

LABOR PARTY'S AIMS

Union Political Organization Has Pretentious Plans.

CIRCULAR STATES OBJECTS

"To Remove Legislation From Domination of Capital" Is Slogan. Will Fight Enemies Among Candidates of Other Parties.

"To remove legislation from the domination of capital" will be the watchword of the Union Political party, the new organization now in process of formation by the labor unions in Portland and Oregon, and which is to become a unit in the National party projected by the American Federation of Labor.

This new party, which was formally launched in Portland last Friday night through the action of the Federated Trades Council in appointing delegates to a convention to be held November 20, and in adopting a resolution and report which will govern its platform, is the outcome of the desire of organized labor to wield greater influence in politics and legislation, not only National, but state, county and municipal as well. Its organization is in line with and the direct result of the recent appeal made by Samuel Gompers, as president of the American Federation of Labor, for the formation of such a party. Its keynote is found in the demand that all candidates who are not all hostile to labor or its interests must meet with a positive defeat.

To Defeat Hostile Candidates.

In outlining the scope and aim of the new party it was stated that the first concern would be the positive defeat of those hostile or indifferent to the just demands of labor. To guide the making of a ticket which would be expected to receive the support of the unions it was provided:

"Whenever both parties (meaning the Republican and Democratic) ignore labor's legislative demands a straight labor candidate should be nominated, so that honest men may have the opportunity in exercising their franchise to vote according to their conscience instead of being compelled either to refrain from voting or to vote for the candidate and the party they must in their inmost souls despise.

"Where a Congressman or state legislator has proven himself a true friend to the rights of labor he should be supported and no candidate nominated against him.

"This movement must not degenerate into a scramble for office. It should be a determined effort, free absolutely from partisanship of every name and character, to secure the legislation we deem necessary and essential to the peace and happiness of all our people. As the present objects of this movement are purely in the line of legislation, all efforts should be concentrated upon the election of members of Congress and the various state legislators.

State Convention in January.

In accordance with this circular the Oregon State Federation of Labor has in turn addressed a letter to all unions of the state calling attention to the ideas suggested by the campaign committee of the National body, and suggesting that each union appoint three delegates to attend a convention to be held in January, just prior to the convening of the Oregon Legislature. The plan outlined in the National circular is set forth and it is suggested that each union endorse it.

It is asked that the question, "Do we want to take part in the political issues of the day, and shall we so instruct our delegates to the Oregon State Federation of Labor, to meet next January in Portland?" be put to the members of the various unions and that the state headquarters be notified of the result.

At this January convention the organization of a state labor party will be undertaken, but in the meantime the Federated Trades Council of Portland, together with the local unions are now engaged in formulating a city party. It is expected that the city convention to be held on November 20 will provide for the full organization of such, and that it will immediately enter the local political field, going to the extent of putting out a municipal ticket at the next June elections.

Report to Federated Trades.

We, your committee appointed to devise plans of an organization which will be known as the labor party, beg leave to submit to your honorable body the following recommendations:

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Fourth, that no delegate shall be a candidate for public office, either elective or appointive.

Fifth, that the delegates of the Labor party shall have complete control of all nominations and campaigns and all moneys coming into their possession, subject to the approval of the council.

Sixth, that the convention shall be called to convene at Union Hall, on the 20th day of November, 1906, at 8 o'clock P. M., and that the secretary of the council shall be further instructed to send a communication to all affiliated unions of this council, to unions that are not affiliated with this council and are not antagonistic to the American Federation of Labor, advising them of the call of the convention and giving them the proper instructions regarding the required number of delegates and the purpose of the convention.

Seventh, that the Labor party shall never bolt nor fuse with any political party.

And we further recommend that the secretary be instructed to embody these suggestions in his letter to said proposed convention.

the police force knows the woman leads the officials to believe that she is but recently here, and it is their opinion that she is well known to some of the Coast departments. All efforts to identify her by means of rogues' gallery photographs failed, and unless some one reports a robbery that tallies with the amount of money she had in her possession when she was arrested, the only charge against her will be relative to the opium.

When arrested the woman held a \$20 gold piece, a \$10 and two \$5 gold pieces in her mouth for more than one hour while she was discussing her affairs with the police and calling up friends on the telephone from headquarters.

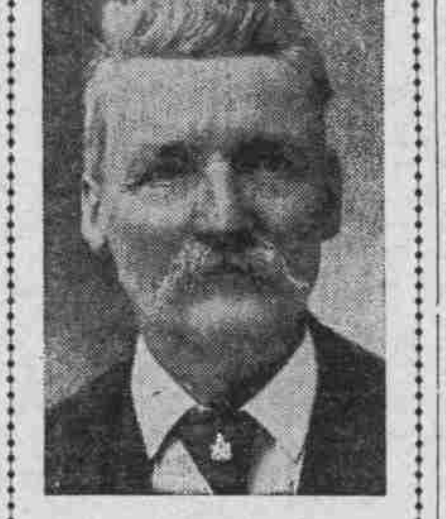
Late yesterday afternoon she managed to secure \$100 cash bail and was released, to appear tomorrow morning in the Municipal Court.

FUNERAL OF J. A. GAVITT

Oregon Pioneer Passed Away at Arleta Thursday Night.

James A. Gavitt, an Oregon pioneer, died from paralysis at his home in Arleta, Thursday night. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Holman's undertaking parlors, under the auspices of the Oddfellows' order, of which he was a member for 50 years. The body was shipped to Walla Walla, Wash., last night for burial, the Masonic lodge there having charge of the services at the grave.

Mr. Gavitt was born October 20, 1833, in Rochester, N. Y., and went to Walla Walla, Wash., in the fall of 1862, where he lived until 1888. In 1885 he was married to Miss Minta Zehring. Six children



The late James A. Gavitt, of Arleta.

were born to them, two of whom survive their father with the widow. They are Mrs. Minta Zehring, of Portland, and George F. Gavitt, of Seattle.

He had resided in various towns in Oregon and Washington since coming West, and had made Portland his home for the last two years. He was recently stricken with paralysis, from which he never rallied.

Laborer Reported Drowned.

That a workman, whose name was unknown, fell off a barge belonging to the Pacific Coast coal bunkers and was drowned in the Willamette River, was reported to the police late yesterday afternoon, but an investigation by Patrolman Welch failed to disclose any definite facts. Coroner Finley was also notified but was unable to act, as the case was too vague. The man was employed by the Oregon Round Lumber Company, and was supposed to be working on the barge, when he suddenly disappeared.

Meeting Is Postponed.

The conference scheduled to be held last night between Representative W. P. Keady and the executive committee of the Oregon State Federation of Labor was postponed until next Tuesday night owing to the inability of several of the union men to be present. The meeting is to be held for the purpose of a discussion of the proposed convict labor bill to be entered by Representative Keady, and in which the establishment of a jute mill for the employment of such labor is contemplated. The unions have so far favored the employment of convict labor on the state roads, and it is the desire of Mr. Keady to win them over to his plan.

NO ONE REPORTED ROBBED

Police Fail to Find Serious Charge Against Colored Woman.

Although Annie Jackson, colored, was arrested by Acting Police Detective Tom Egan Friday evening on suspicion of robbery, she having been subdued and handcuffed only after a fight, no robbery has as yet been reported to the police in which she could be suspected of complicity. She gave her age as 17 years, but the police declare that she is much older. She is charged with having opium in her possession, as a small jar of it was found in her coat pocket when she was searched at police headquarters by Matron Simmons.

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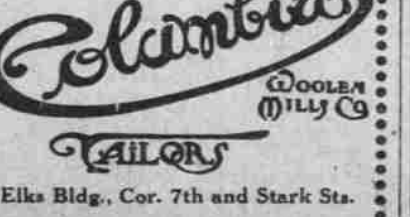
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