

### GOMPERS IS FIGHTING FOR OFFICIAL LIFE AS PRESIDENT OF A. F. L.

"Insurgents" Say They Will "Get" Labor's "Grand Old Man" This Year or Next.

(Edited Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Nov. 15.—Samuel Gompers is again fighting for his official life as president of the American Federation of Labor.

This is no new thing for Gompers. But each succeeding convention his task grows more difficult. Each year the hosts of insurgents are added to by desertion from the standard ranks.

There is a general feeling that he foresees a change for, at the opening of the convention, now in session here, he declined to be a candidate for reelection, contenting himself with saying that if reelected he would serve.

Gompers has been president of the federation with an intermission of one year, since 1882. He is 63 years old. He has ruled authoritatively. He has built up a "machine" with a "steam roller" attachment. With the machine running smoothly, no one man in America has greater power than Gompers.

From without he is practically unassailable. His danger lies within the great organization which he has helped to found. His enemies say he is old fashioned.

In the flood of resolutions introduced in the first days of the convention there were at least two aimed at the Gompers "machine," and two others in which Gompers strikes back.

They Are After Him. J. Mahlon Barnes, of the International Clear Makers, Gompers' own craft, asks that the appointment of the four most important committees, on resolutions, on laws, on the report of the executive council, and on adjustment, be taken away from the president and made elective.

If the Barnes resolutions are carried, Gompers will be crippled. The resolution of Geo. L. Berry, of the Pressmen, calling for the formation of a national labor party and a political program, is met by an apparently similar one offered by J. S. Hall, of Wallace, Idaho, supposedly acting for the "machine."

Hall's resolution calls for a committee of nine delegates, to be appointed by the president, which shall draw up a political platform which shall be accepted by the convention.

Gompers being an enemy of political activity by trade unions, is expected, if the Hall resolution goes through, to name men who will draw up a platform so faulty that the convention will reject it.

It may be that the Gompers "steam roller" will again flatten out the insurgents as has been done before, "but," say the insurgents, "if not this year, next."

Many of the insurgents are against an attempt to elect a new president of the federation at this time on the ground that any gain which might be made along progressive lines would be lost in the turmoil resulting from entirely new control of the federation. They urge that every effort be put forth toward electing progressive delegates to the executive council and toward trimming the appointive power of the president.

Work in Sight. With the thirty-third convention of the American Federation of Labor half over, and all of the important resolutions yet to be acted upon, delegates are facing a hard grind during the remaining six days, and it is probable that night sessions will be in order.

Hot debates are expected on several big questions before the convention, especially on a resolution from Delegate E. A. Arnold of the Brotherhood of Painters, in which Arnold makes an attack on ministers who are prominent in their activities against strikers in West Virginia and Michigan, and asks the federation to oppose any religious movement harmful to the labor movement.

This is the first time that the question of religion has been brought before the American Federation of Labor, and many delegates are open in their charge that it was introduced in an attempt to embroil labor in an internal conflict and thus defeat its ends.

This resolution has already resulted in two hours' furious debate before the committee to which it was referred without any decision being reached.

### DUTIES OF VOTER TO PUBLIC ARE SET FORTH

Do Portlanders take an interest in their city government?

Reed college has commenced an important series of lectures on the relation of the citizen and the city. They will be delivered each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the public library until January 25, by Professor W. E. Ogburn.

The purpose is to contribute to the knowledge a voter should have in order to perform his duties to the public. The first was given at the library last Tuesday evening.

"The purpose of these six lectures on the government of the city of Portland is solely to give information," said Professor Ogburn.

"The first lecture aims to give definite facts concerning the forms of our city government. In later lectures, concrete illustrations will show the government at work. It isn't the purpose of the lectures to support any particular man or group of men. No particular administrations are being muck-raked. No special theory of government, socialistic or individualistic, is being advocated."

Purpose is Set Forth. "The purpose is to set before the voters certain facts, that all citizens ought to know. It is desired that every citizen in Portland should hear these lectures. They are to be given in different lecture halls all over the city. Every person in this audience can help the cause of good government by bringing other citizens to hear the lectures or by arranging for the lectures to

be given in some part of the city. "If the citizens would take interest in our city government, our most serious problem of city government would disappear like the morning mist. "People do not realize how much our city government can affect our daily lives. They can give us pure water, pure food and pure air. They can help to determine our monthly rent bills. They can diminish poverty and increase employment."

Questions are Important. "Aren't these things important enough to compel us to take interest in our city government? Are our taxes high? Do we know why? Do we know what our taxes are spent for? Is Portland as healthy as other cities? What can be done to make Portland more healthy? Do we know whether Portland is protecting lives and property as well as it should? Does Portland live up to its possibilities of being the most beautiful city on the Pacific coast? What is Portland doing to better the social conditions of its citizens?"

Only 50 Per Cent Register. Professor Ogburn called attention to the proportion of voters who register, registered prior to the election of mayor vote to register.

"The population of Portland is 256,000," he said. "There are in the city 191,000 persons of voting age; there are 146,000 persons who are eligible to register. Of this number 76,600 had registered prior to the election of mayor in June 1913. Only 45,203 registered."

Men Show More Interest. "Taking registration as an index, the women of Portland have not shown so far as much interest in their city government as the men have shown. There are in the city 100,000 men of voting age; there are 84,000 eligible to register. Of this number 62,493 had registered."

"Of the 81,000 women of voting age and the 62,000 women who are eligible to register, only 24,187 actually registered. In other words, 63 per cent of the men eligible to register last May did register, while only 39 per cent of the women registered."

"Fifteen thousand more women will have to register to show as much interest as the men have shown. "Whether all women believe in equal suffrage or not, now that they have it, the thing for them to do is to register and vote. There are 85,000 women who have not registered who ought to do so. The facts of the situation now demand that they exercise the rights of citizenship."

Registration is Described. The speaker described the duties in connection with registration—the personal signing of name and address in the registration book at the court house at any time prior to 30 days before an election.

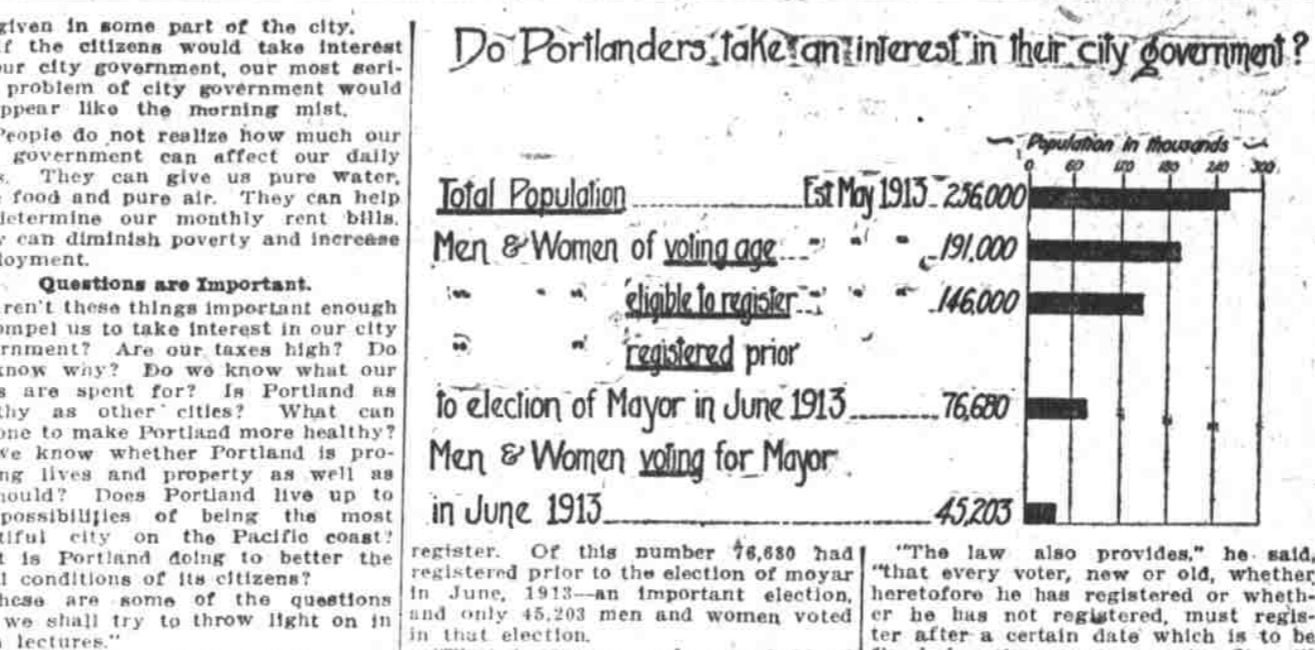
"The law also provides," he said, "that every voter, new or old, whether he has not registered, must register after a certain date which is to be fixed by the county court. It will probably be January 1, 1914. The date has not yet been set because the city is to be re-districted, making all the precincts smaller so that you will not have to go so far to vote."

"The new law provides further that once you have registered after this day, you will not ever have to register again unless you have failed to vote at an election or unless you have moved your residence in the precinct in which you were registered. In either of these events you must re-register."

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"That is to say, only one half of those who could vote this year in Portland cared enough about it to register, and not one third of those eligible to register voted. There were 100,000 men and women in Portland who could have voted for mayor last June and did not care enough about it to make the effort."

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### DO AS MANY WOMEN SHOW INTEREST IN PORTLAND'S GOVERNMENT AS MEN?

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO AID WORK ON FARM. Promise of Cooperation With State Is Secured by President Kerr in Capital.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—Professor W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college, conferred today with the secretary of agriculture and other officials of the department, regarding larger cooperation with the government with the state in its agricultural work and was assured that the office of farm management would give another thousand dollars for the promotion of boys' and girls' clubs, the state to give an equal sum. Other increases may be made by the department of agriculture for work in Oregon.

Professor Kerr expressed great interest in the bureau of marketing and asked that the department send men to Oregon to show how to get better markets for farm products. He was urged in telegrams from Oregon to remain here for the conservation congress but said he would leave for Oregon tonight. He has visited Cornell and various colleges in the middle west and has studied their work in production and marketing.

"Better organization," said he, "has done much for Oregon farmers but it is important to provide still better methods for getting farm products to consumers."

Official in Malheur. Vale, Or., Nov. 15.—Following are the official referendum election returns from Malheur county: University repair fund, yes 431, no 397; University appropriation, yes 403, no 418; sterilization, yes 374, no 452; county attorney act, yes 580, no 421; compensation act, yes 470, no 329.

NUMEROUS BUILDINGS ORDERED TORN DOWN. Owners Usually Comply With Notice, But Some Resist; Docks Overloaded.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Since January 1, 1913, 110 buildings condemned and ordered torn down by the city building department have been removed, according to a report of City Building Inspector Plummer. Owners of 231 buildings in all have been notified to remove their structures.

In a number of cases owners have refused to comply with the orders of the department and the matter has gone before a board of arbitration. Usually the decisions of the department have been upheld. The building department recently finished an inspection of the docks and wharfs along the river. A number of them were found to be in bad condition and overloaded beyond their safety. A number of changes were ordered made.

INTEREST NOT TO BE RETAINED. City Attorney Says Bonds Not Liable for Federal Income Tax.

According to an opinion rendered yesterday by City Attorney La Roche, City Treasurer Adams will not retain one per cent of the interest on improvement or other municipal bonds of the city for the federal government under the income tax law. There had been some question as to whether the bonds of the city were exempt from the provisions of the law.

NEW METHOD ON WATER BILLS. Statements Will Be Sent to Houses Where Water Is Used.

Along with his plan to collect water rentals quarterly, to take effect January 1, Commissioner Daly will also put his method of billing water state ments to the house address where the water is used. In the working out of the plan the city is to be divided into three districts, each of which will be subdivided into sections. Bills will be sent out alternately to the districts every ten days. About 6000 arc to be mailed the first ten days after the plan takes effect. When water rentals are paid in advance after December, refunds are to be made.

EIGHTEEN ADMITTED TO CITIZENSHIP; 3 DENIED. Proceedings Will Be Instituted to Escheat Several Estates.

J. Andre Foulhoux, member of the firm of Whitehouse & Foulhoux, architects, took the oath of citizenship before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh yesterday, renouncing his allegiance to the French government. Eighteen men were admitted to citizenship and three were denied their final papers because their witnesses could not qualify. The men admitted are John Klaus, Conrad Helzer, Mark Blaine, George Neumann, Thomas Stewart, John Thomas Beamish, Jens S. Bensten, James Mooney, Creighton W. Lewis, Abraham Zurburg, Arthur W. Trenholm, Steffen S. Mander, Ernest Eckhart, Anton Oehlberg, Reich, and others.

TO LEASE SAND ISLAND IS LATEST PROPOSITION. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—In view of the objections to the transfer of Sand Island to Oregon, Governor West and the state fish commission have wired Senator Chamberlain, asking him to get the Oregon delegation to cooperate in urging the war department to lease the island to the state at a nominal rental, so that it may be subject at a profit for the benefit of the state salmon hatcheries. Revenues to the government from the island amount to about \$40,000 a year. Senator Chamberlain will take this up with the war department.

The play is to be given next Friday and Saturday evenings in the High School auditorium.

### ENGLISH ADVOCATE WILL BRING MESSAGE ON UNIVERSAL PEACE

B. A. Langdon-Davies Is to Speak Under Auspices of International Association.

Much interest is manifested in the visit to this city of B. N. Langdon-Davies, M. A. of Cambridge University, who is expected to arrive here tomorrow at 2 p. m. Mr. Langdon-Davies is on a four months' tour to the United States, under the auspices of the American Association for International Conciliation, and is one of the leading men in the Garton Foundation instituted by Sir Richard Garton, a great London banker, with the cooperation of the Right Honorable A. J. Balfour, former prime minister; Lord Esher, permanent member of the committee of imperial defense; and Norman Angel, the English journalist residing in Paris, whose famous work, "The Great Illusion," has had such a wonderful effect in bringing about a better understanding of the folly which leads nations to appeal to arms in expectation to settle international difficulties or troubles.

Will Speak Monday Evening. Mr. Langdon-Davies will speak here Monday evening, under the auspices of the Oregon Peace society, at the new public library.

William H. Galvani, secretary of the Oregon Peace society, when seen by a representative of The Journal, said: "Mr. Langdon-Davies has come with a great message from the Garton Foundation, as also from our own American Association for International Conciliation, a message which he has already carried to many parts of Europe and with great success. He follows Senator de Esterneles de Constant of France and Baroness von Stutter of Austria, as visiting lecturers of those two great nations. He is a man of great ability, a convincing speaker and an equally capable of presenting and defending his ideas in a university lecture room and at a meeting of commercial, industrial, or labor men."

"I am sure his lecture will be a great treat to all who may have the opportunity of listening to him, and especially so to all those who are engaged in educational work."

Mr. Langdon-Davies is to speak here at a joint luncheon of the Commercial club, Rotary club, Ad club, Realty Board and Progressive Business Men's league on Tuesday at 12:30 p. m., as also before a number of educational institutions. Members of the Portland press are invited to attend the luncheon.

GUARD OFFICER WILL INVESTIGATE WORKERS' TROUBLE AT FLORENCE. Governor Says Martial Law Is to Be Declared if Florence Situation Warrants It.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 15.—After making practically complete preparations to personally investigate the I. W. W. demonstration yesterday, Governor West got into communication with Captain Harry K. Metcalf, O. N. G. of Cottage Grove, and detailed him to make the investigation. Captain Metcalf will be accompanied by another officer of the national guard of his own selection. They will leave Eugene by stage Monday morning and should arrive at Florence on the coast at the mouth of the Suslaw river, Tuesday.

"If Captain Metcalf reports anything wrong at Florence," said the governor, "martial law will be declared until the officials there can give assurance of seeing that the laws are enforced."

This afternoon the governor was unable to locate Captain Metcalf, who is in Eugene in charge of the national guard rifle team, and the governor prepared to make the trip to Florence himself. He assembled his staff in the executive office and intended to go to Eugene tonight and leave tomorrow morning on horseback, riding as far as Mapleton and going from there down the Suslaw in a boat.

Captain Metcalf will investigate the Florence troubles and make his report from there to the governor. He will remain there until the governor decides what action shall be taken. "The governor says he is determined that mob rule and deportations in this state shall end."

OREGON BOYS TO MEET IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Self Development Is Theme to Be Discussed at Session in Dallas.

The eighth annual Oregon Boys' conference, which is composed of delegates from Sunday school classes and boys' clubs in Oregon, a majority of whom are 14 years of age or over, meets this year at Dallas, Or. The conference opens Friday afternoon, November 28, and lasts until Sunday evening, November 30. During their stay entertainment will be furnished free to all delegates by the citizens of Dallas.

Classes and clubs sending delegates to the conference are entitled to one delegate for each five members. It is expected by Guy E. Needham, who has charge of the conference, that there will be about 350 delegates attending this year.

The conference theme is, "Self Development." Arrangements have been made with the Dallas Commercial club to take all delegates on an automobile sightseeing trip on their arrival Friday afternoon. It is expected that the following will address the conference:

From Portland, J. W. Palmer, C. Clarence Lukins, Horace Foukes, Lawrence Todnem, L. B. Rhodes, C. A. Phillips, Professor Norman F. Coleman and Kenneth Irie. From Seattle, Frank Morgan; Salem, Joe Milton; Albany, Olin Nebergall; Forest Grove, Ted Thomas; Eugene, Wendell Bartholomew and E. K. Miller; Corvallis, Winifred Dryden; Dallas, Virgil Ballentine and Ivey, C. Curtis.

There will also be speakers from McMinnville, Tillamook, Newberg and other Oregon towns. The railroads have consented to grant special rates for all delegates.

Talk in Norwegian Allowed. Berlin, Nov. 15.—The minister of the interior has given permission to Captain Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, to speak in Norwegian in his lecture at Schleswig-Holstein, on November 16.

The authorities of Schleswig-Holstein feared that, owing to the similarity between Danish and Norwegian, anti-German feeling would be aroused among those in Amundsen's audience who still look back with regret at the incorporation of the duchy of Schleswig, formerly part of Denmark, in the German empire in 1867.

### JEFFERSON HIGH GRADUATING CLASS PRACTICING HARD FOR PLAY



Top row, left to right—David Griff, Charles Fleichman, Kenneth Nottingham, manager; Harry Melendy. Bottom row, left to right—Miss Olga Hendrickson, Miss Elsie Kline, Miss Elizabeth Knight, Fred Packwood, Miss Wilma Dietrich, Neal McEachern, Miss Elsie Braun.

Members of the Jefferson High School graduating class are practicing diligently every afternoon after school in anticipation of the production of their class play, "When A Man's Single." The class is looking forward with eagerness to the arrival of the costumes next week, when dress rehearsals start.

### LANE ASKS KERR TO TAKE UP ALCOHOL SUBJECT

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—Senator Lane has asked Professor Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college to take up practical work under his bill permitting the manufacture of denatured alcohol from waste products of the farm. He has received many letters saying that writers have potatoes and other unmarketable produce, and asking how they could turn them into merchantable alcohol. The senator wishes to see Oregon among the first states to receive practical benefits from his bill.

### PROMISE OF REPORT ON U. S. COURT BILL IS MADE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—Senator Chamberlain's bill to revise federal court fees in Oregon, California, and Nevada, has called attention to the need of a general revision of the laws respecting such fees, but he has secured the promise of a committee to report out his bill affecting those states and then to go into the question of a general bill, so that Oregon may receive benefits of the legislation as soon as possible.

### SECTION HAND KILLED BY SHASTA LIMITED

Failing to hear the approach of the Shasta limited yesterday afternoon, Fred Baskin, a section worker for the Southern Pacific, was struck by the engine and killed at Insley street. The train was coming into the city at 2:30 o'clock. He lived at East Eleventh and was buried in the city.

### A Christmas Present That's Different

The Northwestern Fruit Exchange has gathered together the cream of the Pacific Northwest apple crop under the "Skookum" Brand. They are by far the best apples grown in the world—are perfect in size, color and taste. They are incomparable as a holiday present. To enable Western people to send these apples for holiday presents to their friends in the East, the Northwestern Fruit Exchange has made arrangements with the Meier & Frank Company, who will take orders for delivery in the East. The fruit has been delivered in carload lots at New York, and purchasers under this plan will not only secure extraordinary quality, but will effect a very important saving in delivery charges. (See Meier & Frank Co.'s ad for details). The present is one which will be appreciated, even by the most blasé.