

Unions

Musicians-Organized

Musicians of the city perfected permanent organization of a union Monday evening. The new union will be called Musicians' Protective Union No. 442 American Federation of Musicians. About 30 members now belong. The following officers were elected:

President, William Verran; vice president, Perry Caldwell; Secretary, Walter O. Hamilton; treasurer, Herman Crawford; executive committee, Claude Wright, Ben Wirt, Ed Merwin.

Examining committee, Frank Lanterman, Frank X. Nagler and Mr. Rettere.

Committee to draught constitution and by laws-Ed Merwin, Jesse Fierey and Perry Caldwell.

The meeting took place at Frank X. Nagler's cigar store. Several business matters in connection with the formation of the permanent organization were handled and the new union is now on a solid working basis. It promises to be one of the strongest organized labor bodies in the city-The Yakima Herald, July 31, 1907.

Unions-Labor

A meeting of the organized labor unions of the city was held last evening in the plumbers' hall over the Pastime cigar store on East Yakima avenue for the purpose of appointing various committees to observe Labor Day.

The soliciting committee will have charge of all sports. The organization committee is composed of E.M. Mallen, plumbers' union; E.R. Lucas, painters; L.H. Shrimpton, carpenters; W.O. Hamilton, musicians and typographical; H. Morrow, lathers; George Barber, barbers; L. Burke, bricklayers and masons; Mack Gregory, stonecutters. Members of the committee for the plasterers and electricians unions have not been appointed as yet.

The Yakima Herald, August 7, 1907.

Barbers

After September 1 anyone desiring a haircut will have to pay 35 cents for the job, is the edict that has gone forth from the local barbers who are following in the wake of some of the large cities in raising prices. Those desiring a massage will have to pay 50 cents instead of 35 as heretofore for the beautifying process.

The prices of other work will remain the same unless having the mustache curled will cost five cents more which will be optional with the individual shops.

The working hours too will be shorter. Instead of closing at 8 o'clock evenings the shops will be shut one hour earlier after October 1 during the week and 11 p m Saturday-- Yakima Herald
August 21, 1907

Union laboring men are agitating a trades and labor council in North Yakima and it is believed that this will be brought about in the course of a few weeks.

E.R. Lucas of the Painters union has just returned from attending the conferences held at Portland by the painters of Washington and Oregon and a part of British Columbia where he went as a delegate from the local.

While there he made a limited investigation of union affairs and returned with the idea more firmly fixed that the move would mean a great deal to local laboring men. He does not think that they should lose any time on this as the federation of labor means they can not only present a solid front but he is satisfied that with their needs practically the same there will be a large number of other unions formed in the city.

With a general council, said Mr. Lucas, we would be in a position to have a central meeting place or headquarters where outside laborers coming in here could be looked after and their wants satisfied. As it now is, a union man has considerable trouble getting acquainted with and finding some of the members of his union.

Mr. Lucas and a number of members from other unions are planning to hold a union meeting as soon as arrangements can be completed for the purpose of going into the details more thoroughly. The Yakima Herald, March 11, 1908.

Barbers

Fifteen barber shops of the city have reached an agreement by which the price of hair cutting has been raised to 35 cents the new schedule to go into effect on July 1. The old price has been 25 cents.

At the same time the shops will start on a new schedule of hours, deciding to close promptly at 7 o'clock for five days out of the week, to keep open until 11 o'clock Saturday night and not to open at all on Sunday.

The Yakima Herald, June 17, 1908.

Wages-Unions

Journeyman painters have received a raise of 50 cents a day in their wages from all of the shops in North Yakima except one and the painters think that this shop may adopt the scale in a few days.

The painters were to have gone out on a strike today for a raise from \$3.50 to \$4 a day in their wages but four of the shops increased the scale so that only six or eight of the 40 journeymen are not working today.

The journeymen say that wages in North Yakima are lower than in any of the surrounding cities, Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle having paid \$4.50 a day and Portland \$4--Yakima Republic, April 8, 1910.

Labor bureau

The ~~work~~ Yakima Valley Labor Bureau is proving to be more successful than was expected. In fact the applications are coming so numerous for work that there may be difficulty in placing all at the present time.

This is because the real demand for the laborers will not begin until about the opening of the harvest season. This will be about the middle of July this year.

Many persons have applied in person to Secretary James of the Commercial club and he has succeeded in placing most of those who have come to him for work.

The work of completing the organization of the labor bureau is going on rapidly. The blanks have been printed and are ready for distribution among the members of the sub committee who will visit each rancher. When these solicitors have completed their work it will be known just how many laborers each rancher wants.

Yakima Republic, June 3, 1910.

The Yakima Valley Labor Bureau was organized at Toppenish on Wednesday for the purpose of securing 5,000 laborers to care for fruit harvesting in the valley.

The bureau was organized by election of Dr. A.H. Henry of North Yakima as chairman, F.B. Fuller of Toppenish secretary and Mr. Jones of Wapato as treasurer.

The meeting was held in response to a call sent out from Toppenish by the Commercial club and there were present representatives from North Yakima, Wapato, Toppenish,arker, Ellah, Outlook, Ranger and Grandview.

Printers

The members of the Typographical union of this city object to the use of their lable which has been made by the prohibitionists in charge of the "dry" campaign in this city.

The label was used in a "dry" campaign sheet and in an advertisement published in the Herald yesterday in such a way as to carry the impression that the union stands for prohibition.

Members of the executive committee ask the Republic to say that such use of the label is wrong and was not authorized by the union. The Typographical union, as a union takes no part whatever in local option campaigns and its members are all free to hold such beliefs or take such part as they may desire. This matter comes under the head of their strictly personal affairs-
Yakima Republic, November 4, 1910.

Bartenders

Thirty-seven of the bartenders of North Yakima met yesterday at Union hall and organized Local No. 5555 under the Bartenders' International League of America.

The officers chosen to head the local union are:

A.L. Lamkin, president; W.J. Briton, vice president; Joe McDonald, chaplain; Alfred Lund, recording secretary; M.W. Mitchell, treasurer; George Swoop, inspector and Frank Loker, guard.

The executive board are: Jesse Harkness, Alexander Harkness and Bert Dunn.--Yakima Republic, Nov. 25, 1910.

Spokane, Feb. 24--Stenographers, typists and other women in Spokane are figuritively up in arms over the decision of Judge Chapman of the Pierce county superior court who ruled in a test case of the eight-hour law that a woman who operates a typewriter is not a mechanic, even though employed in a mechanical establishment. Not that they desire to be classed as mechanics but to guard against longer hours, they may organize a union.

There is also talk of forming an eight-hour office workers federation throughout Washington with branch office in Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and cities in Central Washington to lobby at the next session of the legislature for an amendment to the following section of the state law which formed the basis of Judge Chapman's opinion:

"No female shall be employed in any mechanical or mercantile establishment, laundry, hotel or restaurant in this state more than eight hours a day." Yakima Herald, Feb. 28, 1912.

Cooks and waiters

Union

A meeting has been called this evening at 8 o'clock in the labor temple for the purpose of organizing a cooks and waiters' union.

A good many men have signified their intention of joining and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance at tonight's meeting--The Yakima Herald, Feb. 12, 1913.

There was a meeting last night at the Labor temple 17 1-2 North Second street of the cooks and waiters of the city for the purpose of forming a union.

It is expected that the organization will boast fully 60 members within the next two weeks. The charter was voted open for the next 60 days.

Those elected are as follows: Joe Davis, president; Louis Paul, vice president; Fred Keller, secretary treasurer; Roy Loah, chaplain and Joe Cole, guard. The next meeting has been called for Tuesday night of next week at which meeting it is hoped a large number of cooks and waiters who were not present last night will signify their desire to join--The Yakima Morning Herald, Feb. 12, 1913.

Typographical union

At the annual election of officers of the Yakima Typographical union held yesterday at the Eagles hall, E.B. Estabrook was selected to lead the organization for the coming year.

Other officers named are LeRoy Poole, vice president; H.B. Keesler, sergeant at arms and George T. Stephens, re-elected secretary.

A committee composed of J.C. Fiehart and E.E. Sugden was appointed to assist other union men in the city in putting on a local showing of the film, "Labor's Reward," sent out by the American Federation of Labor. If this picture can be brought here it will be shown January 19 at a place to be selected later--The Yakima Republic, January 4, 1926.

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Bartenders of the city are talking union and an organizer is expected here in the next few weeks to establish some sort of permanent organization if such is possible.

It is estimated that there are about 60 bartenders and with the proprietors it can be counted that fully 70 men will be in line to join such an organization.

Seattle has a strong union with about 250 members and it is understood an organizer will be sent from that city to establish a subordinate union here. The knights of the bottle and the white apron are enthusiastic about the proposition and declare it will be a benefit to the proprietors as well as to themselves--

The state labor convention of Washington will be held in this city on the 18th of July. It is expected there will be a big gathering here and that every labor organization in the state will be represented. 6-18-91

Miscellany

The ~~pa~~inters are on a strike, asking an increase of wages
from \$3 to \$3.50 a day. *Herald April 25, 1889*