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Hats for Spring

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1921.



Amicable adjustment of the controversy between the Building Trades council and the General Building Contractors' association, involving a 1214 per cent wage reduction among 6000 members of 17 trade unions, may be accomplished before the expiration of the existing agreement between the two organizations on May 1, according to E. A. Cheyne, business agent of the Building Trades council.

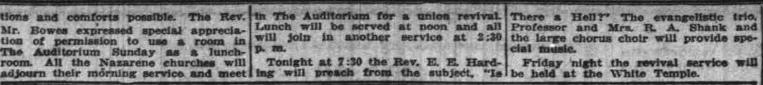
The present agreement, which became effective in 1919, provides that no change effective in 1919, provides that no change of wage scales involving an advance or reduction of more than 40 cents per day shall be proposed by either the contrac-tors' association or the Building Trades Council, according to Cheyne. About a month ago the contractors' association entered into negotiations with the Build-ing Trades Council looking to the estab-lishment of a new wage scale effective March 1, and calling for a reduction of March 1, and calling for a reduction of 121% per cent.

The various unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council voted in op-position to the proposed reduction and ollowing their action officials (of the contractors' association announced that the existing agreement would not be renewed upon its expiration, May 1. Sec-retary Siebbinger of the contractors' as-sociation stated that his organization would fix its own wage scales without consulting the labor unions, but denied that the contractors would attempt to establish the so-called "open shop" in the building trades of the city.

building trades of the city. Building and general contractors from all parts of the Northwest are in conven-tion at Spokane this week and propose to effect a strong organization for the purpose of stabilizing wages in Oregon. Washington and Idaho. A similar effort is being made by the Building Trades Council of Portland and other Northwestern cities, according to Cheyne, and he stated today that it is probable the two new organizations would be able to adjust their differences relative to wages and working conditions without recourse

to lockouts or strikes. Several million dollars' worth of new construction work has been planned in Portland for the spring and summer and Cheyne stated that a number of firms holding large contracts already have agreed to continue paying the present wage scale, which ranges from \$6 a day for common labor to \$10 a day for brickfor common labor to \$10 a day for brick-layers. High wages are necessary in the building trades, according to union of-ficials, because of the limited number of days of labor a year. The average work-ing year of carpenters and similar crafts-men runs below 200 days, according to statistics compiled by officials of the Building Trades Council.

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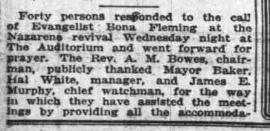
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