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WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE COMMISSIONERS CAN EXPEND ANY MORE MONEY ON CITY HALL SITE

The city cannot legally pay a single dollar to the county for five of the nine lots upon which it is planned to build a new city hall, not for some time at least.

The county has no clear title to these five lots, which were acquired through condemnation proceeding. You can't take private property for public use unless the private owner is given a specific reason why the public needs his property, and then it must be shown to the satisfaction of the court that the rights of the private owner have been fully protected.

It seems that the county officials and certain of the owners of the lots taken over by the county could not, at the time agree on terms, so the county started to acquire the property by condemnation. One disagreement arose over the question of who should pay a heavy street assessment levied against certain of the lots. The attorney for the county and the owners could not get together and so proceedings were started.

In such proceedings the county claimed it required the property in question "FOR COURT HOUSE PURPOSES." You can't condemn private property for one purpose and then sell it to be used for another. Shall we borrow from Mayor Prince and say that the county, like the city, "is not in the real estate business." But that is beside the question just now.

The main reason that is given by the three commissioners, which include Mayor Prince, who voted for the sale of the old armory is that they want to begin paying for the city hall site with the proceeds.

No one seems disposed to insist upon an immediate sale of the armory unless the proceeds could be devoted for some better use than depositing them in a bank at one or two per cent interest.

No one wants to sell the armory and use the money to keep up the running expenses of the city.

In fact the only argument we have heard, from citizens who are usually unselfish in their attitude towards municipal questions, is that the proposed sale will help buy a new city hall site and get the deal started at once. We may safely assume therefore, that as this purchase of the new city hall site cannot now be made, such citizens will not favor the sale of the armory, for the present at least.

WELL SUCH PURCHASE CANNOT BE MADE BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS NO TITLE TO THE SITE WHICH THE CITY CAN LEGALLY BUY OR USE.

The city proposes to buy lots 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, and 71, and the easterly half of lots 73 and 74. That makes eight full lots and two half lots. That is the so-called "city hall site." It is a complete tract. The city must have it all or none, or at least it must have what it does buy in a compact tract.

Now, as we have stated, THE COUNTY HAS, AS THE LAWYERS WOULD SAY, NO RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE OR INTEREST IN FIVE OF SUCH LOTS WHICH ARE CHECKERED IN THE TRACT, EXCEPT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF USING THE SAME FOR A COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

If the city should buy everything the county has, it could not build anything on it but a county court house; and it could not even do that, for the city has no legal power to build court houses.

Of course the reason The Labor World does not want the city to sell the armory is that we want the people to have it to use as a public forum, a public market place, a municipal work and repair shop, a great social center, where perchance we may freely discuss the official acts of our municipal and other public officials.

Since a technical legal question has arisen over the right of the city to buy the proposed city hall site should not hard headed business men who are not so much interested in plain "public welfare," give the safe business side of this question careful consideration? Do they want to hazard public money on property with a cloudy title? Would they do it in their own business?

Careful consideration of the city's position in this matter may tend to convince them that a majority of our commissioners were a little hasty in putting the armory ordinance through in less than a week, and without public hearings, and for an ultimate purpose which can not legally be accomplished.

It is the height of business folly to gamble on what the state legislature may do one year from now. No one knows just how the legislature will view the passage of a so-called curative act. Its attitude will depend largely on how the same question involves other cities and counties, and whether or not in attempting to straighten out a bad mess in Duluth and St. Louis county it will not entangle such titles in other like cities and counties.

But even if the legislature should pass a so-called curative act it must be remembered that the fee owners still have an equity in the lots, which were secured by the county through condemnation proceedings, when such are to be used for other than "court house purposes." There are courts and a constitution above the state legislature to which fee owners may appeal to tests whether or not they can be deprived of their equity "without due process of law." This has always been a touchy question with our courts, and we labor men know it.

Finally, in view of the technical legal question involved, the city commissioners will save the people time, money and the trouble of a referendum election by at once repealing the ordinance providing for the sale of the old armory. They have made a serious mistake and they should lose no time in correcting it.

SAYS I. W. W. THREAT SCARED LUMBER MEN

Organizer Holds Recent Wage Increase to Lumberjacks Given for Purpose.

Arthur Boose, 907 West Michigan street, organizer for the I. W. W., declares that his threatened campaign among the Northern Minnesota lumberjacks is already productive of good results. "Wages in the woods around here," he said, "are beginning to take an upward jump."

"The smallest wages offered is \$25.00 per month, which is a raise of \$5.00 per month since Jan. 1. This is partly caused by the agitation being carried on and partly by the scarcity of labor. The grub and bunkhouses have not improved any yet. Most of the large companies buy up all the old supplies that they can get cheap from the wholesale grocers and meat packers. The lumber bosses are doing their level best to head off any I. W. W. agitation here."

"To hear a boss talking of what he is going to do to the I. W. W. is no new story. They are so confident of their power through bulldozing the workers, who have nothing behind them, that they fall rather hard when they come in contact with a member of an organization, who, conscious of the power that organization gives, is able to meet them on their own ground and call their bluff."

"He and others are naturally so over the fact of having to raise wages. It seems that some members of the I. W. W. were trying to make the camps look homelike by pasting up the 11 different kinds of stickers now being printed by our Publicity Bureau. These stickers are easy to put on, but hard for a boss, not good tempered, to scratch off."

"The members are coming in exceeding all expectation considering the fact that so many are broke, as the result of disastrously low wages. But we are in a hurry to get enough men lined up to start something that will mean the biggest event in the life of the lumber business in Northern Minnesota."

DEATH VISITS HOME OF VETERAN PLUMBER

Miss Barbara Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neuman C. Harvey, 2115 Woodland avenue, died after a long illness. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 o'clock from the family residence.

Miss Harvey was a popular pupil at the Central High School. She was loved and admired by her many friends and companions. Her father, Neuman C. Harvey, is a veteran member of Duluth Plumbers' union No. 11.

A committee from the union visited the Harvey home Wednesday evening and extended the sympathies of all the members of the trade to the bereaved family.

TWO PAINTERS SICK.

Ludwick Halvorson, 1210 Eighth avenue East, and D. A. LaMont, 4125 London road, both members of the Painters' union, are confined to their homes with la grippe. Their sickness was reported to the union last Tuesday evening.

HALL STARTS LABOR FORWARD MOVEMENT



E. G. HALL, president of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, who originated the idea for a labor forward movement in Duluth, has been in the Twin Cities during the week attending to Federation matters. He will begin at once to head the movement in Duluth and interest workmen in joining unions.

PAINTERS SEND \$70 TO ASSIST HATTERS

At Big Social Event Duluth Union Votes to Do Full Duty.

Duluth painters had the time of their lives last Tuesday evening. The members of the union gave a social entertainment which was well attended. Painters are beginning to realize that to enjoy the good things of this life they must first take advantage of opportunities as they are presented to them. This fact was demonstrated Tuesday evening. Were you there? No? Then you missed something. As one painter put it: "I would have walked from Proctor to attend this meeting and to enjoy the good things you have to eat and drink." This was without exception the largest and best attended meeting the painters have had in many years.

The union voted to assist each member one hour's pay on Hatters' Day. There was appropriated from the treasury \$70 for this purpose, which was mailed immediately to the A. F. of L. The members of the union were enthusiastic in voting on this appropriation and were gratified to know that they were able to contribute a neat sum, not only to save the homes of the Danbury Hatters, but to rebuke such forces as are punishing innocent men to strike a blow at all labor.

FAVORS LABOR SAFETY BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The bill providing for a bureau of labor safety in the federal department of labor has been reported favorably to the house by the committee on labor.

LAKES TUGMEN HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Duluth Delegates Return From Chicago Meeting of Licensed Men.

James Bishop delegate from the Licensed Tugmen's Protective association to the national convention of that organization, returned Sunday from Chicago, where the convention was held. Mr. Bishop reports that the L. T. P. A. is in a most flourishing condition; that several ports reported a scarcity of licensed men and only a few reported a surplus on hand. It was voted to direct grand president to keep in touch with local conditions in every port for the purpose of advising where men were plentiful or scarce as the case may be.

Conference in Spring.

Representatives of the L. T. P. A. will hold a conference in the spring for the purpose of meeting with representatives of the Great Lake Towing and Wrecking company to negotiate a new trade agreement. The present contract expires this year. Contracts will also be renewed with the fish tugs on the Great Lakes. The contract with the Great Lake Dredge and Dock company does not expire until next year.

The convention endorsed the so-called motor boat amendment bill now pending in Congress, which, if passed, will require that boats under 65 feet carrying passengers or freight shall carry licensed men who shall have passed examinations under the rules of the Federal inspection department.

Mr. Bishop was the author of a resolution requiring the grand president to take up all questions relating to the violation of the Federal 12-hour law and to report the same to local United States officers. Under the terms of this resolution it will be the duty of the grand president to push all prosecutions under the law. The convention also adopted a resolution providing for a ways and means committee to study a plan for reducing the operating expenses of the association. W. E. Hoy of Duluth was appointed a member of this committee. Mr. Hoy also represented the Duluth association in the convention, serving as alternate for Martin Cole, the duly elected delegate, who was unable to attend.

Saw Steamer Eastland.

The delegates were also given a trip around the rivers of Chicago by the Chicago union of tugmen. During this trip the Duluth men were given an opportunity to see the steamer Eastland which tipped over in the Chicago river last season, causing the death of several hundred people. The Eastland was sold to the Illinois Naval Militia for \$46,000. It will be remodeled and made a first class naval training ship.

Mr. Bishop, who is engineer at the Duluth incinerator, during his absence from the city visited incinerator plants at Chicago and Milwaukee. He received valuable information that will be of use to him in making the Duluth incinerator more perfect.

Captain C. H. Green of this city attended the convention in the ca-

UNIONS GET BEHIND FORWARD MOVEMENT

E. G. Hall, president of the State Federation of Labor, returned to Duluth yesterday and will renew his efforts here in behalf of the Union Labor Forward Movement. During his absence Henry Percault, the Federation's vice president in this state, visited the local unions. The general committee on the Forward Movement to this date consists of the following representatives:

E. G. Hall, president of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor; W. F. Murnlan, temporary chairman; James P. Powers, temporary secretary; Trades Assembly, J. G. O'Neill, R. J. Coole, W. R. Thompson, Ernest Rickard and Henry Percault.

Cooks—Fred Martelle. Electrical Workers—A. C. Ritchie. Boiler-makers—James A. Graham. Bartenders—Fred Bernard. Printing Trades—E. F. Busk. Building Trades—S. G. Nelson. Shoe Repairers—Ludwig Anderson. Musicians—L. F. Berger. Painters—John E. Jensen. Stage Employees—J. P. Shannahan. Printers—Edwin Anderson. Cigarmakers—Peter Schaeffer. Machinists—R. F. Maretini. Horsehoers—L. Selgier. Butchers—E. Rickard. Switchmen—A. J. Peterson. Stonemen—Fred Gittkowski. Brewery Workers—T. Fitzgibbon. Pressmen—Henry Glass. Barbers—Walter Dunlop. Sheetmetal Workers—Charles Gaus.

Bookbinders—Stenson Zettel. Plumbers—H. R. Tinkham. Lathers—J. D. Meldahl. Tugmen—James Bishop. Iron Workers—J. A. Webber.

BROWN'S HALL TO BE UNION HEADQUARTERS

E. G. Hall, president of the State Federation of Labor, returned to Duluth, Wednesday. He at once took up his work of preparing for the Labor Forward Movement. Twenty-six local unions have elected representatives on the general committee. President Hall, acting for the committee, has rented a hall for two months at 10 East Superior street, upstairs. This is known as Brown's hall and will be used as the Labor Forward headquarters during the campaign. Meetings will be held every evening.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT DEFENDED BY JONES

Duluth Man Tells Superior Union Men of Great Things Done.

An enthusiastic open meeting of the Superior Trades Assembly was held in Union Labor hall, Superior, last Tuesday evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the report of the Commission on Industrial Relations.

Senator Richard Jones of Duluth was the speaker. Mr. Jones stated that the report of the commission had confirmed the indictment which organized labor had charged against the present industrial system. He said, however, that trade unionists were more interested in the recommendations of the commission than in its indictment, and urged those present to do all in their power to bring influence upon the members of Congress to have a sufficient number of copies of the report printed for free distribution.

"If the Commission on Industrial Relations did not accomplish anything else it compelled John D. Rockefeller to make a trip to Colorado for the first time in eleven years," said Senator Jones.

"But it did more. The final report laid bare the plain truths regarding our industrial life. It did not mince matters. The famous Manly report contains statements of fact and recommendations for relief from our economic ills which make the political demands of the organized labor movement appear mild in comparison."

"Not only did the Manly report, signed by Commissioners Walsh, Lennon, O'Connell and Garretson confirm the indictment made by students of the present social system, but it comes out boldly with its recommendations for legislative relief."

"Its importance to labor can be judged largely by the enemies it has made. The fact that it is made by a government commission, created by act of Congress, gives its findings a dignity and significance that renders it a valuable contribution to the authoritative literature of the time."

"That the report of the commission is acceptable to organized labor is adequately attested by the fact that the labor unions are unanimously in favor of its widespread publication."

"Pressure should be brought to bear upon the various members of Congress to the end that a sufficient number of copies of the report may be published. Its enemies will want to smother it. Organized labor might have the report published in sufficient numbers, if it will exercise the powerful influence which is at its command."

DULUTH SHOWS UP WELL FOR UNION MADE SHOES

C. E. James of St. Paul, general organizer of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union, who has been in Duluth for the past 10 days, returned to his home last evening. Mr. James visited every local union in Duluth and Superior and reports a healthy demand here for union-made boots and shoes.

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SEC'Y LAWSON ASKS UNIONS TO PAY TAX



George W. Lawson, secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, issued his quarterly bulletin in which every union is urged to pay its per capita tax in order that the organization campaign inaugurated by the Federation's executive council in December may be carried on without interruption.

HUGH YOUNG CHOSEN TO LEAD PLUMBERS

Pipe Fitters Instal Officers and Spend the Evening in Pleasure.

Hugh Young is the new president of Plumbers, Gas and Steamfitters Union No. 11. Mr. Young learned his trade in Duluth and has been connected with the local union for almost 20 years. At an open meeting held last Thursday evening at Rowley's hall, Mr. Young was installed into office by former president Charles Rigdon.

Other officers installed at this meeting were past president, J. A. Dryke; vice president, John Turnbull; recording secretary, J. G. Bennett; financial secretary-treasurer, H. R. Tinkham; secretary, U. Jackson; directors, A. Plaunt, Ed. Schafer and A. Meyers.

There was a good attendance at the meeting, which was addressed by Henry Percault, vice president of the State Federation of Labor. He spoke on the Labor Forward Movement. After his speech H. R. Tinkham was elected to represent the Plumbers' union on the Forward Movement general committee.

Peter Skadberg, an apprentice in the shop of E. S. Farrell & Co., was admitted to full membership as a journeyman. The retiring officers made interesting reports. The union is in a healthy financial condition and it was reported that the balance in the treasury amounted to \$1,214.11.

Ed. Grimwood, a member of the union, was granted a two weeks' sick benefit. President Young honored several members by appointing them as delegates to Central Labor Councils as follows:

Building Trades council, A. Plaunt to serve for a period of 18 months; Union Labor Pavilion association, Steve Polaski; Trades and Labor assembly, John Turnbull, Ben Wagner and Ingvold Jackson.

After the regular order of business was transacted refreshments were served and a fine musical program was rendered. W. E. McEwen, who is a member of this union, addressed the members on old-time days in the plumbing business.

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SUPERIOR ASSEMBLY CHOOSES OFFICERS

Superior Central Body Selects H. F. Wolfe to Fill Highest Office.

The annual installation of officers by the Superior Trades and Labor assembly was held Tuesday evening at the Trades and Labor hall. There was a good attendance at the meeting.

C. E. James, organizer for the Boot and Shoe Workers' International union was present and delivered a stirring address on the value of the union label in promoting the ideals of trade unionism.

Officers for the ensuing term were elected, as follows:

President, H. F. Wolfe; vice president, Miss Elsie Sullivan; treasurer, C. W. Swanson; corresponding secretary, Thomas Roen; O. F. Eick, recording secretary; financial secretary, A. W. Anderson; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Josephine Aronson, trustees, Hugo Swanson, E. L. Erickson and Alex LaRock; delegate to Duluth Trades assembly, Alex LaRock.

MRS. E. M. GRACE DIES.

Mrs. Jose Grace, age 40, wife of E. M. Grace, secretary of Duluth Typographical union No. 136, died last Thursday after a long illness. The funeral was held Friday and interment was at Calvary.

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