

PACIFIC METAL BOSSES ORGANIZE FEDERATION

Strongest Alliance of Kind on Coast Perfected by Owners of Foundry and Steel Plants at Session Held at Portland Hotel.

The strongest federation of employers on the Pacific coast and one of the most powerful and wealthy organizations in the country was formulated at the Hotel Portland yesterday afternoon by members of the various metal trades and founders' associations of Oregon, Washington, California and British Columbia.

The association is to be known as the Pacific Metal Trades league. The purpose of the organization is to take up questions of common interest in a judicial manner for adjustment and settlement of labor disputes among the employers of the iron and steel workers in the various industrial centers along the coast.

Members Represent Millions. The new league, the members of which represent many millions of dollars in the iron and steel business of this part of the country, was decided upon yesterday at a meeting of the United Metal Trades association of the North Pacific coast which has been in session two days.

Officers of the United Metal Trades association were elected as follows: Senator Thomas Sumner, Sumner Iron Works, Everett, Washington, president; F. V. Peterson, the Moran company, Seattle, vice-president; John L. Roberts, Puget Sound Iron & Steel Works, Tacoma, second vice-president; W. H. Corbett, Williamette Iron & Steel company, Portland, third vice-president; J. Bruce Gibson, Sumner Iron Works, Everett, secretary and treasurer.

The idea of the Pacific Metal Trades league is to strengthen and more completely combine the iron and steel interests of the coast. This league is composed of the members of the various founders' organizations and metal trades associations. These men are the boss iron workers of the Pacific coast.

JUST A SLAP, NOT A SPANK

Castro Will Be Punished by Severance of Diplomatic Relations With U. S.

Washington, April 25.—Discontinuance of all diplomatic relations between the two countries is apparently the method that will be taken by this country to discipline President Castro of Venezuela. Minister Russell will come home for an apparent furlough of 90 days, but no secret is made of the fact at the state department that he will not return until a settlement is reached. The gambut Padouah has been placed at his disposal for the trip, owing to the quarantine regulations in the South American republics. The administration is thoroughly worried at the independent attitude of Castro. Some time ago it was announced with a fanfare of trumpets from the White House—but at the same time with the reservation characteristic of the president when he doesn't want to be forced into an issue—that a great army was assembling and that a fleet would visit Venezuelan waters for purposes of a demonstration of power. This apparently did not bother Castro and that plan was abandoned.

The next step was a plan to have congress authorize a commission which should be backed up by the navy, to visit Venezuela, make a report, that report to be an ultimatum. Still Castro

TROUBLE FACES PROUDS' CAMP

Discussion Before County Court Shows Bad Tangle of Law's Provisions.

Complications too numerous to be easily followed or explained promise to result in the effort to comply with the local option law. Some of the possible entanglements were brought out yesterday afternoon in the discussion before the county court of the petitions submitted asking for the submission of the prohibition question to the voters of the east side at the June election.

The temperance elements have been planning a vigorous campaign with the object of converting the entire east side into dry territory. Petitions have been presented with this purpose in view, but there are other petitions conflicting with it and now it is claimed that the prohibitionists in their efforts to draft a drastic law, have made it illegal to take a vote in the east side precincts as a whole.

The claim is based on a provision of the law reading as follows: "If at any time an election hereunder shall result in prohibition for any subdivision of county as a whole, no election hereunder shall be held within said prohibition territory, except an election for the entire county, before the first Monday in June of the second calendar year following."

Bad Tangle of Precincts.

Records on file in the county clerk's office show that in 1907 precinct 41 and 42 were wet by a majority of three. In 1907 the territory previously comprised in 40 became known as 41 and in the city election that year precincts 41 and 42 together voted on the question, going dry. The territory comprised in 41 and 42 has since been sliced up in the creation of new precincts. It is now contended that as 41 and 42 went dry last year they cannot be included in voting with other precincts this year, as the law requires that no territory intervene between elections in territory that votes out the saloon.

This contention was presented by Attorney Logan and Moody before the county court yesterday. Mr. Logan says he is certain that it is absolutely impossible for the east side to vote as a whole this year. Attorney McCallister and Rutherford, championing the temperance interests, held that the election in 1907 was illegal. The county court having failed to declare the result, and contending that the territory had voted in 1907. Logan says the argument of Rutherford on this point was based on a misapprehension of the facts, as no vote was taken in 1907. The records of the county clerk fail to show any vote in the precincts named in 1907.

St. Johns Petition.

One of the petitions pending before the court contemplates the submission of local option to the voters of St. Johns. At the last election that place went wet by a narrow majority. Another petition proposes to put the question before the voters of territory skirting the river on the east side, a division that presumably would insure a vote for the plan of the prohibitionists has been to secure a vote for all the east side, whereby the dry territory further north would be brought to outvote the wetter districts closer in.

Twenty days before the election the county court must furnish notice of posting in the precincts where local option is to be voted on, and it was decided to pass the various petitions over until May 6, when all sides will be heard and the voting territory decided. How weights of the legal profession are scanning the law for precedents and arguments for the combat, for upon the question of legality the power of the county court will depend.

COMES TO PLAN SEATTLE'S FLOAT

Chief Merrick of A. Y. P. Publicity Board Booster for Whole Coast.

"Whatever helps the Pacific northwest helps Seattle. That is the message C. B. Fendell, secretary of the Seattle chamber of commerce, asked me to deliver to the people of Portland just before I left for the Rose City," said Frank L. Merrick, chief of the department of publicity of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition yesterday.

Merrick was in charge of the press bureau of the Lewis and Clark exposition under the auspices of the Seattle chamber of commerce and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. He is in Portland to arrange for a handsome float for the Rose Festival in June. He concluded arrangements yesterday for the float, which is entered under the auspices of the Seattle chamber of commerce and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

The Seattle people are much pleased with the hearty cooperation that Portland is lending in creating the float. They realize what an immense amount of good the Portland exposition did for Seattle and they want to reciprocate in helping out the cause of the Pacific northwest," continued Merrick. The phrase of Yandell's is expressive of the feeling of the whole matter.

There has been a rumor that the exposition would be postponed—one that is generally started about all expositions about this stage of the game—but it is absurd. One of our largest buildings was burned over by the contractors today, the manufacturers palace. The exposition is 50 per cent completed. We are a month ahead of Portland at the present time.

Director General T. A. Nadeau gave out a statement to the executive committee recently something like the following: "By comparison with reports secured from other expositions, the A.-Y.-P. exposition is well ahead in construction and the preparation of grounds of any of its predecessors. Taking into consideration the progress made in all departments and the time intervening before opening day, everything insures the completion of the exposition in every detail. The buildings completed now and in course of erection are the manufacturers, agriculture, machinery, auditorium, fire station, emergency hospital, exhibition and Oregon's home on the ground. The contracts have been let for the mines and the fisheries buildings and plans are rapidly being drawn for the other four or five large structures that will be erected.

The Oregon building is progressing nicely and the Oregon state commission is to be complimented on the fine work it has done getting in early in the game. The structure will be completed within the next six weeks.

We expect to bring down a large crowd for the Rose City and much interest is being taken in it in Seattle."

West Virginia unionists have been fighting to some purpose in the legislature of a bill making the employer liable for the unlawful acts of guards, detectives, etc. The claim is made that the hired detectives are largely responsible for the deplorable conditions that exist in and around

IMPETUS GIVEN SABBATHSCHOOLS

Mass Meeting at White Temple Followed by State Convention.

This is to be the red-letter week in the year of the Sunday schools of Oregon. Starting this afternoon with the monster mass meeting at the White Temple it will continue through to the state convention, to be held in Forest Grove beginning Wednesday night.

General Secretary Marion Lawrence of the Sunday school association and E. O. Exzell, the evangelistic singer, will be present at the White Temple mass meeting which will be called at 3 this afternoon. Tonight they will lead the meeting at the First Congregational church at 7:30. Tomorrow the Multnomah county convention will be held in the Taylor street church, with sessions opening at 2 p. m. and 7:45 p. m. The program for the two sessions are:

7:30 p. m.—Song and praise service, Professor E. O. Exzell; address, Rev. W. C. Merritt; song; Round Table, "Ask Me," announcements; songs and benediction.

7:45 p. m.—Song and praise service, report of nominating committee, also report of finance committee, address, A. H. Cross; address, Marion Lawrence, general secretary; installation of the state officers; Marion Lawrence; prayer and benediction.

Every Sunday school in the county will be represented at this convention. Among the speakers will be Marion Lawrence, Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher and Mr. Exzell will sing. A special assembly will be run by the convention by the Southern Pacific.

ODDFELLOWS MARK ANOTHER MILESTONE

Eighty-Ninth Anniversary of Lodge Celebrated by Portland Members.

Yesterday was the eighty-ninth anniversary of American Oddfellowship and members of the order throughout the length and breadth of the land celebrated the event.

Portland's 1,500 Oddfellows, representing 13 subordinate lodges, assembled in the hall of Acme-Rebekah lodge, No. 32, First and Alder streets, last night and celebrated the anniversary with an elaborate literary and musical program. A number of addresses were made by prominent local members of the order. The principal address of the evening was made by Rev. Chester P. Gates of Laurel lodge, St. Johns.

A committee of Oddfellows and Rebekahs, Oddfellow number 128, voted yesterday afternoon, carrying refreshments, which were served to the inmates of the hospital. The hospital visitors made short talks and a musical program was rendered for the entertainment of the visitors.

LIBRARY VOTING CONTEST

A \$500 library given away absolutely free. An elegant library of 300 volumes and handsome golden oak cases will be given to the lodge, school, church, club or society in Portland securing the largest number of votes. Votes will be issued with paid-in-advance subscriptions to The Journal as follows: One year, \$7.50, 750 votes, six months, \$4.75, 500 votes; three months, \$2.87, 250 votes; one month, 50 cents, 50 votes, and every merchant listed below will give with each 10-cent purchase one vote. At the close of the contest the lodge, school, church, club or society receiving the largest number of votes will be awarded the library complete, with books, current accounts when promptly paid and the library on exhibition in the Fifth street window of The Journal office, corner Fifth and Yamhill streets. Ballot boxes are located at Holman's jewelry store, 129 Third street; White Front drug store, 128 Grand avenue; Pacific-Mathieu drug store, 275 Russell street, where all votes should be deposited. Trade with the following merchants and get busy with the votes:

- W. E. MARBLE & CO., dry goods, clothing and shoes, 280 to 284 East Morrison street.
- L. WOLMAN, jeweler, 149 Third street, Main 3186.
- G. H. ROSENTHAL, photographer, 1615 Third street, Pacific 1774.
- KADDERLY TRANSFER & STORAGE CO., office and warehouse 111-113 North Sixth street, Main 1635, A-1085.
- LEE & E. ELLIOTT CO., sporting goods, 128 Grand avenue, A-252.
- LIBERTY COAL & ICE CO., office 312 1/2 Pine street, Home A-4128, B-1622.
- REGAN COAL CO., office 228 Burnside street, Main 2776, A-2778.
- WISOR & ORSER, merchant tailors, 226 Stark street, Pacific 200.
- OSBORN NEWS CO., cigars and news, 147 Sixth street.
- W. E. ELLIOTT, plumbing and gas fitting, 507 Williams avenue, East 4353.
- R. A. WILSON'S WHITE FRONT DRUG STORE, 128 Grand ave. E. 5555.
- A. E. WILSON, grocer, 128 Grand avenue, B-1261, East 398.
- THE MODERN BARBER SHOP, finest shop in the city, 91 Sixth street.
- MASONIC TEMPLE GROCERY, 280 Yamhill, corner Park, Main 5521, A-3747.
- ORANGE MARKET, meats, 187 Third street, Main 412.
- MORRISON ELECTRICAL CO., 291 East Morrison street, East 3123, B-1625.
- WATTS-MATTHEWSON CO., druggists, 275 Russell street, East 462.
- DR. E. W. WRIGHT, dentist, 242 1/2 Washington, corner F. 5th, Main 2118.
- ALTON BIRDS, fine millinery, 469 Washington street.
- SHANKS & PALER, wood dealers, 482 East Eighth and Main streets, East 311.
- BUTTE-NUT BREAD CO., corner Second and Columbia streets; retail 146 1/2 Grand avenue, East 412.
- MOORE BROS., east side news dealers and confectionery, Williams avenue and Russell street, East 4702.
- E. A. McLAUGHLIN, bicycles and sporting goods, Williams avenue and Knott street, East 2422.
- WILLIAM AVE. UMBRELLA FAC., umbrellas and leather goods, 544 Williams ave. C-1094.

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PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

Bulletin No. 1

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is a public-service corporation, and we realize that the most valuable asset a public-service corporation can have is the good will of the public. We are trying to be candid and sincere in all our dealings with the public and with the city, and we frankly admit that we shall consistently strive to secure and maintain the good will of the people of Portland.

It is an important part of our business to run a street railway and to run it efficiently. We feel that we can do more, ordinarily, by attending to our business than by entering into discussions or explanations.

The secret of getting along with the other fellow in this world is to have a better understanding of his troubles. The man who is the sharpest critic is often the best friend when he understands the other fellow's job.

Comparatively few people realize the difficulties of modern street railway operation. When anything goes wrong, everybody notices it; whenever everything goes right, nobody notices it. We want to have everything go right and everybody to notice it. We feel that we are making friends with the people of Portland, and that our efforts to give the best service possible are being appreciated. This is not the accomplishment of a day, but the result of grinding work and large expenditures for some years past, and we desire to show the public what we have done and are doing for the improvement of the service; what problems we meet with daily, and some of the methods which would be mutually helpful and beneficial to the railway company and the public.

You may take this fact as assured, that it will not be possible to remove all sources of complaint. There is the amiable gentleman who kicks at home and growls all day at his office. We cannot expect to escape him between times. He will probably kick at the publication of these articles. But, leaving him out of the question, it is still plain, from the nature of the business, that there will frequently be unavoidable troubles and inconveniences.

We carry a large portion of the population of Portland twice a day. Counting the transfers, people step up and down from the cars 320,000 times a day. The streetcars of Portland pass backward and forward through crowded streets, covering about 29,000 miles, or one and one quarter times the circumference of the globe, in a single day. There will always be accidents under these circumstances. Then, too, the conductor's lot is not a happy one. He has to collect money from people of all sorts and dispositions. He alone is expected to keep his temper, and it is his duty to do so. If he does not, upon proper complaint, he is disciplined, and perhaps discharged. We endeavor to secure the highest class of employees. We are proud of the character and courtesy of our men, and we believe that, as a body, they have not their superiors in the country. Still they are only human, and they make mistakes. Many a reasonable kick will necessarily be registered against us. The unreasonable kicks come hard. We feel that we can do away with many of them if the public understands the streetcar business a little better. We want to present to you a series of articles discussing some of the problems, together with a statement of how we are meeting them.

As for the reasonable kicks, we want to hear them. They help us. We realize that we can best serve ourselves by serving you. An outsider can sometimes suggest remedies for existing conditions which have escaped the men engaged in the detail of the work. Suggestions are solicited. If, by telling you our story, you will understand us better, and the spirit of mutual helpfulness will be advanced, we shall feel that our work has been well done. We welcome honest criticism, particularly if it is good-natured.

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