

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Labor Unions of Astoria Are Getting Into Line.

ORGANIZATION PERFECTED

Important Committees Named for Special Purposes—Adjournment Taken for Two Weeks—Note and Comment.

A new element, of no inconsiderable proportions, is to be injected into the political arena of Astoria and Clatsop county.

At Logan Hall yesterday afternoon, there gathered over one hundred men representing the union labor interests of this city and county, and the purpose of the meeting was the inauguration of certain and specific lines of action, with strong political leanings, that were formulated here months ago.

The assembly was, in fact, under the auspices of the Trades Council of this city, and it was to organize a distinct labor wing of the voting element of this section, with municipal ownership of the public utilities as the key-note, and foundation-stone of the movement.

It is predicted on the action of the Common Council in granting the five-year contract for the lighting of the city, to the Astoria Electric Company, in which unanimous concession, the local trades unionists were, on their own statement, flatly turned down by three of their friends on that organic board. And, having been sharply repudiated in the premise, they purpose to be in a position to enforce the next pledge that shall be made them, in this, and other, relations.

Permanent organization was effected yesterday at the time and place named, of the "Municipal Ownership League," with Hans M. Lornsten, of the Fishermen's Protective Union, as chairman, and T. S. Souden, of the Carpenters' Union, as secretary and treasurer. Every man in the hall signing the membership roll and giving explicit concurrence in the plans of the league.

A committee on platform was appointed, consisting of Messrs. C. E. Lancaster, of the Cigar Makers' Union; H. B. Cornell, of the Clerks' Union; C. A.

Leineweber, of the Teamsters' Union; F. E. Wright, of the Carpenters' Union and Mr. Ryan of the Railway Union, with instructions to report at an adjourned meeting. And another meeting charged with framing a plan of organization was appointed, with the following membership: Matt Nyland, of the Carpenters' Union, chairman; L. H. Thompson, of the Longshoremen's Union; C. E. Lancaster, H. B. Cornell, H. M. Lornsten, Mr. Ryan (afore-said); T. A. Johnson of the Bartenders' Union; C. A. Leineweber and Joseph Berg, of the Machinists' Union. This committee will also report at a subsequent meeting.

Adjournment was taken till Sunday, March 25th, when the League will meet at the hall of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, on Astor street, between First and Second streets.

In conversation with some of the leaders of the new movement yesterday it was ascertained that the accredited voting strength of the affiliated unions here is something like 1000 or 1200, and if the movement inaugurated yesterday meets with anything like unanimous consideration, they expect to have a strenuous voice in the direction of public affairs in the future. It was asserted that there is no political significance in the formation of the league, in a partisan sense, that it was simply an expedient to compel recognition along the lines of its cardinal principal, municipal ownership, with a reservation permitting its affiliation with, and support of, such men and measures as promised realization along this particular line.

BURIED IN GREENWOOD.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Schambarger took place in the St. Mary's Catholic church, Rev. Father Waters officiating. The interment was in Greenwood.

MORE GOOD NEWS.

The stockholders of the Tokeland Oyster Company met at Tokeland Tuesday and elected the following trustees: A. B. McDonald, Mrs. Lizzie Kimbrell, J. W. Kleebe, Hon. W. R. Williams of Chinook and Wallace Stuart, Mr. Stuart is president and manager, A. B. McDonald, vice-president, H. J. Hubler, secretary and manager. Mr. Stuart expects to go East soon to buy Eastern seed oysters.—South Bend Journal.

The Best Cough Syrup. S. L. Apple, ex-Probate Judge, Ottawa Co., Kansas, writes: "This is to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store.

Sermons of Yesterday

"In America we have emphasized independence and individual sovereignty until we easily get into a way of thinking we may do as we please. There is a disregard of authority. Parental authority is too little exerted, we all but defy civic and as well as ecclesiastical authority."

"In Portland a week ago there was a shocking street car accident. At once a jury was formed to locate responsibility, everybody knew some one was to blame and must render account. We hold men accountable for error of judgment, for error of purpose, for carelessness, for indifference (which seems highly criminal in matters of importance) for neglect for ignorance or incapacity."

Last evening at the First Presbyterian church Rev. W. S. Gilbert spoke to a large audience on "The Nature of Responsibility." Taking his text from Exodus 5:2, "Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice?" Rev. Gilbert said:

"We carry the matter even further, the whole nation felt that some one was to blame for the loss of life in the wreck of the Valencia. A national court of inquiry is now endeavoring to determine who did not do things that ought to have been done. The responsibility of deliberately not having done what might have been done seems even greater than to have mistaken hearings in a fog and to have hurled the ship on the rocks."

"We see responsibility clearly in such things of life and limb. But even as great responsibility rests in matters of mind, and character, and soul."

"I would rather that my child should perish in the rigging of a ship than languish in a penitentiary or because some one had poisoned his mind and soul that he could not discern right from wrong; to be at liberty yet in different to every entreaty and defiance against God because some one had crushed the soul and character out of him."

"Pharaoh knew not God and he recognized no authority and felt no responsibility; men who defy God have but little consciousness of responsibility, all relationship is responsibility; we are our brother's keeper; and every court of earth and the justice of heaven hold us responsible both for the thing we do and for what we ought to do."

"Remark was made by an anxious parent in our city, 'This is a bad city in which to bring up children. There are so few men of prominence who help to better conditions but so many men encourage indifference to religion, and all uplifting things.' That is a grave charge, and it is true in far too large a measure; some one is responsible."

"Responsibility is always in exact proportion to influence and power."

"We all need clearer realization of God. This would make us ever aware of our responsibilities."

STORY OF THE DELLA.

As Told By The Northshore Reporters to Their Papers.

The Chinook Observer just at hand says:

Last Friday, as the Reliable, South Bend bound, was off Elk spit, near Bay Center, she met the gasoline schooner Della wandering around the bay like a blind whale. The Reliable steamed close alongside and was informed by the Della that she was bound for Astoria, but found the Columbia river bar too rough to cross and she was then hunting for a patch of smooth water so she could trim cargo and clear the hold of several barrels of superfluous ballast. It seems that the Della took on a cargo of case salmon, farm produce, deer hides and furniture at a small coast port in Oregon, and put to sea under fair weather, but a falling glass. A heavy blow from the southeast kicked up a nasty sea and when the Della got as far north as the Columbia river light-ship she endeavored to hang under the lee of that vessel and await a calm bar, but it was too rough and stormy for that, so she wallowed about and tried for Gray's Harbor. As the storm increased, Willapa harbor looked good to her and she made for it, but being unacquainted and taking a wrong steer from a tramp buoy, she struck her nose in the heavy rollers off Leadbetter point, losing her deck load, breaking and flooding her cabin, shifting her hold cargo and breaking down the davits. The crew put it down as 'all off', but staid with the ship and kept patting her on the back and cranning their necks for smooth water. When he got well inside it was found that she was carrying a load that wasn't put in through the hatch at the port of departure and that she had a list to starboard that put her rail awash. The

Reliable requested the Della to make the Palix river for repairs, and to follow her in, but as the schooner, under her engines and canvas, couldn't even go fast enough to come behind, the Reliable backed up and took her line and towed her into Bay Center. The Della isn't bigger than a sea-pigeon and she was loaded down so that her only free-board was the sides of her cabin. To the average sea going man it is a wonder she got in at all as, apparently, all that is keeping her afloat, when in smooth water, is her side lights and her reputation as a sea boat."

THAT TWO DOLLAR ADVANCE.

Washington Lumbermen Oppose the Projected Rate on Lumber.

At a meeting held last Saturday in Centralia by the Southwestern Lumber Manufacturers' Association, H. McCormick gave his reason as follows for being opposed to the increase of \$2 per thousand agreed upon by the mills for lumber:

"There are many things we should consider: raise in labor, stumpage, supplies, etc., but the most serious problem to consider is the effect it will have on our market extension. On the January list we are gradually extending our market east, and many of us are shipping railroad timbers into territory we have never reached before, and I have good reason to believe that this raise will drive many of our far Eastern customers to using concrete and iron which they claim is as cheap as our lumber at the present price."

"We are not the only ones to consider in this matter. The buyer of lumber must be able to use it profitably in his business or he will soon be a non-consumer and we lose his trade without which we cannot do business."

"We should establish a price that we can maintain, even if we should have a depression or a falling off in demand for a short time, for you all know that when there is the slightest falling off, if we are careful the price of lumber is the first to go, and wage and prices of supplies can never be reduced without an entire suspension of business, or a concerted action of all employers, which is hard to get."

"I do not want to be quoted as a low-wage disciple. I want our employees to do well, and they certainly are doing well now. Several of our employees have started in for themselves, and are looking for opportunities for investment and are buying timber and good homes, which is good evidence of fair treatment by their employers. But I believe the limit has about been reached, and that the Washington lumber packs are the best paid and the best treated class of labor in the United States."

"But to protect this standard, wages we must establish a price list we can maintain at all times, and I don't believe we can do so at \$2 jumps."

"There are several railroads fighting on building to the coast. One of these as far as we can learn, has definitely decided to do so. The others have not yet declared themselves, and it may be that this \$2 raise in lumber will open the road."

"I for one would rather cut prices, if it would secure a railroad of two than to raise \$2 and get it, but lose the new road."

The Southwestern Association finally ratified the advance in price list made at the joint price list committee meeting held in Tacoma on the 23rd, which has previously been ratified by the other three associations.

W. C. Miles of Globe, president and manager of the Globe Mill, who has recently returned from the East, reported that Pacific Coast lumber was growing in popularity, and that dealers generally were very much interested in securing information regarding it. Mr. Miles reported that the Minneapolis exhibit of the coast products was a factor in showing the Eastern buyers and consumers the advantages especially of Douglas fir, cedar and spruce lumber.—South Bend Journal.

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