

CONFERENCE FOR THE FEDERAL CASH MOVEMENT FOR HARMONY LED BY STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR LIKELY TO RESULT IN MUCH GOOD; MEETING MARCH 12.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Ore., Feb. 19.—Letters will be sent out tomorrow or next day calling a meeting of the heads of the State Federation of Labor, the Federation of Labor and State Educational Institutions and state officers connected with them, to be held at the capitol Tuesday March 12, to effect an understanding between these interests with the object in view of working out a common good under the Oregon system.

This meeting will be the result of a resolution adopted by the State Federation of Labor, at the last convention, declaring against the corrupt methods used in the past to gain political ends, and calling upon the farmers, laborers and educators of the state to unite for protection and the furtherance of their own interests.

As an instance of the purpose of the gathering, it is hoped to effect such an understanding between the various interests which represent a large part of the population of the state, that the state institutions may be able to get the appropriations they need without bickering and log-rolling, a practice detrimental to the best interests of the state, as done in the past.

While R. A. Harris, chairman of the committee issuing the call, says mutual education and cooperation on all economic questions are the most important purposes of the gathering, and that subsequent results, the securing or preventing of legislation and creation of wider interest among people at large in Oregon's system of popular government, is also a fundamental purpose of the movement.

Those who have signified a willingness to attend the meeting are: P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; J. H. Ackerman, president of the State Normal; W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College; State Superintendent R. L. Alderman; Governor West and Secretary of State Olcott, as members of the board of regents; Fred Kruse, of The Dalles, president of the Farmers' Union; C. E. Sprague, of Oregon City, master of the State Grange; C. H. Rice, of Portland, president of the State Teachers' association.

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Fulton's Statement.

His statement in full follows:
"I have received many requests, both in person and by letter, from representative Republicans throughout the state, urging me to become a candidate for United States senator. To be elected to the senate by the voters of this state would be deemed by me the highest compliment that I could receive, hence I sincerely appreciate and have given the requests most earnest consideration. I would consider it a great privilege to be permitted to represent this state in the congress for another term, particularly at this time, for it seems to me that in all our history there has never been so great an opportunity to serve the northwest as a national legislature as there is today.

"The opening of the Panama canal, which will occur next year, will be an epoch in the commercial and industrial history of the Pacific coast, and particularly of the Pacific northwest. It will bring us several thousand miles nearer the world's markets than we now are. It should mean a tremendous impetus to our commercial and industrial activity and growth, and it will prove to be a properly taken advantage of. We cannot, however, hope to reap any thing like the full measure of advantage which the canal will make possible without a radical change in our shipping laws. The most considerable benefit the canal will bring to us will be or should be a reduction in freight rates between Atlantic and Pacific ports. That such result will follow in a measure in any circumstances does not admit of doubt, but the full benefit to which we are entitled will not be realized unless American citizens shall be permitted to purchase freight in the cheapest markets. Under the law as it stands today, no vessel is entitled to registration or to carry the American flag unless built within the United States or captured in war by citizens of the United States. The present law is a barrier to a breach of the law of the United States, and no vessel other than one from one port of the United States in the transportation of merchandise from one port of the United States, or another port of the United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the voyage, is a vessel of the United States is not only a vessel owned by citizens of the United States, but one built within the United States.

Change of Laws Necessary.

"These laws were the outgrowth of a patriotic and sincere purpose to encourage ship building in this country. Whether wise or otherwise, the spirit which prompted them was commendable and patriotic and I have supported and defended both the laws and the purpose for many years. But conditions have changed. It has become necessary in the commercial and industrial growth of this country to secure the lowest possible freight rates between Atlantic and Pacific ports. This has become a greater question, as it is a greater need, than the mere matter of ship building. It affects millions of people whose building affects thousands only. It costs about one-third more to build a ship in this country than in certain foreign countries. Scotland, for instance, we cannot hope that carriers will be able to successfully compete with transcontinental railways unless permitted to purchase their facilities in the cheapest market.

"I would not allow foreign owned vessels to engage in the coasting trade, but I would amend our existing laws as to permit citizens of the United States, engaged in transporting merchandise between Atlantic and Pacific ports, to purchase vessels for that service wherever they can get them the cheapest.

"This it seems to me, is a matter of immediate and vital importance to the people of the Pacific coast, and I would be glad to be able to give to its accomplishment, my best energies.

Federal Law for Corporation.

"It is also my conviction that all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be required to incorporate under federal laws. The regulation of

such corporations by congress would be thereby greatly facilitated and the best possible results insured. There are many other subjects of great importance to our people which appeal to every person who takes an active interest in matters of public concern. Oregon is not getting its just share of the irrigation fund; the conservation policy which now prevails, makes it practically impossible to develop or secure development of the natural resources of the west. The manifest purpose of the dominant spirit of the east is to place on cold storage the natural resources of the west, to be drawn upon only as the east shall require them. The resultant effect is and will be paralysis of manufacturing industries here and continued dependence of the west on the east.

"Against this condition no energetic effort is being put forth by the representatives of this state in the senate of the United States. Not only are we denied our just share of the irrigation fund but under the present administration of the law, it is impossible for a poor man to acquire a home on a government project. It is folly to talk about providing homes for the homeless by irrigating the arid lands, when the prices of lands and terms of payment are so severe that only a rich man can take advantage of them.

Homeless Laws Inadequate.
"It is equally futile to laud the provisions of the homeless laws when their administration and interpretation make it impossible for a poor man to comply with them; yet such is the present situation. To advocate the reforms suggested and to seek a remedy for the evils mentioned would be some of the subjects to which I would gladly direct my efforts were I elected to the senate. But I am not convinced that I am the most available candidate to be put forward for this work.

"A very great majority of the people of Oregon feel that we are misrepresented by Senator Bourne. He is not, in fact, a resident of this state; he is not in sympathy with us, has no conception of our needs and is without ability to advocate them; his disposition and knowledge otherwise. It is therefore important that Mr. Bourne should be retired. I am not disposed to take any step that will militate against that necessary and all desired result. It is easily to be seen that a multitude of candidates may result in the nomination of the very man who least represents us, and is least capable of representing our interests.

"Many friends to whom I have presented the situation as I see it, have assured me that my nomination will certainly ensue if I will consent to become a candidate, but I am not unmindful of the fact which I fear they took too slightly into account, that it will be charged against me that I am opposed to the so called 'Oregon system' and thereby the greater and more important issues will be obscured. It is quite true that the charge would be and is untrue, but in the short period of the campaign which confronts us it might not be possible to make that clear to voters. In point of fact I never have opposed the Oregon system. On the contrary, I was a member of the legislature when the resolution to amend the constitution so as to provide for the initiative and referendum was passed, and I voted for it. This the senate journal will show. In an early period of my service as a United States senator, I contributed an article to the Oregonian in which I explained the 'Oregon system' and approved it. It is quite true that when the question arose, I opposed the contention that Statement No. 1 required a Republican to vote for a Democrat for United States senator. I did not so construe the law. The people have, however, construed the law otherwise, and I bow to that decision and construction."

"Still, I am not willing to jeopardize the interests of the Republican party and the people of this state by becoming a candidate for United States senator. The 'Oregon system' has been adopted and settled. It is the law of this state. With its essential principles, I am in complete accord. I have always favored the bringing of government as near as possible to the people. Have favored and do favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. I have thought and often said that the initiative and referendum laws as we have them should be so amended by the people, and have believed and still believe that they will so amend them to prohibit and prevent the abuses that are possible under them.

"These contentions, and these only, constitute the very head and front of my offending, and for them I have no apology or excuse to offer. Nevertheless it seems to me that I must take no step, do not act which will in anywise prevent the people of this state from turning their eyes on the future. There are great problems yet to be solved by this nation. The work necessary to their solution requires the best intellect and highest patriotism of all the people of all the states. The first, in my judgment, is the reelection of President Taft, who has been one of the greatest and best presidents this nation has known. The next is to elect a senator who will truly represent the people and the interests of this state. Voters of Oregon, will you do your part? I promise to do mine."

ASK CITY TO REGULATE SALE OF LEWD BOOKS

Declaring that the state law prohibiting the sale, display and distribution of lewd and indecent books, papers and pictures is inadequate, the municipal voters of Portland today submitted a report to Mayor Rushlight and the city council asking that a rigid ordinance to correct the evil caused by the failure of the state law to cover the subject comprehensively be passed. An ordinance of this effect was filed with the communication.

"The investigation of vice conditions by this commission," reads the communication, "and the causes contributory thereto have brought forcibly to our attention the fact that, while there is a state law covering the sale and distribution of obscene pictures and reading matter, it is not comprehensive enough to embrace those that are on the border line and that are best characterized as suggestive of indecency and immorality.

"These are most frequently found in the form of post cards and photographs that are offered for sale, sometimes openly, more often surreptitiously. Great as is the evil results of these on adults, it is on the young that they prove most disastrous. So vitiate are they and so ineffaceable are the images created by them that in the opinion of the commission the law should be extended to cover these suggestive cards and photographs and the penalty for violation of the same should be increased sufficiently to make it serve both as a deterrent and a punishment."

The ordinance provides for a fine of from \$50 to \$500 and for imprisonment of 30 days for first offenses.

TWO INTERPRETERS
TRANSLATE JARGON

Two interpreters were this morning required to handle the case in police court against Dr. Alameda, a Russian, charged with the theft of \$105 from George H. Hoff, one interpreter told the other interpreter. One interpreter could not understand English and the other that could understand English could not understand the jargon spoken by the prisoner. The court was filled with spectators not one of whom could understand a word that was spoken by anyone but the prisoner. Judge Tazewell gave the matter up as a bad proposition and bound the man over to the grand jury. Max Cohen appeared as special prosecutor and Attorney Goldstein appeared for the defendant.

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LONGEST STAYING TIGLEY WITNESS

Professor Says Mrs. Thurston Told Him Her Son Was Disappointment.

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San Diego, Cal., Feb. 19.—Professor P. H. Monges of the State University of California, for eighteen years a member of the universal brotherhood and theosophical society, and the most willing witness yet to be called by the defense in the Thurston will case, which is in progress in the superior court here, was called to the stand today and gave damaging evidence to the case of the contestant.

The witness said that in the spring of 1908 he spent his vacation of six weeks at Tent Village and said that during that time he became acquainted with Mrs. Patterson Thurston, the testatrix whose will is being contested by her son, George L. Patterson, and that he often talked with her. He related a conversation which he had with her on an evening when he accompanied her to a reception.

"It was a very pleasant evening," the witness said. "Mrs. Patterson-Thurston talked a great deal of her children and grandchildren. She felt that it was a great privilege to have her grandchildren in the Raja Yoga school, because her own children had been a disappointment. She said that there was some terrible thing that had happened to all her life and that her son George had caused her a great deal of trouble. William, she said, was under the influence of another woman, and for the first time in her life she was at peace. She said that Mrs. Tingley was the first person who had given her true view of life and that she really owed her life to Mrs. Tingley."

TO EXAMINE BOOKS OF FORMER CLERK

With Salary of \$125 a Month Clerk in City Water Office Amasses Fortune.

With the discovery last Wednesday that Fred R. Snodgrass, a receiving clerk in the water department, had left the city without even notifying his wife and family, a member of the legislature today introduced a resolution to amend the constitution so as to provide for the initiative and referendum was passed, and I voted for it. This the senate journal will show. In an early period of my service as a United States senator, I contributed an article to the Oregonian in which I explained the 'Oregon system' and approved it. It is quite true that when the question arose, I opposed the contention that Statement No. 1 required a Republican to vote for a Democrat for United States senator. I did not so construe the law. The people have, however, construed the law otherwise, and I bow to that decision and construction."

Special Expert William Whitfield is now engaged in checking the accounts of the east side branch of the water department, which he has ascertained has not been made public. Major Rushlight and other officials are keeping their mouths closed tight.

It was reported, however, today that the expert has been detailed to examine the books of a former employee, who resigned some time ago after having been in the service of the water department for more than 10 years. His salary during that time never exceeded \$125 a month, yet it is said the assessment rolls show him to have amassed a fortune of more than \$50,000.

Detectives who are seeking Snodgrass have obtained information that they believe will lead to his apprehension within the next few days, but they will not say just what they have found out concerning the youth's whereabouts.

CHAMBER PREPARING FOR COLONIST RUSH

The Portland chamber of commerce is preparing to receive a larger number of visitors this spring by home-seekers than ever before in the history of the city. The big permanent exhibit of fruits, grains and groceries being exhibited by the chamber, and the additional help will be engaged to welcome the visitors and show them the exhibits, if necessary.

The permanent exhibit is maintained on the ground floor of the Commercial club building and it is being added to from time to time. Every section of the state is represented, and among the exhibits are some of the finest ever put up anywhere.

The exhibit is open all day, and it is said that the average attendance now is about 100 a day, most of these people being visitors or new settlers from the east.

OUTFIELDER DOANE SIGNS HIS CONTRACT

Outfielder Walter R. Doane's signed contract for the 1912 baseball season, was received by Judge W. W. McCredie this morning. Doane has been the most persistent "holdout" of the new baseball season. Judge McCredie wrote him that he heard reports that his playing was not up to standard, which drew a retort from Doane that he would show McCredie whether or not he could play ball. Judge McCredie expressed himself as elated to get Doane's contract and now figures that his outfield is complete.

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PROSECUTION IN CASE OF HICKS MURDER TRIAL DEMANDS JURY FAVORING FIRST DEGREE.

Capital punishment will be asked by the state in the case of Bert Hicks, who was placed on trial this morning in the circuit court for killing W. A. Wortman, November 2, over union trouble. The indictment charges murder in the first degree, and the prosecution proposes insisting that all jurors qualify in favor of this charge. The defendant was the employer of Wortman, who was out on a strike.

Only one venireman was questioned this forenoon, and he was on the stand under question by the prosecution at noon adjournment. This man is William Canaday, 1487 Belmont street. He formerly conducted the American restaurant. In his examination by the defense, Canaday said he had never had much trouble with unions. Upon one occasion, one of his cooks walked out of the restaurant, whereupon a strike was in progress for three hours.

When questioned at length by Attorney W. M. Davis about the machinists' strike on the Harriman line, Canaday said he had read of the affair, but his mind is still free from prejudice. A coincidence of unusual character was brought out when it was learned that O. B. Raser, a member of the present jury, was an eye witness to the shooting of Wortman and was captain of the union pickets.

All witnesses were instructed by Judge Gatens not to report until Friday morning, as it is expected it will take until then to secure a jury. Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald represents the state, and Attorneys William M. Davis and John Jeffrey appear for the machinists' union. Attorneys Dan J. Maloney, John F. Logan, C. A. Bell and John Stevenson represent the defendant.

Hicks shot and killed Wortman on the evening of November 2 at East Third and Ash streets. It was claimed by Hicks that Wortman had made threatening remarks toward him. Hicks is owner and manager of a machine shop. Wortman was a picket at the place.

NEW EVIDENCE IN GRAVEL PIT CASE

Grand Jury Hears Commissioner Was Offered \$2000 an Acre.

Evidence that County Commissioner W. L. Lightner knew of another bidder for the gravel pit tract sold recently by the county to Moss Block for \$2500 and resold in 23 days to Robert Shaw, clerk of the county court, reached the grand jury today. An offer to pay \$2000 an acre for the property has been ready for several months from the contracting firm of which A. R. Richardson is a member.

A member of this firm approached Commissioner Lightner about one year ago, in which the gravel pit was the subject of conversation. The commissioner was asked in regard to the sale of the pit, and promised the Richardson firm to let it know if the property should ever be offered for sale. When bids were called for, nothing was said by Commissioner Lightner regarding the proposed sale.

"We stood ready to pay \$2000 an acre for the property," said Richardson today. "I can find you 100 men who would have put in bids for the property if they would have known it was for sale. The first we knew of the sale was when the newspapers began printing accounts of the purchase by Clerk Shaw of the county court."

Taking the standing offer of Richardson as a basis, the 23-acre tract is worth about \$4500. Shaw paid \$2500 to Block for the property. Eight acres within two blocks of the pit were sold a few days ago for \$30,000. Another eight acre tract in the same locality was recently sold for \$15,000.

The grand jury is still inquiring into the sale of the tract to Block and Shaw, who have been generally regarded as being closely related in business transactions. Efforts to gain a reasonable idea of the value of the property will be made tomorrow, in which Richardson will be asked to give his information.

INSANE MAN RECAPTURED.

H. M. Jones an insane man who escaped Saturday night from Sheriff Hancock of Hillsboro as the sheriff was about to put his prisoner on the electric train was captured yesterday morning in the home of A. N. Marine at East Forty-second street and Columbia Boulevard after a terrific struggle in which Acting Captain Joe Kienlen was handled very roughly. Patrolman Charles C. Baker responded to a call that there was a burglar in the Marine home but when they arrived there they encountered the insane man. He was taken to the county jail this morning.

Clerk Severely Burned.

Walter Bertuliet, 20 years old, who lives at 748 Water street was badly burned about the face and legs at noon today, when the alcohol stove over which he was boiling water in the shipping room of the S. Birkenwald Butcher Supply company, exploded. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital in the Red Cross ambulance. It is said the burns are serious. Bertuliet, who is a clerk in the supply store, had stopped work, and was preparing his lunch when the accident occurred.

Tax Law Held Invalid.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The gross revenue tax law for the state of Oklahoma, which the Wells Fargo Express company attacked as unconstitutional, was declared invalid by the supreme court of the United States today.

Pocatello Postmaster Named.

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