker, saved the shirt factory building from being entirely destroyed. The flames were confined to the back room, the contents of which are a total loss. Mr. Jacobs places the damage at about \$500, fully insured. The fire will seriously inconvenience him, as repairs can be made in a few days.

The building is owned by Mrs. C. Loeb, of 704 Marshall street. Her lot is small. Captain of Police Bailey had a number of officers on hand to keep back the big crowd that assembled. Truck No. 2, in rounding the corner of Fifth and Stark streets, swung into the telephone line in order to avoid running down a number of people, and the tackle supporting the line at the corner was broken, allowing the lamp to fall to the ground.

Several ladies belonging to truck No. 1 were run over and damaged by truck No. 2.

Chehalis Adorning Himself.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—More improvement is going on at Chehalis this summer than ever before and the year 1907 promises to be a record-breaker. John W. Baker is completing a fine new two-story brick block.

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Value, 1910..... 5,000 Value, 1913..... 7,500

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Profits from fruit, 1913..... 1,000

Profits from fruit, 1914..... 2,500

Profits from fruit, 1915..... 5,000

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any degree of accuracy the changes that have taken place on the Pacific Slope during the last 24 hours. No rain is reported, and the conditions seem to indicate that fair weather will continue, with but little change in temperature.

FORECAST.

Portland and vicinity—Fair; northerly winds.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Fair; northerly winds.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Fair.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Many weather reports are missing this evening, and it is impossible to define with

STATIONS.

Eureka..... 60.00 10 NW Cloudy