

The Malsters

The Malsters met last Thursday night to nominate officers for the coming year, but owing to a pressure of business the nominations are postponed till next meeting night. The delegates from the Malsters to the Trades and Labor Council were instructed to attend every meeting while license reduction was being discussed, to be on hand to vote against it when a vote is taken. They endorsed John Tweed. Three members of the Malsters were suspended for unbecoming conduct. A unanimous vote was given the resolution against license reduction.

Fur Workers

The Fur Workers No. 2 held a well attended meeting on Thursday night last. They are making arrangements for their annual at home in the near future.

The Plasterers

The Plasterers held a good meeting on Thursday night of last week. Seven new applications and six propositions to become new ones in the amount of the increase in membership. The business was mostly routine. They voted \$10 to the Sick Children's Hospital; endorsed John Tweed for school trustee, and strongly endorsed the \$700 exemption.

Hat and Cap Workers

The Hat and Cap Workers had a large meeting on Thursday night, when six propositions were received. They voluntarily decided to send financial support to the locked-out men in Detroit. Montreal are asking for union made hats and caps, and another shop in Toronto is organized.

Glass Workers

The Glassworkers met on Thursday night last. Business before the chair was light. A communication was received from headquarters, stating a strike was on in Chicago. One from the Lithographers, asking for moral support, and one from a scab in London, asking to be taken back into the union. The annual election of officers, which also took place, resulted as follows: President, Wm. Jarrett; Vice-President, R. Cheson; Financial Secretary, Geo. Parkis; Recording Secretary, J. H. Sullivan; Conductor, F. Carter; Tyler, A. King; Trustees, H. Roberts, F. Carter; Auditors, R. Luckock, A. Lowsbury, R. J. Baker.

Tobacco Workers

The regular meeting of Tobacco Workers' Union Local 63 was held Thursday evening, at which officers for the term of 1906 were elected. The results were as follows: President, Charles Lavoie; Vice-President, Herb. Thorne; Recording Secretary, Thos. Hughes. Secretary and Treasurer, Robt. Nowdwell; Auditors, D. W. Dorgan, J. Reith, J. Dineen. It was unanimously decided to support all labor candidates for aldermanic and Board of Education honors. The Tobacco Workers are just in receipt of a large quantity of new Union Label Calendars, which they will have placed in the different cigar stores and barber shops in the city. The demand for blue label tobaccos in the city is steadily increasing, and all members have been kept very busy for some months past.

Moulders' Union

A most successful and enjoyable entertainment was held by the Iron Moulders' Union last Friday evening in the assembly hall of the Labor Temple. There was good talent and an appreciative audience.

Womans' Label League

A very pleasant and enjoyable at home was held by the Woman's Label League No. 66 in the Labor Temple on Wednesday, Dec. 15. There was a large attendance.

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the I. A. of Machinists elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Singer, President; Mrs. Farquhar, Vice-President; Mrs. Holmes, Treasurer; Mrs. Crawford, Recording Secretary; Miss Holmes, Financial Secretary; Mrs. McMillan, Chaplain; Mrs. White, Guard; Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Graham, Auditors.

Cigar Makers' Union

The semi-annual elections of the Cigar Makers' Union were held in the Assembly Hall of Labor Temple on Monday evening, President Joe McCarthy in the chair. The following officers were re-elected by acclamation: President, Joseph McCarthy; Vice-President, D. J. Walsh; Secretary-treasurer, John Pamphilon; Sergeant-at-arms, J. Kyle; Interpreter, A. Pepin; Trustees elected, A. L. Gadsby, H. Fumerfelt, P. Tarley; Auditors, D. Walsh, B. Thornton, Jas. Slidders. A Sick Committee of three each was elected for north, east, west and north-west districts of the city. The Executive Board is composed of the officers and the following members: B. Walsh, E. Ridler, W. Robinson, M. O'Connell, and A. Caron. Label Committee: J. McCarthy, J. Kyle, R. Haberstock, D. W. Kennedy, J. Slidders, A. Caron, M. Fletcher, A. Melvain, W. V. Todd, C. Miller, J. Pamphilon. Delegates to District Labor Council: D. W. Kennedy, W. V. Todd, J. J. Schmidt, W. Robinson, D. M. Henderson, T. Anderson, E. Ridler, A. Ineson. Delegates to Licensed Trades League of Toronto: D. W. Kennedy, W. V. Todd and J. J. Schmidt.

A donation was granted to the striking printers of Winnipeg, amounting to over thirty dollars. A donation was also made to the striking bakers of this city, amounting to twenty-five dollars. An assessment of twenty-five cents

per member was levied for label advertising. An assessment of fifty cents per member to assist local members on sick list or out of work, as a special Christmas gift, this benefit being an addition to any international benefits provided by the Constitution. Meeting adjourned at 12.20.

Commercial Telegraphers

Commercial Telegraphers' Union No. 63 was addressed last Sunday morning in the Labor Temple by their International President, S. J. Small, of Chicago, and Third Vice-President D. Campbell, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, who is also a member of the Commercial Union.

President Small spoke on his recent conference with the management of the Postal Telegraph Company, of the United States, who have agreed to certain things towards the improvement of the working conditions of their telegraph operators. He also spoke on the rapid growth of the organization and of the several schedules already obtained.

Bro. Campbell dwelt on the good that would result from a close affiliation of the two orders and which he believed was not far off.

General Ex-board Member Landers, of the United Garment Workers of America, says, according to the returns of the vote coming in at the General Office of the U. G. W. of A., the proposed amalgamation between the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America and the United Garment Workers of America, will be defeated this time. Mr. Landers says: "This is only natural. We could hardly expect so gigantic a scheme to go through the first time, and without a hitch. Our general officers and the officers of the J. T. U. of A. have already decided on another meeting to adopt new plans, etc., the matter of course will not be permitted to drop, but will be again submitted to a referendum vote, and it may take three or four referendums before it eventually carries, but during all this time our members are being educated in the matter. When it does finally become law, we will have an organization called 'The International Clothing Workers' Union,' with a membership of 125,000, and will be one of the strongest in affiliation with the A. F. of L."

The strike at the Lowndes Company, wholesale clothing manufacturers, which took place during the week, is over, and the 200 men and women who went out are happily at work again. The cause of the strike was the proposed introduction of a system which the firm claimed was only a check system, but the employees scented in it, and declared it was nothing more nor less than a "task system," or the sweating system which the United Garment Workers had spent years of time, barrels of money, and tons of energy to successfully abolish in the large cities of the United States, and the Toronto Garment Workers were not going to permit its introduction into the Queen City of Canada. The walk-out was complete, leaving only two departments employed—cutters and pressers; these two were members of Locals 188 and 185. Those out were of 202. A committee of the Cutters and Pressers waited on the manager and notified him if the matter was not settled at once they would have to leave with the rest. At this stage the manager was willing to confer with the strikers' international representative, who was then in the city, and in charge of the strike.

Mr. S. L. Landers, of Hamilton, at a conference at the Rossin House, said matters were partially arranged, and the strikers decided to return to work on the following conditions, which were agreed to by the firm: 1st, two men, members of the union, who did not come out on strike, to be dismissed; 2nd, all notices posted referring to task work be removed; 3rd, one man discharged a day or so previous to strike be reinstated, or given first opening; 4th, that Mr. S. Landers be in future recognized as the representative of the men in any controversy; 5th, the workers in the different branches be consulted when endeavoring to arrange a basis of wage scale as to work on time in any particular branch. The manager conceding to these requests, the strikers voted unanimously to return to work, which they accordingly did, after voting votes of thanks to the girls who came out on strike and who were not members of the local union, and an extra vote to their General Executive Board officer. As a result of the whole affair Local 202 is the gainer of 50 new members, as about that many were initiated during the trouble.

Federated Building Trades

As the next regular meeting night of the Federated Council of the Building Trades falls on Christmas, it was decided to postpone the meeting till the first meeting night in January.

The next meeting will be held on the second Monday in January unless further notice is given.

Frank C. Weese, Secretary F.C.B.T.

Broth. of Carpenters

The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Union, Local No. 27. President, W. J. Bolton; Secretary, F. T. Short. There were twenty-four initiations and eight applications. The election of officers for the ensuing half year resulted as follows: President, W. J. Bolton, Vice President, Jos. Harris; Financial Secretary, John Tweed; Recording Secretary, F. T. Short; Conductor, Ed. Owen; Ward, Jas. Lilly; Auditor, A. Williamson; Trustee, D. Brown; Business Agent, John Tweed.

Granite Cutters

Granite Cutters' International Union met in Labor Temple on Monday, December 18th. A large and enthusiastic number of members were in attendance, six new candidates were initiated and several applications were received. The question of affiliating with the Dominion Trades Congress came up for discussion and will be dealt with at a subsequent meeting. This union has been recently formed and takes the place of the Granite Cutters' local union, which had no international affiliation. The new union has already become a power and has nearly every granite cutter in the city within its ranks.

Upholsterers' Union

Upholsterers' Union met in Labor Temple and elected their officers, as follows: President, W. O'Dea; Vice President, Bro. Robinson (re-elected); Financial Secretary, G. Saunderson, 286 Euclid avenue; Recording Secretary, W. Axtell; Treasurer, F. McLean (re-elected); Sergeant-at-Arms, G. Brooke. Next meeting will be held on Friday, December 29, in room 3, Labor Temple.

Amalgamated Carpenters.

Amalgamated Carpenters, Branch No. 1, held their regular meeting in room 1 of the Labor Temple on Monday, December 18th. The large attendance of members was very gratifying. Branch No. 1 has now attained its maximum number of members, i. e., 250, which is by by-law limited to that number, and the many applications now coming into the hands of the officers will be transferred to the other branches, of which there are five. The business agent presented a very elaborate and satisfactory report, which was received by the membership in a most gratifying manner. The report showed that fifty new members had been initiated during the past month.

Stereo. and Electrotypers

The Stereotypers and Electrotypers Union will hold forth in the Labor Temple on Thursday, February 15th. The event will be their annual at home and will be held in the large assembly hall, which will be beautifully illuminated and decorated for the occasion. Sweet melody will perfume the evening atmosphere from one of "The Finest" union made orchestras in town. And the wants of the inner system will be thoroughly attended to by the renowned caterer, Mr. Burrell. If you want to see something up to the mark, remember the date. Come and see for yourself. Double tickets \$1.25.

Cabinet Finishers

Cabinet Finishers' Union held a most successful meeting in room 6 of the Labor Temple on Monday, the 18th inst. Five new members were initiated, and four applications were dealt with. The attendance was large and the members, one and all, manifested great enthusiasm in their new organization, which has been formed quite recently and which bids fair to be one of the most progressive and most perfect unions in the woodworking trades. A grand turnout meeting will be held in the reading room of the Labor Temple on Wednesday, January 3, at 8 o'clock, when every Cabinet Finisher is most cordially invited to be present, union and non-union men alike, as much to their interests will be discussed.

EPIGRAMS.

In all your gifts show a cheerful countenance.
Cheerfulness lengthens the days of man.
The greatest liars cannot bear that others should lie.
There is no true greatness without virtue.
Civility attracts the regard of men.
No man should be confident of his own merit.
The more servants a man keeps the more spies he has around him.
Let your child's first lesson be obedience.
All conditions sit well on a wise man.
Laziness begins in cobwebs, and ends in iron chains.
They who think least generally speak most.

MUNICIPAL COMPLICATIONS.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

Dear Sir,—The voter going to the polls on January 1st and desiring to vote intelligently will find that the wily politicians have provided complications to keep him guessing.

Perhaps the first matter he has in mind is the license reduction vote. He has to remember that this was initiated by the paid factotum of the prohibition interests; also drawing salary from the taxpayers for being the prime mover in the disfranchising of the voters who struck for lower rents with the \$700 exemption vote.

In the face of this, are we expected to be so simple as not to see the game? Had not this move been played, would not the \$700 exemption and the rent question been the topic this election? Would the discussion have redounded creditably to the name of the king pin of our municipal cabal, which apparently entered into a conspiracy of silence last year on this issue. Now the music must be faced and the cowardly politicians think it unsafe to stand before the bar of public opinion on their record; hence the new issue, as public attention must be distracted at all costs.

It is a recognized fact that long hours of exhausting toil weakens the will power of the worker, creating the desire for stimulant. Then the army of chronic drunkards simply recruits from the ranks of the over-worked, under-paid and poorly housed slaves to the wheel of labor.

A man buys drink for himself or his friends entirely as a free agent. The hotelkeeper can take the wages out of no man's pocket. The landlord, however, arbitrarily dictates to all concerned the terms on which their families may be housed. He can say how much money shall come out of the drunkard's pocket for his hovel in the slums and how much the hotelkeeper will pay—adjusted proportionate to the business he does. To make this man's power more certain, arbitrary and absolute, we tax houses, limiting the number built, with consequent excessive rents; and further aid and abet the social crime by special legislation exempting two-acre blocks at a farming land value. It is these vested wrongs, this poverty and crime producer, that Messrs. Spence and colleagues have been endeavoring to conceal.

As one of the disfranchised, I should like to know for this election the names of the men who qualify under the following heads, viz.: (a) Present aldermen who obeyed the people's will; (b) present aldermen pledged and who this year maintained their integrity, and (c) the new candidates who have pledged themselves to carry out the people's will as expressed in any referendum votes taken.

If the above information can be secured from the Majority Rule Federation and furnished to Tribune readers next week, listed by wards, readers will know what candidates are trustworthy.

It is evident, without argument, that men who spend our money in the transaction of public business should be willing to obey our will before we hire them; otherwise we may be certain they do not desire to represent us, but to rule us to the satisfaction of whatever monopoly interest may predominate at the City Hall. G. C.

CANADIAN TRADE UNIONISTS RE POLITICAL ACTION.

Editor Tribune:

The action taken by the Toronto District Labor Council at the special meeting held last Saturday evening, the 16th inst., was only in accordance with past actions of that body, inasmuch as while it endorsed members of organized labor only it by obligation nor in any other way attempted to control the franchise of the individual delegates of that assembly, carrying with it also the membership of the organization the delegates represent, an utter impossibility under the present system.

Organizations affiliated look to the Toronto District Council for advice upon all questions pertaining to municipal affairs, and to act accordingly as a body upon questions affecting theirs or other bodies, but when it comes to instruction of the Central Council or organization as we are constituted at the present time, its upon the principal of the trades unionist we are to rely upon only for the simple reason that he has not obligated himself to be compelled to use his franchise this way or that way, according to the dictates of his union, unless the union to which he belongs has gone into political action.

"There is no politics in municipal affairs" is what the citizens are being continually told and its continued repetition is an evidence of the lack of truth in the assertion most generally made by a ward heeler, an independent feels like breaking through the sham and starting a clear-cut propaganda against the two political parties, who both try to be-

little the trades unionist and claiming he (the voter) is not consistent, because he fails to elect the choice of either of these parties.

I have often asked myself how much longer are these conditions going to last. I acknowledge that twenty-five years ago we had no other alternative, but at the present time are we lacking the intelligence of our co-unionists on the other side of the Atlantic. No; we have the intelligence, but we are wanting in that self-sacrifice of our leaders in initiating a movement fully explained to us by David Gilmore in his recent address. There is a possibility of this being brought about through the expression of the Dominion Congress, and as the Toronto District Council hold a charter from that body, it is possible to start on the lines of political action when time might efface and ever remove, the impediments that the international laws of some of our organizations are compelled to abide by. We certainly must move or there will be other quans moving to displace us in that field of activity in which we should as trade unionists have a great deal to say, but handicapped through our limited position.

JOHN GARDNER.

UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION.

Editor of Tribune:

Sir,—I ask you for a little space to call your attention to an injustice which exists in our Assessment Act, section 40, by treating two acres or more in our city to be assessed as farm land. Of such a class in Toronto there are 655 acres assessed as farm land at \$356,826, and the taxes \$13,688. If they were assessed on the figures or basis of adjoining lands the amount would be \$589,760 and the taxes \$18,114, or an exemption of \$4,426 to landholders. This is equivalent to taxes on 465 properties assessed at \$500. Just think of it! Why should there exist such an unfair discrimination against the workingman's house in favor of land speculators?

Candidates should be pledged that if elected they would ask the Ontario Legislature to have this iniquitous discrimination removed as soon as possible. Thanking you for space, I am,

JOHN GALBRAITH.

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