

Gov. Willis, Who Betrayed Labor, Is Candidate for Presidential Nomination

Ohio Executive Builds Up Political Machine to Aid Him in His Aspirations—Broke His Promises and Balked Legislation Favorable to Workingmen—Trying to Side-Track Burton.

Gov. Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. This announcement was made in Columbus this week by Lieutenant-Governor John Arnold, who is casting his political eye on the horizon to see his own candidacy materialize as the successor of Governor Willis.

Arnold went on to say that an effort was under way to sidetrack former Senator Theodore E. Burton to the United States senatorship, and that those behind the movement were backing Ralph D. Cole, who was defeated by Willis in the primaries a year ago, to succeed Willis. This latter part of the program, naturally, does not meet Mr. Arnold's unqualified endorsement.

That Governor Willis would become an avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency long has been known to political observers in Ohio. Never before, perhaps, has there been such a mushroom growth of a political boom as that nursed by Governor Willis. Before a political accident made him governor, Willis was practically unknown outside his own congressional district. His record in the lower house was that of hundreds of other mediocre congressmen. He initiated nothing, did nothing, to draw public attention to himself.

Hamilton County Sorry.

Hamilton County is responsible for Mr. Willis' election to the governorship, and Hamilton County now is sorry for the part it took in that transaction. Not that his election to the governorship gives Mr. Willis a chance for the Presidency, for he has none. In the first place, he can not be nominated, and in the second place, should the Republican National Convention be crazy, which it will not be, and should, in a moment of mental aberration, name him to head the ticket, he would be defeated worse than were Horace Greeley and William Howard Taft.

Mr. Willis went into the governorship on a deal with the liquor interests, backed by a fight on the Cox political machine. That Governor Cox had a perfectly working and well oiled ma-

chine is not open to doubt. But in his palmiest days "Jimmy" Cox, astute politician as he is, never had a machine like the one Governor Willis has built in his one year in office. The Cox machine was a Ford runabout to a high priced touring car when compared with the Willis political car.

Look at his backers in his presidential campaign: Prof. James M. Carr, State oil inspector; Charles B. Galbreath, State librarian; Secretary C. A. Jones, of the State Tax Commission, and Sherman A. Cuneo, his press agent during the gubernatorial campaign. Quite a galaxy of officeholders, all appointees of Governor Willis.

Broke His Promises.

THE LABOR ADVOCATE is especially interested in Governor Willis, owing to his attitude on labor legislation. He has broken every promise he made to organized labor. During the last session of the Ohio General Assembly he aligned himself with the employers against the workers; he did nothing to advance the interests of labor, contenting himself with saying that his "position on those questions was too well known to require comment."

His position is well known here, and it is time that the union men of Ohio made it their business to see that his attitude is made known to union men throughout the entire United States.

Aside from his enmity toward union labor, Governor Willis is not presidential size. Big questions are daily arising that require the judgment of a big man, and Willis lacks mental weight to handle them. Can any one fancy Mr. Willis as President, handling the questions which have arisen out of the European war, or the imbroglio in Mexico?

Mr. Wilson will be renominated by the Democrats. Where would Frank B. Willis, the Ada statesman, run against a man of President Wilson's attainments? His nomination is impossible, his candidacy a joke, but organized labor should use the opportunity to notify the country where Frank B. Willis stands on laws favorable to the working man.

about your business. We are now working on a resolution which has been adopted by our Executive Board. We propose to have it introduced in the City Council. It guarantees safe passage to the public and protects all. In this case our future members will have to make some sacrifices, but when you consider the amount of good accomplished and the measure of protection given, we believe the sacrifice is worth it.

Division 627 is always willing and ready to co-operate with any move whereby the City of Cincinnati will be benefited.

Let us hope the "Safety First" movement will develop and grow, and that much good will come from it.

COURTHOUSE WORK STARTED.

Actual construction work on the new court house dated from Wednesday, when the contractors began the construction of the concrete footings for the north wall of the building.

CINCINNATI FIRST.

Oscar Matthews, secretary of Painters' District Council No. 12, has enrolled Manager John F. Royal, of B. F. Keith's Theater, in the "Boost Cincinnati" club. Matthews wrote the following letter to Royal:

"I was instructed by Painters' District Council No. 12 to communicate with you to show their appreciation of your giving the decorating of the B. F. Keith Theater to a Cincinnati decorator. We feel sure that you have not made any mistake in so doing, as we know that we have just as good decorators in Cincinnati as anywhere in the country."

Republicans Break Promise To Union Men

Ever since the present Republican administration has been in power in Cincinnati it has shown, whenever possible, its antagonism to union labor. Scarcely a month has passed that some complaint has not been lodged with the heads of city departments that non-union men were being employed in preference to union labor, and these complaints have usually been ignored or nullified by delay.

All this has been in the face of protestations of good will toward the unions. None has been louder in these protestations than the present administration, and none has broken its promises so often and so flagrantly.

The latest evidence of the administration's preference for non-union labor is shown in the recent appointment of an electrician in the Water Works Department.

On July 7 Richard Paulsen, of Cleveland, was named for this position. Paulsen is a resident of Cleveland; he is non-union; he is not even a citizen of Cincinnati, never having voted here, and is not on the eligible list. This is only one, and the latest, case known to union business agents.

It is time that union men awakened and realized that promises by this Republican administration are worthless. Present Republican heads of city departments care nothing for union labor except on election day. They are not to be trusted, as the past has clearly shown, and the time is ripe for union men to see to it that men are elected who will show by their actions, and not by pre-election promises, that they are friendly to union labor.

Liability Companies Given Power to Write Workmen's Compensation in Ohio

Superintendent of Insurance Taggart Grants Plea of Companies Over the Protest of The Ohio State Federation of Labor—Fight to Protect Law Will Be Carried to Courts.

(By Thos. J. Donnelly, Secretary-Treasurer O. S. F. of L.)

Evidently fearful that they would suffer a defeat in their effort to have the Industrial Commission recognize them in the writing of workmen's compensation insurance, the liability insurance companies did not, as promised two weeks ago, file their brief in support of their contention with the industrial Commission, but transferred their field of endeavors to the Department of Insurance of Ohio and the Superintendent thereof, Judge Taggart.

For the purpose of securing a decision upon their asserted right to solicit and write workmen's compensation in Ohio, the insurance interests had three companies—the London Guarantee, Travelers and Aetna—ask Superintendent Taggart to pass on the question of their right to do this kind of business in the State, and requesting licenses permitting them to do same.

A hearing was set for Thursday, July 22, at the Department of Insurance, by Supt. Taggart. In attendance were ex-Superintendent of Insurance A. I. Vorys (representing the insurance companies), the members of the Industrial Commission and Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio State Federation of Labor. At that time Chairman Yaple replied to the argument of Mr. Vorys, and opposed granting to the insurance companies the right to solicit and write workmen's compensation in Ohio. Later he filed a brief with the Superintendent of Insurance more fully setting forth his argument against granting the request of these companies.

Taggart Issues Licenses.

On July 30 Supt. Taggart handed down a decision favorable to the insurance companies, and which was followed by the issuing of licenses permitting them to compete with the State in the writing of workmen's compensation.

Building Trades Council Goes on Record Against State-Wide Prohibition

Passes Resolution to Help Ohio Home Rule League in Fight to Aid Allied Unions—Names Delegate to Meeting of League—Take Action on Spear & Co.—Delegate Obligated.

The Cincinnati Building Trades Council, at its regular weekly meeting Thursday night, went on record in opposition to state-wide prohibition in Ohio.

This action was taken following receipt of a communication from the Ohio Labor Home Rule League, asking the Council for its co-operation in fighting prohibition. Ed Lane was named as the Council's delegate to meet with the Home Rule League.

Trades unions do not look upon prohibition as a political issue. It is purely economic, from their viewpoint, and they can not in justice to themselves or in justice to the tens of thousands of other trades unionists who are employed directly or indirectly in the manufacture and sale of liquor, vote to throw these men out of employment.

The action of the Council was based on the following communication from the Ohio Labor Home Rule League:

Ten Thousand Men Involved.

"The Labor Home Rule League of Hamilton County is composed of trades unions directly and indirectly engaged in the liquor industry, and representing over 10,000 trades unionists whose jobs are now placed in jeopardy by the Prohibitionists forcing us into another campaign. As trades unionists, we appeal to you for your moral support to help

defeat the Prohibition movement in Ohio.

"To that end we appeal to you for the co-operation of your organization and ask you to send a committee of one or more to represent your membership at the meeting of the League, which will be held August 18, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 1408 Walnut street. A committee representing the League will visit you at one of your regular meetings in the near future and will explain the hardships our organizations have suffered because of our continued struggle against the Prohibition menace. Any courtesy you may show the committee will be very much appreciated by the unions involved.

"Thanking you for the great help you gave us in the last campaign, and trusting that you will lend us your moral support to defeat our common enemy in November by even a greater majority, we remain, Fraternally yours."

President Cullen presided at the meeting. The reports of Business Agent Fred Hoek and the trustees were read and adopted. All Business Agents reported business fair.

George Trooks, delegate from the Asbestos Workers, was obligated. The Glass Workers presented their contract with the employers, which was endorsed by the Council.

The Secretary was instructed to send out in all notices "WE DON'T PATRONIZE" cards of Spear and Company, the installment house, which for a long time has been unfair to union labor.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Denounces Sentence Passed on Lawson in Colorado.

Central Labor Council Tuesday evening adopted resolutions denouncing the sentence imposed on John Lawson, condemned to life imprisonment in Colorado, as the result of scheming on the part of big business interests for the purpose of getting rid of obnoxious union labor leaders. Lawson's sentence is pronounced unjust, and he is assured of the sympathy of the Council and its financial support.

By resolution the unions of the city are called on to take proper action for showing their sentiments in the matter and to make plain they are united in condemning the methods used in the Lawson trial. One delegate wanted a copy of the resolutions sent to Mr. Rockefeller, but the move was blocked by another, who objected to the expense.

BUILDING PERMITS

Alterations to Workhouse, to accommodate jail prisoners, to cost, \$12,000. Mrs. Tillie Fuerst, 1½-story brick dwelling, 2404 and 2406 Vine street, to cost \$7,500.

H. W. Megraw, alterations on northwest corner of Reading road and Glenwood, to cost \$6,000.

Accomb-Keller Co., 2½-story brick dwelling, southeast corner Madison road and Elmhurst, to cost \$6,500.

Bessie M. Crane, 2½-story brick dwelling, 5636 Bramble avenue, to cost \$5,000.

Mary E. Allender, 2½-story brick dwelling, southeast corner Ludlow and Gano, to cost \$4,500.

Apartment building, Cincinnati. E. J. Lawler, architect, 1105 Chestnut street, St. Louis, Mo.

Residence, Belmont avenue. B. T. Wisenall, architect, First National Bank Building. Owner, Frank S. Bowman, 504 First National Bank Building.

Fenton Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Co., Reading road and Hickman street, Norwood, to build a 1-story brick store on corner of Montgomery and Cleveay. J. B. Schmidt, contractor; Louis Dittoe, architect. Cost, \$5,000.

Bertha Dunn, 811 Dayton street, Cincinnati, to build a 2½-story brick residence on Williams avenue, between Spencer and Regent, Norwood. C. H. Ortman, contractor and architect. Cost, \$6,000.

'Safety First' Now Slogan Of Car Men

By CHARLES H. SAMPSON.

The "Safety First" movement is on in earnest in Cincinnati. Coroner Foerstmeyer has written an article on this important subject, before the meeting of the Federated Improvement Association. I understand this great civic organization is considering the taking up of this matter and conducting an active campaign in its behalf.

Now, the street car men's organization is not asleep. Our membership is always wide awake and looking for an opportunity to better our city and help our friends, the public. We believe in putting our safeguards where they will do the most good. As servants of the public, we put in practically all of our working hours upon the streets. We observe the conditions that exist, and can truthfully say that over 50 per cent of the accidents that occur upon the streets of this city are caused by carelessness and inefficiency on the part of those who cause the accidents.

A man who is careless and deliberately disregards the safety of his fellow man should be punished, and the inefficient person should be debarred, so as to prevent the possibility of causing accidents.

Education is the only course left open to the public in order to protect life, limb and property. The slogan, "Safety First," appeals to everyone, and points out the only safe way to go