

NEWS OF OLYMPIA LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

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THE PROGRAM FOR LABOR DAY

The Labor Day program will begin with a Parade, starting at 10 a. m., from the corner of Adams and Seventh, in which will appear the membership of the Unions, with banners, music and floats. At 12 o'clock the people will congregate at Priest Point Park, where George F. Cotterill will deliver a patriotic address. Lunch will be eaten at the park, after which the program of sports will take place. During the afternoon a jitney dance will be given in the chalet.

THE PARADE.

Unions will take positions on streets intersecting Seventh, facing Seventh, as follows:

Adams Street—Women's Card and Label League, Trades Council, Painters and Decorators, Shingle Weavers, Steam Engineers, Barbers, Retail Clerks, Cooks and Waiters, Plumbers and Steam Fitters, Brotherhood of Machinists, Teamsters and Chauffeurs, Electrical Workers, Telephone Operators, Laundry Workers.

Franklin Street—Musicians, Ship Carpenters, Shipwrights and Joiners, Caulkers, Brotherhood of Carpenters No. 956, Timber Workers, Stageworkers, Blacksmiths & Helpers.

Washington Street—Shipyard Laborers, Riggers and Fasteners, Typographical Pressmen, Bookbinders, Sheet Metal Workers.

The Parade will start from the corner of Seventh and Adams, marching toward Main street. Unions stationed at Franklin will fall in behind the unions from Adams as they pass down Seventh. Unions stationed on Washington fall in behind those from Franklin.

The Line of March—On Seventh to Main, on Main to Fourth, on Fourth to Franklin, on Franklin to Third, on Third to Washington, disbanding at Labor Hall, Third and Washington.

PROGRAM AT PRIEST POINT PARK.

Original poem by T. M. Borgford, "To the Sons of America." Win the War resolution. George F. Cotterill will deliver a patriotic address at Priest Point Park, at 1:30 p. m.

BASKET LUNCH.

Bring your dinner to Priest Point Park. Dinner at 12:30. Hot coffee and cream will be served free.

JITNEY DANCE.

At jitney dance will be staged in the Chalet at the park, continuing from 2 till 5 in the afternoon.

SPORTS.

A program of athletic sports will occur at Priest Point Park, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Prizes will be paid in Thrift Stamps. The events are as follows:

Hat Trimming Contest (for men)—First prize, diploma; second, 25c; third, 25c; fourth, 25c.

Spike-driving Contest (for women)—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

Tug-of-War—First prize, \$5; second prize, \$5.

Twenty-five Yard Race for Women—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

One Hundred-Yard Race for Boys (13 to 16 years inclusive)—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

Girls' Foot Race (13 to 16 years inclusive)—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

One Hundred-Yard Foot Race for Men—First prize, \$1; second prize, 50c.

Sixty-Yard Foot Race for Boys (12 years and under)—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

Girls' Race (12 years and under)—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

Potato Race for Boys (12 to 15 inclusive)—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

Sack Race—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

Three-Legged Race—First prize, \$1; second, 50c.

Pie Eating Contest (free-for-all, go-as-you-please)—First prize, \$1; second, 50; third, 25c.

THE ANNUAL BALL.

The Annual Dance will occur at the Tumwater Clubhouse, beginning at 9 o'clock in the evening. A seven-piece orchestra will furnish music, and arrangements have been made to care for a large number of dancers and spectators.

JOSEPH COLLINS.....Chairman of the Day

SLACKER STORY DENOUNCED.

The meeting Monday night of the Shipyard Laborers, Riggers and Fasteners took notice of the charge by Senator Miles Poindexter that the employees in the Sloan shipyards in Olympia were slackers and, after considerable heated discussion, the charge was denounced as false. The secretary of the union has telegraphed Chairman Hurley of the shipping board to the effect that Senator Poindexter's conclusions were based on unreliable information and that an investigation should be conducted.

Senator Poindexter is quoted in Sunday's papers as having declared that the employees in the Olympia yards were slackers and that he had asked for an investigation by the shipping board.

The conclusions reached by Poindexter are of a part with the gossip which has been current locally for many months. Delay in completing vessels has led the ordinary citizen to make a guess at placing the blame, and those seeking to discredit the workers have consistently pointed their finger at the employees.

According to testimony by the shipworkers the real cause of the poor showing in completed vessels by the Sloan yards can be credited to two things: Lack of material and poor management. That there have been repeated changes of management indicates a weakness there or a superabundance of politics. Some people hold to one theory, some to the other. Few disinterested citizens credit the workers with any concerted or wholesale soldiering on the job. The few workers who give support to the slacker theory are invariably general in their claims; the slackers are always somewhat removed from the vicinity of the faithful, tale bearing laborer, and when he faces the challenge for more definite information he brings up the qualifying reserves in such quantities as to stamp his testimony as nothing better than an old woman's tale. Something more penetrating than slap-sticks should be used on these he-gossips.

Discussion by the Laborers, Riggers and Fasteners proceeded along the above lines for an hour or more, and the consensus of opinion was that the employees had nothing to fear from any investigation that may be made of the local shipbuilding plant.

Taking up the question of trades union candidates for office, voiced in a communication from the secretary of the Trades Council calling attention to the candidacy of M. D. Abbott for assessor and George Mueller for representative, it was urged upon the members of the union that slackers at the polls should be just as scarce as in the workshop. In this connection it was brought out that Paul Paulk, candidate for county clerk, held an honorable withdrawal card from the Laborers, Riggers and Fasteners, and was entitled to the consideration of union men. The communication from the Trades Council was as follows:

"Dear Sir and Brother: The Trades Council has instructed me to write you with regard to the candidacy for political office of two members of our local trades unions.

"George Mueller, of the Ship Carpenters, is a candidate for the state legislature.

"M. D. Abbott of the Typographical union is a candidate for county assessor.

"After hearing the report of a special committee, the Trades Council gave its endorsement to these men as being qualified for the positions they seek, and faithful to the principles of union labor.

"In this connection I would bring to the attention of your members certain self-evident facts:

"1. The positions these candidates seek are important ones.

"2. Several candidates are in the field for the republican nomination for representative and assessor, which indicates that a few hundred votes will be sufficient to nominate.

"3. Union labor should easily poll many more votes than are necessary to place the names of these union men on the ballot.

"The matter then simmers down to

to stay at home might do so upon the payment of five dollars.

H. W. Wickersham was placed in charge of parade arrangements and given instructions to procure a service flag for the typographical division.

Al Kiso and L. L. Harmon are the sub-committee on the Fourth Liberty Loan drive, and the expression of the membership was that a hundred per cent record should be made in the September campaign.

H. L. Messegee was elected vice-president and chairman of the executive committee to fill a vacancy, and Harmon was elected a member of the executive committee.

TRADES COUNCIL.

The Trades Council opened to a crowded house last evening. The communications, except two, were placed on file.

These two consisted of a communication from the Steam Engineers in criticism of John H. Hendrickson, contractor of the new high school building. The Engineers said that they had struck the job, and gave good and sufficient reasons for doing so. They made out such a good case against the employer that the Council concurred and affiliated unions will be notified and steps will be taken to enlighten Mr. Hendrickson as to hazards involved in attempting to run his employees according to his own sweet will.

The second one of the two communications was from the Label Department of the A. F. of L. in criticism of the federal prohibition amendment. A motion was made to consign this letter to "the bottom of the wastepaper basket," and in support of the motion E. R. Mohler declared that he had had full and ample experience of the booze evil and wanted no more of it. There were no nays when the motion was adopted.

The Secretary announced that he had telegraphed to our senators and Congressman Johnson condemning

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TEAMSTERS AFTER WAGE SLACKERS.

A well-attended session of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs union Monday night adopted resolutions of disapproval of the wage-cutting practices of a few business institutions of the city. The matter will be presented to the Trades Council, and if that body is unable to effect an adjustment, about three firms employing teamsters may be posted as being unworthy of the patronage of union men.

The union also considered its Labor Day plans, and selected representatives to co-operate with the Trades Council Liberty Loan committee.

the simple proposition: Are we interested to the extent that we will be prompted to register and to vote at the primary election?

"Those men who receive the nomination in the republican primary practically are certain of election. The duty to quality and vote in the primary, therefore, is paramount.

"Let me express the hope that each and every member of your union will perform his duty as a citizen and as a consistent trades unionist by exercising his voting franchise. If this is done, the success of these union candidates is assured. And—

"It pays to have real friends in office."

A complete report was presented by the Labor Day committee of the union, and the program as outlined by the general committee was read and concurred in.

The union concurred in the Liberty Loan resolution adopted by the Trades Council at its last meeting, and named a sub-committee as requested by the Council.

The attendance was good.

PRINTERS WHO ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM PARADE TO DIG UP FIVE BONES.

The regular meeting of the Typographical union last Sunday evening decided that a full participation in the Labor Day program was essential, and to assure the attendance in the parade of every member the union adopted the rule that those desiring



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WE Have Enlisted TO Help Win This War

Complying with the requests of the War Emergency Board of the Council of National Defense, and in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the National Automobile Dealers Association at St. Louis, May 18, 1918, the following war-time policy will be enforced by the undersigned establishments:

Effective September 1st, 1918

1. We will discontinue all unnecessary and free service and inspections.
2. Our salesroom, repair shop and all other departments will be closed after 6 p. m. daily on week-days, except Saturdays, on which day the closing hour will be 10 p. m.
3. We will remain open on Sundays and holidays until 10 a. m., when we will close for the remainder of the day.

Your Patriotic Duty

It will be the patriotic duty of every owner to learn to make all minor adjustments and repairs, to the end that every expert mechanic available for war work may be released to the government.

NOTICE: Owners are urged to see that their tools are in order, that jack and pump are in working condition, that extra tubes and tires are in proper repair, and that other necessary equipment is in condition to enable them to take care of emergency repairs on the road.

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