

FARMERS ADVOCATE RETURN OF ROADS

Leaders of Five Big Organizations Voice Desire.

LEGISLATION ALSO URGED

Non-Partisan League Representative Is Sharply Questioned by Members of Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Representatives of five big organizations met here today to prepare memorials to President Wilson and congress asking for the immediate return of the railroads to private control and the prompt enactment of legislation to meet present conditions.

Protesters as a first representations heretofore made in the farmers' favor continuing government control for at least two years were made by delegates.

The conference was called by W. L. Drummond of Kansas City, chairman of the board of governors of the international farm congress, and T. Aikerson of the National grange was elected chairman.

Several Bodies Represented. Organizations represented included the International Farm congress, the National Farmers' congress, the National grange, the American Farmers' union, the American National Farmers' union, the National Farmers' union, the National Farmers' union, the National Farmers' union.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Benjamin C. Marsh, representing the Farmers' National council, opposing the sale of government-owned ships, is testimony before the senate commerce committee today, came in for sharp questioning by committee members when he declared that he represented the farmers' proportion of farm organizations, "which are not controlled by Wall Street."

Pressed by Senator Jones, republican, Washington, chairman of the committee, to name those farm organizations in which Wall Street controlled. Marsh said the National Federation of State Farm Bureaus was one and that "a large measure of the National grange was another."

Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, during an exchange, told Marsh that "representatives of the honest farmers of Oregon," and demanded that he cease using expressions which might make it appear so.

"All you do represent are those non-partisan fellows," Senator McNary told Marsh.

Soviet Alliance Denied. Senator Nelson, republican, Minnesota, asked Marsh if there was any alliance between his organization and the Russian soviets, to which question a negative reply was made.

Senator Fernald, republican, Maine, wanted Marsh to say whether or not farmers generally were satisfied with government operation of railroads and ships and Marsh returned promptly that they were not. Their dissatisfaction, however, he claimed to be due to inefficiency of the present congress.

"We want to defeat bills for the sale of these ships," he concluded, "because J. P. Morgan & Co. will buy most of them for Great Britain and the bolsheviks of Wall Street will get the rest."

THIRD PARTY ADVOCATED (Continued From First Page.) be administered "without profit and upon all insurance property."

"The introduction of a system of land appraisal by which each owner shall assess his land by an ever-increasing percentage of the value and take the land."

"The creation of state-owned and operated markets without profit, to the end that the life blood of the state shall no longer be drained by an ever-increasing horde of middlemen."

"To make these measures of use and successful we demand the creation of a state industrial commission consisting of the governor, the attorney-general and the labor commissioner (which officer will also be agricultural commissioner) and this commission shall serve without additional compensation for its services and shall take over all the duties of all other commissioners to the end that all the state affairs shall be fixed as to the responsibility to the people."

State Bank Advocated. "To finance these various affairs of the people and to forever end the dangerous and destructive idea of bonding unborn children as is now being done, we demand the creation of a state bank which shall be the legal depository of all state, county and municipal funds, together with a general banking business for the public at large, and this bank shall finance all public improvements thereafter."

Legislation.—To make the legislature truly democratic and representative bodies of every kind and character within the state elected by proportional representation and that the legislature hereafter shall consist of 100 members sitting in one house, elected at large. Its sessions shall be fixed at once in four years immediately following the election of the governor and shall not draw pay for more than 20 days' service.

"To supplement and make possible

the absolute control of legislative action by the people we further demand that the initiative and referendum be amended by amending the direct primary law so as to include the initiative and referendum, thereby making a legislative proposal in the same manner that a candidate is nominated. If the necessary number of voters endorse the petition the matter is elected to a place on the regular ballot.

"To make all elections true expressions of the people instead of opinions of a small minority we demand that the present foolish and wasteful as well as inadequate system of polling booths give way to a system of voting by mail, wherein each registered voter shall have the privilege to vote but will have his own time

SA LIENT PLANKS ADVOCATED IN PLATFORM FOR UNITED LAND AND LABOR PARTY.

Abolition of all taxes on the products of labor, and the raising of all revenues from the community made values in land and other natural resources.

Public ownership of all public utilities that are monopolized in character and based upon special privileges.

Establishment of governmental and state life accident and fire insurance similar to the soldiers and sailors' insurance now in practice, to be administered by the state and upon all insurable forms of property.

System by which each owner of land shall be assessed in proportion to the value of the land, the state may add 10 per cent to the valuation and take the land.

Creation of state-owned and operated markets, without profit, to the end that the life blood of the state shall no longer be drained by an ever-increasing horde of middlemen.

Creation of state bank, which shall be the legal depository of all state, county and municipal funds, together with a general banking business for the public at large. This bank shall finance all public improvements following its establishment.

Creation of legislature consisting of 100 members sitting in one house to meet every four years. Simplifying initiative and referendum by amending the direct primary law so as to include the initiative and referendum.

Abolition of election booths and fixing all state affairs shall be fixed as to the responsibility for voting by mail.

and must vote either with a marked or blank ballot, thus making elections infallible indexes of public opinion.

Single Tax Defended. Taking the floor in defense of the single tax plank, Mr. Coulter declared that the entire programme as tentatively proposed is a broad and broad-minded proposition, and that if finally adopted the new party would be the best thing that has happened to Oregon and to the nation since the death of its people. L. H. McMahan, Oregonian leader in Oregon, favored the single tax clause, but for the good of the party agreed that it should be dropped from the platform.

Fireworks again cropped out during the afternoon session, when A. W. Sefton, a Salem printer, declared that the delegates should not accept the hospitality extended by the local commercial club for the use of its quarters.

"I have been connected with labor movements practically all of my life," said Mr. Sefton, "and I want to say that the right way to accept the hospitality of an organization or club against which we must turn our knives in the future."

L. H. McMahan, Pascal Traglio and Philip Holden of Salem and Arthur Brock and L. E. Whiting, Portland printers, defended the commercial club on the ground that the secretary had a right to accept the hospitality of the working element, and had been instrumental in bringing about a satisfactory settlement of a recent labor dispute.

Business Men Victims. "The business men of today are victims of circumstances the same as we are," said Mr. Brock, "and I regret that this discussion came up." Mention also was made during the debate of the many courtesies extended by the commercial club of Bend at the time the State Federation of Labor held its convention there last year.

Acknowledging that he had not defeated Mr. Sefton then asked the privilege of the floor and said he "was glad to learn that there was a real white blackbird in the world."

Whether the convention finally will adopt a league programme similar to that in operation in North Dakota, recommend a new party, or confine itself to an organization bent on submitting its programme to the voters through initiative measures on the ballot, probably will depend on the report of the committee on temporary organization. This committee report to the convention tomorrow.

Members of this committee are Fred Weckerly, Portland; L. H. McMahan, Salem; J. C. Murphy, La Grande; James Bryan, Albany; R. E. Cherrick, Madras; M. Brock, Bend; C. B. Goldman, Corvallis; J. H. Brothers, Eugene; Dr. Brougher, Roseburg; T. L. Van Minnville, and J. K. Sears, Polk county.

The committee on platform, program and organization is composed of F. E. Coulter, Arthur Brock, M. M. Burnett, James Bryan, Louis Bowerman, E. M. Brougher, T. L. Van Orsdel, O. B. Goldman and L. H. McMahan.

On the finance committee are O. S. Hartwig, Portland; J. S. Simal, Salem, and J. B. Brown, former president of the Oregon Farmers' union.

L. J. Simons of Salem was elected vice-chairman of the convention, and W. E. Kinsey, of Portland, secretary.

Practically all of the delegates, with the exception of those from the various labor unions, made it plain during the convention that they were not in attendance as the official representatives of the organizations, but as individuals interested in the success of the movement. Tonight's session of the convention was featured by an address by Walter Thomas Mills, who has much to do with the organization of the non-partisan league in North Dakota. Mr. Mills is here in a representative of the league and triple alliance.

SPANISH INFLUENZA. Guard against it by using Formazin, the ideal mouth wash. For sale by Portland Hotel Pharmacy.—Adv.

RAILROADS PLAN CUT IN WAGES, IS CHARGE

Acting Head of Brotherhood Denounces Cummins Bill.

CONSPIRACY IS ALLEGED

Statement Rail Men Are Highest Paid Class of Workmen in America is Denied.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Direct charges that "certain railroads" were planning to reduce wages as soon as the roads were returned to private ownership were made by Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, at the annual meeting of the National Civic association here today.

Mr. Shea denounced the Cummins bill, now before the senate, and joined with Samuel Gompers in an attack on compulsory arbitration. Referring to the Cummins bill, he said: "This bill is the outcome of a conspiracy to reduce wages below their present inadequate level when the roads are returned to private ownership."

The alleged conspirators, he continued, proposed to make a cut in wages, and if a strike followed, attempt its suppression by wholesale prosecution.

"We have positive evidence furnished by our local agents of certain railroads where managers have said that if a strike should occur the present wage schedules during federal control, he declared.

Denying the statement of a speaker at the opening session that the railroad men were the highest-paid class of workers in the country, and that one engineer had received \$250 monthly, Mr. Shea declared that the railroads would not continue to pay that he would have had to work 14 hours a day, 30 days a month, to get the same amount of money as approximately 45 per cent for this class of workers, he said, whereas the cost of living had risen about 50 per cent.

"There is no danger of a strike on American railroads unless it is provoked by such legislation as the Cummins bill or such an attitude of the government as in the coal strike," he said.

Mr. Gompers, defending organized labor, asserted that the unions had done more to prevent strikes than any other agency.

"If absence of strikes meant commercial prosperity," he added, "then China ought to stand at the head of civilization."

Gompers Defends Strike. "That which the employer concedes is almost invariably that which the employe wants the most. Only those are heard who make themselves heard. This question of representing the interests of the workers will not succeed. The citizenship of our republic will refuse to allow it. For it would be better to suffer the inconveniences attending industrial strife than to uphold the principles of the republic. The law, particularly by legal means, will not only fail, but will be the cause of many disputes which otherwise might be avoided."

Speaking of the proposal for a national board of adjustment, supported by regional boards, as suggested at the president's second international conference in Washington, Mr. Gompers said that political changes would have so great an effect upon the situation that their worth would be destroyed.

STEEL WORKERS GET RISE 10 Per Cent Increase to Be Effective February 1.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Day laborers employed in the plants of the United States Steel corporation have been granted a 10 per cent wage increase, effective February 1, Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the corporation announced here today.

TAILORS ASK OPEN SHOP Employers Decide to Raise Fund to Fight Union Demands.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 29.—Resolutions in favor of the open shop were adopted at the closing session of the annual convention of the national association of merchant tailors here today. It was decided to raise a fund of \$50,000 at once for the purpose of "freeing the industry from the dictation of labor unions."

The association declared for the open shop, "terminate the bare of inter-union strikes" and pledged its members under no circumstances to sign any wage or working agreement with journeymen's union hereafter.

Responding to a call that strikes and unrest are virtually universal in the tailoring industry, Tailors workers have called a strike for March 15, demanding an advance of 25 per cent.

WOOD STOCK STILL FIRM Encouraging Message Sent to General From New Jersey.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 29.—Republican State Chairman Stokes sent a telegram today to Major-General Leonard Wood informing him that sentiment favoring him for the presidential nomination developed at a joint conference of republican state committeemen and county chairmen held here yesterday.

The telegram said the applause which greeted General Wood's name "showed a large majority of the conference was for you."

Realizing this, 60 officers and employees of the Ladd & Tilton Bank are taking the finest business course offered in America—that of the Alexander Hamilton Institute. That is a larger number than in any other bank west of Chicago.

The public will recognize that such study will mean much in the way of helpful banking service in future years, and a greater understanding of the problems daily met in the business world.

COPRA INDUSTRY STAYS (Continued From First Page.) siderably in excess of the amount subscribed in the two issues.

The basis of organization and character of the proposed plant will mean an enterprise with modern facilities and capable of handling a large volume of business. It would probably require the least cost of copra processing in the world, with possibilities of rapid growth into one of the very largest concerns in this industry. The mag-

"DRY" STAFFS TO EXPAND

VIGOROUS DRIVE AGAINST MOONSHINERS AHEAD.

Report of Violations Increase and Civic Organizations Will Be Asked to Co-operate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Prohibition enforcement officers have set to work to eliminate moonshining, which is reported to have sprung up with renewed vigor in some of the mountainous districts of the southern and western states. Just what will be done to prevent the illicit manufacture of intoxicating liquor has not been decided, but it is thought probable that larger staffs of enforcement agents will be sent out.

Officials of the bureau of internal revenue believe that co-operation from civic and church organizations will help solve the liquor problem in many sections of the country. There have been many reports of violations of the enforcement act, and it is especially noticeable that moonshining has been on the increase.

Tuesday was the last day of grace for the registration with the bureau of internal revenue of all liquor held in warehouses or other places that bona fide homes, and today Uncle Sam is technically the possessor of all liquors that have not been registered. It is safe to assume that over the country as a whole Uncle Sam's private stock took a big jump.

Druggists in different localities have been reported as charging exceptionally high prices for liquor sold for non-beverage purposes. In some cases whisky purchased for \$4 a gallon has been sold for \$6 a pint. It is declared that enforcement officers are considering means of checking any profiteering found existing in the legal sale of liquor.

Toledo Prepares to Collect. CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The Toledo council is preparing to collect some unexpected officer. At its last meeting it was discovered that there is a clause in the town's telephone franchise under which it is to receive 3 per cent from the annual gross earnings of the company. This revenue never has been paid.

S. & H. Green Shmups for cash. Holman Fuel Co. Main 253, 560-21.—Adv.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7078, 46095.

LANE DESIRES ACTION Secretary Waits on Legislation Before Resigning, Is Report.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Jan. 29.—It leaked out today that Franklin K. Lane is not in as much haste to resign as secretary of the interior as he was a few weeks ago. The White House is waiting for the resignation, but it falls to arrive.

The only accounting for it appears to be that Mr. Lane has decided to hold on until he sees some legislation on the statute books for which he has been working for many years. He is particularly interested in seeing a solution of the water-power development problem and the leasing of coal, oil and phosphate lands.

The hint was given that the White House is anxious to have the resignation because good political use can be made of the job.

Meanwhile the friends of several candidates are pointing at the White House door and demanding action. Former Governor Hawley of Idaho still is thought to be in the lead. Senator Nugent conferred at length with Secretary Tumulty yesterday and was told that no definite decision as to a new secretary had been made by the president.

GIANT BURNER FINISHED Plant to Dispose of Saw Mill Waste Costs \$50,000.

BEND, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The largest burner in the world for the destruction of sawmill waste virtually is completed at the plant of the Shevlin-Hixon company here and will be in use within the next two weeks.

The burner was designed by E. H. DeWitt, general superintendent of the Shevlin-Hixon plant.

The burner rests on a concrete base 90 feet in diameter and eight feet in thickness. The burner proper has an interior diameter of 50 feet and from the base to the screen, which surmounts the structure is 145 feet. The cost was over \$50,000.

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The Most Important Sale of This Character Ever Held in Portland

Prices for This Sale Are 1/4 to 1/2 Regular Selling Figures

We call your particular attention to the fact that only goods of standard quality are represented in this great sale. It is the Year's Final Disposal of all broken lines, discontinued numbers, surplus lots and odds and ends from our regular stock lines.

None will be sold to dealers, sent C. O. D., exchanged or credited and no phone orders will be taken at this sale.

It is the logical time for every woman to lay in a many months' supply. True to the reputation of this great store, when we tell you values are extraordinary—that is just what a visit to this sale will disclose. Not in a single instance can you duplicate a single garment at the mills as low as the prices listed below.

Underwear Greatly Underpriced

Garments in weights for present use and for the season to come. Every offering an unmatched bargain.

Women's Velveteen Fleece Vests and Pants at 69c a Garment

Heavy fleeced ribbed vests in sizes 5, 6, 8 and 9. Pants of the same quality in sizes 8 and 9 only.

Women's Fleece Vests and Tights at 49c a Garment

Elastic ribbed fleeced vests in sizes 5 and 6. Tights of same quality in size 5.

Women's Tuck Stitch Vests and Pants at 25c a Garment

Heavy ribbed tuck-stitched vests in sizes 4, 5, 7 and 8. Pants of same quality in sizes 4, 5, 7 and 8.

Women's Super Weight Vests and Tights at 49c a Garment

Fine ribbed combed cotton vests with high neck and elbow sleeves, sizes 4 and 7; long sleeves in sizes 4, 5, 6 and 7. Also Tights in same quality in sizes 7 and 5.

Women's Lisle Thread Seamless Vests at 49c a Garment

Best quality lisle thread tuck-stitched seamless-side vests with high neck and long sleeves. Sizes 7, 8 and 9.

Women's Velveteen Fleece Union Suits at \$1.29 a Suit

Heavy elastic fleeced ribbed union suits in long sleeve, high-neck styles in ankle length. Sizes 36, 38, 42 and 44.

Women's Ribbed Fleece Union Suits at \$1.19 a Suit

Best quality fine ribbed fleeced union suits, in high-neck, long-sleeve styles in ankle length. Sizes 5, 6, 8 and 9.

Women's Fleece Ribbed Union Suits at 79c a Suit

Medium-weight fleeced cotton union suits in high-neck, long-sleeve styles in ankle length. Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Girls' Wool Mixed Pants—This Sale at 25c a Garment

A fine lot of girls' wool-mixed pants that are here in size 10 only—to close at 25c each.

Children's Fleece Union Suits at 89c a Suit

High-neck, long-sleeve styles in ankle length and waist attachment. Sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12.

Children's Fleece Union Suits at 49c a Suit

Medium-weight garments in high-neck, long-sleeve, ankle-length styles in sizes 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

Hosiery Sensationally Undervalued

Women's Burson Tan Cotton Hose 19c Pair

First quality stockings in all sizes; too well-known to need any words of praise on our part.

Women's Silk Boot Hosiery at 59c Pair

An irregular quality of a well-known brand. Shown in black, white, champagne and cordovan.

Children's Black Silk Lisle Hose at 25c Pair

Best grade black silk lisle stockings. In sizes 5 and 5 1/2 only. A fine wearing hose.

Infants' Fiber Silk and Silk and Wool Hose at 25c Pair

Silk hose in tan—in sizes 4, 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2, 6. Fiber silk tan hose in size 5; black in size 4, 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2, 6 and 6 1/2; also silk and wool hose in black, and tan in sizes 4 and 4 1/2.

Women's Silk Lisle Out Size Hose at 43c Pair

Extra quality Seamless Lisle Hose in out-sizes, in black and in white.

Women's Silk Boot Hosiery at 59c Pair

A fashionable stocking shown in taupe, pink, gray, sky, champagne and gold. All sizes in the lot.

Women's Nu Fashioned Lisle Hose at 33c Pair

Splendid Women's Stockings in champagne, gray, pink and shades of brown. All sizes in the lot.

Women's Fiber Silk Hosiery at 37c a Pair

A popular stocking shown in gray, gold, champagne, black, white and lavender. All sizes in the lot.

Women's Silk Boot Hosiery at 59c Pair

A fashionable stocking shown in taupe, pink, gray, sky, champagne and gold. All sizes in the lot.

Women's Nu-Fashioned Silk Lisle Hose at 89c Pair

A heavy quality silk hose in beaver, navy, white, cordovan, bronze, seal and brown.

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