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CONVENTION OF STATE F. OF L. NEARING CLOSE

SEATING CONTEST IS CAUSE OF DELAY

MANY ISSUES ARE UP

Plumb Plan Is Explained to Delegates by ex-Congressman—Pacific Methods in Attaining Objects Are Counseled.

With the first three days of the week taken up with preliminaries the most important business of the twentieth convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, in progress here, was scheduled to be transacted to day following the report of the committee on resolutions. Monday morning the convention assembled here at the Hippodrome, but not until Tuesday evening were the delegates seated, this being finally accomplished after a bitter fight over the right of shipwrights' local No. 1026, of Portland, to send representatives to the state gathering. The shipwrights finally won their battle, although their union had been suspended.

The big convention of organized labor was formally opened by M. S. Magee, president of the Bend Central Labor Council, while Mayor J. A. Kastes, in a brief address of welcome, placed the city at the disposal of the visiting delegates. The response to the mayor was made by Otto H. Hartwig, president of the State Federation.

Among the more important addresses given so far during the convention was that by C. C. Dill, former U. S. congressman from Washington, who explained the Plumb plan of railroad control, and urged its adoption as a means of lowering the cost of living and introducing greater efficiency into railroad management. Secretary-treasurer Buck of the Washington State Federation recorded an appeal for common sense methods in settling differences between capital and labor, declaring that striking for higher wages is a "part of a vicious circle."

No less than three cities are striving for the honor of entertaining the Oregon federation next year, Astoria, Pendleton, and La Grande having put in their invitations up to date.

As an indication of the spirit of the delegates in attendance is the list of resolutions introduced, and which are as follows: To abolish the profit system, and the existing financial, banking, and interest bearing system; To urge the return of all American troops from Russia; To investigate the matter of a state fire insurance system; To endorse the Plumb plan of railroad control; To oppose any compulsory military training law; To favor a union label pledge; To make La Grande the headquarters for an A. F. of L. representative; To endorse the formation of a "land and labor" party; To endorse the employment insurance bill; To ask that an organizer be appointed for eastern Oregon.

Tuesday, the delegates were guests of the Bend Commercial club, making an auto tour of the principal agricultural districts surrounding Bend, and in the evening a boxing smoker was staged for their benefit at the Bend Amateur Athletic club gymnasium. In this, the main event between Fred Gilbert, of Bend, and Lee Morrissey, of Seattle, went to a draw, and Speck Woods, Bend, won a technical knockout over his opponent, Battling Taylor, of Portland, in the fifth round. Le Clair and "Kid" Taylor, both of Bend, fought to a draw. Following the smoker the visitors were guests at a dance given at the Hippodrome.

Yesterday noon officials of the federation were entertained at luncheon by the Bend Commercial club, and tonight the banquet which will formally conclude the convention is scheduled to be held at the Pilot Butte Inn.

Although rushed for time, the delegates absolutely refused to hold evening business sessions during the convention, declaring that to do so would violate the principle of the eight hour day.

CALL ELECTION AT SNOW CREEK

SETTLERS TO ORGANIZE DISTRICT ON DECEMBER 3—EXTENSIVE IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS CONTEMPLATED.

Acting on a petition presented by the settlers using the waters of Snow Creek for irrigation purposes the Deschutes County court, in session yesterday afternoon, issued an order for an irrigation district organization election, to be held on December 3.

The contemplated district, which includes some 2500 acres, furnishes the location at present for 12 canals and presents an almost ideal slope for irrigation purposes. With organization once completed, improvements are planned which will mean the expenditure of approximately \$25,000 worth of dams and canals.

The settlers are represented in their organization by De Armond & Erskine.

ASK COUNTY TO SHARE EXPENSE

NEWPORT AVENUE RESIDENTS FILE PETITION IN CONNECTION WITH STREET WORK—IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED.

Believing that Newport avenue should be considered partly from the standpoint of a county road, 60 residents on that street, filed a petition with the county court on Wednesday, asking that the county bear a portion of the expense of the work.

The court was chiefly occupied with auditing bills this morning, but this afternoon the consideration of the petition of settlers of the Snow Creek section, asking for an order for an irrigation district organization election, was scheduled to come up.

Authorization was received yesterday by the court from the State highway commission to build the first four and one-half miles of highway east of Bend under the supervision of the commission. On the state highway south of Bend, authorization was also received ordering the closing of the remaining four miles of graded road, while an engineer's estimate is called for to determine the expense of recinding a portion of the highway which it is considered has not sufficient surfacing. Two hundred dollars a mile is to be allowed for maintenance.

Explains Plumb Plan. Urging the Plumb plan of railroad control as a means of lowering the high living cost, C. C. Dill, former U. S. Congressman from the Spokane district, emphasized particularly that the plan which he favors does not contemplate any confiscation of property, but does contemplate taking over the railroads at their actual value, eliminating approximately \$7,000,000,000 of watered stock from consideration in effecting the transaction. Mr. Dill spoke at the close of Wednesday's afternoon session.

The intimate connection of the people with the railroads as a public service system, together with the fact that construction of trunk lines was made possible by immense federal land grants, he gave as reasons for the inauguration of the Plumb plan. As at present outlined, management of the roads would be by a directorate composed of five government appointees, five officials of the roads, and five employees, but this he said, might be changed to meet with the approval of agricultural interests.

Pledges No Rate Rais. "There will be no rate raising to insure profits," he affirmed. "These will depend on the efforts of the man who will have as an incentive a 50 per cent share of what they make. When profits reach 10 per cent of operating expenses, the rates will be lowered."

The provisions of the Plumb plan allow for the retirement of the 10 to 12 billion indebtedness incurred in taking over the roads, in a period of 25 years, the speaker explained.

GRANGE FAIR SHOWS WHAT FARMERS DO

BEND RECOMMENDED FOR COUNTY FAIR.

SPUD QUALITY GOOD

Pantry Shelf-Needle Work Department Make Fine Appearance—Farmers Urged to Produce and Save to Reduce Cost.

Although the exhibits on display yesterday at the Grange hall were not extensive they did represent what the farmers in the Grange hall and north side, district are doing and have accomplished during the past season. Although, perhaps, the pumpkins, the carrots, beet, onions and other vegetables were not as large as have been seen at other fairs, they were of fine quality and the farmers of the farming section are due for a great deal of praise for what they have done in the development of a high quality of root crops.

There were more than 150 entries on the tables at the Grange hall. King Spud was evident. If the spud crop of the Deschutes river valley can be judged by what was seen at the fair yesterday the tubers of Central Oregon will command a price that will startle the farmers themselves. Alfalfa shows up unusually good this year as shown by the exhibits. That sunflowers will grow high as juniper trees and bear heads that will make the mouth of the old milk cow water was also manifested. In all the root crops showed up well.

County Fair Asked

The ladies and children had their inning too. The exhibits in the pantry shelf department brought forth considerable praise from the judges. The children's school exhibits were unusual for the rural schools of the county.

Realizing the handicap under which they are working in carrying out each year a community fair of the character as shown yesterday at the Grange hall district a vote taken in the course of the program given during the afternoon to draft resolutions to be presented to the county court that Deschutes county fair be established beginning next fall and that the fair be held in Bend annually.

The program of the afternoon consisted of short talks. C. S. Hudson, president of the First National Bank of Bend, who has been responsible in a large measure for the healthy development of agriculture and livestock raising in the county spoke of the work that has been carried on to improve conditions among the farmers and urged them to persist in their efforts for better farming conditions.

"Farmer" Smith Speaker. H. E. Lawrence, delegate of the Oregon Federation of Labor spoke at length on increased production throughout reducing the cost of living. He spoke also of the activities of the Grange and its efforts to better the country as one of the means of conditions of the farmers in Oregon.

"Farmer" Smith, of the O-W. R. & N., known widely throughout Central Oregon spoke at length to the farmers present regarding their duty to the country to keep on producing more now as well as during war times. He admonished the farmers against waste. In the opinion of this agricultural expert the farmers and their families are bringing into their homes hundreds of things to produce happiness that they never thought of six years ago. Mr. Smith said that there was nothing wrong with the government. The calamity howlers, he pointed out are usually the persons who never said a good thing about the government or did a thing to help it. The high cost of living will come down, according to this "farmer," when all the people realize that they are a part of the whole.

Music was given during the afternoon by the Juniper orchestra consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ras-

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BOND ELECTION CALLED AGAIN

C. O. I. DISTRICT VOTE TO BE NOVEMBER 25.

\$240,000 Bond Issue to Buy Out Company Will Be Up for Decision by Settlers—Sale Contract Will Soon Expire.

Following the reorganization of the board of directors of the C. O. I. irrigation district earlier in the week, in which George Moore became president succeeding J. Alton Thompson, announcement was made last night of the order for a \$240,000 bond election for November 25, the bonds, if carried, to be used in buying out the company's interests in the project. These interests, under a contract for sale previously made by the company, may be had for \$200,000, the remaining \$40,000 being intended to take care of discount in marketing the bonds, together with the first year's interest.

A vote on the same question was to have been taken by the settlers of the district early in the year, but the election was given up because of unexpected opposition which developed from those who urged that the company will soon give up its rights in the project without any payment. As the contract with the company will soon expire, and since the directors have legal advice refuting the argument formerly used, it has been deemed advisable to hold the election in order to give settlers a final chance of making known their desires in the matter.

Rate Petition Is Spur.

Since the time at which the bond election was first scheduled to be held, the company has filed with the State Public Service commission an application to be allowed to charge an increased maintenance rate citing extensive improvements and rebuilding of old flume, together with reasons in which the application is increased food of operation, as the basis. From the present maintenance fee of 80 cents and \$1 per acre to \$2 is the increase asked, and it is pointed out by supporters of the bond issue that should this be granted, the difference in costs to the settlers would in five years time more than equal the total of the bonds.

JAZZ ORCHESTRA TO PLAY REVELLE WEEK

Talk about jazz. There'll be worlds and worlds of it when Cole McElroy appears on the scene with his jazz orchestra artists at the gymnasium for six days during Reveille Week to be held in Bend October 20-25 under the auspices of the American Legion.

While in Prineville last week end, chairman Frank R. Prince signed a contract with the jazz makers who will be here all week.

That headquarters may be had in preparation for the big week, the American Legion has secured the lower floor of the store building just south of Carlson & Lyons on Wall Street. All business connected with Reveille Week will be conducted there.

Advertising material for the "wake up" week of the American Legion is now being distributed throughout town and country. Preparations will soon be made for the grounds which will cover more than three blocks on Bond and intersecting streets below Franklin.

FOREST FIRES NOW ARE UNDER CONTROL

Forest fires at Pringle Butte and in the vicinity of the Summit station are both under control. It was stated on Wednesday by Deputy Supervisor H. E. Vincent of the Deschutes National Forest. The area covered by the Pringle Butte fire is not known, but the total burned over in the Summit fire amounts to approximately 2000 acres. Two fires which formerly had been considered under control, combined, accounting for the unusually large area included in the blaze.

Central Oregon Marine Owner of Pershing's Flag

The first United States flag which flew over the A. E. F. general headquarters of General Pershing in France is now in possession of John Dobry of Prineville. This national emblem is greatly cherished by its possessor. Dobry, it is understood was offered a big sum for the flag while he was in Chicago, but refused to sell it. Dobry was in France with the 5th Marines and was among the first to enlist from Central Oregon. He saw most of the major engagements on the western front in which his organization engaged.

BEND FIGHTER IS CLEAR GRIT

BREAKS HAND, GOES FOUR ROUNDS.

Draw Is Awarded Gilbert in Bout with Lee Morrissey—Speck Woods Gets Decision on Technical Knockout Over Portlander.

Although suffering intense pain from a broken hand, Fred Gilbert, of Bend, gamely battled his way through the last four rounds of his fight with Lee Morrissey of Seattle in the main event of the labor convention smoker here Tuesday, and gained a draw when he could have been excused in yielding the decision at the end of the sixth. A chopping blow at Morrissey's neck, caused the fracture, but few aside from Gilbert's seconds knew that he was injured until the end of the fight, although it was noticed thereafter he used his left exclusively in hitting.

Both men were in tip-top condition at the opening of the bout, but Gilbert was wary of the fighter who had once earned a referee's decision over him, and protected himself more carefully from Morrissey's nasty left. Just how much sportsmanship in the ring is appreciated was shown in the fourth when Morrissey rushed Gilbert off his feet, and then stood clear until his opponent could resume a position or defense, while again in the tenth, Morrissey went to the mat and was assisted to his feet by the Bend fighter at a time when a knockout might have settled the issue. Hearty applause was accorded by the fans in recognition of both acts. The incident of the last round was an important factor in the awarding of the decision for up to that time, Morrissey had a distinct advantage in points. His blocking was clever and to evade many of Fred's punches, he made use merely of a quick shift of the head. The fighters weighed in at 145 pounds.

In the main preliminary, Speck Woods, of Bend, knocked Battling Taylor, Portland 135 pounder, about the ring almost at will getting little in return but some nasty kidney punches which made him wince more than once. Taylor was full of fight, and showed no effect from the punishment administered, until the third, when he weakened under a stiff solar plexus jolt. A number of times Speck delivered blows which seemed rather too low, but which were not so decided by the referee. Ed Skerry, one of Taylor's seconds, jumped into the ring in the fifth, and the fight was awarded to Woods.

Willard Houston, of Bend, officiated in both the main bouts. Skerry, who terminated the second go, was introduced to the crowd in the first preliminary, between "Frenchie" LeClair and "Kid" Taylor, both of Bend, as referee. After LeClair had outpointed Taylor easily and had even knocked him to his knees in the final round, Skerry earned a hearty storm of hisses when he raised Taylor's hand. Later in the evening the winner of the match appeared in the ring once more, and publicly requested that the decision be considered as a draw.

Charles Whitmore, of Bend, and Jack Dobry, of Prineville, were the announcers for the evening.

LABOR'S PLAN IS TOLD BEND BUSINESS MEN

WILL MEET GENERAL APPROVAL.

HARTWIG IS SPEAKER

Radicalism Largely Due to Recent Organization, Declares Secretary of State Federation—Unions Will Fight Anarchy.

That the State Federation of Labor convention now in session in Bend will develop a labor program for the state which all can approve was the declaration of President Otto Hartwig in a speech before the Commercial club yesterday. When the program is ready he asked that the fact that it is a labor program be forgotten but that it be studied and given the consideration to which it is entitled.

Called on by President Foley of the Commercial club Mr. Hartwig expressed the thanks of the labor delegates for the entertainment provided them yesterday and for the hospitality with which they were being received in Bend. "Some of our delegates," Mr. Hartwig said, "feel that there is a difference between Bend's commercial club and others clubs. You are not so hide bound here that you cannot see that the efforts of organized labor are to make a better world for all."

Continuing, Mr. Hartwig asserted that some business men had already forgotten the lessons of the war and were seeking to return to the methods of autocracy which the war was fought to end. Opposition to the progress of labor on the part of such men he warned would create a condition that everyone should wish to avoid. He was glad to know that the business men of Bend saw things differently and he felt that the labor program now being worked out would be approved by the club. "It is up to the modern man so to arrange his affairs," he said, "that autocracy on the one hand and anarchy on the other will be prevented."

E. J. Stack, secretary of the State Federation, explained that the radical tendencies now noticeable in certain labor quarters were due to the fact of recent organization and a desire to cure long standing grievances at once.

"Oregon has been largely an agricultural state," said Mr. Stack, "and before the war there were no large industrial centers except for Portland. During the war people flocked to the sea ports where work was so plentiful and shortly organized themselves, and then, being organized felt that grievances they had nursed for years could be ended immediately."

Bolsheviks Mr. Stack defined as a group of impossibilists who want to substitute anarchy for orderly government, going on to say that the question of Bolshevism would be dealt with by organized labor as American citizens. "We will fight all groups who are antagonistic to American principles," he declared, "going on to say that steamship companies and industrial leaders had induced immigration to this country that lessened the opportunity guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and weakened labor."

"The effort of labor," he concluded, "will be to try to restore the principles of equal opportunity by orderly progress."

"Farmer" Smith, of the O-W. R. & N., called on as the last speaker urged that when people were talking over such matters they give attention to the great quantity of good that was to be found with such bad conditions as there were, saying there were more things right than wrong. The fair solution of our problems can be reached best by our getting together in one group to talk things over, he said.

At the conclusion of his speech he urged that business men and laboring men recognize the farmer by attending the country fairs.

State Treasurer O. P. Hoff also made a few remarks saying that capital and labor did not have far to go to get together.