

BUILDING TRADES AND CONTRACTORS EXPECT TO AGREE

Amicable adjustment of the controversy between the Building Trades Council and the General Building Contractors' association, involving a 12 1/2 per cent wage reduction among 4000 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 of wage scales involving an advance or reduction of more than 40 cents per day shall be proposed by either the contractor association or the Building Trades Council, according to Cheyne. About a month ago the contractors' association entered into negotiations with the Building Trades Council looking to the establishment of a new wage scale effective March 1, and calling for a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent.

The various unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council voted in opposition to the proposed reduction and following their action officials of the contractors' association announced that the existing agreement would not be renewed upon its expiration, May 1. Secretary Siebinger of the contractors' association 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 and general contractors from all parts of the Northwest are in convention 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 \$4 a day for common labor to \$10 a day for bricklayers. High wages are necessary in the building trades, according to union officials, because of the limited number of days of labor a year. The average working year of carpenters and similar craftsmen runs below 200 days, according to statistics compiled by officials of the Building Trades Council.

Forty Respond to Evangelist's Plea In The Auditorium

Forty persons responded to the call of Evangelist Bona Fleming at the Nazarene revival Wednesday night at The Auditorium and went forward for prayer. The Rev. A. M. Bowers, chairman, publicly thanked Mayor Baker, Hal White, manager, and James E. Murphy, chief watchman, for the way in which they have assisted the meetings by providing all the accommodations and comforts possible. The Rev. Mr. Bowers expressed special appreciation of permission to use a room in The Auditorium Sunday as a lunch-room. All the Nazarene churches will adjourn their morning service and meet in The Auditorium for a union revival. Lunch will be served at noon and all will join in another service at 2:30 p. m.

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