

STATE CONVENTION COUNCIL CARPENTERS

By HEBER WHITE

Last week's Labor Press contained the proceedings of the Washington State Council of Carpenters on Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning sessions were as follows:

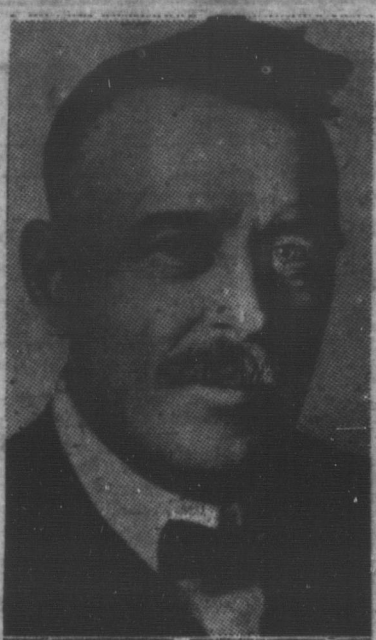
Friday Morning Session

The second day of the convention opened with the usual Aberdeen convention sunshine that never fails when we have visitors. Today, there was in evidence a feeling that "This is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party." However, as the day wore on, there was no tendency to attempt filibustering or factional fighting and all appeared as happy as a marriage-bell.

After the preliminary and regular opening ceremonies the convention rapidly got to work. Among the first important measures for consideration was the resolution concerning Washington State Labor News, which was turned over to committee on resolutions.

One of the important measures coming up was the resolution relating to the so-called Child Labor Law. It was shown that the purpose of the measure is really an act of our State Legislature ratifying, or not ratifying, the national constitutional amendment that would make such Child Labor law constitutional if passed by the Congress of the United States.

There seemed to be among the delegates as well as the general public, a well defined idea that proved to be a misconception of the actual facts. Finally put to vote: Unanimously carried, in favor of such an amendment. Or, to be plainer, the conven-



Mr. Eph. Dixon, former Salvation Army officer of Aberdeen and Hoquiam who has always showed a vital interest in the laborer and his problems, is now attempting to solve that problem through "Saving". He is now connected with the Aberdeen Savings and Loan Association. He now preaches the doctrine "thrift" and his message is being heeded by the workers in woods and mills to their great advantage.

tion is on record as favoring legislation by state and nation that will place laws upon the statutes to protect the child against the employer or parent desiring to benefit from the labor of immature persons who should be in school rather than at work in the factories or industries that through exploitation, break the child in body—spiritually, mentally and physically.

National Representative P. W. Dowler then addressed the convention, speaking of the metal-trim battle of the Brotherhood, the aged members home and on the matter of sending a delegate to the Montana State Council, urging the convention to consider such action. He closed by prophesying a very active and prosperous year ahead.

Friday Afternoon Session

In the afternoon session today, Resolution No. 6 on the Stanley Rule and Level Co., passed by unanimous vote, to fully inform locals of the attitude taken by this company and of the open challenge that they have given.

Resolution to make Washington State Labor News Official Organ was after considerable friendly debate carried as desired by its makers and the paper was declared the official organ of the Washington State Council of Carpenters. The Council voted to give the Tacoma Labor Advocate chance to bid on all advertising needed in competition with its official organ.

Owing to the lack of information upon bill relative to the exemption from taxation of new buildings, and which, it appearing later, was not yet able to come before the State legislature for lack of a constitutional amendment to the laws and constitution of this state, the matter of endorsing such measure as contemplated was not taken up for definite action at this time.

Many items of work in committees were being disposed of from time to time which are not of general interest to the reader as they deal with technical and statistical data. Auditing committee report found books and finances as per Secretary-Treasurer's report. Officers reports committee brought in satisfactory report also on all of these.

By this time, the wires between Aberdeen and Anacortes and the cities of Longview and of Kelso were getting too hot for comfort. The Mayors, Secretaries of Chambers of Commerce and civic organizations evidenced a live and acute interest in obtaining for their respective cities the honor of being the next convention city of the Washington Council of Carpenters.

Here let us digress sufficiently to remark: If there were no particular good in or need for the State Council of Carpenters, there would be little heated debate in the Convention and

little interest shown by cities, chambers of commerce, clubs, locals of carpenters or in fact anyone else. A word to the wise is sufficient!

Relative to sending a fraternal delegate to Montana was the next order. Owing to the expense and the need of funds for organizing locals and aid to those whose isolation or numbers seemed of more importance, no delegate will be sent.

The time was set for the election of officers at 10 A. M. Saturday.

The five-day week came up for consideration and was endorsed.

President Flynn, and Brothers Dixon and Luke in turn spoke of the definite results obtained and good accomplished by the State Council.

More telegrams from Kelso.

President J. J. Blake of Aberdeen, 317, then announced the plans for the evening's entertainment of the delegates, and the session adjourned.

Friday Evening

About two hundred and fifty carpenters and their wives were the hosts of the Council at the Friday evening entertainment in Eagle's Hall, occupying the whole of the upper story of the building. After introductions, the Curtis pictures were shown by W. C. Mumaw, for the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce. Over 200 magnificent scenes of the Olympics and surrounding country in natural colors comprise this collection which is one of the finest obtainable and shows the wonderful Alps of the western hemisphere, with all the varying changes of climate; the great forests that are, as yet, virgin; the lakes, the great cedar and spruce giants, the fertility of the country and the scenery that is incomparable. Words are inadequate in description. It is declared that not twenty-five persons have ever seen most of this section, though now, that good roads are being built into it, it will be more accessible.

At the close of the showing of the slides and speech by Mr. Mumaw, "Dad" Young addressed the assembled throng, who listened spell-bound for over two hours to him, as he related stories of the conflict for human rights and conditions throughout America. He spoke of the early carpenters and showed that the carpenters have been in this fight for a higher standard of living and citizenship ever since the very foundation of this republic. He spoke of the right of little children to an education and the result to the nation therefrom; the awakening of the nation in matters and thought that will ultimately bring about the emancipation of childhood, freeing it from the thralldom and slavery that is now in practice in many of our states because of the lack of national protection.

To attempt to relate his story is vain. Suffice it, that he was at his best and one and all present voiced approval and enthusiasm.

At the close of "Dad's" speech, the banquet room was filled and filled again and again. The ladies had supplied and anticipated our every wish in a culinary way. Then there was dancing for the young and cards for the more sedate. It was an evening fittingly enjoyed and attended.

At this time, it is fitting to make mention that much of the credit to the evening's success was due to the efforts of the ladies under the supervision of the wife of former President of Local 317, Mrs. L. E. Canfield. There was so much thought of and so little to be desired that it must be voted one great success.

Saturday Morning Session

The morning session of the Convention opened with a bang. Delegates were beginning to plan for leaving and meant business. President Flynn spoke of the great good accomplished by the Council since its inception and during the past year; he spoke of his finding conditions more favorable in this state to the craft than in many both east and west—that the \$8.00 scale here is equivalent to \$10.00 and \$11.00 in them and that Washington is the best State in the Union.

More red-hot wires. A Resolution of Appreciation to the citizens and civic organizations of Aberdeen was adopted. Resolution to redistrict State failed of adoption. Previously during the convention, resolutions relating to the establishing a normal school at Centralia and another pertaining to aiding by an appropriation of \$50.00 to the State Federation of Labor for legislative purposes were handled. The first, resulting in non-concurrence and the latter by adoption.

The matter of hours and wages was discussed and the possibility of an advance in scale. This was finally allowed to stand as at present.

The time arrived for the election of officers, with the following result: President, L. F. Flynn; Vice President, Harry Dixon; Secretary Treasurer, L. D. Chamberlain. The Executive Board was somewhat changed as follows: Seattle, Pat Campbell; Sedro-Wooley, J. L. Rundquist; Tacoma, Harry Dixon; Wenatchee, C. H. Syring; Spokane, J. T. Morris; Yakima, Harry Ritchey; Walla Walla, E. P. Woolcutt.

More wires. Longview, Kelso and Anacortes are in for it now. Speakers are now shaming Cicero and Caesar. The merits of the respective cities, the reason why we should have the convention and why you should not, and the many amusing and even tragic thoughts that are given voice, show that there's a reason, somewhere. Anacortes won.

As we were nearly ready to close, President Blake addressed the convention and with a speech that glowed with eloquence, he again thanked the convention for coming and took occasion to present the Council with the proof that Aberdeen's high School Manual Training department is doing the work right and as an example a beautiful gavel was presented to President Flynn. This was made by Grant Gurrad, one of the delegate's sons, who is a manual training student. Invitations were given to visit the timber industries and mills and parties arranged to do so. Also the beaches.

Convention adjourned to reconvene at Anacortes, January 1, 1926.

NOTICE

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SUMMONS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY. Laimi Keeskila, Plaintiff, vs. Matt Keeskila, Defendant.

The State of Washington to Matt Keeskila, defendant:

You are hereby summoned to appear within Sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: Within Sixty days after the 19th day of Dec. 1924, and defend the above entitled action in the court aforesaid, and serve a copy of your answer or other pleading upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff at his address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of the court.

This action is brought for the purpose of dissolving the bonds of matri-

mony existing between plaintiff and defendant upon the ground of desertion.

J. M. PHILLIPS, Attorney for Plaintiff. Office and Postoffice Address: 420

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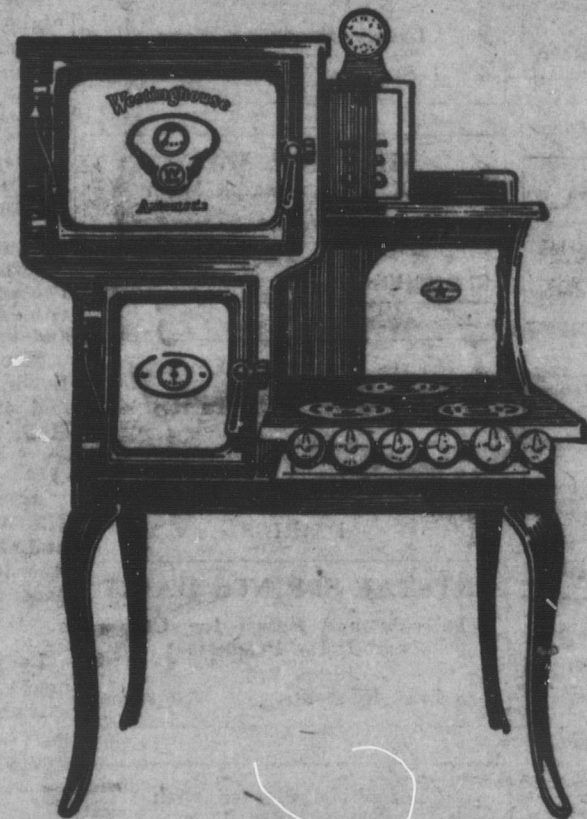
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