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WHOLESALERS AND MASTERS MEET.

No Efforts Were Made to Compromise the Painters' and Decorators' Strike.

The Co-Operative Scheme Will Be Resorted to Only as a Last Resource.

CARPENTERS INDORSE THE CARD.

A Big Mass Meeting Will Be Held at Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday Evening—Plasterers' Election.

The Painters' Union held two meetings yesterday in the afternoon and evening. A committee of master painters and a delegation from the Paint and Oil Club met at the Occidental Hotel to discuss the situation and if possible effect a compromise. No definite action was taken. Carpenters' Union 304 met at 1129 Mission street and indorsed the action of the Building Trades Council in ordering the adoption of the card system on and after April 1st. A mass meeting to consider the matter further ...

E. A. ISRAEL, SECRETARY OF THE PAINTERS' UNION.

... No matter what the master painters may say about granting the demand for wages and uniform hours, I claim that if they were really sincere and willing to give in to the union they would not oppose the card. That is the little joker of which they are all afraid. What I cannot really understand is why they are so much against it. The card is as great a benefit to the master as the journeyman painter. They pretend not to understand it. That is all buncombe. They understand it as well as the strikers, but they do not want to admit the weakness of their position by admitting it. Now, to prove that the card will benefit the employer let me say that the union guarantees that if the masters grant their demands they will not allow any member of the organization to accept job-work. Now, if that is not a concession to the bosses, I would like to know what is?

Even if the master painters grant our demands we do not expect to get any the best of it. We must expect to find traitors in our own ranks. By that I mean men who will go to employers and say that they are willing to work for $2 50 a day, providing the boss, when he is paying them off, will pay them at the rate of $3 a day. Then when the other men go away the black sheep will return and pay the employer the difference. We thoroughly understand that we will have to put up with all this. I am quite sure we will win. The wholesalers are working in favor and promise to help us all they can. All the work in the city is tied up. The bosses cannot get men to take our places. It is only a question of time when every master painter in San Francisco will not only grant our demands for wages and time, but will also be willing to recognize the card. E. A. ISRAEL, Financial Secretary of the Painters and Decorators' Union.

S. H. BROWN OF THE BASS-HUETER PAINT COMPANY.

... The master painters are not thoroughly organized. It will be impossible for us to make any concessions to the trade until we are sure of the ground on which we stand. Under the present circumstances it would be impossible for the dealers to make arrangements so far as special rates are concerned. There must be harmony all around before anything can be done satisfactory to all concerned. I think it is quite possible—in fact, it is more than probable—that a rate will be granted as soon as the union and Master Painters' Association are thoroughly organized. Personally, I would very much like to see the strike ended. I judge a number of other dealers share the same opinion. This talk about dope is all rot. Dope is a thing of the past. It was unsatisfactory all around, and was only used during the period of high prices of oil and lead. When linseed oil was $1 20 a gallon and white lead 13 cents a pound, a number of painters may have used dope. Recently it has practically been out of existence.

J. F. SULLIVAN OF THE MASTER PAINTERS' ASSOCIATION.

KLOSS MAY GO FREE.

AN EASTER COSTUME.

A SEALER'S GOOD LUCK.

The Kate and Ann Makes a Great Catch Off the Farallones.

Litigation in Prospect Over the Herriman's Sinking—The Battle Ship Oregon About Ready for Her Trial.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT, March 23.—Word has again come in from the ocean to the effect that the San Francisco sealing schooner Kate and Ann is continuing to enjoy her sensational luck in getting skins this season. This particular vessel did not go to the Arctic, but instead has been for some time cruising about in the vicinity of the Farallones, her skipper's object being to intercept the herds as they proceeded north. From the start he was successful. To-day a lumber schooner came in with the report that she spoke the Kate and Ann and received from the latter the information that she had on board up to date 525 skins. At this rate the schooner will make a great clean-up.

Trouble for Jorgenson.

The Government surveyors were aboard the whaling bark Emma F. Herriman today and made a thorough examination of the holes in the vessel's hull, which caused her to partially sink recently. It was given out after the survey that the bark was to be condemned. This will mean that Captain Jorgenson, the owner, will have to do the repairing before he can send her to sea. Heretofore he has refused to do this, and has endeavored to compel William Robinson, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Seattle, who chartered the vessel, to foot the bill. Robinson, however, considers that he has lost enough through the damage by water to his cargo. There is a prospect of considerable litigation over the Herriman, as not only Robinson, but Boole, the ship carpenter who has been making repairs on her, intends bringing suit against Jorgenson.

HOWLAND GOES FREE.

His Commitment Omitted to Say Where the Crime Took Place.

The Supreme Court Holds a Preacher Imprisoned in San Quentin to Have Been Convicted Illegally.

After the Rev. H. E. Howland, a spiritualist, has served a year of a two years' sentence in San Quentin the Supreme Court has decided that he was illegally convicted. Howland was convicted of perjury. One Howard and others had disturbed the services which he was conducting in Pasadena and he had procured their arrest by swearing out a warrant charging them with disturbing a religious meeting. They argued that a spiritualist meeting was not religious, and were acquitted. They immediately had Howland arrested for perjury in swearing that they had disturbed a religious meeting when it had been a gathering of such a character, and of this charge he was convicted in the Superior Court of Los Angeles county and sentenced to two years in San Quentin.

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The Court finds, too, that Howland was not charged with a "public offense," which it considers another defect in the information. So the trial court is directed to set aside the information. As this will leave no charge against Howland he will go free.

THE NEW ASSOCIATION.

Important Railway Conference to Be Held in Milwaukee.

An Opportunity for the Panama Road to Show Its Good Faith Towards the Shippers of San Francisco.

J. C. Stubbs of the Southern Pacific has after weeks of persistent effort finally induced the Panama Railroad and the various overland roads to agree to a conference with the object of reviving in some form the famous Transcontinental Association, which went to pieces three or four years ago. The conference is to be held at Milwaukee on March 30th. Word to that effect was received by wire at the Southern Pacific offices in this city yesterday afternoon.

If an association of this kind is formed, the Southern Pacific will be able to advance rates all along the line on both east and westbound shipments. The extent, however, to which Mr. Huntington can elevate rates will depend upon the Pacific Mail and the Panama Railroad. He has the consent of the Pacific Mail, because he is its President. So the question is simply to what extent the Panama Company is willing to go in advancing overland freights in both directions.

It is true that the clipper ships by the way of Cape Horn have an influence in determining overland rates, but their competition is limited and confined for the greater part to cheap-grade commodities. Panama's competition, however, is such that it is impossible for Mr. Huntington to advance tariffs without an agreement with the Central American corporation. It seems to be generally admitted that the Panama people are ready to aid Huntington in forming a new association, but whether they will insist upon having a vote in its deliberations is the important point, and one that particularly interests the big shippers here. If they are not going to have a vote, shippers are of the opinion that Mr. Huntington will again dictate rates into and out of California as he did three years ago, when he was charging $4 20 per 100 pounds as a first-class rate from New York to San Francisco. ...

SHE WAS LOCKED OUT.

Meyer Strauss Tells Why He Attended Mrs. Cooper's Class.

Resignation of President Lord of the Congregational Club—Home Missionaries Discuss Views on Inspirations.

"As Mrs. Cooper was locked out of the First Church, I attended her Sunday class at the appointed place of meeting," said Meyer Strauss yesterday afternoon, at the meeting of the Congregational Club. "Mrs. Cooper explained the situation mildly and simply. She had received an invitation similar to that extended to many others to attend the praise meeting in the auditorium of the First Church at the Sunday School hour. Many of her pupils agreed with her not to unite in the praise service. The room of Stanford Parlor in the Native Sons' building, just adjoining the church, had been placed at Mrs. Cooper's disposal, to be used for the Sunday School reunions for such length of time as she desired. She accepted the offer and the class met there."

Mr. Strauss said that 162 pupils were present. He added incidentally that of the twenty baptisms at the Baptist Conference on Sunday one of the baptized was a former member of the First Congregational Church.

J. M. Lewis read the paper of the afternoon at the meeting of the Congregational Club.

Mr. Lord, the president of the club, presented his resignation as he is about to go East. The Rev. Dr. Rowell was appointed chairman until the annual election in April. The retiring president was thanked for his services.

"Skeptic scientists claim that spiritual inspirations are effected by physical sensations," said the Rev. Dr. Fraser, of the Home Mission Association, in his talk before the Presbyterian society yesterday. During his discourse he supported the views on "Inspiration" laid down by H. D. Smith. The Rev. Messrs. Morrison, Ellis, Brevier, Woodworth and Stewart also spoke in favor of these views.

The Methodist preachers discussed "Reform in Methodism" at their meeting yesterday.

RAN FOR HIS LIFE.

Angus Macdonald Made a Desperate Effort to Escape, but the Train Was Speeding too Fast for Him.

The funeral of Angus MacDonald, who was killed in the cut south of Randall street, will take place to-morrow. MacDonald's two children, Mary and Peter, ...

HER DEATH WAS SUDDEN.

REVIEWED BY REGULARS.

DEMANDING LOW RATES.

An Effort to Equalize the Coast Freight Tariff.

The Traffic Association Calls a Conference of the Commercial Organizations to Settle the Question.

The committee appointed by the representative commercial bodies of the city to consider Portland's competition with San Francisco for the trade of Eureka and intermediate ports held a lengthy session yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Traffic Association. T. J. Parsons presided, and in addition there were present W. B. Curtis, W. R. Wheeler and A. L. Scott.

The main purpose of the meeting was to consider a letter sent to the committee on last Saturday by Goodall, Perkins & Co. as the resident agents of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. The letter was in reply to one sent by the committee to Messrs. Goodall and Perkins, insisting that San Francisco be given lower rates to Eureka than are allowed to Portland, because that port is less than half the distance from this city than is the Oregon metropolis. In other words, the committee wanted rates to be made on a mileage basis.

The reply of Goodall, Perkins & Co. was very displeasing to Chairman Parsons and his associates. They decided not to continue the correspondence, but to report the matter in full back to the joint conference of the commercial organizations which has been called for that purpose this afternoon in the rooms of the San Francisco Board of Trade. The committee will recommend, however, that some plan be devised by which San Francisco can obtain lower rates to Eureka than are accorded to Portland.

Chairman Parsons said last night: "Suppose we do have more steamers a month to Eureka than Portland has? It is the rates that determine the trade, not the number of steamers. Goodall, Perkins & Co. have practically refused to grant our request and all our committee can do is to report back to the joint conference which created it."

CUT THE VERDICT DOWN

The Supreme Court Decides That $1,400 Is Excessive Damages for Illness Resulting From Nervous Shock

A jury in the Superior Court of Los Angeles county awarded Annie L. Sloan a verdict for $1,400 against the Southern Californian Railway Company. Yesterday the Supreme Court decided that she was entitled to damages, but held that $1,400 was too much. The Court ordered that the judgment be affirmed if she would strike off $1,000; otherwise the case must be tried again. Mrs. Sloan was expelled from a railway train at East Riverside because the conductor had forgotten to give her a check when he had collected her ticket. The disturbance of the nervous system resulting from the humiliation of being put off the train caused her to become ill. ...

CAMERA CLUB EXHIBITS

WAITED FOR TWO DAYS.

... Lost Terrier Recorded at the Cliff House.

A little girl called at the Cliff House yesterday and asked for Mr. Wilkins, one of the proprietors. She told him she had lost her dog about the place and wanted to know if he had seen it. She had been to the beach on Saturday morning and in the afternoon walked out on the Cliff House balcony with her tiny terrier. In returning to the roadway she passed through one of the parlors and closed the door behind her. It happened that the terrier was on the wrong side of the door when it closed, but the little girl did not notice her loss until she was near home.

Mr. Wilkins took the child into one of the hallways near the door through which she had passed, and there the dog was still lying. From Saturday afternoon until yesterday morning the terrier had remained on the mat waiting for his little mistress, whom he probably imagined was in the parlor behind the door.

Some of the employees of the Cliff House noticed the dog on Saturday night and attempted to drive it away, but it refused to leave.

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