

# AMENDMENT OF TAX LAWS

## Gives Counties the Option to Declare What Shall Be Assessable

The following is the exact text of the proposed amendment to the State Constitution proposed by the State Federation of Labor and the Central Labor Council of Portland and vicinity:

"Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be, and hereby is, amended by inserting the following section in said Article IX after Section 1 and before Section 2, and it shall be designated as Section 1a of Article IX:

### ARTICLE IX.

Section 1a. No poll or head tax shall be levied or collected in Oregon; no bill regulating taxation or exemption throughout the state shall become a law until approved by the people of the state at a regular election; none of the restrictions of the Constitution shall apply to measures approved by the people declaring what shall be subject to taxation or exemption and how it shall be taxed or exempted whether proposed by the legislative assembly or by initiative petition; but the people of the several counties are hereby empowered and authorized to regulate taxation and exemption within their several counties, subject to any general law which may be hereafter enacted."

Every member of Organized Labor is urged to sign this petition which is now being circulated. The Labor Press will furnish a petition with blanks for 80 names to any person requesting the same and desirous of securing signatures. The person circulating copies of this petition must make affidavit to all signatures obtained, but does not have to secure 80 names before doing so.

It is desired to secure as many signatures as possible of bona fide legal voters in all parts of the state. There is no doubt that a sufficient number of signers can be secured within a short time, if all will take hold.

Remember, that, with the exception of doing away with the poll tax, there is no change made in the tax laws. If this amendment is adopted, the people alone can authorize such changes.

It takes no step in advance, but merely authorizes such steps to be taken when the people desire. It prevents the legislature from framing up some obnoxious and special tax laws, such as might be fostered on us through the exercise of the "emergency clause" of the referendum.

It extends the rule of the people over the source of nearly all corruption in government—the power of taxation.

Work for it until it is on the ballot, and then work for it until it is a law. In that way you are aiding to make yourself more of a king and less of a thrall.

## LOCAL NOTES

Have you signed?

If you have not signed the Employers' Liability law, see your secretary.

Do not put off till tomorrow the signing of the Employers' Liability law today.

Factory Inspector Chas. Gram spent last Sunday at home, coming in from the coast lumber mills.

D. L. Williams and J. J. Lewis, of Painters, No. 10, are now representing their union in the Building Trades Council.

The Pressmen and Stereotypers of the Oregonian will engage in a game of baseball Sunday morning, on King's Heights.

Paul Troost, of the Steamfitters, was at Fall City last week, hunting deer, or deer. The brother did not state which kind.

The Cement Finishers are doing business in the proper fashion, so it was reported at the Building Trades Council on Monday night.

Ernest Franks, of the Steamfitters' Union, has been out on his claim near Falls City. Bro. Franks reports fish and game plentiful in that locality.

Billie Little, of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, has the reputation in the Building Trades Council as the most polite union man in Portland.

You or your kiddies might want the protection of the Employers' Liability law before it will have been enacted very long. Help sign up, brother. Get busy.

O. Getrich, of Carpenters, 808, was seated in the Building Trades Council last Monday night as the fourth delegate from Local 808, due to increase in membership.

The Longshoremen's Unions of Portland are living in peace and harmony with their employers. The only cloud on the horizon is the slackness of work at the present time of the year.

Have you signed the initiative petition for the Employers' Liability law? If not, brother, get busy. Your secretary has one of the blanks. If not, get one from J. S. Cassidy, at the Labor Temple.

B. E. Marion, one of the hustlers in the Tile Layers, is in Tacoma, where for two months he has held down a job or two. He was secretary of the Portland local at one time. His old comrades will welcome him back.

C. W. Ryan, of Carpenters, 808, was elected vice-president of the Building Trades Council last Monday night, to succeed C. E. White, of the Hoisting Engineers. Bro. White resigned to better care for his family of little folks.

"Pete" Mayer, an old and reliable member of the Pressmen's Union, who conservatively gives his age at 42, departed from single blessedness a few days ago. His many friends in extending the heartiest congratulations.

The Helpers have challenged the Tile Layers to a baseball game. Particulars will be arranged at the next meeting. The Helpers are pretty cocky, but the Layers are not laying down anything but tiles. They promise to lay out the Helpers, however.

It is rumored that Robt. W. Moulton and R. A. Willson, of the Labor Press board of control found themselves in serious trouble upon returning home late Sunday. The boys left home in the morning at 8 o'clock, expecting to return at 12:30 p. m. to take the ladies out in the afternoon. They did not complete their day's work auditing Labor Press

accounts until 5:20 p. m. Then the trouble commenced. With all their hard work, the boys completed about one-fifth of their job. Yum! Yum!

Secretary Wm. Noffke, of the Portland Trades Council, has furnished the Labor Press with a copy of the arbitration plan of the Building Trades department of the A. F. of L. The same appears in another column. It should be studied by employer and employe alike.

Al Elvers, president of the Tile Layers and Helpers, is sojourning in the Sound cities. He may remain, if he finds a good job, but his old associates expect a man about his size, build and family history to wander back to good old Portland town about the first of the month.

J. D. M. Crockwell has been devoting his talents the last two weeks to securing signatures of voters on the amendments to the Oregon Constitution put forth by the Oregon Federation of Labor and the Central Labor Council of Portland. The amendment as proposed appears in another column.

E. Franks, of the Steamfitters, will move with his family to his claim near Falls City week after next. Bro. Franks says there is nothing left out of his \$5 per acre after paying the high cost of living. He is determined to homestead his 160 acres and make a pleasant home for his folks in the country.

Business Agent E. A. Cheyne, of the Painters is wearing his great, broad smile these days. All the journeymen painters are at work, and the general business agent is happy. Last Saturday the demand at headquarters for painters exceeded the supply. A want ad. in the Sunday papers brought no returns.

The Sheet Metal Workers' Union, of Portland, is in the front ranks of Progress, and this organization is reaping the rewards of progressive methods. This is shown by the substantial gain in membership in the union. The Sheet Metal Workers business now requires the entire time of Business Agent A. G. Ross.

Arthur Hansen, who had his hand cut off on a power brake in the unfair Portland Sheet Metal Works last Friday, is in the Good Samaritan hospital. An effort is being made to save Hansen's hand. The doctors report that there is some hope of this, as there was two ligaments still holding the hand to the arm.

Secretary J. F. Weatherly, of District Council of Carpenters, has resigned his position as clerk of the Carpenters' Employment headquarters at Carpenters' Hall. Bro. Weatherly has the good and welfare of the carpenters at heart, and resigned in order to save Local 59 the cost of employing an extra man for the care of their hall.

At 652 East Morrison streets there is a free platform every Wednesday and Friday evenings, and also Sunday afternoon. The subjects discussed take a wide range. There are no creeds or aims to restrict, and the movement is purely an educational one, without any axe to grind. Good speakers on live topics lead off with some ideas. Others follow. No admission or charge.

Secretary J. F. Cassidy, of the Oregon Federation of Labor, is doing excellent work these days in support of the Federation's proposed Employers' Liability bill. Bro. Cassidy has accumulated some splendid data bearing on the subject. This has been put in pamphlet form, entitled, "Some Plain Facts on Employers' Liability," and mailed to the ministers and other public speakers of the state.

The Lion Clothing Store has recently received a large consignment of goods made in Portland by the Garment Workers' Union, of this city. This firm is not only hunting for union labeled goods of every description, but it fills its windows with them. Just go around and see their display. Read their ad. on another page of this issue.

Farmer Horace G. Parsons, of the Cigarmakers' Union, will take the third and fourth degrees in the Grange the first of May. Bro. Parsons is in the swim since moving to his farm to the south of Portland. Not only is he now a full-fledged Granger, having been elected to that honorable body on the first instant, but he will also attend the State Grange annual convention at Oregon City next month as one of the Fraternal Delegates from the Oregon State Federation of Labor.

## MUSICIANS UNION

Local No. 99 of the American Federation of Musicians, Room 1, 253 1/2 Alder Street.

The board of directors held their weekly meeting on Wednesday, April 13. President Salinger presiding.

Members who are desirous of playing during the coming Rose Festival are requested to register their names with the secretary; this is necessary, in order to be able to make authentic the personnel of the different bands. Do it now!

White uniforms, cap, coat and trousers, is the uniform to be worn, the same as in the previous celebrations; to be secured by the individual members.

Investigation by the president and secretary of several halls that have been engaging non-union music show that the main reason for the discrimination shown is because the halls are small and not able to earn sufficient to meet our prices and leave any profit to the promoters; and also because many of them are in the suburbs and rely on a consequent limited patronage.

An amendment abolishing the present uniform law has been submitted to the law and legislative committee for consideration, and will be presented to the next regular meeting, Tuesday, May 3, for final action.

The question of placing before the voters of this city, through the initiative, a special tax levy of five one-hundredths of a mill to provide a music fund to provide adequate music for our parks during the Summer season, and the municipalizing of the band, will also be submitted to the general meeting.

Suspended for non-payment of dues—H. H. Samuels, H. De Cowe. Died, P. A. Fraeger. Transfer returned, J. H. Seltenreich. Removed from suspended list, M. Schmitt.

The Simpson Lumber Company, at North Bend, is going to build another large lumber-carrying schooner. Because Oregon taxes ships and California does not, the schooner will be registered as the So-and-So of San Francisco.

The repeal of the poll tax proposed by the amendment to be submitted by the forces of organized labor will meet with great support from every working man from Clatsop to Malheur from Wallowa to Coos.

I hear your marriage was a case of love at first sight. That's right; if I had had second sight, I would still be single.

How will I get my wife back home. I don't dare suggest her return from the shore so early. Get one of the neighbors to suggest it.

### Public Service Commissions

Our Free Library has some interesting works on the above subjects. There are all kinds of public service commissions. Some of them are merely fakes to keep the people from taking drastic action. Some of them are soft blows for politicians who have outlived their usefulness—to the party. Some of them attempt to do enough to justify their existence, and at the same time not interfere with the combine that has its hands in the public till. New York has several, and he following books are treatises on them:

Material in the Public Library on Public Service Commissions.

Hadwin, W. W. Scope of a public service commission. (See Nation, Jan. 21, 1909, v. 86, p. 61.)

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All citizens of Oregon who have "seen the cat" are asked to send their names and address to the undersigned. No more "marking time." Something doing. E. S. J. McAllister, Room 411 Fenton Bldg., 84 Sixth street, Portland, Oregon.

## Electrical Workers No. 317 Notice!

### Special Meeting Next Tuesday Night, April 26, Labor Temple. All Members Requested to be Present.

### ASTORIA UNION DIRECTORY

- Central Labor Council—Second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p. m. Labor Union Hall. Harry Spier, president; J. L. Moore, secretary, 474 Commercial st.
- Bartenders No. 142—Second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p. m. Labor Union Hall. W. Burley, president; August Nelson, secretary, 610 Commercial st.
- Carpenters No. 917—Saturdays, 8 p. m. Labor Union Hall. Adolf Johnson, president; Wm. Olson, secretary, 507 Jerome st.
- Cigarmakers No. 425—First Friday, 8 p. m. Labor Union Hall. C. W. Young, president; Joe Moore, secretary, 474 Commercial st.
- Fishermen's Union—Meets at Fishermen's Hall, at call of secretary, H. M. Lorenson, Fishermen's Hall.
- Longshoremen's Union—Second and fourth Wednesdays, 8 p. m. Longshoremen's Hall, 577 Bond st. C. H. Johnson, president; C. H. Thompson, secretary and business agent, 577 Bond st.
- Machinists No. 28—First and third Thursdays, 8 p. m. Machinists Engineers Hall, 577 Bond st. H. Wynan, president; R. W. Bryant, secretary, box 750.
- Painters Union—Second and fourth Thursdays, 8 p. m. Labor Union Hall. Chris Simonsen, president; Charles Wirkkala, secretary, Uniontown.
- Retail Clerks No. 142—First and third Mondays, 8 p. m. Union Labor Hall. Harry Spier, president; Otto A. Olson, secretary.
- Team Drivers No. 122—First and third Tuesdays, 8 p. m. Union Labor Hall. Chris Christensen, president; Leo Lowrey, secretary, 274 Bond st.

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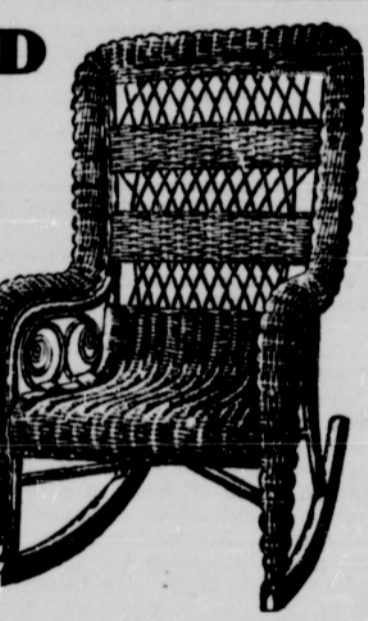
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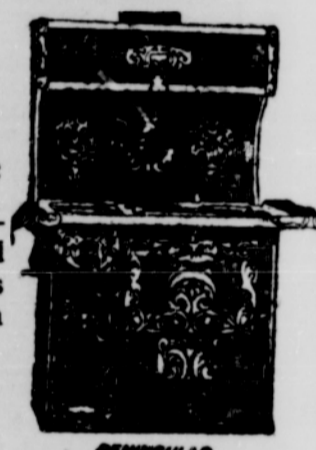


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Fresh California Creamery, 2-lb. roll ..... 65c

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