

### UNIONS MAY MERGE

Movement Started for a Central Organization.

#### TO TAKE IN PACIFIC COAST

Object is to Bring the Various Branches of Organized Labor into Closer Affiliation so as to Present a Solid Front.

A movement to unite all of the labor unions of the Pacific Coast into one central organization is being planned by the local labor leaders. There is such an organization among the unions connected with longshoremen's work, but the other unions are affiliated with the State Federation of Labor and then with the American Federation, making thus no closer connection between the unions of the Coast than there is between the unions of the East and the West. There are many occasions when it would be to the advantage of organized labor to be able to act from one central body in the name of all the unions of the Coast, and if Portland labor leaders are successful in the movement they are starting this will be the condition in the future. There will be a meeting of the Washington State Federation of Labor in Seattle, January 5, and a large delegation will go from here to be in attendance at the convention. At the same time the California State Federation will meet in Los Angeles. The Oregon State Federation of Labor will hold its convention in La Grande on the first Monday in May. It is the plan of the local labor leaders to take the matter of a Coast federation up with the Washington convention and induce them to appoint delegates to the Oregon Federation. Proposals will be sent to Los Angeles asking the California Federation to take a similar action. If both organizations take an interest in this movement, as it is thought that they will, there is no doubt but that the organization will be formed. Delegates from the three states will meet at La Grande in May, and the plan can then be consummated.

G. Y. Barry is very enthusiastic over the plan, and states that about 100 members will go to Seattle to be present when the matter is brought before the Washington convention. "There are often times," said he, "when we are in much need of such an organization as this one will be. In the recent dry-dock controversy it was argued against us that shipbuilders in other ports are working more hours than they are in Portland. If we had a Coast federation we could so regulate the work that the hours and wages would be the same over the entire Coast. The Pacific Coast Federation of the Longshoremen is proving to be very satisfactory. The organization we propose would take in organized labor of every craft and would include the three sister states into a close affiliation."

#### CANNOT STAND COLD.

Human Vitality Will Eventually Succumb to Very Low Temperature.

"The cold of Dawson is too intense not to have a baleful effect upon any man sooner or later," said Jim Hall, a rugged pioneer of the Klondike, who registered at the Portland yesterday, on his way from the northward bound steamer to the sunny climate of Southern California. For six years Jim Hall has been a figure in the life of the Yukon metropolis. For him no cold was too intense, no journey too long, no trail too arduous. The cold and terrors of the Chilkoot Pass, nor the racing waters of the White Horse Rapids could delay this tireless argonaut when once he "struck the trail." But to brave these and kindred hardships is but a great tax on human vitality. Jim Hall is a sick man, and is now seeking to recover his health in a climate which has been widely heralded as the best on earth. "They say," said Mr. Hall yesterday, "that many of the men who have spent the winter that they spend in Northern Russia. They do not find the great cold so hard to bear as they expected. But the second year they feel the need of fur. Their systems refuse to make the effort necessary to do without them again. And it is much the same in Alaska. I would never attempt to undergo the perils and hardships that I have experienced in the past again, not if I were promised all the gold that the Klondike ever had buried beneath its sands. Enough's enough."

#### Elks Attend Vancouver Initiation.

There was a hot time in Elkdom last night. Or at least some 100 Elks who had gathered at the foot of Alder street to await the starting of the boat for Vancouver said there was going to be, and all seemed to be in the spirit of the occasion. A new lodge was to be formed in Vancouver, and there were over 40 members to be initiated into the secrets of the order. District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Walter H. McFarland, of Aberdeen, Wash., was a member of the party, and was to have charge of the work of organization. Portland Lodge of Elks, No. 342, had been asked to conduct the ceremonies, and a boat was chartered to take them on the trip. From the large delegation that was sent to Vancouver, it would seem that Portland Elks are very much interested in the welfare of their brothers across the river, and from the general expressions of the delegation, it is supposed that the Vancouver boys were initiated into every phase of the order that is known to their more experienced

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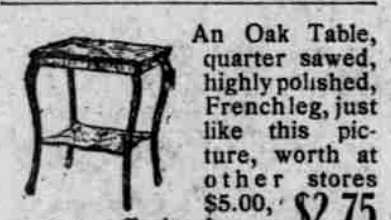
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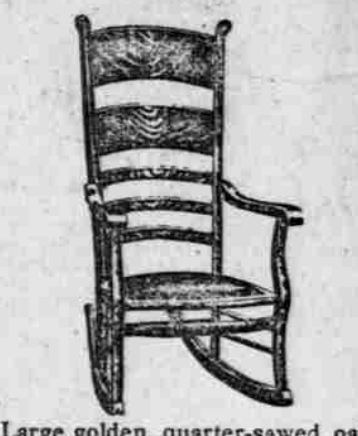


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