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LABOR VOTE WILL HELP MR. WILSON

SENATOR HOLLIS PREDICTS BIG VOTE FROM WORKINGMEN.

WILSON WILL WIN

MANY CHARTERS OF FREEDOM

Labor Helps Those Who Help Labor. No Other Would Dare to Aid the Cause of Workers

There can be no doubt that the labor vote in this campaign is very strongly for Wilson. Union labor in particular is favorable to him in accordance with its declared policy that "Labor helps those who help Labor."

He began by placing in his cabinet as secretary of labor a union coal miner, William B. Wilson, a man of courage, power and intellect. No one has attacked the ability or the record of Secretary Wilson. He has proved his worthiness of the trust conferred upon him, and the judgment of the president has been vindicated.

The Wilson administration at the very outset passed an eight-hour bill for women and children in the District of Columbia. There was no determined opposition to this measure by republicans in congress.

Next followed the exemption of labor unions and farmers' associations from the operation of the Sherman anti-trust act. This was Labor's "Charter of Freedom."

Then came the "Seamen's Charter of Freedom." Sailors were the only men who could be arrested and restored by force to their jobs.

The child labor bill, prohibiting the products of child labor in interstate commerce, had been pending in congress for years. President Wilson insisted that it be passed before the last session closed.

These conspicuous laws for labor were buttressed by many others of which labor heartily approved, such as the income tax, the Alaska railway bill, the inheritance tax, the government ownership of armor and nitrate plants, the federal reserve act and the rural credits bill.

It is a very striking fact that all these things helpful to labor were put in force through the federal government, not through the state governments.

To begin with, it is the first and basic principle of the democratic party to protect the great mass of people from the aggressions of the powerful few.

But, while the first and basic principle of the democratic party has not changed since its beginning, the method of carrying that principle into effect has changed greatly. At the beginning of our government the fear that struck deepest into the heart of the average man was the fear of a military dictator.

And so it came about that the first policy of the democratic party was to oppose a centralized form of government, and stand strongly for states' rights. This continued to be their policy down to recent times.

But meanwhile a financial giant had developed infinitely more powerful than any military despot. Combinations of capital, directed by gigantic captains of industry, advised and defended by the keenest lawyers, attained a power that was stealing the rights and happiness of the people.

SON AND ATTORNEYS SUED BY OLD FATHER

DESTITUTE AND INFIRM, MAN ASKS THAT PROPERTY BE RESTORED TO HIM

Fritz Timmerman, aged, infirm and deaf, unable to understand or read English, is before the circuit court of Clackamas county with a complaint filed on Monday, to prosecute his son, Carl Timmerman, for the alleged fraudulent acquisition of title to property in the northern part of the county valued at \$10,000 and to cancel the deed thereto and a mortgage against the land.

The complaint says that while the elder Mr. Timmerman was suffering a nervous breakdown and was ill, his son, Carl, induced him to deed away his property and only means of support with the understanding that the document was simply a lease.

Mr. Timmerman, a native of Germany, is 77 years old and has been a resident of Clackamas county for 40 years. For the past six years he has been undergoing a nervous breakdown and at present is an inmate of St. Joseph's home for the aged at Portland, where he says he is in debt for his living expenses.

The old man brought a suit last year to have the deed given to his son cancelled and his complaint in the present action says that through a conspiracy between his son and attorneys for both sides he was induced to drop the action.

On the occasion of a minor fire in the home on the Timmerman property, Fritz Timmerman alleges that his son collected \$42 insurance money and that he and his wife, Harriet, accused the aged man of setting the fire and others in the same neighborhood in the hope that they could have him committed to the insane asylum as an arson fiend.

Devoid of means and infirm, the old man says he was forced to take up his residence with Carl and Harriet. He characterizes Harriet, Carl's wife, as a "fortune hunting widow from California with numerous children by a former husband."

Another son, Julius Timmerman, learning the conditions by which Carl and Harriet are alleged to have gained title to the old man's property, voluntarily released a \$2500 mortgage against the place.

These financial and industrial giants found it to their interest to work through the strong federal control that had developed under republican administrations.

And so the democratic party, still true to its basic principle of protecting the many from the aggressions of the few, has been forced to change its policy, its method of carrying its basic principle into effect.

Our republican friends are aghast at this change of front. They tell us how differently old-time democrats behaved. They are suddenly much concerned for the sacredness of states' rights.

But our friends the progressives are very much attracted to the efficiency and humanity of modern democracy. They see their platform of 1912 very largely translated into legislative and administrative action.

And, best of all, labor men feel that they have found a real friend, a president who understands them, who wants to help them and who does better by them than he or his party promised.

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TAXES FALL OFF \$55,234 IN YEAR

ASSESSOR JACK FIGURES LOSS TO COUNTY FROM REDUCTION IN TAX ASSESSMENT

PROPERTY VALUE \$23,038,965

Non-Tillable Lands Bring Revenue on \$7,851,865. Public Utilities Taxed Separately

A summary of the 1916 tax assessment rolls prepared late last week by County Assessor J. E. Jack, shows that Clackamas county will derive just \$55,235 less from taxation this year than it did a year ago.

The total value of all taxable property in the county, excepting that owned by public utility corporations, is placed at \$23,038,965 by Assessor Jack. This, as stated before, does not include the assessment against 98,206 acres of O. & C. grant lands which last year were assessed at \$1,148,000, and it does not include the public service companies assessment, which is made by the state tax commission, and which was \$6,085,961 for the year 1915.

The heaviest revenue to the county comes, according to the assessor's statement, from the tax assessment on 417,618 acres of non-tillable lands, which is \$7,851,865. The next heaviest is upon 106,049 acres of tillable lands, assessed at \$6,385,020.

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106,049 acres of tillable lands, \$6,385,020.
417,618 acres of non-tillable lands, \$7,851,865.
Improvements on deeded or patented lands, \$1,515,090.

Town and City lots, \$3,705,660.
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Automobiles, \$135,650.
Stationary Engines and Manufacturing Machinery, \$430,485.

Merchandise and Stock in Trade, \$519,730.
Farm Implements, Wagons, Carriages, etc., \$124,105.
Money Notes and Accounts, \$12,200.
2,500 Shares of Stock, \$109,000.
Hotel and Office Furniture, etc., \$16,530.

7,044 Horses and Mules, \$333,400.
16,003 Cattle, \$358,655.
10,548 Sheep and Goats, \$20,215.
1,521 Swine, \$26,305.
5,321 Dogs, \$8,790.

Total value of all taxable property \$23,038,965.

SABBATH SCHOOLS HOLD CONVENTION

STREET PARADE IS FEATURE OF IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEET.

OFFICERS ELECTED

A program of unusual interest featured the quarter-centennial convention of the Clackamas County Sunday School association, held at the Presbyterian church in Oregon City on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Prominent workers in the state Sunday school ranks were in attendance at the local convention and workers from all parts of the county assembled to take part in the program, which started on Thursday evening with a union prayer service led by the Rev. A. J. Ware.

The most interesting ceremony of the convention from the public view point was the street parade on Saturday morning. Several hundred Sunday school children and their elders paraded Main street in Oregon City between admiring rows of citizens.

A number of interesting talks, special musical numbers and prayer services were the attractions that drew Sunday school workers to the Presbyterian church throughout the convention. Sunday school problems

WEST LAUDS WILSON AT STREET MEETING

FORMER GOVERNOR ATTACKS LIQUOR TRAFFIC AND SUPPORTS TAX AMENDMENT

Woodrow Wilson's record as president of the United States and the reasons why he should be re-elected by the people he has so faithfully served, were presented in clear and forceful style to a crowd of 300 voters at Seventh and Main streets on Monday night by ex-Governor Oswald West.

"He has been working, directing every thought and energy to the welfare of the common people, people like you and I, who should, now that our turn has come, show our appreciation for this service."

Mr. West directed attention to some of the many wonderful legislative accomplishments of the Wilson administration. He pointed out the benefits of this legislation to all classes and showed the wonders it was working in the improvement of conditions in America.

At the time of and following the former governor's address, a Woodrow Wilson league was recruited among the large audience that listened attentively to the speaker. It is estimated that more than 200 names were signed to the league's roll at this meeting, making the total membership of the league more than 500 persons.

Mr. West vigorously attacked the proposed brewers' amendment to the state constitution, calling it the work of crooks and schemers trying to disrupt the homes of Oregon that their own purses might wax fat on the proceeds.

"Hawley has been pussy-footing around with water on both shoulders," said Mr. West. "He is playing the game with the wets when he is among the wets and he is the finest church member and ardent dry worker in the land when he is among the dry forces."

In connection with the fight against the booze traffic Mr. West took time to sternly score Paul Wessinger of the Weinhard brewery interests as an enemy to society and a crook of the first rank.

"Booze is a battle between the home and certain selfish interests, of which Paul Wessinger is a type. He has no right to roll around in the rotten wealth and the automobiles he has acquired by tearing little children from their mothers and fathers from their homes."

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U'REN LAND BILL WORK OF CRAFTER

POLITICAL "BEEF" OF LIVE WIRES BRINGS OUT POINTED DISCUSSION OF BALLOT

BEER BILL BUMPED BY TALK

Grant Dimick Reverses on Initiative. Constitution No Longer Sacred, Says O. D. Eby

In the absence of the speaker appointed to uphold the affirmative, not one favorable word was spoken for the so-called people's land and loan bill, the negative of which was presented by John W. Loder at the political "bee" held by the Live Wires of the Commercial club last night.

Judge Grant B. Dimick, denouncing the people's land and loan law, called it the work of political fanatics and grafters, and said that as long as such men as W. S. U'ren accepted the money of dotting old women like Mrs. Feis, that the ballots of Oregon elections would be shamed with such seditious proposals as this rabid single tax measure has been proved to be.

In connection with the discussion of the Pendleton Normal school bill, the negative of which was supported by the Rev. J. R. Landsborough, O. D. Eby, assigned to the affirmative argument, made the startling statement that not a single lawyer or jurist in Oregon knows what the constitution of the state is.

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DOROTHY CASE GETS A LEGAL BIRTHRIGHT

FAMILY FEUD IN COURT TURNS THE HEART OF JUDGE H. S. ANDERSON

A birthright was given to little Dorothy Case and Thelma Case is honored in death, as she sleeps in her tiny grave in Riverview cemetery, Portland, having the stigma of possible namelessness removed, through a decision rendered by County Judge H. S. Anderson on Monday.

The evidence of the prosecution hinged largely upon the allegation that Ernest R. Case and Leona Chart-ers were not legally married, and the allegation was admitted by attorneys for Leona Case. They proved to the satisfaction of the court, however, that the contract of marriage between the two was binding and that both had thought of it as binding during the lifetime of Ernest.

Pictures of the little grave of Thelma Case, marked by a simple headstone, were introduced as evidence by attorneys for Leona Chart-ers Case, mother of the dead girl. The other daughter, 2-year-old Dorothy was brought before the court, and in rendering the decision by which the little tot will have a name on her journey through life, Judge Anderson mentioned the baby.

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PARTY MEETINGS ENLIVEN VOTERS

LARGE AUDIENCES HEAR DEMOCRATIC COUNTY AND STATE OFFICE SEEKERS

GILBERT L. HEDGES POPULAR

Idle Talk of Opponent is Laughable. Meetings Continue This Week. Republicans Attend

Democratic meetings, addressed by local candidates for state and county offices, have proved the sensation of the past ten days, and the attendance has been increasing at each meeting in a manner that is causing no end of concern among the strictly partisan "old guard" of the republicans.

Sad to relate, indeed, is the fact that a large percentage of each audience has been republican. The people are awakening to some very pertinent truths regarding certain office-seekers, and if the returns on November 7th don't show the biggest "invisible" split in the republican forces of the county, local matters, the Courier editor will be tempted to hurl his new fall hat into the Willamette river on the next morning.

Tuesday night a fine crowd heard District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges, J. E. Jack, G. F. Johnson, C. W. Risley and Ed Fortune at West Linn. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the campaign and, significantly, many well known republicans sat in the audience.

The awakening seems to be county-wide. Take the case of District Attorney Hedges. The voters know that he has won every damage case against the county and has saved them the neat sum of \$31,000.00.

These are the things which appeal to the voters, rather than the childish, insane prattle of an inexperienced man whose partial service of his term as city attorney was featured by the rawest "booze" decision ever "put over."

The voters also know and trust J. E. Jack, and figure him a man who will not betray their trust in the legislature. They know G. F. Johnson is competent and his past work in the assessor's office gives him an edge which spells efficiency in the administration of that office.

Mr. Risley in Hospital. C. W. Risley, democratic candidate for county commissioner, was operated on at the Oregon City hospital yesterday morning by the Drs. Mount. Mr. Risley has been suffering for some time from an infection on his hand and the source of the trouble was removed by the operation.

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