

**Duluth Trades Assembly.**

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Hunter's Hall, May 22, 1896.

President C. M. Thomas presiding.

D. S. Lapham, W. F. McFall and H. Hanson were seated as delegates from Meat and Pastry Cooks, Union No. 61.

Minutes of meeting of May 8 approved as read.

Reports of unions: A. A. Iron and Steel Workers, absent; Bakers, good, schedule of hours and wages signed by all employers; Butchers, good; Barbers, fair; Coopers, no change; Carpenters, good; Cigar-makers, fair; Electrical Workers, very good; Horseshoers, dull; Laundry Workers, good; Musicians, fair, Painters, good, open meeting May 23; all are invited; Plasterers, fair; Plumbers, good; Stonecutters, fair; Street Car Employes, good; Steamfitters, dull; Superior Trades Assembly improving, Coal Handlers, reorganized; Tailors, fair; Tanners, improving; Theatrical Stage Employes, theater closed, boycott still in force, union in good condition; Typographical Union, fair; Waiters, good; Woodworkers, fair; City Firemen, absent; Ore Trimmers, locked out; Saw Mill Employes' Union, good; Cooks, fair.

On motion of Delegate Cobb, the regular order of business was suspended and the privilege of the floor extended to Mr. G. D. Moore, who spoke for some time in the interests of his institution.

Reports of permanent and special committees: Organization committee have been successful in forming two new unions the past week, the Cooks and Draymen. Organizer Nichols will go to Cloquet May 24 and organize 700 mill workers.

Delegate Cobb to Chamber of Commerce reported that that body had taken steps to secure each Saturday afternoon for a half holiday for all laboring classes. The Trades Assembly favored such a move and a committee was appointed consisting of Delegates McDowell, Murray and Thompson, to act in conjunction with a committee from the chamber. The Chamber of Commerce has accomplished nothing in the way of a settlement of the ore trimmers' and Lyceum strikes.

The committee soliciting aid for the Theatrical Stage Employes presented the following statement, reporting that all money collected was turned over to the stage employes:

Typographical Union.....	\$20.00
Street Railway Employees.....	11.75
Tailors Union.....	10.00
Woodworkers Union.....	5.00
Plumbers Union.....	5.00
Waiters Union.....	5.00
Carpenters Union.....	2.00

Total.....\$58.75

JAMES McDOWELL,  
J. W. NICHOLS,

Committee.

Dance Committee made a partial report, giving to treasurer \$40.00 with \$16.00 more to collect. Committee asked for more time to make a complete report, which was granted.

Committee appointed to adjust grievance now existing between the Ore Trimmers Union and the Mesaba Railway had called on Mr. McBride and that gentleman would not concede one point, but admitted that the vessels paid for ore trimming and that Duluth and Superior were the only cities on the lakes where union men were not employed. As this Company is a Rockefeller combination the committee see no other way to settle the grievance than by referring the whole trouble to the International Longshoremen's Union, which was done by a motion from Delegate Jennings, to the effect that the International Union be asked to take up the matter and the Trades Assembly draft a set of resolutions pledging the Ore Trimmers its support.

A communication from the Central Labor body, of Kansas City, was read, declaring a boycott on the product of the Armour Packing Company; laid on the table for two weeks, in order to give time to investigate if the recently reported settlement was correct.

Moved by Delegate McEwen that call for convention at Minneapolis be taken from the table and proceed to elect three delegates to the convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, to convene at Minneapolis, Sunday, June 14. Adopted. Delegates Meagher, Haire, Nichols, McEwen and Murray were nominated and the first ballot resulted as follows: Meagher, 22; Murray, 19; McEwen, 14; Haire, 13; Nichols, 10. Delegates Meagher, Murray and McEwen receiving the highest number of votes cast they were declared elected.

Delegate Schaible made complaint that Duluth lathers go to Superior and work at reduced prices. After some discussion the complaint was referred to the grievance committee. The ore trimmers committee presented the following resolution:

Duluth, Minn., May 22, 1896.  
To the Duluth Trades and Labor Assembly:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the ore trimmers union beg leave to submit this report:

From all the information your committee could obtain from Mr. McBride, vice-president of the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern Railway, is in effect that the company owns the docks, owns the ore, owns the most of the boats and are satisfied with the men now employed as trimmers, and do not propose to permit the organized ore trimmers any opportunity to bid for that work, and your committee believe that the only way to reach these people is through the International Longshoremen's Association and we beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the ore trimmers' union affiliated with this assembly are refused the privilege of admission to the D. M. & N. R'y docks to bid for this work, or to seek employment at their chosen occupation, and be it further

Resolved, That this assembly extend to the ore trimmers union

their hearty support and sympathy in all legitimate means to procure that work, and that these resolutions be spread on the records of the assembly and a copy be sent to the ore trimmers' union.

J. F. McDONALD,  
J. H. BAKER,  
E. J. MEAGHER,  
C. M. THOMAS,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted.

Moved by Delegate Schaible, that an advisor be appointed for each new union to assist them at any time they may need services. Adopted. Appointment deferred until next meeting.

Moved and seconded, organizer and organization committee be instructed to prevail on new unions the necessity of high dues, and under no consideration should they be less than 50 cents per month. Adopted.

Delegates to the convention were instructed to make an effort to secure free transportation from the two daily newspapers, and \$25 was appropriated to defray their expenses.

William E. McEwen was placed on the organization committee.

Delegate Meagher presented an amendment to the constitution for its first reading to make the election of officers at first meetings in July and January.

Receipts, \$57.00; disbursements, \$25.00.

Adjourned.

JAMES M. MURRAY,  
Secretary.

[SEAL.]

**Have Signed the Scale.**

Every employing baker in the city has signed the union wage scale. The journeymen bakers are feeling jubilant over the fact and prospects look bright to them. This union is one of the most thriving in Duluth.

**Like All the Rest of 'Em.**

Talkative De Witt Talmage, the greatest of blatherskites, who preaches for those who have the most money, spoke last Sunday about the nation's debt to God, but nothing can induce him to say a word about the nation's debt to Rothschild and the other Shylocks.—Silver Knight.

The ad. of Ross & Gillon, grocers at 610 West Superior street (old Tribune building), will be found on another page. Mr. Ross is a union man. Mr. Gillon was formerly court officer for many years. This new firm is deserving of the patronage of the readers of the Labor World and their friends. Be sure you patronize them. You will find their line of goods first-class and in season.