LABOR PARTY'S AIMS

Union Political Organization Has Pretentious Plans.

CIRCULAR STATES OBJECTS

"To Remove Legislation From Domination of Capital" Is Slogan. Will Fight Enemles 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 Pertland 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 Gaunched in Portland last Friday pight through the action of the Federated Trades Council in appointing delegates to acconvenion to be held November 30, and in adopting a resolution and report which will govern its platform, is the outcome 'To remove legislation from the dom-

will govern its platform, is the outcome of the desire of organized labor to wield a greater influence in politics and legis-dation, not only National, but state, coun-Jation, 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 domaind that all candidates who are sit all hostile to labor or its interests must meet with a positive defeat.

The organization of the Union Political party was first brought to the attention of the various unions throughout the United States by a circular letter sent out from the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor under date of July 22. This circular was in the form of an "A. F. of L. Campaign Programme." which, after reciting at length industrial condi-

after reciting at length industrial condi-tions and various grievances against pres-ent legislative methods, went on to out-line a plan of organization of a National union labor party. It was recommended that central bodies and local unions should proceed to elect delegates to meet in convention for the purpose of formulating plans to further the interests of the new movement, and, further, at the proper time and in the proper manner, to non-inate candidates who would be acceptable to organized labor.

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against him.

"This inovement 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 welfare and happiness of all our people. As the present objects of this movement are purely in the line of legislation, a., efforts should be concentrated upon the election of members of Congress and the various

"Wherever it is apparent that an en-tirely independent labor candidate can not be elected, efforts should be made to secure such support by indorsement of candidates by the minority party in the districts and by such other progressive elements as will insure the election of labor representatives."

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 sug-gested that each union indorse 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 Fortland, together with the local unions are now engaged in formulating a city party. It is expected that the city convention to be heid on November 30 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 elec-

trades council will be the dominating factor, exercising the rights and powers of a parental body. While on an equal plane in the convention with the various unions, having a similar representation of three delegates, yet it is understood that its wishes in the matter of policies, principles and action of the party will be fully considered and followed.

This much has been forecasted in the report returned to the body by the compilers appointed to take up the matter of mittee appointed to take up the matter of the organization of the labor party. This report, presented to the council on Friday night reads as follows:

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 recommen-

First, that the secretary of the Federated Trades Council be instructed to draft a let-ter to the proposed convention setting forth the aims and objects and the great necessity the aims and objects and the great necessity of such an organization, fully explaining the solicy of the A. F. of L. along these lines, and reminding the convention of the action taken between the Federated Trades Council and the Oregon Labor party. The secretary of the council shall also call the attention of the convention to the fact that the Fortland Federated Trades Council, and the Fortland Labor Press must be considered by the convention as their councillor and advisor and their political organ, and that the labor party their political organ, and that the labor party when organized shall give an account to the Portland Federated Trades Council of all moneys received and all moneys expended by the said labor party at least semi-annually.

Third, that the initiation fee shall not be. The fact that none of the members

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Fourth, that no delegate shall be a candidate for public office, either elective or ap-

Fifth, that the delegates of the Labor party shall have complete control of all nomina-tions 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 80th day of November, 1806, at 8 o'clock P. M., and that the secretary of the council shall be further instructed to send a communication to all afin convention for the purpose of formulating plans to further the interests of the new movement, and, further, at the proper time and in the proper manner, to non-inste candidates who would be acceptable to organized labor.

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 maanng of a ticket which would be expected to provided;

MILL BLAZE IS STUBBORN

Regabilican and Democratic) ignore inbor'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 immost 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 hovement must not degenerate"

Fire Department Recalled to Scene

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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
was shipped to Walla Walla, Wash, last
the was a member for 50 years. The body
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suwdust and slabs, to all appearances
was completely extinguished before the
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to Miss Minta Zehrung. Six abilities.

damage. After a light of short duration the flames were subdued with about \$2000 damage. The fight was a stiff one, and had the flames gotten any more headway than they had when discovered they would have swept away the mill.

If was the opinion of the night watchman, as well as of the firemen, that the lumber was ignified by a reach from sea.

lumber was ignited by a spark from pass-ing engines, as the flames in both cases broke out in close proximity to the railroad track

Yesterday when a representative of The Oregonian called an the mill officials they put forward the theory that spontaneous combustion was responsible for the fires, but were at a loss to explain the connection between the two blazes in widely separated parts of the yards. The firemen say it is possible that the flames originated in this manner and had been smoldering for mouths, but altosether. originated in this manner and had been smoldering for months, but altogether unlikely, as the heat and smoke thus generated would have been noticed by men at work in the yards. While it would have been impossible to have seen the smoke, perhaps, the odor would have been unmistakable and, especially in this particular man and the smoke. articular case, would have prompted an

When the sawdust pile was opened by the firemen it was found to be smolder-ing and likely to break out again at any moment. The flames fanned by the wind, would spread and sweep that portion of the city. Several lines of hose were played on the fire all day Saturday and Satur-fay night, but the fire was of such an obstinate nature that it seemed almost impossible to extinguish it.

Some people advance the theory of in-endiarism, but this has found no supporters among those who are in position to know most about the matter. The two theories which are believed to be nearest correct are that spontaneous com-bustion occurred some time ago and that the fire has been in existence for months, or, as claimed by the firemen and night watchmen, that a passing engine dropped a spark which started a smoldering fire, early in the day perhaps, and this broke out in the evening. The lumber pile which was consumed in the second fire would hardly have been set ablaze by combustion and it was in such a resittor. combustion, and it was in such a position that, had it been burning any length of time, it must have been noticed by the watchman in his rounds.

A report was circulated that there were two explosions, the second of which caused the fire at 4:30 o'clock. There was, in fact, no explosion except such as always accompanies the bursting out

of confined smoke and flames. It is impossible to say how extensive the smoldering fires are until a more thorough investigation is made, but fire-men will be kept constantly on duty at the yards until R is certain that no more fire remains. No chances will be taken by the department, and it is thought that the fires will be quenched by this even-ing, if not before that.

NO ONE REPORTED ROBBED Police Fail to Find Serious Charge

Against Colored Woman.

Although Annie Jackson, colored, was arrested by Acting Police Detective Tom Kay 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 compileity. She gave her age as 17 years but the rolled declare that the features of the could be suspected. Second, no more than three delegates from each organization, including the Federated trades Council, shall be received and that they shall be supplied with proper credentials they shall be supplied with proper credentials by Matron Simmons. years, but the police declare that she is much older. She is charged with having

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 falled, 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 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.

the police force knows the woman leads

the officials to believe that she is but

FUNERAL OF J. A. GAVITT

leta Thursday Night.



The late James A. Gavitt, of Arleta.

were born to them, two of whom survive their father with the widow. They are Mrs. Minta Zehrung, 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 railled.

Laborer Reported Drowned.

own, 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 Weich 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 sup-posed 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

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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 ployment of convict labor on the state employment of such labor is contemplated. The unions have so far favored the employment of win them over to his plan. postponed until next Tuesday night owing to the inability of several of the union men to be present. The meeting is to be

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