

as usual, by a grand applause.

At this time, 12:15, the credential committee had not reported and an adjournment was taken until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:45. The report of the credential committee reported favorable on the following delegates:

St. Paul—Trades and Labor Assembly: G. H. Becker, J. L. Hughes, Kate Keating, J. J. O'Rourke, Frank Pampusch; Horseshoers, No. 28, Nels A. Larson; Iron molders, No. 232, Dwight A. Potter; Coopers, No. 61, Charles Fischer; Garment workers, No. 113, Hannah Mangan, Mae Cumming; Barbers No. 31, W. W. Erwin, Chas. Plouske, M. E. Murray; Carpenters and Joiners No. 87, Chas. Bovaird, John Burns; Bricklayers No. 1, Geo. McCoy, Louis Singer, Oscar Berger; Bookbinders No. 37, F. J. Conlin, A. J. Krenge; Pressman No. 9, J. E. Hafbauer, John Ristine; Cornice Workers No. 9, A. Gabeil, Ed. Christopherson; Pressmen No. 29, John Gondel; Hack Drivers No. 7605, Martin Igoe; Typo No. 30, P. G. Gerazhtig, G. C. Collins, G. W. Deakon, H. W. Goetzinger, T. F. Thomas; Bindery Girls No. 40, Anna Nachesheim, Maggie McClure; Typo No. 13, W. J. Francois; Cigarmakers No. 68, Henry Teyder, Henry Grese, H. Tressler, H. Gunhle, A. Dommick; Clerks No. 2, W. J. Thone, S. D. Stickles; Bakers No. 21; Chas. Bongener; Harness and Saddle Makers, Ed. O'Connor; Boot and Shoe Workers, Lewis Peterson, Ed. Peterson; Plumbers, C. F. Doyle, P. H. Waters; Tailors, S. P. Boomquist, Charles Peterson.

Minneapolis Trades and Labor council, J. L. Chapman, J. E. E. Johnson, W. W. Matson, John Swift, W. S. Chisholm; Coopers No. 62, E. W. Sears; Stonemasons No. 1, J. A. Dahl, Arthur W. Field; Waiters, John McDonald, R. C. Harvey, Flo Shaver; Plumbers and Gasfitters No. 15, W. D. Shay, John Ragan, F. A. Whitten, James Burke, Jessie L. Long; Carpenters No. 7, Amos Johnson, Phil J. O. Carrier; Horseshoers, J. B. Fourniea; Typo No. 42, J. W. Hays, M. C. Knappen, W. F. Drake, A. Henderson, E. E. Stevens; Barbers No. 61, Chas. F. Seibel; Cigarmakers No. 77, F. A. Kern, E. H. Blackburn, H. H. Paulsen, J. Bertram; Pressmen No. 20; H. Hills; Bookbinder, W. A. Miller, F. J. Tefft, Aug Tengdale; Tailors, Emil S. Koog; Bricklayers No. 2, Dennis Collins, Gus Bloom, J. C. Nelson, Peter Lawrence; Stonecutters Union, C. G. Chalker; P. feeders, E. W. Hamilton, Wm. Gund; Cooks,

W. T. Gifford, Duluth Trades Assembly, Nels Anderson, J. D. Hayes, W. E. McEwen, Thomas Lyons, Plumbers No. 11, P. G. Pastoret, Wm. Bradley; Street car, E. R. Cobb, Mike Gleason; Typo No. 131, Geo. Jenson; Laundry, Robert Ferguson, H. W. Moeller; Electric, E. J. Meagher; Butchers, J. D. Goodnow, Thomas R. Hancock; Sawmill New Duluth No. 6795, Alex. Livingstone; Bartenders No. 75, J. Traverse; Waiters, J. F. McDonald; Theatrical; Morris O'Rourke; Woodworkers, J. W. Allen; Typo 136, J. McDowell; Cooks, J. M. Murray; Winona Barbers No. 38, Ben Schoenborn; Cigarmakers No. 70, John Spuhler; St. Cloud Granite Cutters, J. F. McAulay; Cigarmakers, No. 315, J. Boos.

The committee reported adversely on the seating of the following delegates from the Socialist labor party: A. W. Henderson, Samuel Johnson, A. H. Lee, George B. Leonard, Herbert G. Shaw, T. Malmquist, Frank Vezina, Carl Illige.

It was moved by Delegate Lawrence of Minneapolis, from the Bricklayers union and seconded by Delegate Collins from the Typographical union, St. Paul, that the socialist delegates be admitted. At this point, Delegate Hayes, of Duluth, chairman of the credential committee, stated that the convention was a trades-union body and not political, and as the campaign was over and there would not be another one for some time they had no use for political delegates. A. H. Lee one of the socialist delegates, took the floor and replied that the campaign of '96 was over but the workingmen's campaign was on eternally. He started in to state the socialist's position in regard to labor and trades unions but was interrupted by a delegate asking that no discussion be allowed each person, or at least not more than two minutes, which was so ruled by the president, and time was promptly called.

It was thought and expected that there would be an exciting scene, but it was a disappointment. A few hot shots were fired back and forth while loud calls were made for roll call. At this time several raised the point that no organization could be unseated only by two-thirds vote, citing the following from the Minnesota State Federation constitution: Article I, Sec. I. "This association shall be known as the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, and shall consist of such labor organizations, as shall, after

being duly admitted, conform to its rules and regulations and pay all contributions required to carry out the objects of this federation, the body always having power to reject any delegate by a two-thirds vote."

President Neary ruled the point not well taken and that the majority should rule and not two-thirds. An appeal was taken from the chair, but the chair was sustained and the roll called. The vote resulted: Nays 66, yeas 42. The majority, not two-thirds, ruling.

The following committees were appointed by the chair: Resolutions, P. Laurence, E. R. Cobb, P. J. Geraghty; constitution, J. F. McAulay, W. E. McEwen, J. H. Becker; finance, E. Christopherson, W. G. Drake, R. Ferguson; officer's reports, J. L. Hughes, W. D. Shay, James Traverse; rules, John Swift, Frank McDonald, E. B. Lott.

The reports of the officers were then taken up. The federation council's report recommended the maintenance of a lobby at the coming session of the legislature for the purpose of seeing that laboring men obtained their rights; that the convention name two men for positions on the state board of arbitration and submit the names to the governor for selection, and that the convention ask for representation on the prison board.

The treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the year had been \$125.50 and the disbursements \$100.35, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$25.15.

Secretary Hammond's report was an exceptionally good one but space will not allow full report. He stated that out of seventy-five unions affiliated with the federation only thirty-three had reported. The reports showed that the unions reporting have a total membership of 2,123, the net increase for the past six months being 219. The number of union men at work is 1,536 and the number unemployed is 478. The number of non-union men is given at 1,478. The report also showed that the receipts from the printing of the directory and the minutes of the last meeting was \$527.50, while the expenditures amounted to \$478.80. The report showed that there had been nine strikes in the affiliated unions during the past year. Four were successful, two were compromised, one was lost and two were still in progress. The report concluded:

"I believe the federation may justly congratulate itself that the work done in the last two or three