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PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS, NO. 173.

Affiliated with the V. A. J. Plumbers and Steamfitters, American Federation of Labor, and Building Trades Council.

Local Union No. 173 has since organized June 30th, 1899 and has since then derived the benefits that accrue from organization. The developments of this organization has gone on rapidly. From the time of organization the conditions were, what they are without organization. The hours were 10 or more a day. The wages were from two (2) dollars, or in fact, no wage scale was in force. Not only did this movement induce the hours of labor and raise the standard of wages, but elevated the plumbing trade in general, to the point that would become a benefit to the public in general. From health and comfort point of view, it is endeavoring in its mission

May 21st, 1899, when the following officers were installed: W. P. Kirk, president; D. McCoy, vice-president; H. Cope, financial secretary; H. O'Rourke, recording secretary; A. Owens, treasurer.

The present officers are: J. A. Gunzenhauser, president; J. Foreman, vice-president; J. C. Doyle, financial secretary; Peter Tyer, recording secretary; Henry Barry, treasurer; Peter Vogel, sergeant-at-arms.

L. U. No. 173 is now in a flourishing condition.

What promises to be the most attractive feature of the Labor Day celebration in Bridgeport on Labor Day will be a ball game for the championship of labor union ball teams of the state after playing all summer and defeating everything in the state. Bridgeport and Derby plumbers will meet at Seaside park at 3 p. m. The teams are made up of some of the fastest semi pro and pro players in the state and it is expected that this

THE PARADE

The approximate times for the head of the parade to reach the various points along the line are as follows: East Main and East Washington Ave. 11:15; Main and East Washington Ave. 11:25; Main St. and Fairfield Ave. 11:35; Park and Fairfield Aves. 11:45; Park Place. 12:00; City Hall. 12:30. Because of tests on the route the parade may be a little delayed but Grand Marshal Joy and Chief of Staff James A. Coates hope to have the first division dismissed as soon after 12:20 as possible.

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS, NO. 115.

The carpenters of Bridgeport, who are members of No. 115 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America are well proud of their grand and noble organization which was organized Sept. 26, 1886, and well they may be.

Ever since the birth of the Carpenters Brotherhood in 1881 a steady healthy growth has been its good fortune. From 13 local unions with a membership of 1,000 in the first year of its life; the growth has consistently been going on until today we find the membership to be over 300,000, the individuals of which belong to something over 2,000 local unions.

The well worn but true statement that "In union there is strength," has been proven to hold good many hundreds of times during the thirty-three years of the life of the Brotherhood of Carpenters.

An honest investigation into unionism, however, shows the fact, and among the reasons from which Carpenters and Joiners have come to realize the great benefit to be derived, might be mentioned in brief some of the more apparent ones.

Unions tend to raise wages; they certainly prevent reductions in wages; hours of labor are justly shortened by organizations of labor; labor is respected and men are given self-respect as a result of the co-operative working; fraternity is developed; thought and the brain are given a wider scope of usefulness, and the masses of the people are benefited, all as a result of units of association. Better working conditions, more money comforts, reasonable hours of labor, and more agreeable associations result in better social conditions for the union man, his family and friends.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters give these results to all those members who are constant and true; and besides death and disability benefits are paid to disabled brother members or their families.

Among the principles of this most powerful and modest organization will be found many desirable points of standing, but to mention just one will give a slight understanding of the justice of this organization. We find these words: "We recognize and defend the interests of all classes of labor as identical, regardless of occupation, nationality, religion or color, for a wrong done to one is a wrong done to all."

Local No. 115 of Bridgeport is happy in the knowledge that its condition is in keeping with the good healthy growth of the entire Brotherhood of Carpenters; and that owing to the progressive work engaged in during the past few months another Local of Carpenters, known as Local Union 1013, has been chartered and is in good enthusiastic order at this date. Our new sister local comprises the Swedish carpenters of this city, and with a membership of close to one hundred already we feel secure in the knowledge of the progress to be made for the carpenters of Bridgeport in the years to come.

Organized labor celebrates one particular day in each year and as that day is rapidly approaching, it should be noted that very comprehensive plans with their many intricate details are about complete for the dawn of Labor's Own day, which falls on Sept. 7th this year.

The carpenters of Bridgeport have been alive and are prepared up to the minute to present to the public of this city on Labor Day this year, a turnout of union carpenters of the State of Connecticut, such has never before been witnessed in this state.

Labor Day this year, means one of the biggest days in the history of Bridgeport, for union men of all crafts plan a demonstration for that day that will cause an awakening of those who have failed to grasp the opportunity of unionism.

In the main parade of the day the entire third division has been assigned to the nearly three thousand carpenters who will be in this city for the occasion. Three large brass bands and three complete drum corps, together with appropriate floats and novel features will prove the progressive spirit of Local No. 115 of Bridgeport.

The general public will be judge and jury on next Monday morning as to what is possible in results when the members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners desire to come forth in a state-wide family reunion.

With thirty-three milestones on the road behind, and the thirty-fourth looking up in the near future, the United Carpenters can truthfully assert that they are in the prime of their usefulness and intend to push on the good work until every carpenter working at the trade is enrolled under its banner.

BREWERY WORKERS NO. 40.

Brewery Workers Local No. 40 was organized on April 18, 1898, and after many efforts with the support of the international organization succeeded in establishing the eight-hour day. The Brewery Workers are known state and nation wide as a progressive organization and are always ready to render aid, moral or financial, while they have no sick benefit or insurance, they have a fund to support members in case of strikes or lockouts. They are also in this city as other cities very active in the labor movement. They will have a delegates to represent them at the coming convention of the State Branch of the A. F. of L. and also elected a delegate to represent them at the convention of Brewery Workers to be held at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 14 to 28, 1914. The officers are the following: President, E. Scholz; vice-president, P. Herb; recording secretary, K. Lang; financial secretary-treasurer, J. Reichel; sergeant-at-arms, C. Marsch.

DANCE AT EAGLES' HALL

Do not forget to attend the Grand Ball for the benefit of the Central Labor Union, to be held in Eagles' Hall, Monday night, September 7th.

WHAT THEY THINK OF TRADE UNIONS

OPINIONS OF STATESMEN, SCHOLARS, THEOLOGICALS AND OTHERS.

Abraham Lincoln. Capital is the fruit of labor, and could not exist if labor had not first existed. Labor, therefore, deserves much the higher consideration.

Thorold Rogers. Professor of Political Economy, University of Oxford. I look to the trade unions as the principal means of bettering the condition of the working classes.

Judge Bland. Of Appellate Court of Missouri. Trade unions are authorized by our state laws and are approved and supported by the enlightened sentiment of all right-thinking men, and their benefits, both to their members and to the general public, are seen and appreciated by every unprejudiced mind.

Wendell Phillips. I rejoice at every effort working men make to organize. It is my only hope for democracy. Organize and stand together. Let the nation hear a united demand from the laboring votes.

Bishop Potter. Organization, co-ordination, co-operation, are the right of every body of men whose aims are worthy and equitable, and must needs be the resource of those who, individually, are unable to persuade their fellow men to recognize the justice of their claims and principles. If employed within lawful and peaceful limits, it may rightly hope to be a means of educating society in a spirit of fairness and practical brotherhood.

William E. Gladstone. Trade unions are the bulwarks of modern democracies.

Potter Palmer. For ten years I made as desperate a fight against organized labor as was ever made by mortal man. It cost me considerably more than a million dollars to learn that there is no laborer so skilled, so intelligent, so faithful as that which is governed by an organization whose officials are well-balanced, level-headed men.

Commissioner Dowling. In Report from Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is clear that the working people of this country (New York) have reaped innumerable benefits through the influence of the associations devoted to their interests. Wages have been increased, working time has been reduced; the membership rolls have been largely augmented; distressed members have received pecuniary relief; their conditions have been improved and labor has been elevated to a high position in the social scale.

Dr. McKim. Pastor Church of Epiphany of Washington, D. C. Consider what organized labor has done to improve the condition of the workmen. Seventy or eighty years ago the condition of laborers in the factories was far worse than the condition of the slaves in the south. I have lived in the south and I know that the material condition of the slaves was better in 1832, in many of the mills in this country, the women and children had to go to work at 4:30 o'clock in the morning and continued to work fourteen or fifteen hours a day. Labor organizations have done a splendid work, and I honor them. They have been lifting the masses of the people who are not contented any more. Their ambition is aroused to be men and women, and their song is "Eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep, and eight hours to do what we will." I do not say whether in the present conditions of labor the eight hour day is always attained, but all these things are to be judged by the effect they have on manhood. They want some time to look away from their work out on the great world, and to breathe the pure air of heaven; they want some time with their families; and, therefore, their discontent is healthful.

William Howard Taft. Time was, as the last speaker, has most eloquently said, when everybody who employed labor was opposed to the labor union, when was regarded as menace. That time, I am glad to say, has largely passed away, and the man today who opposes an organization of labor, should be relegated to the last century. It has done marvels for labor and will doubtless do more.

John K. Ingram, LL. D. Attacked and denounced as scarcely any other institution ever has been, the unions have thriven and grown in the face of opposition. This healthy vitality has been due to the fact that they were a genuine product of social needs—indispensable as a protest and a struggle against the abuses of industrial government, and inevitable as a consequence of that consciousness of strength inspired by the concentration of numbers under the new conditions of industry. They have been, as is now admitted by almost all candid minds, instruments of progress. Not to speak of the material advantages they have gained for working men, they have developed powerful sympathies among them, and taught them the lesson of self-sacrifice in the interests of their brethren, still more, of their successors. They have brought some of the best men to the front and given them the ascendancy due to their personal qualities and desirable in the interests of society.

BOOST THE UNION LABEL

In reviewing the achievements of the State Federation of Labor during the past year, and the many measures enacted into laws on our statute book for the uplift in the cause of humanity for the toilers in the various states, whether organized or unorganized, such as the compensation bills and other measures that have lifted the burden from the workers and gave to them an equal opportunity of bettering their conditions in this strenuous battle of toil, let me call your attention to a very important factor that should not be overlooked by the officers and the rank and file of organized labor. The weapon in which they do not have to depend upon the politician in reality the only weapon under which the unfair employer has no control, the Union Label. For years and years organized labor has had this desirable weapon to take the place of strikes and lockouts in its possession. But the rank and file are indifferent, or not being educated to its full value, through their purchasing power they employ labor and if they are consistent to the principles of organized labor they naturally would prefer to employ organized workers in preference to the unorganized men and women at any industry whose products bear the Union Label. Realizing this most important fact that some employers as a general rule do not apply the Label on their products of any organization for their love for organized labor but for the commercial value of the Label. But the organization that issues the Label on the product of the manufacturer of such commodities realizes this important fact that by agreement the issue of the Label gives to the employer or members of the Union the opportunity of receiving better conditions, such as shorter hours and higher wages and better sanitary conditions for the Label on the product of the manufacturer. And, knowing these conditions does it not appear fair that organized labor should receive from 50 to 60 per cent. higher wages than the unorganized tobacco workers who are compelled to eke out an existence for this gigantic monopoly, the great trust.

The majority of their factories are operated in the South, manufacturing tobacco and cigarettes where cheap child labor is predominant. And the purchases of the trust-made products means the grinding of the life blood of more innocent children to satisfy the greed for gain in the interest of the greedy capitalists of industry in the tobacco trade. I may say the same of other trades, such as the garment industry, the shoe industry, the hat industry and other trades. The most important factor for the betterment of the conditions of the toilers is the consistent demands for Union Label products, also shop cards, buttons and any other device that will acknowledge to the public that men and women are receiving wages that will enable them to live as American citizens should live in this land of the free and home of the brave.

So it behooves our estate bodies and International Unions to educate the rank and file to the necessity of their purchasing power in demanding Union Label products on every necessity of life, thereby giving to the workers better conditions, shorter hours, which means more time for education and mental improvement, higher wages, which will give unto the worker and his family a higher standard of living, and if we desire to live in, start today a better place to live in, start today by being a consistent Union man in the purchase of all commodities that bear the Union Label. For remember the motto, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

A. A. OF ST. AND ELEC. R. E. OF A., NO. 459

It will be twenty-two years ago on the 15th of this month since this organization was formed. The American Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America which was destined to play such an important part to the working men in the great centers of industry in the United States and Canada, was first launched upon the sea of time, and it will be eight years next March since the trolley men of Bridgeport were granted the charter of Division 459 of the great American organization.

The trolley men of Bridgeport may well indeed feel proud of its organization for they have been able through their united efforts to consummate an agreement with the employing company whereby a substantial increase in wages was secured four times in less than eight years.

Here we might refer to the objects of our association and its benefits to the public we are pledged to perform as we work faithfully to the company, because we hold it as a duty that union men above all others should be the most efficient performing their duties to the company and to the public to the very best of their ability; to place our occupation upon a higher plane of intelligence, efficiency and skill; to encourage in this Division the foundation of a fund to care for the sick and the burial of our dead; to encourage the settlement of all disputes between the company and our association by arbitration so that the travelling public may receive the benefits of an organization wisely and peaceably conducted to our care and at the same time receiving the best wages and conditions for our labor. Our Division in line with the parent body stands for progress, not only in the matter of our own organization but of other trade and labor unions.

The struggle of those who have promoted and established this organization during the past twenty-two years have been to the end that the great army of street and electric railway employees may be able to secure this one object, "Freedom through organization" and if any proof is wanting to justify the existence of our organization we respectfully submit to the careful consideration of the public that we have been able to place this Division, 459, of Bridgeport, on a sound, safe and sane trade union basis by securing to the membership by peaceable methods the best wages and working conditions possible to be secured at this time in this community and our Division takes care of its sick by paying \$5 a week for thirteen weeks in one year and we also donate liberally in case of need and we have established a death benefit fund providing for a benefit fund of from \$100 to \$800, also a disability benefit with provisions made for old age benefits and for strike and lockout benefits.

We have made every reasonable effort to aid and support organized labor in this city through the C. L. N. and we appreciate the aid received from that source in our early efforts at organization.

Our association has been called upon to deal with the long hours of employment which some of our men are compelled to work and we have reason to believe, judging from the successes in the past that the time is at hand when in the near future we will be able to secure from our state legislature the passage of laws suitable to our conditions such as at present prevail in Massachusetts and Louisiana.

In all our efforts to secure better wages and conditions we are bound by one great principle and that is the principle of arbitration. The assurance to the employer and the public that in case of disputes between ourselves and the companies that there will be no strike, but that the matters



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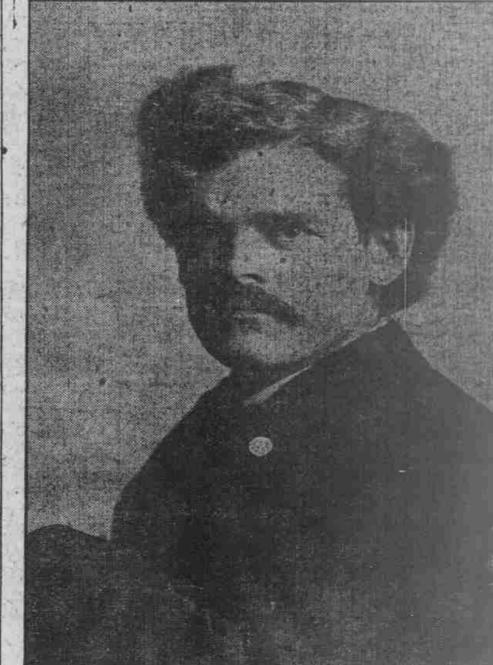
JOHN J. O'NEILL
Secretary Central Labor Union

In dispute will be submitted to arbitration has been the great means of all our successes.

President Flanagan is very ably assisted by a willing and efficient set of officers. Vice President J. J. Moran, who is serving his second term in that position, has proved himself a very capable and trustworthy officer. The burden of taking care of our sick members is required of this position and that Brother Moran has proved himself equal to the occasion goes without saying. One of the most important officers to the welfare of the local is that of delegate to the Joint Conference Board and this position is held by Mr. John Dooley, a past president of the Division and this local is indeed fortunate in having Mr. Dooley accept this important office. Mr. Dooley's wisdom and experience in handling cases on wages and working conditions is a valuable asset to the local division.

Much might be said for the good work being done by our financial secretary and a lion's share of the credit for this year's financial success must be given to the man who now fills this position, P. J. Kelley. Our recording secretary is also a very hard working and conscientious officer. The duties of this position are many and that Mr. Joseph Plunkett, who now fills this position, has done so very ably and to the entire satisfaction of the division is proven by the fact that he is now serving his third term and elected by an ever-increasing majority. Worthy of notice also is Correspondent to the Motorman and Con-

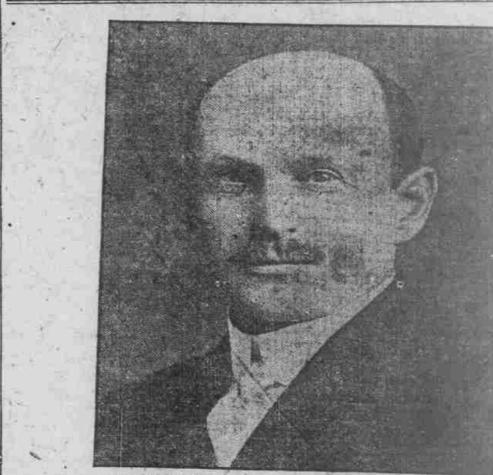
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ductor W. O. Curtis, whose good work is generally approved. Also worthy of special mention is the good work rendered by Executive Board Members C. S. Jennings, W. B. Brown, H. Downs, F. Koger and William Graham.

There are several others too numerous to mention who deserve special recognition from our membership and amongst those are H. E. Wald, a past president of the division, whose services as an able advisor cannot be overestimated by our local. Also J. A. Ostling, always a good worker and past treasurer, and whose services as an auditor and accountant the division could ill afford to lose.



WILLIAM LARKIN
Business Agent Machinists

WILLIAM H. JOHNSTON
Int. President, International Association of Machinists

to further elevate the sanitary conditions of homes.

The necessity of organization is clearly defined by past experience that without united efforts conditions cannot be maintained. We have only to point to those cities that have no organization, not only are the conditions of those engaged in the plumbing industry undesirable, but the general health and welfare of the public. The doctors and health boards of this and other leading cities endorse and do all they can to assist us in our efforts to improve sanitary conditions. This clearly points to the fact that our cause is worthy of the support of the public. Connecticut is behind in not having state plumbing laws as is clearly shown by the success of the laws in Massachusetts.

The first meeting of L. U. 173 was held in Bricklayer's Hall, Main street.

will be a hard fought and a close battle. Each team has won one game and this game will be fought until the last man is out. The lineup:

Derby—Knoth, ss.; Newman, 1b.; O'Rourke, c.; Cribbs, 2b.; Hysler, 3b.; Madona, rf.; Bram, cf.; Ebermann, lf.; Dempsey, Berger, and Busley, p. Bridgeport—Nash, 3b.; Russell, ss.; Lynch, lf.; Gunzenhauser, 1b.; Havenfeltz and Walsh, p.; Steele, 2b.; Graether, c.; Curran, rf.; Banks, cf.; Michael, 2b.; Willis, cf.

SUNDAY NIGHT AT POLI'S

If you want to spend a pleasant and profitable evening, go to Poli's Theatre on Sunday night. The Central Labor Union is giving a grand entertainment.



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