

JOHNSON READY TO DROP MINIMUM WAGE PROGRAM

Governor, Confronting Two Factions, About to Abandon Original Plan for Reform

COMPROMISE LIKELY TO SOLVE PROBLEM

Brown Bill May Be Amended, Postponing Schedule Enforcement

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Confronting one legislative faction opposed to minimum wage legislation of any kind and importuned by another insistent upon the creation of a commission empowered to act, Governor Johnson is prepared to abandon his original minimum wage for women program.

Minimum wage for women legislation was one of the progressive platform pledges. The plank was drawn in the absence of Governor Johnson. As incorporated in the platform it was without limiting qualification.

The governor's friends and supporters in organized labor were opposed to the plank when it was adopted. At no time since have they abandoned their opposition. When the legislature convened in January the governor found that organized labor, the party of first interest in the minimum wage question, was bitterly opposed to it.

He decided tentatively that he would be content with the passage of the Brown bill as amended that it would provide for an unpaid commission authorized to prosecute an investigation and formulate a report. That plan was satisfactory to the opponents of minimum wage legislation until they discovered that it was anything but satisfactory to the most enthusiastic proponents of the Brown bill, which provides not alone for a commission, but empowers that commission to determine and fix minimum wages and to administer compulsory arbitration.

JOHNSON FACING TWO FACTIONS Today the governor finds himself confronted with the necessity of taking a hand against one of two factions of his friends or permitting the proponents of the Brown bill to fight their measure through while he stands aloof.

To take a hand against the insistence of the proponents of the Brown bill is to assume the risk of repudiating a platform pledge. To take a positive hand for them is to arouse the resentment of his friends in organized labor.

The easiest and safest way out of the difficulty is to permit the minimum wage proponents to pass their bill nearly as they want it if they can show something like a working majority in both houses. All of which means that the governor has not changed his opinions about the right thing to do, but that he is prepared to surrender to a compromise which will give the minimum wage an approximation of what they want.

That in turn probably means that the Brown bill will be amended so as to postpone the enforcement of a minimum wage schedule to the latest possible date.

BUILDING AND LOAN CURB BILL BURIED

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SACRAMENTO, March 26.—The Campbell bill designed to eliminate the definite contract building and loan associations and confine building and loan operations in California to the purely mutual organizations will not see senatorial light at this session.

The senate judiciary committee, without a dissent, approved the bill which strengthens the 1905 law and which definitely provides the guarantee and full paid stock and for investment certificates as well as a reserve.

The sentiment of the committee was so apparent that no attempt was made to bring up the Campbell bill. W. D. Fredericks of Fontana, secretary of the third large mutual organization in the state, told the committee that the mutual company was fitted only to the needs of smaller communities and, generally speaking, were inimical to the best interests of the development of the building loan business.

He and President Simonson of San Jose, representing the State League of Building and Loan Associations, declared that only two small concerns in the state were in favor of a scheme which enabled managing stock holders in building and loan organizations to save themselves in time of stress and shift the losses, if any, to the borrowers.

SENATE BODY O. K.'S CURTIN WATER BILL

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SACRAMENTO, March 26.—Drawn into the prolonged fight between the Ricey Land company and Miller & Lux over the waters of Walker river, the senate judiciary committee has committed itself to a bill designed to give expression to California's demand that she be given the right to use all the water in streams which arise in California but which flow into other states.

For years the Ricey concern and Miller & Lux have been embroiled. Walker river has its source in Mono county. It enters Nevada where the Miller & Lux concern has large land holdings. The Miller & Lux interests have objected to the appropriation of the Walker river waters in California by the Ricey concern on the ground that such appropriation interfered with its rights.

Foresters on Boards Plan Vaudeville Show



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1915 Committee in Charge of Entertainment to Be Given on Saturday Night

Arrangements have been completed for the big vaudeville show to be given next Saturday night at Scottish Rite temple, Van Ness avenue and Sutter street, under the auspices of the 1915 committee of the Foresters of America. An extensive program of musical and literary numbers will be given by the best amateur actors in the organization. The committee in charge of the show includes Edward Candage, J. Label, Henry Goldman, Henry Ruppel, William G. Stahl, Joseph J. Ade, L. P. Behan, R. Urbias and Joseph B. Roboli, secretary of the publicity committee.

STATE BOOSTERS TO MEET TODAY

"Work for California" Slogan for Workers Who Will Meet at Sacramento

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SACRAMENTO, March 26.—Four hundred prominent men from all parts of California will gather in Sacramento tomorrow night to take up the slogan, "Work for California." The occasion will be the annual banquet of the California Development board, that will be held at the Hotel Sacramento. The local Chamber of Commerce has had practical charge of the affair and has made arrangements to seat 400 guests.

Frederick J. Foster, a member of the executive board of the California Development board, will preside at the meeting. D. W. Carmichael, president of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, will act as toastmaster. The following addresses will be made:

"California," by Lieutenant Governor A. J. Wallace; "Statewide Co-operation," by Chester Rowell of Fresno; "Agricultural Development," by Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, dean of the college of agriculture, University of California; "An Adequate State Fair," by J. A. Fleher, city commissioner of Sacramento; and "Efficiency in Development Work," by Robert Newton Lynch, vice president and manager of California Development board.

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