

# BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION STATES AGAIN ITS PURPOSE

Editor Missoulian—There appeared in Sunday's Missoulian, a communication from the Trades and Labor assembly which perhaps merits a partial reply; because the same is based upon an entirely erroneous conception of the objects of the "Missoulian Business Men's Association."

Primarily the Missoulian Business Men's association was formed for the purpose of promoting, in so far as possible, the business interests of Missoula. It was not formed for the purpose of waging war upon labor organizations; it did not have for its object any one thing which would militate against organized labor. Among other objects in view, was the settlement of disputes between labor organizations and employers, should such a settlement be found possible, and to also promote harmony among the business interests in the town. It was never thought by those who joined the Business Men's association, that they would be called upon to wage war upon labor unions, but it was understood, that if disputes arose that a committee from the Business Men's association could meet with representatives of labor organizations, and after a thorough and candid discussion arrive at some amicable adjustment with regard to questions in dispute.

These objects seemed worthy of attainment by those who joined the organization, not only because it would result in greater prosperity to Missoula, but would enlarge the field of employment for those who belonged to labor organizations, and would prevent the recurrence of such disputes as arose a year ago this spring between the telephone company and the labor organizations; and such disputes as disrupted the lumber industry two years ago.

If amicable adjustments of disputes could be arrived at, it was felt that there would be no necessity for the labor organizations to go to the extent to which the miners' union went in the Coeur d'Alene in 1898, or the structural iron workers in later years in every part of the country.

It was believed by those who joined the organization that good citizenship, patriotism and fidelity to the interest of the community demanded that every effort should be made to avoid any such consequences as have heretofore resulted from a determined labor war. Having this in mind, and with a desire to promote harmony and to prevent injustice, a few of the business men met, and after announcing a set of principles which were entirely consistent with good citizenship and the welfare of the community, the organization was formed. There was no effort upon the part of those who organized to compel anybody to join, nobody was declared unfair who refused to join, and the belief of those who did join was that in so doing they had the same right to organize for self-protection, that the labor organizations had to join for their protection.

At the time when the demand was made upon the Coen-Fisher company that their clerks should join the clerk's union, it was the position of Mr. Coen that he had no right to compel his employees to join any union—the same position was occupied by the Missoula Mercantile company when the demand was made that they should compel their clerks to join a union, and unquestionably this position is right.

There is no warrant of law, or morals, or of good citizenship for any organization to demand that a person shall, or shall not join a union. It was a matter somewhat alarming in its nature when it was reported to the Coen-Fisher company, that at least one member of the labor organization had said that "it would be very easy to put a stick of dynamite under the Coen-Fisher store and thereby compel a compliance with the demands of the clerk's union." This rumor which was reported to the chamber of commerce caused serious consideration of the events which have occurred in this country in the immediate past—particularly the things which have occurred and are now occurring in Colorado—in the northern peninsula of Michigan in Indianapolis, and in many parts of the United States.

The business men's organization wants fair play—it wants peace and harmony; it wants employment at the highest wages obtainable in every class of industry, but it does not want, and will not tolerate unjust and unreasonable demands made upon individuals with respect to the joining or non-joining of unions, and it now, and at all times, condemns any unfair method, whether it is adopted by labor organizations or a business man.

If the trades and labor assembly of Missoula has any patriotism, or any desire upon its part for the progress of the community, or to favor peace, it will appoint a committee to confer with the business men with the object in view of settling disputes, but if its organization expects to be able to induce the business men of Missoula to compel their employees to join any particular union it will meet with disappointment, because the right to join, or not join a union is an individual right guaranteed by the constitution of the United States.

The demand made upon the Missoula Mercantile company was, that

its clerks should join the union; it was not a demand upon each individual clerk that he should join, but it was a demand upon the employer that the employee should be compelled to join or lose his job. This demand was declined for the reason that the employer had no right to influence or coerce in this respect, and the boycott followed. The resolution taken by the Missoula Mercantile company is no doubt correct. No employer has a right to demand that his employees shall join a union any more than he has a right to prevent the employee from joining. In either event an unwarranted authority is asserted. It is understood that all clerks of the M. M. Co. were at liberty to join or not as they choose. If it had happened that a part of the clerks had joined and a part of them had not, then the demand would still be made that all should do so, or a boycott would be declared. This would leave the employer in the position where, even if one employee should fail or neglect to join, the union, then the boycott would still be called unless the employers discharge the man so refusing.

This state of affairs would be manifestly unfair, both to the individual and the employer.

To reverse the position of labor organizations and that of the Business Men's association, the case would be the same as if now the Business Men's association should demand of the Trades and Labor council that all business men must be compelled by the Trades and Labor council to join the Business Men's association, or a strike would be called to join the business man to join. It is not expected that any effort will be made by the Trades and Labor council to compel business men to join our association, no matter how thoroughly convinced it may be that the result would be for the good of all concerned.

Do the unions of Missoula know that they are lessening the freedom of individuals who belong to the union as well as of all other members of the community? Do they know that they are arbitrarily lessening the opportunities for employment and adding to the great army of unemployed?

It may be that the Trades and Labor council is always right, but it should be remembered that all the decisions reached by that body are so reached upon a hearing of only one side. There never has been found a human tribunal, which was always right when it decided cases after hearing only one

side of a case. The effort of the Business Men's association is to get a hearing, to prevent violence, to arbitrate when it is possible and always to encourage a wider spirit of helpfulness among those having a common interest in the general welfare.

The proposition should be considered in the light of a common citizenship; no one should question the right of any workman, in whatever line of industry he may engage to freely associate himself with a union to further the common good of all, so long as the objects of the union were legitimate.

It is equally true that every individual has an equal right to work independently of a union, if it is his individual wish not to join such a union. There is no law, statutory or moral, which should compel a man to join a union with which he does not care to affiliate, and if the individuals who do compose the union maintain the same for the common good of all those engaged in a like industry, it is a voluntary act upon their part and they ought not to compel an individual who refuses to join. It is a question of moral suasion, and not a question of concrete right.

The opportunity is now offered to the Trades and Labor council to work with the business men for the good of the city and the country generally, as well as for themselves. Can it, if it so selects, do an act of justice and harmonize differences. It must by this time be apparent that no harm is being done those against whom a boycott has been declared. The "unfair" sign is an invitation to many to enter and trade, and they do so. A vast majority of the people of the community dislike the attitude taken by the Trades and Labor council. They want fair play. They do not want industry discouraged, nor opportunities for employment destroyed by petty differences.

No hindrance has been placed in the way of any one who wishes to join a union by any business man and no boycott has been called on any labor organization by a business man. This is much more fair than the attitude at present assumed by the Trades and Labor council.

Think it over. Perhaps there may be some duty in life which you have neglected. There may be even a higher duty than that which you owe to a union.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF MISSOULA. BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

## GOWAN WAS SECOND IN RAVALLI MEET

CORRECTED SCORE PLACES THE VICTOR BOY NEXT TO THE TOP.

Hamilton, May 11.—(Special.)—Owing to a mistake in summing up the totals scored by the different athletes at Victor, Gowan, the sturdy athlete, was made to appear as scoring but 12 points, when he really scored 17, thereby taking second place for individual honors. Lyle Cooper, the speedy short distance runner for Hamilton, won first place with 20 points. Gowan taking second place with 17 points, while McLeod of Corvallis and Puyser of Victor tied for third place with 12 points. Cooper entered four events, the 50 and 100-yard dashes, the 200-yard and the low hurdles, and took first place in each. Gowan took first in the half mile and second place in the 100-yard dash, the 440-yard dash, the discus throw and the 220-yard dash. Anderson scored 11 points for Stevensville. Clark Gray of Hamilton scored 10 points with firsts in the high hurdles and the broad jump.

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## IN HAMILTON

Hamilton, May 11.—(Special.)—Attorney W. L. Murphy of Missoula was in Hamilton today arguing a demurrer in the case of Ella Falligan against the school district No. 2, et al., in the district court.

Attorney George T. Eggs of Stevensville was called to Hamilton today by district court matters.

Louis Brooks of Corvallis was attending to business matters in Hamilton today.

R. Joseph and John Katvala of Hamilton and Joseph McGregor of Darby have been granted final citizenship papers in the district court.

## MARKET IS STRONG WITH TRADING STEADY

SPECULATIVE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED BUT THE ADVANCE IS SUBSTANTIAL

New York, May 11.—Strength prevailed in all parts of the stock market today. Trading was quiet but buying continued steadily and most of the shares registered substantial gains. The exchange was closed until 11 o'clock on account of the services in memory of the Vera Cruz dead.

The speculative situation was unchanged. There was not one item in the day's news with important bearing on financial affairs with the exception of the engagement of \$3,000,000 gold for shipment to Europe.

European advices were pessimistic and American stocks were lower abroad. London sold perhaps 110,000 shares here.

The general supply, however, was small. A point of strength was the elimination of weak stocks which have burdened the general list recently. Missouri Pacific, one of the soft spots, showed strength today on the brighter prospects for meeting the roads financial requirements.

In bonds the movement was uncertain. Total sales \$1,518,000.

United States two coupon sold 1/2 higher, but call prices of all issues were unchanged.

## New York Closing Stocks.

Amalgamated Copper	71 1/2
American Beet Sugar	21
American Car & Foundry	19 1/4
American Locomotive	62
Am. Smelting & Refining	104
American Sugar Refining	104
American Tel. & Tel.	22 1/2
Anaconda Mining company	31 1/2
Atchafalaya	95
Baltimore & Ohio	90 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	41 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	91 1/2
Canadian Pacific	192
Chicago Great Western	12 1/2
Chi. Mil. & St. Paul	96 1/2
Chicago & North Western	131
Colorado Fuel & Iron	26 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	11
Gen. & S. Pac. sh. shrdlu shrdlu shrdlu	28 1/2
Gen. Electric	146
Great Northern, prd.	123 1/2
Great Northern Ore Cfs.	21 1/2
Illinois Central	110
Interborough-Met.	14 1/2
Lehigh Valley	189 1/2
Loisville & Nashville	132 1/2
Missouri Pacific	17 1/2
New York Central	95 1/2
North American	76
Northern Pacific	109 1/2
Pennsylvania	110 1/2
Pullman Palace Car	154
Reading	165 1/2
Republic Iron & Steel	23 1/2
Rock Island company	21 1/2
Southern Pacific	91 1/2
Southern Railway	24 1/2
Tennessee Copper	34 1/2
Union Pacific	155 1/2
United States Steel	59 1/2
Utah Copper	55 1/2
Wabash	7 1/2
Western Union	61 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	7 1/2
China Copper	41 1/2

New Haven 68 1/2  
Ray Consolidated Copper 21 1/2  
Total shares for the day, 203,501 shares.

## Boaton Closing Mining.

Allouez	40
Amalgamated Copper	72 1/2
Am. Zinc Lead & Sm.	16 1/2
Calumet & Arizona	64 1/2
Calumet & Hecla	120
Centennial	16
Copper Range Con. company	26 1/2
East Butte Copper Mine	20
Franklin	4 1/2
Granby Consolidated	51 1/2
Greene Cananea	32 1/2
Isle Royale (copper)	4 1/2
Lake Copper	6 1/2
La Salle Copper	4 1/2
Miami Copper	21 1/2
Nevada Consolidated	14
Nipissing Mines	6
North Butte	25 1/2
North Lake	1
Old Dominion	47
Oreocela	74
Quincy	58
Shannon	2 1/2
Superior	5 1/2
Superior & Boston Mining	1 1/2
Tamarack	35
U. S. Sm. Ref. & Min.	33 1/2
U. S. Sm. Ref. & Min., prd.	44
Utah Consolidated	10 1/2
Utah Copper company	55 1/2
Winona	3
Wolverine	41 1/2
Butte & Superior	37 1/2

## Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, May 11.—Hogs, receipts, 35,000; market slow 10c lower. Bulk, \$8.35@8.40; light, \$8.20@8.45; mixed, \$8.20@8.45; heavy, \$7.95@8.40; rough, \$7.95@8.10. Cattle, receipts, 18,000; steady to a shade lower. Beaves, \$7.20@9.50; Texas steers, \$7.10@8.15; western steers, \$7.10@8.10; stockers and feeders, \$5.60@8.30; cows and heifers, \$3.70@8.60; calves, \$7@9.75. Sheep receipts, 15,000; generally 10c to 15c higher. Native, \$5.25@5.90; western, \$5.25@5.90; yearlings, \$5.75@6.90; lambs, native, \$6.25@7.70; western, \$6.25@7.90.

## Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, May 11.—Rapidly decreasing stocks both foreign and domestic have the whip hand today to the buying side in wheat. The market closed at an advance of 1/2 to 1/4 net. Corn gain 1/2 to 3/4 and oats, 3/4 to 1/2. In provisions the outcome varied from 5c decline to a rise of 2 1/2c. Wheat prices jumped the highest after figures had been posted showing that the visible supply in the United States had fallen more than 5,000,000 bushels in a week.

Hessian fly damage reports from adjoining parts of Missouri and Illinois constituted one of the principal reasons why short sellers who at one time captured control of the wheat market, were forced to cover. Besides there was complaint of too much moisture in some states and of growth becoming too rank.

Corn was unsettled but finished strong with wheat. Weather reports from Argentina were bullish.

Oats followed corn, notwithstanding the purchase of 350,000 bushels from Fort William, Ont., the first cargo from Canada to Chicago this season and the second ever to come down by lake.

Provisions went lower with hogs but packers bought on the break. A rally was the result.

May wheat, opened, 93 1/2c; high, 94 1/2c; low, 93 1/2c; close, 94 1/2c. May corn, opened, 60 1/2c; high, 61 1/2c; low, 60 1/2c; close, 61 1/2c. July oats, opened, 37 1/2c; high, 37 1/2c; low, 37c; close, 37 1/2c.

## New York Metals.

New York, May 11.—Copper steady; spot and July, \$13.87 1/2@13.87 1/2; electrolytic, \$14.25; lake nominal, casting, \$14@14 1/2.

## London Wool.

London, May 11.—A miscellaneous selection of 11,850 bales was readily sold at the wool sales today. Fine crossbreds and merinos were strong.

## MARRIED.

Hamilton, May 11.—(Special.)—William C. Waddell and Miss Blanche Thorneby, both residents of Darby, were married here Saturday at noon at the Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. J. C. Irwin. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends of the contracting parties. The young couple will reside at Darby.

## MRS. BELLE PAXTON ENDS HER OWN LIFE

TEMPORARILY UNBALANCED AS TO MIND, SHE TAKES POISON.

Hamilton, May 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Belle Paxton, wife of C. E. Paxton, cashier of the Corvallis State bank, committed suicide early yesterday morning, an examination following her death showing that she had taken corrosive sublimate. She died shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday morning. Coroner Getty of this city was called to Corvallis and an inquest was held. The coroner's jury, composed of R. D. Miller, J. C. Ritchie, Lee Leonard, Carl Magni, Ernest Scott and Roy Myers, heard evidence and found that death had come as the result of poison taken during mental derangement.

Mrs. Paxton had suffered from sickness for a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stanley and Dudley Bowden had been called to the Paxton home early in the evening before, and had remained during the night. It is believed that she took the poison while they thought she was lying down in her room. She was born in Chicago. She came to Corvallis with her husband more than a year ago, having made her home in Missouri for several years before that time. Besides her husband she is survived by four children.

## SENIOR-CLASS PLAY TO BE A GOOD ONE

Stevensville, May 11.—(Special.)—The senior class of the high school is rehearsing a play to be given here next Monday evening at the Grand. The play is entitled "Masonic Ring" and will be directed by Miss Granville DeWald, a high school teacher. The cast will be made up of Fred Bresser, Emmett Cherry, Ray Motzoff, Hazel Baird, Pearl Whitmore, Mary McLaughlin, Gertrude Lee, Charlotte Plummer and Howard Barrows.

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