

BONE AND SINEW OF A. F. OF L. NATIONAL CONVENTION LAYMEN

Interesting Description of Big Gathering Which Is Now in Session in Seattle.

Bringing an interesting word picture of the great labor convention now being held at Seattle, A. H. Harris of the Portland Labor Press has returned from that city. He speaks glowingly of the laymen, who he says was the bone and sinew of the convention.

"The American Federation of Labor convention is meeting under favorable conditions. The fact that all the sessions are open to the public, that any man or woman that goes early may find a comfortable seat, without money and without question, may be a surprise to many who regard the Federation as a great secret society. "Many people living in Oregon and other western states have never before been granted the privilege of witnessing this great labor organization in action as its meetings heretofore have been in the east where they are convenient to the largest number. "To a man accustomed to seeing gatherings of men in action, the American Federation of Labor presents two or three essential features. The first is the splendid personnel of the body; the second is the dignified leadership; the third is the intense earnestness of the men in action, and the fourth is the peculiar touch of flesh and blood which pervades every action of the men, whether leaders or laymen. "The rights of the men are emphasized at every turn, while there is no disposition to discredit capital for its part nor to condemn right thinking rich men for having wealth. "Standing out clearly as the leader of a class of leaders, perhaps a dozen in number, Samuel Gompers presides with an air of positiveness and broadness which is a credit to the great gathering. "The problems before the convention cover the whole range of human activities and human welfare. Nothing that has to do with the wellbeing of the worker or his family is overlooked, away the vital parts of the ship of state. "That the American Federation of Labor is not only a national but an international body is shown clearly in the fact that Great Britain, Canada and other countries have representatives present, not only to give of their knowledge but to learn of the great American labor movement. The keynote of the convention is helpfulness and cooperation, as well between nations as between individuals, with little consideration for class or creed, for the present or the lack of this world's goods."

YOAKUM GOT \$375,000 THROUGH ONE R. R. DEAL
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 21.—Vice President Hilliard was the principal witness yesterday at the investigation of causes leading to the recent failure of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad. He declared that officials of the system, headed by Chairman B. F. Yoakum of the board of directors, cleared \$375,000 in the promotion and sale of the New Orleans, Texas & Mexico railway to the St. Louis & San Francisco system. Ninety-nine other investors, Hilliard said, profited by the transaction.

SAND ISLAND BILL IS INTRODUCED IN SENATE
Washington, Nov. 21.—Senator Chamberlain introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of war to turn over the Sand Island revenues to the Oregon fish commission. Also resolutions from the Pendleton Commercial association advocating flood control and reclamation of swamp lands in the south.

WOODROW WILSON'S WAY OF RIDING A DONKEY



—From the Chicago Post.

FRIENDS MOURN DEATH OF GEORGE MANNING

In the death of George Manning, which occurred in this city November 11, Oregon is deprived of another of its pioneers and native sons. Henry Manning and wife, the parents of the deceased, who are still living in East Portland, crossed the plains in 1852, and took up a claim in Clackamas county, where their deceased son, George, was born in 1858. Later the family moved to St. Louis, Marion county, where they became prosperous farmers for many years and maintained a hospitable home to the pioneers of that early period.

In 1878 George Manning moved to Portland, where he entered the grocery business, and in 1879 was married to Harriet Noonan of this city, who survives him. Mr. Manning's surviving children are George W., Joseph, Henry F. and Robert of this city, and Mrs. Dr. Mitchell of Albany.

The Manning families now living in Oregon—Marion county and Multnomah county—have maintained the highest standard of industry, integrity and respectability manifested in their pioneer parents.

SAY GAS LEAK SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED

The Portland Gas & Coke Co. evidently feels no responsibility for damage done by leaky gas mains unless those whose property is injured report the leakage, according to an answer to a \$500 damage suit filed in the circuit court yesterday. Edward J. and Fannie V. Sharkey sued for \$500 damages because two maple trees and a hickory tree in front of their home were killed by gas.

In the answer the company sets forth the plea that the Sharkeys were in a far better position to know of the leaky gas main than the company and could easily have reported the leak at the company's office at any hour of the day or night. Had this been done the company alleges that the leak would have been stopped and the trees saved. The company asks that the suit be dismissed.

New Pastor at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 21.—Dr. Frank N. White of Minneapolis, who has been called by the First Congregational church of this city, will arrive here tomorrow to look over the field, and it is probable he will accept the call.

HILLSBORO MAY GET GERMAN INDUSTRY

Hillsboro, Or., Nov. 21.—During a recent visit to Germany Fred Schomburg of Hillsboro became acquainted with Edwin Webber, manager of the big H. Schomburg cake factory, which is to Germany what the National Biscuit company is to the United States. Mr. Webber was much interested in what Schomburg told him of Oregon, and particularly in the fact that milk, eggs and flour, which are used in the factory, are produced here in large quantities. Large quantities of boxwood are used by Mr. Webber's concern, and Oregon's vast timber belts were of much interest to him.

Mr. Schomburg has received a letter from Webber, asking for further data in regard to the possibility of establishing a factory here.

Sir Wilfred Laurier 72, Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 21.—Sir Wilfred Laurier received many congratulations on his seventy-second birthday yesterday.

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OREGON READY FOR WAR, SAYS GOVERNOR

State Upholds President Wilson's Peace Plan Program, but—

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 21.—Speaking from the state, Governor West last night advised the Sunday editor of the New York Sun that Oregon upholds President Wilson in his efforts to bring about a peaceful adjustment of Mexican affairs, but that the state is ready for war if the call should come.

The governor received a message from the Sun asking whether or not you favor intervention in Mexico, and how many troops your state can furnish in two weeks. Governor West replied: "Replying to your telegram reference Mexican situation, will say, feeling great responsibility resting upon president, we uphold him in his efforts to bring about peaceful adjustment of the matter. However, we are all the time getting ready for business, and are prepared to respond promptly to any call of the president with two regiments infantry, one battery field artillery and one ambulance company. Another regiment infantry and several troops of cavalry would be made available upon short notice."

Pendleton Hears Professors.

Pendleton, Or., Nov. 21.—As a part of the extension work being undertaken by the University of Oregon, Dr. Chifton Fremont Hodge, Dr. George Reber and Dr. Joseph Schaefer, three prominent instructors of that institution, are in Pendleton this week delivering lectures on municipal problems.

FOOTBALL GAME WAS CELEBRATED IN STYLE AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Following Georgetown-Virginia Contest Students Had Orgy in Celebration of It.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Nov. 21.—Washington correspondents are marveling at the "fine writing" displayed in newspapers at the capital in describing a recent football game between Georgetown and the University of Virginia and the subsequent festivities indulged in by supporters of the rival teams. After devoting much space to vivid colorature descriptions of the afternoon's conflict, the most conservative of Washington journals goes on to describe the evening's merrymaking—which took place in spite of the new excise law.

"The law was battered to a helpless, hopeless, unrecognizable pulp," says the account. "It's rather hard to judge whether a chap is 20 years old or 21—but by the same token it's not a bit hard to recognize the feeble squawk of an 18-year-old 'collegian' whose only claim on an alma mater is a daily transfer on the street car lines running toward Georgetown.

"The Virginia outfit, which came here with high hopes of a victory, spent a quiet evening at the Columbia theatre, and the Georgetown team spent a less quiet evening at a downtown hotel. That disposes of the heroes of the occasion. They behaved as heroes should. But their supporters—Good night! "In one hotel boys and girls got drunk to celebrate a football victory. The riot started early in the evening. The drink-

ing rooms of the place were crowded by 8 o'clock and mobs fought for possession of the tables. Police interfered now and then when things grew too hot for the hard working waiters to handle, and the ejection of a drunk was a monumental affair, as two policemen had to battle with upward of 20 alleged collegiates before they could haul the protesting person to the box. No one seemed to care for the excise law in that particular place.

ASSOCIATION OF CREDIT MEN HAVE BANQUET

The regular monthly meeting of the Portland Association of Credit Men, Wednesday night at the Multnomah where a banquet was enjoyed, was fea-

tures by speeches from Colonel Robert A. Miller, who spoke on "The Art of the Credit Man," and C. C. Colt, president of the Union Meat company, whose topic was, "The Livestock and Packing Industry and Its Relation to the Credit of the Community." The meeting was attended by 66 members and the session proved to be a very enjoyable affair.

Trials of an Author.

Los Angeles, Nov. 21.—Suit by the Balboa Amusement Producing company against Jack London to restrain the author's use of one of his literary productions in motion pictures, was transferred to the superior court. London is plaintiff in a similar suit against the company.

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