

FEDERATION OF LABOR

P. C. & O. Railway Asks for Union Help—Oregonian Resolutions.

At the opening of the Federation of Labor this morning, the convention immediately went into committee on the whole, and the discussion of the initiative and referendum was continued. The important clause concerning the initiative and referendum in the Federation was earnestly discussed and finally passed as suggested by the committee, making it possible for seven unions to bring a law or enactment before the Federated Labor of Oregon, for their discussion and final adoption or rejection.

Mr. Harry took the floor on a question of privilege, and requested a voluntary committee of eight or 10 delegates to devise ways and means toward giving an excursion to Oregon City during the week for the benefit of the textile workers of that city, who have been on a strike for the past two weeks.

The delegates entered into the idea with enthusiasm, and a committee of 10 for that purpose was immediately formed by volunteers.

Upon motion, the committee adopted the constitution and by-laws as read, and reported to the convention, where it was adopted in full.

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE OREGONIAN.

The resolution condemning the Oregonian, which was published in last night's Journal, was then considered. Several speakers took the floor and showed to the convention that the object of the resolution had already been procured; for the Oregonian had published a "good" picture of their president and had fully made up for its misconstruction of Mr. Blackman's remarks. It was then decided by the convention to lay the resolution on the members indefinitely.

At their noon session yesterday, some of the local politicians got news of the measure given their friend the Oregonian at the morning session, and immediately went to the printer. A few delegates were found who believed that the Oregonian was the mainstay of the labor interests of Portland and the state of Oregon generally. With these, they began an agitation for the resubmission of the resolution censuring the Oregonian. They were able to get some good speakers on their side, and in the afternoon one of the first motions before the convention was that the resolution concerning the Oregonian be reconsidered. A very

LIVELY DEBATE followed, and without doubt three-fourths of the members were in favor of the resolution as it stood, but the spellbinders were given the floor, who, in fearful tones, asked the convention to be very careful how it offended the great friend of organized labor. In the most forcible manner, they declared that all that labor had today had been given them by their employers only after being demanded to do so by their ever-fearless champion, the Oregonian. Some of the members did not believe it, and some blases were heard, which so riled the Oregonian champion that he asked them to step out in the hall with him and hiss him there, where he could fix them. One fearless delegate got the floor long enough to say that he would give a \$10 gold piece for any copy of the Oregonian that had an article in favor of labor unions in it, but he was immediately

CALLLED DOWN by the chair as out of order, and the floor was given to another champion of the "great friend of labor," who declared that the Oregonian was making a heroic fight for the initiative and referendum,

and would undoubtedly carry it at the coming election; also, whenever and wherever labor had been oppressed by cheap labor or by injunction of cruel Judges, the Oregonian had been labor's strongest champion. This speech so affected the members that they decided to lay the resolution on the table until tomorrow.

At this morning's session, the announcement was made that the managers of the Portland City & Oregon electric road had at last experienced a change of heart and were now anxious to have them.

EMPLOYEES ORGANIZED.

This was the best piece of news the convention had yet received, for it means that the work of their organizers and friends has at last been rewarded. Only six months ago the union had been crushed out by Superintendent Tiffany by discharging most of the union men. The convention yesterday had discussed a resolution calling for a boycott against this

ELECTRIC ROAD.

The Journal had last night a very forcible article concerning the mismanagement and carelessness of the inexperienced men of this road. These facts brought the managers to their senses, and therefore they hastened to make terms with organized labor. A committee was appointed to consult with the men and to devise plans for their organization.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

"Be it resolved by the state convention of the Federated Trades Council of Oregon, that in view of the large number of votes that may be necessary to adopt an amendment to our state constitution, we do most respectfully and earnestly request all the citizens of the state to speak and every newspaper in Oregon, for the remainder of this campaign, to explain the proposed Initiative and Referendum amendment and at all reasonable times and places to urge the voters not to forget it on election day."

"In short, we ask them to do all in their power to obtain the largest possible vote not only for, but on this measure, so that it may either be adopted or rejected by a positive vote. And this we ask not only in the name of organized labor in Oregon, because we believe its adoption will be greatly to the advantage of all the people."

"We urge every friend of this measure to spend election day working for votes for this amendment, and our state chairman is authorized to appoint a committee of 15 members in Portland, and three members from each town represented in this convention, whose duty it shall be to see that there is some one at every polling place in their jurisdiction to do this special electioneering work."

A strong resolution in favor of an **EIGHT-HOUR LAW** was enthusiastically adopted.

W. Moffet, of Painters' Union No. 10, introduced a resolution asking that the executive board of this state labor convention be instructed to prepare a law that shall prohibit the employment of children of either sex under the age of 15 in any capacity whatever in factories, mines, work shops and public works.

One of the most important questions before the convention was that of **GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP**, and the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Oregon State Federation of Labor favors government own-

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"Resolved, That we hereby petition the Legislature of this state to pass such a law, and be it further

"Resolved, That the Legislative committee of this federation be and is hereby instructed to prepare and have introduced into the Legislature such a proposed bill."

After the adoption of these resolutions Mr. Blackman made an excellent brief speech commending them upon the sensible resolutions adopted.

The convention then went into committee of the whole with Mr. Duke, of Clearmakers' Union, as chairman, to hear the committee on constitution and by-laws. The report was adopted with some slight modifications.

AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION ON PRISON LABOR

"Whereas, the convicts of the Oregon state penitentiary are in direct competition with free labor in the production of stoves and ranges, and

"Whereas, the firms having such convicts are only paying the state 3 cents per hour for skilled labor, enabling these firms to undercut firms employing union labor and paying the union scale of 40 cents per hour, and

"Whereas, these prison-made goods are sold in open market in this city and distributed throughout the Northwest and sold in competition with free-labor goods; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the executive committee of the State Federation of Labor be instructed to frame a bill that will correct this abuse and preventing any private parties contracting for convict labor in the production of goods that would in any way come in conflict with free labor."

The resolution presented by Union 114, Portland Bakers and Confectioners, was adopted in full:

"Whereas, The National Biscuit Company, commonly known as the Cracker Trust, has shown its hostility to organized labor by refusing to employ union men in any of its different factories throughout the United States; and, whereas, the American Federation of Labor, at its last annual convention at Scranton, Pa., has declared the above mentioned corporation unfair;

"Therefore, be it resolved, That the convention assembled, do hereby declare the above trust unfair to organized labor; and be it further

"Resolved, That we indorse the blue label of the Journeymen Bakers and Confectioners' International Union of America and to pledge ourselves to call for the above label when purchasing crackers or confectionery."

An invitation from the managers of the Baker theater was received by the delegates to attend their entertainments during the week, which was gladly accepted.

LABOR RALLY.

Last night the union labor people of the city and the delegates attending the State Federation of Labor convention held an open meeting at the A. O. U. V. hall. William Blackman, State Labor Commissioner of Washington, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Mr. Blackman outlined the history of the federation movement in Washington and some of the splendid results that had been obtained. When the next State Legislature of Washington meets fully a dozen members will be from the federated ranks.

"The time has come," he said, "when labor must produce the prosecuting attorneys and the judges, who will see that justice is dealt out to the people."

One of the important laws that had been passed in Washington as a result of the work of the federation was a 10-hour law relative to the employment of women. One judge had declared this unconstitutional. It was afterward found out that this judge was a stockholder in the laundry which had violated this law.

George H. Howell, F. Stacey Whitney, J. T. Morgan, George Y. Harry and Judge James H. Stacey also addressed the meeting. Mr. Whitney in his speech spoke of the important law to be voted upon by the people of this state which had been brought before the people as a result of the efforts of organized labor—the initiative and referendum. He urged all present to work for the passage of that measure, as it meant everything to labor.

DIRECT NOMINATION

at primary elections and endorses any movement that will obtain that result.

Many resolutions then followed demanding that the labels of the different unions be asked for on all goods; and on the 8-hour system now being adopted throughout the Eastern states.

The Chinese question was then brought up and G. Y. Harry introduced a resolution which was adopted, as follows:

"Whereas, the corporations of this state enjoying franchises issued to them by the citizens of the state, have a notorious habit of employing

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labor; therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Oregon State Federation of Labor that we protest against any

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OREGONIAN MUST STAND TRIAL

Contrary to general expectation, Circuit Judge Sears this morning denied the motion for nonsuit argued and submitted yesterday in the damage suit of J. G. Mack against the Oregonian Publishing Company.

Judge Sears held that the truth of the charges was a defense, but that the proof of the same was a matter properly to be decided by the jury; that the subsequent publications of the original articles may show malice, but that the question of malice must be left to the jury.

The trial proceeded, and the defendants called Levy Gard, who was charged with having acted as J. G. Mack's agent in furnishing the goods to Multnomah County. The witness testified that he was told by Morris Abrahams, bookkeeper for Mack & Co., that the county was about to let bids for supplies and that there might be a chance of getting the contract. He put in a bid, received the contract, and bought the goods from J. G. Mack's store, and was paid as compensation the sum of \$20 by Mr. Abrahams, according to his testimony.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bids for Street Work Were Received.

At a meeting of the Board of Public Works held yesterday, City Engineer W. B. Chase estimated the cost of street repairs for May to be \$6,000.

The Northern Pacific Terminal Company was granted permission to extend its switch 100 feet on Ninth street.

Engineer Chase was directed to have the telephone pole in front of the residence of School Clerk Allen removed and the sidewalk repaired.

The matter of furnishing eight teams for the 16 street sprinklers to be put in operation in a week or two was referred to Messrs. Maxwell and Williams with power to act.

Messrs. J. B. Brown, A. M. Shannon, Geo. F. Bodman, William Braden and R. Reuter presented bills for \$599.50 each for wages due from July '96 to August '98. The men are asking for what they claim they are entitled to under the charter. The matter was referred to the Council.

Bids were received for street improvements, and were referred to the clerk for tabulation.

It was ordered that the following property be advertised for sale and that a lien be procured thereon, to secure the city for the amount of the assessments for repairs to sidewalks: Lot 2, block 154, city, \$19.90; lots 3 and 4, block 74, Carter's addition, \$52.90; lot 4, block 9, Garrison's addition, \$43.65.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the public library will be held tonight. The reports of the officers will be read and will present figures showing a marvelous growth in the membership and circulation of the library. This is the end of the first month that the library has been under its new auspices and it now has a membership of 3,350, with a daily circulation averaging 400 books per day. There are 15 assistants in the building and at no time of the day are they idle, and visitors are always helped to find any volume they desire. Arrangements have been made for the current numbers of the best magazines, and about the only department now lacking is that of the sciences. The management have asked outside aid to secure books treating on these various subjects, and a few have been donated. The collection of children's books is now largely patronized.

THE WEATHER.

Generally clear and pleasant weather prevails this morning in the states east of the Rocky Mountains, while in sections west of that range the weather is cloudy and threatening.

Light showers have occurred during the last 24 hours in Northern California, Oregon, Western Washington, Minnesota and Illinois. It is much warmer this morning in the Dakotas, Northern Colorado, Montana, Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Northern Idaho, Utah and Arizona. Elsewhere in the states west of the Mississippi river the changes in temperature have been small and unimportant.

The indications are for partly cloudy weather in this district Thursday, with probably occasional light showers in Northwestern Oregon and Western Washington. It will be cooler tonight in the North Pacific States, except along the immediate coast.

SWINDLER CAUGHT.

Detective Henry Ford returned from Tacoma today, where he went to assist in the prosecution of a "filmman" train worker going under the name of Butler.

It is alleged that an Italian on a train at Tacoma last April was "worked" to the extent of \$40 by Butler. The latter made his escape but the Tacoma police have at last caught him. The Portland men interested in the prosecution were on hand yesterday but Butler waived examination and was held to appear before the Pierce County grand jury in the sum of \$1,000.

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