LABOR IS AGAINST EMERGENCY TAX

Federation Aims to Curb Legislature's Power; Employers' Liability Law Wanted.

7TH ANNUAL MEET IS ON

Measures to Be Submitted to People at General Election — State Grange Would Co-operate With Union Body.

Protection of the people from emergency taxation laws that may be passed by the Legislature is the object of a proposed constitutional amendment being considered by the Oregon Federation of Labor, which began its seventh annual convention yesterday morning.

Another important subject was put before the convention by President Daly, in his annual address. He advocates an appeal to the people by the initiative for the passage of an employers' liability law.

The constitutional amendment submitted to the convention yesterday is intended to be placed before the people by initiative at the next general election, in addition to the two proposed amendments on taxation approved by the last Legislature. The proposed amendment, which may be voted upon by the convention today, was prepared by the local labor leaders. It reads as follows:

Taxation Law Wanted.

No bill regulating taxation or exemption throughout the state shall become a law until approved by the people of the state at a regular general 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 and 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 exemptions within their several counties, subject to any general law which may be hereafter enacted.

The preamble of the resolution indorsing the amendment, as read to the convention yesterday, recites that the present system of permitting the Legislature to enact emergency taxation laws is dangerous, and is a means by which professional tax-dodgers avoid moral public obligations.

Concerning the adoption of a law to make employers liable for injury to their employes, President Daly recited the failure of an effort made to get a law to that effect passed by the last Legislature, and explained how numerous interests combined to defeat the bill. He said in part:

Hope in People.

As the atmosphere becomes clearer after a storm, so the scales began to drop from the eyes of organized labor, and the defeat of the employers' liability law by the State Legislature will be turned into sure victory, for we realize that the working people of the state cannot expect any laws from the general assembly that will better the conditions of the masses, and it becomes necessary for us to submit this measure to the referendum, secure in the belief that the people will administer a rebuke to the politicians who profess friendship for the working people and desert them at the first attack of the agents of capital.

Another resolution presented to the convention yesterday and which will probably be adopted by the convention today was to the effect that all election days should be made legal holidays, that the working people may have ample time to vote.

Strong affiliation between labor unions and the Oregon State Grange, was urged in a talk before the convention yesterday afternoon by J. A. Johnson, state lecturer for the State Grange.

Mr. Johnson said the Grange is working for the adoption of laws for the common good of all people, and suggested that in such work the labor organizations should take an active part. His talk was received with applause.

Several Address Assembly.

Eugene Palmer and B. G. Leedy, fraternal delegates to the convention from the Oregon State Grange had each addressed the convention earlier in the day along similar lines. Among others who addressed the convention were: J. A. Madson, president of the Portland Labor Council; State Labor Commissioner Hoff and C. H. Gram, former president of the State Federation of Labor.

Today, it is expected, will be the busiest day of the convention, which will end tomorrow night or Thursday night. The day will be largely devoted to resolutions, of which it is expected there will be a large number.

Officers of the Oregon Federation of Labor are: President, Will Daly; first vice-president, Charles Grassman; second vice-president, R. D. Hayner; third vice-president, A. W. Dennis; fourth vice-president, William Nofke; fifth vice-president, Miss Lucy White; secretary-treasurer, J. F. Cassidy.

ALLEGED SHOP THIEF HELD

Man Caught With Handbag Must Face Grand Jury.

Roy Miller, alias Everett Albin, the shoplifter arrested in the drugstore of Woodard, Clarke & Co., Saturday afternoon, when found possessing a handbag valued at $10, was ordered held for the grand jury yesterday. Miller waived examination.

Before his arraignment he was identified as having been arrested here last Summer on request of authorities of a town in Iowa, who accused him of horse-stealing. Then Miller is said to have made some settlement and was not requisitioned.

JUDGE BENNETT RETURNS

Municipal Court Magistrate Recovers From Poison Oak Attack.

Judge Bennett, of the Municipal Court, who has been absent from the bench for the past week owing to poisoning contracted while on a visit in Southern Oregon, resumed his judicial duties yesterday morning.

The magistrate was out walking with his little son and the lad picked up some poison oak. His father took it away from him. The next morning Judge Bennett awoke to find that the poison had been communicated to his eyes.

GAS TRANSFER RATIFIED

New York Firm Will Continue Competitor for Business.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Portland Gas Company held yesterday the contract for the purchase of the holdings of the company by the Portland Gas & Coke Company was ratified, and it is expected that the transfer to the new ownership will take place this week.

The Portland Gas & Coke Company is a new corporation organized by the purchasers, heretofore known as the Electric Bond & Share Company, of New York. The purchase price is at the rate of $130 per share for 19,750 outstanding shares in addition to assuming $750,000 in bonds and $500,000 in notes at the same rate, thus making the total transaction involve about $4,000,000.

F. G. Sykes, financial representative of the purchasers and Will A. Weathers, attorney, are in the city from New York for the purpose of closing the purchase.

"There is no truth in the statement that the purchasers of the gas company are heavily in the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company," said Herman M. Pabst, general manager of the Portland Gas Company yesterday. "It would be an unfortunate thing for both companies if this were true, for competition increases the business of both. So far as I know the Gas Company will continue its fight for lighting business. I cannot speak authoritatively as to any changes in management but the word has gone out that there will be none and I have passed that word among the employes of the company."

BURGLARS KEEP ACTIVE

MANY ROBBERIES AND ONE HOLD-UP REPORTED.

W. J. Clemens Loses Valuable Ring and Thieves Go Through Several Residences.

Several burglaries and one holdup were reported to the police yesterday. The holdup occurred at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning at Second and Salmon streets. B. Shiolti, of 407 Sixth street, was stopped on his way home by three thugs, who took $5 in money. Shiolti saw only one of the men distinctly, for two of them stood behind him, while the third faced him with a revolver pressed close to his face. The man with the gun is described as about 5 feet 9 inches tall, weight about 160 pounds, medium complexion, with a black soft hat and a black overcoat.

W. J. Clemens, whose office is in room 2 in the Commercial Club building, was robbed of a lady's solitaire diamond ring valued at $275 that weighed 1 1-32 karats. Theodore Johnson, living at Sixteenth and Savier streets, was robbed in his room while he slept. The thief rifled his trousers pockets, securing $18 in cash. The home of A. O. Stafford, 64 North Twelfth street was burglarized Sunday night. Although a gold watch and other valuable jewelry was in plain sight, the robbers sought only money. They found a small savings bank containing $3.01, the contents of which they carried off. Mr. Stafford says they must have been frightened away before completing their search for they left behind a steel jimmy. The instrument had been punched with the name A. Noble.

John Moe, of 51 Third street, was robbed of his gold watch in Blazier's saloon, corner of Third and Burnside streets, Saturday night. Morton Cole, of 248 Fifteenth street, North, was being robbed in Fritz' saloon yesterday afternoon when the police rushed in and caught Jose Lanchez in the act of going through Moe's pockets. Lanchez was taken to the City Jail. Reports from the Stanley apartments, King and Washington streets, say that sneak thieves have broken into the building through the lower windows three times during the past two months. Each time they have been scared away without getting any loot. A strange man was found in the house of J. Oelsner, 736 Union avenue, North, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Oelsner returned to find the fellow in the front hallway sitting on a trunk. Believing that he was a burglar she notified her husband, who is a storekeeper with a place nearby. Oelsner came at once, accompanied by Charles R. Calhoun, a resident of the neighborhood, and the two men caught the intruder and held him until the arrival of Patrolman Stone. An investigation made by the police shows the man was probably intoxicated and entered the house while in that condition. He gave the name of J. Emmett.

THUG, FOILED, SENTENCED

Man Caught Felling Old Laborer Must Serve 30 Days.

Caught in the act of trying to rob George Buhler, who the police is a professional robber of intoxicated men, was sentenced yesterday to serve 30 days on the rockpile. Two men overheard Buhler plotting to rob an old man in a saloon. He proposed the robbery to a companion, whom he offered a share of the loot. The informers followed Buhler's intended victim out of the saloon and after they had gone a short distance Buhler ran up behind and struck the old man on the head knocking him to the ground. Claud Scott and Frank Kanastory, who witnessed the assault, endeavored to capture Buhler, but he escaped them. Patrolmen Wanless and Shafer who were attracted by the chase, followed, and after a long run overtook and arrested Buhler. The near-victim disappeared.

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GLAVIS GOES EAST

Pinchot's Friend Leaves for Washington Today.

EX-OFFICIAL WON'T TALK

Should Investigation of Interior Department Necessitate Witnesses for ex-Forester, Glavis Decides to Be on Hand.

Louis R. Glavis will start for Washington, D. C., this morning. The man whose charges against the official integrity of Secretary R. A. Ballinger of the Taft Cabinet, and which ultimately resulted in the official decapitation of Gifford Pinchot, goes to the National capital as a voluntary witness.

When Congress gets ready to appoint the committees which will look into the records of the Department of the Interior and Forest Service, they will find the chief opponent of Mr. Ballinger within easy reach.

Mr. Glavis came to the Pacific Coast as chief of the field division of the General Land Office, and among other duties was charged with an investigation of the Cunningham coal claims in Alaska. Cunningham was a resident of Seattle and Glavis charged that he organized a band of dummy entrymen who were used in filing upon a tract of coal land embracing an immense area, and that Secretary Ballinger was unduly active in the promotion of the issuance of patents. The charges were placed before the President, and the latter exonerated Ballinger. The Secretary of the Interior then discharged Mr. Glavis.

How Trouble Started.

The Forestry Service became involved in the matter when Overton W. Price, Deputy Forester, and A. C. Shaw, law officer, went to Chicago and assisted Mr. Glavis in the preparation of the charges against Mr. Ballinger.

This led to a rupture between Mr. Pinchot, Forester, and Mr. Ballinger, Secretary, resulting in a demand for Congressional investigation. On the day Congress entertained a resolution for the appointment of the committee, Forester Pinchot sent a lettter to Senator Dolliver in which he upheld the action of Glavis and the charges which the latter had made against Secretary Ballinger.

Mr. Pinchot was summarily dismissed from office by direction of the President. When the latter action was taken, Mr. Glavis, who has been making his home at White Salmon, Wash., and the Portland Hotel, when in this city, had gone out in company with his brother for a vacation. He returned to Portland yesterday.

When his attention was called to the statement that he had received information of what was to happen to his friend Gifford Pinchot at Washington, Mr. Glavis entered a positive denial.

"We own a 23-acre fruit farm at White Salmon, and I have spent my time between the Portland Hotel and that place. I wanted to get away on a vacation. I had no information about the matter, and really know nothing yet.

Glavis to Be Gone a Month.

"I am starting for Washington in the morning and will arrive there the last of this week. I expect to be away from Portland a month at least."

Beyond that statement, Mr. Glavis refused to go. He would not say whom he expected to see when he arrived at Washington, where he would stop or the purpose of his visit.

"I have not been summoned before the committee of Congress, but expect, of course, to testify when they want me. I have decided that I will not discuss the case in any particular, and have held to that policy consistently. I have nothing to say concerning Mr. Pinchot, Mr. Ballinger or anybody else," concluded the ex-official of the Government.

THIEVES CAUGHT IN ACT

Copper Wire Being Sold When Officers Make Grab.

Mark Crickmore, alias O'Brien, and Hans Fisher, alias Young, were arrested by Special Agent Lillis and Deputy Sheriff Hunter yesterday morning while in the act of selling 1000 pounds of copper wire at a second-hand store on Front street.

The wire was assembled in lead tubes for laying as an underground cable, and was stolen from the O. W. P. freight yards of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, at the foot of Grant street, Saturday night. The thieves cached it in Sullivan's Gulch until yesterday morning, when they hired an expressman to take the wire to the pawnshop.

The pair will be arraigned today. When asked why they stole the wire, they said they were "broke" and needed money.

Only last Wednesday two other wire thieves were caught by Special Agent Lillis, Louis Bent being sentenced to Kelly Butte for 25 days, and E. D. Sperl being sentenced and paroled. Bent took 50 pounds of brass from the railway company's steam shovel, and Sperl took 100 pounds of wire from the electric building at Seventh and Alder streets.

EXPERT CRACKSMAN FAILS

Attempt Made to Blow Tea Store Safe—Noise Scares Burglar.

An unsuccessful effort by an expert safe blower to rob the safe of the Grand Union Tea Company at 448 Washington street, was made Sunday night. Discovery of the attempted crime was made yesterday morning by R. D. Sprinks, manager of the tea store, who found that the combination dial had been knocked off and the hinges partially removed. The safe contained the proceeds of last week's business.

Entrance was effected by the burglar by forcing the rear window. In breaking through a wire screen, which covered the window, the robber evidently cut his hand badly, as spots of blood smeared the window sill and nearby boxes. Candle grease and burnt matches were found on the floor before the safe.

An expert sent from the office of the safe company to open the damaged strong box believes an expert attempted the robbery. After planning to blow the safe, the burglar, evidently, changed his mind and tried to work the tumblers, which had all dropped but the last one. It is believed that noise frightened him into abandoning the attempt. This is the first attempt at safe-cracking reported to the police for several months.

GOVERNOR'S STAFF RESIGN

Law of Last Legislature Bars Six From Service.

Because they had not been for six years previous to their appointments commissioned officers in either the state militia or the regular Army, six officers on the staff of Governor Benson handed in their resignations yesterday in compliance with the provisions of a law passed by the last Legislature.

They are: Colonel Cecil Bauer, Judge Advocate-General; Colonel John A. Waddle, Commissary-General; Colonel Charles T. Chamberlain, Surgeon-General; Lieutenant-Colonel George A. Hartmann, aid-de-camp; Lieutenant-Colonel David L. Houston, aid-de-camp.

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ARE FIGURES TRUE?

Seattle Deposits Are Padded, Bankers Charge.

COIN IS COUNTED TWICE

Funds of One Institution Placed With Another Banking House Are Entered in Deposit Total of Both Firms, 'Tis Said.

Banking statistics for Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the year 1909 are given in detail in Royer's Financial Record, a Seattle publication, issued last Saturday, and show a total sum on deposit in the banks of the three states of more than $328,000,000.

The State of Washington, with approximately twice the population of Oregon, is credited with bank deposits aggregating $187,194,679, as against a total in Oregon of $104,112,498. The figures are for the close of business November 16, 1909.

While the bank records give Seattle's 26 banks total deposits in excess of $77,000,000, or about $17,000,000 more than Portland's 23 banks, bankers of this city question whether the actual deposits in Seattle exceed those in Portland.

Figures Padded Is Charge.

Seattle's deposits, like Seattle bank clearances, are padded, not perhaps for the deliberate purpose of padding, but at any rate are deceptive, so other bankers say.

The custom prevails in Seattle, according to Portland bankers, for one bank to deposit large sums with another. For instance, if the Scandinavian-American Bank, of Seattle, deposits $500,000 with the Puget Sound National, that $500,000 will be entered in the deposits of both institutions and appear in the total as $1,000,000. Nearly every trust company and smaller bank in Seattle, it is asserted, carries deposits with the larger institutions. The Scandinavian-American, one of Seattle's largest banks, is credited with deposits totaling $10,018,600, while the Puget Sound National has $7,670,929. What sum is represented by deposits by the one bank with the other is best known to the two institutions themselves.

As explained by a Portland banker, if one bank has cash on hand in excess of its necessary reserve, by depositing with another National bank in the same city it can secure 2 per cent interest thereon. The trust companies are not so tied down by reserve requirements, and deposit greater proportions of their own deposits, drawing down 2 per cent interest. This custom, it is asserted, is followed in Portland to an extent that does not materially alter the total sums on deposit in Portland banks.

Portland's bank clearances also are in actual gold or clearing-house certificates, each certificate representing its equivalent in gold on deposit with the clearing-house. Seattle banks have a custom of buying clearing-house certificates from each other, giving cashier's checks in payment. For instance, a cashier's check for $100,000 given for clearing-house certificates also goes through the clearing-house and helps swell the total bank clearances.

BINDERS RETURN TO WORK

One Firm That Refused to Advance Wages Secures Nonunion Girls.

With one exception, that of the Irwin-Hodson Company, bookbinding-houses in Portland took back their old employes, who went on a strike one week ago yesterday, at the increased wage scale reached by a compromise. The Irwin-Hodson Company, however, held out and yesterday morning nonunion girls were put to work in the shop. Others are being advertised for at the old scale of wages.

Whether or not this will affect the entire establishment remains to be seen. In the composing-room of the plant the printers are members of the Typographical Union, and it is not known whether they will continue to work while one department is operated by nonunion labor.

Officers of the union when questioned yesterday refused to make any kind of a statement with reference to the situation in the Irwin-Hodson plant.

"If the printers want to continue working as at present, all right," said C. A. Whitemore, manager of the house, last night. "We do not propose to accede to the compromise wage scale."

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AUTOS PURSUE FAMILY

KENNETH REFFLING RUN DOWN, BROTHER KILLED LAST JUNE.

Taxicab Strikes Young Boy at Play Near Ladd School, but Chauffeur Is Unknown.

Automobile accidents seem to pursue the family of A. Reffling, a tailor, at 231 Washington street. Yesterday at noon during the lunch hour, Kenneth Reffling, his 11-year-old son was painfully injured and is now in his home under the care of Dr. Holt Wilson.

On June 28 his brother Walter was killed by an auto at Twentieth and Flanders streets.

The accident yesterday occurred in the street in front of the Ladd School, where the young victim was a student. Accompanied by Louis Gellerman, whose father is employed at a moving picture show at Sixth near Alder streets, the Reffling boy was out in the street snowballing. The automobile came up behind, knocking young Reffling down. One of the wheels ran over his arm near the wrist and struck him on the head, causing unconsciousness. When he regained his senses he was driven to his home in Cedar Hill, adjoining the City Park. He will recover, although the injury to his head is considered serious and he was only partially conscious all the afternoon. The doctor's report shows that no bones were broken. The police are trying to ascertain the identity of the chauffeur who ran Kenneth down.

AID BY CHURCHES URGED

Rev. W. F. Jordan Would Hold Congregation on Insurance Lines.

Rev. William F. Jordan, pastor of Central Baptist Church, at the Baptist ministers' meeting yesterday morning, said that the church has come to a point where it needs something to hold its members. He advocated the establishment of a mutual aid society to be conducted along insurance company lines by the church, saying the First German Baptist Church has been conducting the German Mutual Aid Society along those lines for 25 years with good results.

"The Brotherhood Movement" was the subject of the paper read by Rev. F. C. Parker. He said the brotherhood movement will bring more men into the church and compared the churches to lodges. Rev. A. B. Minaker took exception to the comparison.

The ministers also discussed the question whether a Baptist minister should immerse a convert who wished to join a church of another denomination.

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