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Oregon Federation of Fraternal Societies

Object: Employment of American Citizens

PORTLAND, OREGON

Dec. 7, 1922.

To the Mayor and Commissioners of the
City of Portland.

Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting of the Oregon Federation of Fraternal Societies, held in the Pythian Temple, this city, on the evening of December 6, 1922, there being present more than two-hundred American men and women, representing more than fifty of the fraternal lodges of this city, a resolution was passed asking that the Mayor and Commissioners of the city of Portland immediately demand that the merchants occupying stores in the City Market district be prohibited from occupying space on the sidewalks or streets outside of the property line, and that any merchant offering for sale or displaying goods, confine their salesmen to a position inside of the property line and not upon the streets.

The present congestion of the traffic conditions in the city of Portland, owing to the narrow streets and sidewalks, and the present holiday rush of business upon the streets of the city demand the immediate attention and necessity for keeping the streets and sidewalks clear, so that the pedestrian can pass with as little interference as possible, and the shopper may make his purchases without being jostled by those passing up and down the streets.

At this meeting the name of this organization was changed from the Oregon Federation of Fraternal Societies to the American Fraternal Federation of Oregon, and hereafter all communications from this organization will be under the new name.

This Federation wishes to thank the Mayor and officials of the city for their hearty co-operation in the employment of American citizens, and praying action in this matter, we are

Fraternally yours,
AMERICAN FRATERNAL FEDERATION OF OREGON.

M. F. Wright
Secretary.

MPW/D

THIS IS—

An organization supported by more than 80 subordinate fraternities of this city and representing not less than 50,000 men and women.

OBJECT—

To convince the employer that American citizens are entitled to employment over aliens.

NOTE—

This Federation is
Non-Political
Non-Religious
Anti-Alien

WE ARE AFTER

that alien who has been in this country for years holding good positions and yet has never bothered about becoming an American citizen.

WE HAVE NO QUARREL

with that alien who is, in good faith, attempting to become an American citizen.

ECONOMICALLY

it is a wiser course to employ American citizens.

ARE YOU WILLING

to help put the American citizen to work?