

the people of all means of production and distribution.

11. The principle of referendum in all legislation.

The labels of the several trades unions were adopted, and those not now registered with the secretary of state will be so at once.

A reception and banquet was given the visiting delegates by the Racine Trades and Labor council on Wednesday night, June 10, and the convention adjourned on Thursday after having selected Appleton as the place to hold the next convention.

#### Minnesota Labor Convention.

The semi-annual convention of the Minnesota Federation of Labor convened at Labor Temple in Minneapolis June 14, 10:30 a. m. President Hughes presiding, with 102 delegates present. The convention was one of the best yet held in the state. A more brainy, earnest crowd of men and women have never convened in a Minnesota convention hall. Order prevailed throughout the meeting, even when the discussion upon any resolution was at white heat not a delegate indulged in personalities which is apt to be indulged in at such a time. The first order of business was the reading of the official call for the convention.

The chairman appointed the following committee on credentials. Messrs. Spooler, of Winona; Harrington of Minneapolis; Lott, of St. Paul.

While the convention was waiting for report on credentials an informal session was held. President Hughes was called on for a speech. He spoke for a few moments on the condition of labor throughout the state, and urged upon the members present to work earnestly and honestly for the cause of those they represented.

Vice President Birmingham spoke on the condition of organized labor in his city, Winona. He said since the state convention met there in December a Trades Assembly had been formed with branch locals composed of the tailors, barbers, bricklayers and plasterers.

James McDowell of Duluth told them about organized labor at the head of the lakes, and gave a short outline of the strike 136 had with the News Tribune, and explained along what lines they worked. The striking printers of the Twin Cities were urged to adopt the same methods.

Robert Askew, president of the National Mine Workers' Union, told them about that new organization and the rapid strides they were making in unionism.

Edward Peterson, of St. Paul, made an excellent talk, and took for his theme the printers' strike of the Twin Cities, as the speakers before him. He said strikes, no matter if they were failures, ultimately resulted for good.

Mr. Peterson was followed by Mr. Thomas Lucas. Mr. Lucas was one of the best speakers in the con-

vention. He has given much study and thought to the social question that is agitating the public today, and carries facts and figures right around in his pocket with him. He advised the printers to own typesetting machines and avoid strikes.

At this time the committee on credentials reported and the following delegates seated:

Duluth—Trades Assembly, J. M. Murray, E. McEwen, E. J. Meagher; Typographical Union, No. 136, James McDowell; Street Railway employes, Mrs. S. G. Akin; Tailors' Union, P. Hanson; National Mine Workers' Union, Robert Askew, W. T. Wasley; Journeymen Barbers' Union, J. J. Halstein; Butchers' Union, John Cahill.

Winona—Barbers' Union, Benjamin Schoenboon; Retail Clerks' Union, William J. Birmingham; Cigarmakers' Union, John Spooler.

St. Cloud—Granite Cutters' union, J. F. McCauley, W. E. Dumphey.

St. Paul—Trades and Labor council, Edward Christofson, E. B. Lott, Georges Gies, H. C. Baum, H. W. Dennett; Typographical union, No. 30, G. W. Deakon, G. W. Neff, G. C. Collins, P. J. Gaerghy, G. E. Truesdell; Bookbinders' union, No. 37, B. F. Lamb, Peter Pohl; Cigarmakers' union, Henry Gmehele, F. E. Hoffman, J. H. Ambus, Frank Hachusst, Henry Fader; Plumbers and Gasfitters' union, No. 34, Robert Stark, Peter McCueller; Garment Workers' union, Miss Kate Keating, Miss Hannah Manning; Tailors' union, E. Skoog; Iron Moulders' union, Dwight A. Potter; Boot and Shoemakers' union, Edward Peterson; Pressmakers' union, Edward Peterson; Pressfeeders' union, F. Mostest, P. J. Flinn; Bakers' union, Charles Eyan; Pressmens' union, John Gondek; Carpenters' union, M. Johnson, Edward Duboice, A. Metzger.

East St. Paul—Bricklayers' union, Oscar Berger; Coopers' union, C. J. Fisher; Typographical union, No. 13, H. Wormer; Horse Shoers' union, J. H. Cuthill; Barbers, J. H. Becker, H. B. Miller, R. J. Coyne, Retail Clerks, James Morrow, L. D. Stickles; St. Paul Labor Exchange, Grant Robinson; Socialist Labor Party, F. H. Espel, Nels Silja, H. E. Black, S. Johnson.

Minneapolis—Trades and Labor assembly, J. E. Johnson, M. E. Macy, John Swift, P. Vanmell, C. H. G. Chalker; Typographical union, No. 42, Miss M. C. Knappen, L. W. Wright, John Lucas, F. Boreen, E. E. Stevens; Tailors' union, J. M. Wingren; Pressfeeders' union, Ed. Croft; Lady Waiters' union, No. 65, Annie Schultz; Waiters' union, No. 6, J. R. Ludlam; Barbers' union, G. A. Robinson; Carpenters' union, R. E. Dodds, G. Johnson, J. C. Yaund; Plumbers and Gasfitters' union, No. 15, W. D. Shay, J. C. Watson, E. J. Harrington, J. Roggan; Stone Cutters' union, A. W. Field, G. W. Myers, J. Dahl; Plasterers' union, A. Wagner, J. Halverson, F. Gustafson; S. L. P., A. H. Lee, Thomas Lucas; Cigarmakers' union, W. H. Warrington, F. A. Kern, J. Washburn, M. Conrad; Bookbinders' union, No. 51, W. A. Miller; Bricklayers' union, D. Collins, J. H. Timmons, A. Larson, P. Laurence.

There was some discussion to

the seating of the delegates from the Socialist Labor Party, which was started by R. Askew from the miners, asking if they represented labor. The delegates were seated by a heavy vote.

The chairman appointed the following committees:

Order of business—G. A. Robinson, Minneapolis; Hoffman, St. Paul; Hanson, Duluth.

Finance—A. J. Metzger, St. Paul; Wagner, Minneapolis; Birmingham, Minneapolis.

Resolutions—J. H. McCauley, St. Cloud; Mrs. Akin, Duluth; G. Baker, St. Paul.

Constitution—J. Morrow, J. H. Murray, Johnson.

Officers' report—Miller, St. Paul; Young, Minneapolis; Dumphey, St. Cloud.

An adjournment was had for dinner. The Federation was called to order again at 2:30 p. m.

Minutes of the last meeting held in December at Winona were read and approved.

Credentials of Delegate Gifford, Minneapolis, hack driver, were accepted.

Report of committee on constitution recommended amending constitution making dues \$1.00 instead of 50 cents. The recommendation was adopted by the convention by a vote of 35 to 12.

Committee on resolutions reported at this time.

A resolution to secure the enactment of a law by our next legislature making it compulsory upon contractors of prison labor to stamp the goods manufactured by the state convicts in a conspicuous manner, "Prison Made," was adopted.

It was voted by the convention to urge members of legislature to have an 8-hour law placed upon our statute book at the next session.

The following resolution was introduced by E. E. Stevens, president of the Minneapolis Trades Council, and referred to the convention by the resolution committee by a vote of 2 to 1:

Whereas, the emancipation of the working class is that of all human beings, without distinction of sex or race;

Whereas, the working class can never be free until it gets possession of the means of production;

Whereas, the collective ownership of the means of production can result only from the organized efforts of the working class on both economic and independent political lines;

Be it resolved, that the Federation of Labor of the state of Minnesota call upon the working people of this state to organize both on economic and independent political lines for the purpose of establishing the Co-operative Commonwealth, based on the collective ownership of the means of production and their operation for the benefit of all the people.

Before the resolution had hardly finished its reading more than 40 delegates were on their feet for recognition. An effort to table nearly prevailed; then the delegates got down to business, and four hours of the most earnest discussion it