

Labor agitation

Who will not work shall be made to work or at least he shall be made to carry a ball and chain around in the sun all day is the sentiment of Police Captain William Kelly with reference to the IWW Representatives and their disciples who lay out the day in idleness in the city jail "Wednesday albeit the day of idleness was marred by the attachment to it of a bread and water diet.

This morning the captain sent out John W. Foss and Joseph Gordon, the two IWW men each with a ball and chain. Foss and Gordon did not propose to work but they had to carry the weights anyway.

The five converts to the "I won't work" idea remained in jail throughout the forenoon.

Foss and Gordon were arrested Sunday night for speaking on the street. Yakima Republic, July 22, 1910.

Labor

Workingmen attention! There will be a public meeting held at the GAR hall Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock sharp for the purpose of considering the advisability and necessity of organizing a Knight of Labor assembly in this city. By order of the committee.-The Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T. March 2nd, 1880.

Labor

A meeting of the representatives of the two district assemblies of the Knights of Labor for Washington will be held in Seattle on Saturday for the purpose of forming a state assembly.

William Lee, Sr. of this city, has been honored by being chosen the delegate to represent the assembly of eastern Washington at this conference and J.C. MacCrimmon from the local assembly 521--
Yakima Herald, February 5, 1891.

Labor

The Yakima Assembly No. 421, Knights of Labor...

Your committee , reports----as follows:

The Hon. H.J. Snively, our representative in the legislature of the state of Washington, has during the session just closed labored most ably and faithfully to carry out the wishes of his constituents by his championing the cause of the industrial masses of the state of Washingtonto secure passage of the eight hour bill, the Pinkerton detective bill, the Fellows railroad bill, employees' weekly cash payment bill, the railroad fence bill, the coal miners' check weighman bill and all legislation tending to the relief of the wage workers of this state....J.C. MacCrimmon, G.W. Gardner, John Goodwin, voted in Assembly, March 29, 1891---Yakima Herald, April 9, 1891.

Labor

The Knights of Labor are going to build a great monument at Pittsburg, Penn. from rock and stone contributed from all sections of the country and especially from places of historic interest.

Yakima will not be without her stone in the huge pile. It was taken from Two Buttes, the sentinels which form the gateway to the Yakima river four miles below this city where in 1855 occurred the first Indian battle in Yakima county.

Steel rivets fasten to the rock a copper plate on which is inscribed: "Presented by Volunteer M.G. Wills to T.V. Powderly through J.C. MacCrimmon." Yakima Herald, March 3, 1892.

Unions

The bricklayers, stone masons and plasters of this city held a meeting last Tuesday night for the purpose of reaching an agreement regarding the wage scale and to form an organization for self protection.

The present rate of \$4 per day to stone masons is unsatisfactory to the bricklayers. The latter get \$5 per day and are thus handicapped in the competition for building contracts. The difference in wages influences builders to use stone instead of brick. The plasterers will stand with the brick layers. A meeting for election of officers will be held next Tuesday evening-The Yakima Republic, February 2, 1900.

At the first regular meeting of Barbers' Union No. 171 of North Yakima, held Friday evening, April 6th, seven members were obligated .

H.P. Hamaker, as special organizer for the American Federation of Labor was temporary chairman and obligated the following officers:

President, B.F. Dye; vice president, Ed Smith; recorder, J.E. Orchard; guide, A.R. Pitts, ; guardian, J.S Churchill.

This organization starts off with a very bright prospect for a large membership as the charter members have never before belonged to a union and the remaining barbers of the city are nearly all old and true union men .

The teamsters and stone masons are also forming for organization.

No. 171 will meet every Monday evening until further notice--The Yakima Herald, April 12, 1905.

Teamsters Union

The team owners of the city who do their own driving will soon be formally organized into a union. They will start out with a charter membership of more than fifty members. The formal organization will be effected next Friday evening.

George E. Boomer of Prosser, state organization of the Federation of Labor, having sent word that he will be here for the purpose of starting the new union properly.

Fully half a hundred teamsters who own their teams met Friday evening in Gatchell's hall in Modern addition and took the steps necessary to organize. It requires but ten members to secure a charter from the national association, but the local union will have not less than five times that number. It was decided that the wisest plan would be to limit membership to those owning teams, the teamster who are not owners will soon organize a union of their own which will affiliate with the team owners' union as the newly formed association will be called--The Yakima Herald, August 22, 1906.

Unions

The trades union movement is growing with great rapidity in North Yakima and it will be but a short time until labor unions are united in a trades assembly to co-operate with each other in promoting unionism and securing the resulting benefits.

On Saturday evening last two new unions, the lathers' and the electricians were formed, each with a strong charter membership and each having additional members in sight who will come in as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

The carpenters' local union now numbers 190 members and is said to be getting along fine. Owing to the increase in population and the accompanying increase in the number of skilled workmen required in different trades, all the unions are said to be steadily gaining in membership and strength--The Yakima Herald, Oct 3, 1906.

A barbers' union is to be North Yakima's latest addition to its organized labor forces, preliminary arrangements having been completed at a meeting held Wednesday night in the shop of Frank Clemmer on the avenue.

About ~~one~~ a third of the more than two score tonsorial artists the the city boasts were present and were unanimous in their ~~present~~ decision that the time is opportune for organization.

George W. Barber officiated as chairman while C. Smith was secretary. Those present included J. Clemmen, C. Smith, S.L. Houghton, C. Gagnon, John Churchill, J. Morrisett, Bruce Dye, D.E. Thurman, C.W. Carlson, F.W. Brown, O.A. Beasley, Clavis Leniux, H.H. Horne, John C. Goodman, A.A. Doty and G.W. Barber.

A charter has been sent for and upon receipt of it the formal organization will take place in which every barber in the city is invited to join—The Yakima Herald, Nov. 21, 1906.

Barbers Union

About 25 barbers assembled in the shop of F.D. Clemmer and organized a temporary union.

C.W. Carlson was elected president and Harry Vance secretary. T. Blakely of Seattle attended the meeting ~~at~~ and assisted in the work of organizing. He also presided at the meeting--The Yakima Herald, April 10, 1907.

Labor

Servant girls.

A carload of servant girls from the east to Central Washington.

Anyone wishing to engage a girl for house work can do so by calling or addressing the Red Star office enclosing stamp for answer. Red Star Office. Employment, Deal State and Commission, 91 -2 South First street, North Yakima, Wash. 6-3T.

Unions-Musicians

That the union of North Yakima musicians will be a strong one is testified to by the fact that twenty eight of the local professional windjammers have signified their intention of joining the organization.

The committee appointed by the members of the temporary organization has been most successful in its work and will be ready to report at the next meeting Sunday that practically all of the professional musicians in the city are willing to join.

At the next meeting a wage scale will be considered and one will probably be adopted--The Yakima Herald, May 15, 1907.

Unions

Through the efforts of L.A. Shrimpton of the Carpenters' union the whistle on the Ya ima brewery will be bl wn at 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the eveing each day.

Mr. Shrimpton made the arrangements with the manager of the breweery Tuesday morning. This is for the purpose of notifying all union men the hour of starting and the hour their work is finished.

Mr. Shrimpton believes that with the whistle blown at these hours it will bring the attention of non-union help to the exact hours of the day which the union help is obliged to work and may assist the union materially in gaining new recruits.

The whistle on the brewery has hitertofoe been blown at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Yakima Herald, July 17, 1907.

Musicians Union

The Musicians' Union received its charter Tuesday and in a few days a meeting will be held when permanent organization will be perfected.

There are about 30 charter members of the union. In thirty days the charter will be opened and the union will be a full-fledged organization. Local musicians are proud of the body and its promises to be one of the strongest union organizations in the city--The Yakima Herald, July 24, 1907.