

COOPERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

On Dec. 27th, the last regular meeting of 1905, Local No. 180, Coopers' International Union, elected the following officers for the year 1906: Thomas Stevenson, President; John Harding, Vice-President; Joseph Shea, Financial Secretary; Fred W. Schmidt, 55 Sumach Street, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Patrick Egan, Treasurer; David Johnson, Journal reporter; Edward Bland, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Travellers' Goods and Leather Novelty Workers

The Travellers' Goods and Leather Novelty Workers' International Union, Local No. 5, at their last meeting elected the following officers: President, E. Shaw; Vice-President, J. Cole; Financial Secretary, F. Gunter; Recording Secretary, W. Cole; Corresponding Secretary, R. J. Hodge; Treasurer, James McGarry; Guide, James Olmstead.

Business is fairly good, although only working eight and a half hours per day, but the employers of the Langmuir Mfg. Co., are happy again for they are being paid full time, nine and a half hours pay for eight and a half hours work, and this is the third season that this firm has done this favor to their employees, so now it's up to some of the other firms to follow the M. Langmuir Company's example and see how it would be appreciated.

R. J. Hodge, Cor. Secty.

Cutters and Trimmers

Cutters and Trimmers' Local Union No. 185, of the United Garment Workers of America, held their regular meeting in Harmony Hall, Forum Building, on Friday, Dec. 22nd, at which some very important questions were disposed of, one of which was the amalgamation agreement between the United Garment Workers and the journeymen tailors, and also the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, M. Stewart; Vice-President, G. Courtney; Recording Secretary, W. E. Mallory; Financial Secretary, W. E. Duffy; Treasurer, F. Bush; Sergeant-at-Arms, D. Hepton; Guide, K. Fraser; Trustees and Auditors, E. Fenton, F. McFarland, Moffat; Delegates to Trades and Labor Council, M. Stewart, E. Fenton and G. Silkstone.

Lathers Local 91

The new officers of the Lathers' Local No. 91, for the coming year are: President, Wm. Johnston; Vice-President, W. Hockbridge; Recording Secretary, Peter Harrison; Treasurer, Chas. Calhoun; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jas. Reid; Trustees, Deorio, Bowen and Taylor; Executive Committee, Reid, Taylor, Vaughan and Calhoun. Delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, Johnston, Deorio and Jackson.

Plasterers

The plasterers held their regular meeting on Thursday night when three new members were initiated and seven new ones proposed. The business was routine. A banquet is on tap for the near future. They had two visitors, Mr. J. Connors, of Chicago, who was a member of this local twelve years ago, and Mr. C. Hodgins, of New York, who was a member here five ago.

Malsters

The Malsters' Local No. 317, elected their officers for next year on Thursday night last. They are: President, Alf. Cheeseman; Vice-President, John Seymour; Financial Secretary, T. Jenkins; Recording Secretary, Abe Cheeseman; Corresponding Secretary, J. Blackburn; Inside Guard, Chas. Vigons; Outside Guard, J. Miller.

Cloth Hat and Cap Makers

The Cloth Hat and Cap Makers held their regular meeting on Thursday night. A discussion on the label took place, and a special meeting will be called for next week.

Structural Ironworkers

Structural Ironworkers installed the following officers for the incoming year: President, Bro. McIntyre; Vice-President, Bro. McCabe; Recording Secretary, Bro. Jones; Financial Secretary, Bro. McGrath; Treasurer, Bro. Higgins; Sergeant-at-Arms, Bro. J. Shannon; Conductor, Bro. Godfrey.

A communication was received dealing with the American Bridge Company, New York, advertising in various channels for men to take the place of strikers. Some advertisements are very misleading.

Brass Workers

Brass Workers, No. 53, met on Tuesday night with President J. Haskins in the chair. The business was routine. A communication from the striking polishers in Newark, Ohio, was read, stating the strike was still on.

Bricklayers

Bricklayers met on Tuesday night, when their new officers were installed as follows: President, D. McCurdy; Vice-President, H. Hall; Treasurer, T. Thomas; Corresponding Secretary, W. Smithson; Financial Secretary, L. Holman; Trustees, J. Phillips, J. Adams, M. Gillard. They voted \$35 to the Sick Children's Hospital and \$35 to the Children's Aid Society, also presented John Murphy, the retiring Corresponding Secretary, with a gold watch.

Builders' Laborers

Builders' Laborers installed their officers on Tuesday night; also initiated seven new members and received thirty-three new propositions.

Musical Protective

It is rumored that the same old trouble is on for the musicians in the orchestra of the Grand Opera House, London, that will in all probability affect the Toronto house controlled by Manager Small.

Cabinet Finishers

The Interior Cabinet Finishers met on Wednesday night, when two more members were added.

Interior Cabinet Finishers No. 286 are billed for Roster Advt. \$2.55, and they have only been in existence four weeks.

Piano and Organ Workers

Piano and Organ Workers met on Wednesday night, when they had three initiations and five propositions. The business was mostly routine.

Iron Moulders

The Iron Moulders met on Wednesday night and elected their officers for this year as follows: President, Wm. Worles; Vice-President, John Greeves; Treasurer, Jas. Revell; Recording Secretary, Henry Pope; Financial Secretary, Richard Wilkerson; Doorkeeper, John Geleman; Inside Doorkeeper, A. McCurdy; Cor. Rep., Wm. Skimerton; Executive Board, Emmett, Skimerton, Revell, Wilkerson, Pope; Trustees, Shea, Slack, Gilsley; Delegates to Trades Council, John Richardson, J. Stuart, G. Myers, Wm. Worles, D. Flanigan.

REPORT OF CAPMAKERS

Meeting opened with A. Coam in the chair. The following Executive Board were elected: St. L. Durdin, L. Perloes, Newfield, J. A. Alexander, M. Applebaum, J. Applebaum, L. Applebaum, Shunnam; General Label Holder, B. Snow. A motion was made and adopted to suspend all members owing over eight weeks' dues. Meeting ended, all being well satisfied with results.

STRIKE OF 300 MEN

At the Smelters in Greenwood and Boundary Falls, B.C.

The men demand an eight-hour shift, instead of twelve, and at the same pay. The company offer the eight-hour shift, but at a proportionately reduced pay. The old schedule goes from \$3 to \$4 per shift of twelve hours. The new schedule is for \$2.70 to \$4 for eight hours.

HUNDREDS TO TAKE PLACES.

1,200 New York Printers Are Out Both Sides Are Confident.

New York, Jan. 2.—Twelve hundred union printers, the employees of 44 book and job printing concerns, to-day began their struggle for the 8-hour day.

Members of the local Typothetae, against whom the strike was declared, asserted to-night that hundreds of non-union printers from various parts of the country are hurrying here.

Representatives of the Typographical union declare the 8-hour day principle already has been won in New York, and that the percentage of men compelled to strike is small.

To provide non-union men the employing printers have established an employment bureau here, which will be run in connection with similar offices in other cities. It is said no discrimination will be made against union men.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. To-morrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitation, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.—Emerson.

No liberal man would ever impute a charge of unsteadiness to another for having changed his opinion.—Cicero.

The demand of the union label on all your purchases proclaims the fact that you are a principled unionist.



Dec. 27th, 1905.

Editor Woman's Column:

Dear Madam,—The question of license reduction seems to be a burning one at the present time. I have watched the arguments pro and con with considerable interest. I have not seen one from a woman. Your answers to your correspondents on various subjects have been interesting and to the point. Will you give us your opinion on this question of license reduction. Women are supposed to hold very decided opinions on the temperance question, and it will no doubt be interesting to have your idea on this matter.

One of Your Readers.

The question of license reduction is, as you say, one of burning interest, and more particularly to women, whom I believe to be the chief sufferers from the drink habit. I believe in temperance, not only in the use of liquors, but in everything, but how the cutting off of a few hotel licenses is going to bring about the result claimed by our teetotal friends I fail to see. With the economic phase of the question I do not wish to deal. I will leave that to the male portion of the community, but with its moral aspect, I will deal with as I see it. One of the correspondents of last week makes the statement that there are not half a dozen dives in Toronto at the present time. The gentleman is surely willfully blinding himself, or else his knowledge on this subject is very limited. There are a very much larger number of these places than the gentleman states, and if the licensed houses are cut off there will be a larger number still. This has been the experience wherever restrictions of the liquor traffic have been tried, and I wonder if our temperance friends have ever thought of the demoralizing effect on character that the illicit sale of liquor will cause. If men have to obtain surreptitiously what they should be able to get openly, it will have a tendency to weaken the character of the man. Another thing, it will be bad from a monetary point of view. Moderate drinkers perhaps would not put themselves to the trouble of walking any distance for a drink, but if the means is at hand, in the shape of a dive, they will patronize these places, and they will invariably have to pay more for their drinks than they would have to pay if obtained in a legitimate way. Our temperance friends may say that this is visionary argument, but it is not so, it is facts that past history has driven home to us—and what has been done will be done again.

One gentleman said to me that dives would be impossible in Toronto; that the law would be enforced. Would it? We have factory laws and factory inspectors, but we see the law infringed every day, as it would be in this case. While there is a demand for the stuff there will be a supply, and it is not along the lines of restriction that our temperance friends can hope to bring about the results they are working for. Drunkenness is not as prevalent as it once was, considering the increase in population, and I do not think that it is restriction that has brought this about, but education, to the idea that the drink habit is not respectable, and the more men are educated along this line the more quickly will the use of liquor disappear as a beverage.

And after all, I think it is generally admitted that intemperance is largely the effect of certain conditions.

Francis Willard (of glorious memory), after a long life spent in the cause of humanity, gave it as her opinion that economic conditions created more intemperance than all other causes combined. Make it possible for men to live healthy, normal lives, and intemperance will soon be a thing of past history.

I would like to say much more on this subject, but the Editor-in-chief will be reminding me that space is valuable, and if I want so much of it I had better run a little paper of my own, so I will have to close, with the hope that the license reduction law will not pass, as I, for one, do not think it will accomplish anything in the interest of the advocates of total abstinence or the temperance party.

M. D.

Dec. 27th, 1905.

Editor Women's Page, Tribune:

Dear Madam—The man with a long name, "Gentleman Who Sat Down," pops up in last paper with some strange phantasies. Why any one should put such stuff on paper is unconceivable; to publish it is ridiculous.

Whether "Truth" is man or woman is of no moment. Truth tells things as they are. Truth is not pious—Hugo, Dickens, Lytton. In our own day Zola never acted as magician to the fair goddess, but told of things as they were. There may be men in the employment of the Street Railway Company as motormen and conductors who are arrogant, men who would sooner stop the car and put you off than let you on; but I have not met them. All employees understand that their positions are held through ability to make cash returns. Civility, courtesy, right conduct to all interested—the public and the employer—makes efficiency possible. That the street railway employees are insolent or rude is entirely the reverse.

No, Truth, don't figure it out that working people would walk in preference to riding on crowded street cars. Working people pay tribute for transportation because they must. They have no time to waste; to their work, from their work in the shortest possible time is their necessity, not their choice. When a chance offers to ride, it's better than waiting, though one has to hang on by adhesion.

No time to waste! Seven or 8 a.m. comes very soon in the early hours. Working people have to take service at their disposal; the fewer cars to carry same means fewer employees; cheaper service means greater dividends for the railway company. If well-groomed, nicely-groomed ladies had to stand in the aisles or on the platform when the common public rides a slightly better service might obtain.

"Truth" dislikes to see any woman stand in any car; still, it would be better that the "privileged" sex of the idle class stand than some poor woman who pays her fare and is entitled to a seat, is held up through the plasticness of purchased legislators in the interest of those who have already been allowed to get too rich at our expense.

We are being taught but too well the ethics of supply and demand. When the people realize that they can obtain their

supplies through positive demand, not till then, will we have car service to meet present requirements. Yours truly, Truth.

Women's Department, Tribune:

Dear Madam—I have read remarks from some of your correspondents in regard to the Stratheona gift to the Labor Temple. They seem very true to me. How can we, as union people, ask gifts as a stockholding company from any one not identified with the labor movement.

Personally I am open to conviction, yet I think that the directors of the temple should show to us as union people that their position is correct.

Your correspondent "Thought" is right. Let the directors of the Labor Temple show the difference between Stratheona and Carnegie as philanthropists. We are awaiting reply.

Justice.

An apology is due to my correspondents for delay in answering their letters. Unfortunately my copy was received at the office too late for publication, as the paper had to go to press a little earlier than usual.

To one of my readers I wish to express my satisfaction at the result of the vote taken on the license reduction law, as it was an unjust measure, and when the people have an opportunity to say what they wish done, they can be depended upon to decide what is right.

Jan. 2nd, 1906.

Dear Editor—Will you kindly give me a few names of the bakers who put the union label on their bread. I like to buy union label bread, but am much perplexed when there is no label on it, to tell if it is union bread or not.

Reader.

The only baker I know of using the union label on the bread is Lawrence Bros., although there are many firms in the city who are fair to the bakers; but it lies with the women to have the label placed on all bread manufactured in Toronto. You have only to demand that the label be put on your bread, and refuse to take it unless it is on. There will be no difficulty then as to whether you get union-made bread or not.

Toronto, Jan. 2nd, 1906.

Women's Department, Tribune:

Dear Madam—I have been a constant reader of the Tribune, know the value of your articles, and the work for good your column is doing in the cause of labor. I was very glad to note that there was no Women's Department in the last issue.

The Tribune is doing great work in the cause of labor, yet I think in order that our paper might be successful the Women's column is a necessity.

Personally I missed it very much. To my mind, your (our) department is the best feature of the paper on labor lines. Hoping you will continue the work you are doing in our interest, I am, very truly yours, Subscriber.

I thank Subscriber for the words of appreciation of the Women's Page. Subscriber will see that the omission of the page in last week's issue was an accident—that shall not occur again if it can be avoided.

M. D.

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