

PORTLAND LABOR WILL STAY WITH GOMPERS

PORTLAND, Sept. 15.—The Federated Trades council of Portland emphatically went on record to the effect that no man carrying a union card should vote for the republican electors or in any way enable Mr. Taft to secure the presidency.

This resolute action was taken on account of frequent editorials, cartoons and alleged news stories that have appeared in the local morning paper, charging that Mr. Gompers was individually trying to boost the labor vote toward the Bryan camp, and was playing at czar for personal gain.

Most union men already knew that Mr. Gompers was only acting under instructions from the national body that had, in its national convention, gone on record against Mr. Taft; but to set at rest idle rumors and destroy the force of the canard, the local labor organization definitely stated its position. The resolution unanimously adopted follows:

"Whereas, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has recently been the object of vicious and scurrilous attacks on account of the attitude he has taken in the present political campaign; and

"Whereas, We know that he is and has been throughout the campaign acting in accordance with instructions given him by the American Federation of Labor convention, and that he has carried out these instructions to the very best of his ability; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the Portland Federated Trades Council, hereby approve of the action of Mr. Gompers has taken and pledge to him our hearty support in this, as we believe, a battle for the preservation of principles which we as union men hold dear. We denounce the statements as made in the corporation papers of the country 'that Mr. Gompers is trying to deliver the labor vote' as untrue, unjust and unreasonable; and be it further

"Resolved, That we oppose the election of William H. Taft, the republican candidate for the presidency, because we believe that his election means the perpetuation of 'government by injunction.' We know him as the 'father of the present interpretation of the injunction law,' and we believe that no man who carries a union card should vote for him."

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS HASTE

The school board has bestirred itself slightly in the matter of fire escapes for city school buildings. The forcible expression of public dissatisfaction with the dilatory tactics of the board prodded it to belated activity in safeguarding the lives of the thousands of children attending the city schools.

At the regular meeting of the school board last night a letter from the Portland Wire & Iron works was read, which states that this company, recently awarded the contract for the fire escapes on the grade schools of the city, hopes to have the work completed in about four weeks. The secretary of the board was ordered to communicate this information to the board of public works, and also to write the Portland concern urging all possible speed in putting up the fire escapes.

The board had previously granted an extension of time on the contract in defiance of the fire commission. Plans for fire escapes on the new North Central high school were ordered prepared and a contract will be awarded on September 28.

FIGHT BEGINS FOR SPEAKER

Now that the primary election is over and the political lineup for the general election in November has been decided, the fight for the speakership of the next house of representatives is on in earnest in the state. The much coveted gavel is attracting more attention this campaign than usual, as several candidates have already announced themselves in the race, taking it for granted that they will be successful at the polls.

King county has two aspirants for the honor in the persons of E. B. Palmer, nominee in the Forty-seventh district, and Ole Hanson, nominee in the Forty-third district. E. D. Reiter, of the Sixteenth legislative district, which is in Lincoln county, is also in the race.

Pierce county will have a candidate in all probability in the person of George T. Reid, who was a member of the lower house in the last two sessions of the legislature. Mr. Reid was appointed a judge of the superior court of Pierce county by Governor Mead, but has since stepped down from the bench to again enter political life and he was one of the successful candidates for nomination in the Thirty-sixth district.

It is expected that there will be other candidates for speaker before the November election, but the men now in the race are losing no opportunity to make combinations now that will benefit them at the state capital next winter.

TO CLOSE ALASKA MAILS.
SEATTLE, Sept. 15.—Owing to the suspension of navigation to north Alaskan points for the winter, the mail service to those places will be discontinued shortly. The order was issued yesterday by Chief Clerk R. A. Whiting of the railway mail service.

Cleaning, Dyeing, Repairing

Press suits, 50c; pants, 15c; club rates, four suits \$1.50; rips and buttons sewed free; quick service; no delays. Ladies' and gents' clothes French dry cleaned, latest method. Suits made to order. All work guaranteed. Messenger. Unique Tailoring Co., 112 Washington St., Spokane Club Bldg. Phone 735.

CITY LEVY MAY BE FIXED AT 10 MILLS

ON \$64,000,000 VALUATION THIS WOULD BRING \$640,000, AS COMPARED TO \$465,379, RAISED LAST YEAR.

If a 10 mill tax levy for city purposes is adopted by the city council, it will mean an increase in the amount raised by taxation in the city from \$465,379 to approximately \$640,000. It is thought by some members of the council that a 10 mill levy will be required to take care of the needs of the city for the coming year. They favor a levy large enough to take up outstanding warrants and deficits and provide enough revenue for all departments.

It is estimated that the total valuation of taxables in Spokane will run to about \$64,000,000 this year, as against \$36,000,000 last year. The present levy of 13 mills real-izes about \$465,000, which has been found inadequate to carry the city through this year.

A comparative showing of the amounts raised by taxation in Spokane city is furnished by the following figures compiled by the comptroller's office: 1900, \$292,195; 1901, \$267,977; 1902, \$258,936; 1903, \$302,979; 1904, \$322,003; 1905, \$348,924; 1906, \$397,850; 1907, estimated, \$465,379.

MAYOR WILL ABOLISH BALL AND CHAIN

SEATTLE, Sept. 15.—A workhouse, consisting of a temporary wooden building within a stockade where prisoners might be employed clearing city park land in the fresh air and with comfortable sleeping quarters is the plan which Mayor Miller laid before the city council's police committee and Chairman Fred Sawyer of the finance committee.

The plan also contemplates removing the chains from the gangs of prisoners now working on the street and to give them the choice of street work or employment at the workhouse. As a reward for those who choose the street work, it is proposed to allow a higher rate a day to apply on fines. Whether the men work on the street or at digging out stumps on the city's land, the ball and chain will be abolished.

RACING AT SALEM.

The races in Salem, Ore., opened yesterday with a large attendance. Josephine won the 2:12 pace for the Capital stake of \$1000. R. L. Harriman is starting.

MR. SKYJACK, FROM MARS

HE VISITS THE EARTH AS A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AND MAKES WIRELESS OBSERVATIONS IN HIS NOTEBOOK

DURING DARK PERIOD HEARD FOLLOW-UP SERIES OF WAIRS COMING FROM HOUSE ON INVESTIGATION SAW MALE EARTH-BEING WALKING TO AND FRO WITH YOUNG IN ARMS SEEMED BENT ON TORTURING YOUNG SCENE BECAME TOO DISTRESSING TO REMAIN.



NEW SAN FRANCISCO HAS AN UNLIMITED CREDIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—San Francisco's bonds for municipal improvement command a premium of 7.15 per cent in the money marts of the country, and E. H. Collins & Sons, in conjunction with N. W. Harris & Co., offer to take the entire issue of \$18,200,000 recently voted at a corresponding advance above par, according to the interest the bonds bear.

The \$3,280,000 worth of San Francisco bonds for which the board of supervisors opened bids were overbid 15 times by the financiers of the country, who have unlimited confidence in the city's credit and prosperity.

On this first installment of the \$18,200,000 bond issue recently voted, a total of nearly \$52,000,000 was bid in the aggregate by 101 intending purchasers. The most sanguine expectations of the supervisors were overwhelmed by the avalanche of money that was offered by the country to finance the city's improvements.

WILD WEST NOT SO WOOLLY

Buffalo Bill must be about ready to retire from the Wild West show business. His exhibition here yesterday was fair in the afternoon by daylight, but it was little more than a blur of rapid movement at night, owing to cheap and inefficient lighting arrangements. As a result two huge audiences were generally disappointed in the failure of the show to equal expectations created by advance announcements. The disappointment was so pronounced that people began to file out by the hundreds before the program was half concluded, in an effort to at least get a street car seat out of it. The cars were jammed and the Buffalo Bill show has no complaint.

It can be said that the cowboys, Indians and foreign performers are genuine. Buffalo Bill can still hit balls in the air with a rifle while riding, and rides as well as ever. There is little to the Wild West business aside from blank cartridges. The cowboys ride well, but attempt few of the fancy feats, and the night performance was rushed. There is a first rate demonstration of Indian excitement in the Summit Springs battle, and Bill demonstrates with actual bison how he earned his name.

It must seem mighty tame, however, to the old scout who went all through the real thing, tamer perhaps than it seemed to the audience. But William is getting the money.

DIED ON DAY HE INHERITED FORTUNE

MEMPHIS, Sept. 15.—Richard S. Wiggers of Cincinnati, who mysteriously disappeared at Vicksburg, Miss., several weeks ago, and who was recently found near that city in a bad condition from exposure, died. Dr. Edwin Wiggers, brother, was at Vicksburg when death came. He says since R. S. Wiggers disappeared his father died, leaving a quarter of a million dollar estate, and that the finding of Richard was essential to a division. The body was shipped to Cincinnati.

On the day of his death young Wiggers fell heir to a big portion of his father's estate. The will, filed in probate court, states that Richard's share in the property should be held by a trustee because young Wiggers was "careless in financial affairs."

COSTS \$50 TO LIFT LID

Dominio Grant, restaurant keeper at 219 Front avenue, was fined \$50 and costs for selling liquor on Sunday by Justice Mann yesterday.

GOVERNOR MEAD GLAD IT WAS COSGROVE

"I am, of course, disappointed that the people of the state did not elect to return me as governor for another four years," says Governor Mead, "but I am sincerely glad that Mr. Cosgrove, rather than some of the others who desired the office, was elected. Mr. Cosgrove is an old republican, he will give the state an honest, able administration, and he deserves the honor from the party which he has served faithfully for so many years."

"If Mr. Cosgrove wishes my assistance in the forthcoming state campaign I will be glad to take the stump for him and give him every other assistance in my power. But Mr. Cosgrove's sturdy republicanism will gain him all of the votes of his party in the state, and I believe that many democrats, knowing Mr. Cosgrove's long and efficient service in other public offices, will honor him with their votes."

"I believe that the primary law on its first trial has been a success, but I think some amendments may be profitably made to it. In my message to the legislature next winter I will point out certain changes which I think ought to be made."

"What seems at this time to be a most important measure is the education of the voters of the state to the proper understanding of the new law. Beyond question a number of democrats asked for republican ballots at the election. Some of the men of this party, I suppose, did not fully understand the law and thought that they had the option of voting either a republican or democratic ticket. They need enlightenment."

"There is another class of democrats who voted the republican ticket and they need punishment. A man who has affiliated himself with one party for years and knowingly goes to the polls and votes another party ticket for personal or dishonorable motives needs to be taught conclusively that the primary law is not to be trifled with. There always will be men, I suppose, who will barter their vote as they would a marketable piece of merchandise. If a few of this sort are made examples of at the start there will be less trouble in future elections."

"The independent voter must

also be brought to understand that the primaries are conventions on a large scale and that unless he intends becoming a party man he has no place in the primary elections. Such a man must be brought to understand that his opinion of parties and party rule is not sufficient basis for attempting to destroy them.

"I have not had time to make any definite or detailed plans about my work when I retire as governor next January. In a general way I will say that I will return to my home in Bellingham and resume the practice of law."

"The election has not embittered me nor will I withdraw from politics on account of my present defeat. I have only gratitude for the men who worked faithfully for me in the past campaign. When I retire as governor I will return to the ranks and work for the success of the republican party at all times."

"The nomination of Wesley L. Jones was a source of gratification to me. I was heartily pleased with the sentiment that the men of his party showed by the votes they cast. I predict that Mr. Jones will have a long and useful career in the senate, and that the people of the state will realize in future years, even more than now, that they made a wise choice. Mr. Jones' election means cleaner politics in the state."

Speaking of the results of the primary, Mr. Cosgrove says: "I won the nomination for governor because I made a long personal fight for it. I have been campaigning since a year ago last August, and I tell you frankly that if I had known what work the nomination meant I would not have undertaken it."

"My first thought is for the men who have so earnestly worked for me. I want to thank them first of all. Without their aid and voluntary efforts I might not have secured the majority I did."

"I am going home to rest for a bit, and then I am going to begin the fall campaign. One of the first things I will do is to confer with other state nominees and devise a plan of campaign. I believe the former state central committee has been wiped out by the primary elections. We will have to get together and determine whether this

is a fact and whether we may make use of the old party organization or form a new one.

"The primary election law is a good measure, and without it I do not believe I could have been elected. I have nothing to say about the senatorial contest. I refrained from giving an opinion on it before the primaries, and as there were Ankeny and Jones men who worked for my election I think it would be bad taste for me to give an opinion now."

HE WENT CRAZY PICKING PEACHES

OREGON CITY, Ore., Sept. 15.—Fred C. Brethaupt, a son of H. Brethaupt, was adjudged insane and committed to the asylum. He is about 19 years of age and for-

merly attended the State Agricultural college. The Brethaupts have five acres in peaches and raised a bumper crop this season. The men on the place worked day and night to pick the fruit for there was a heavy demand, and the young man became so enthusiastic that he was plunged into a frenzy and finally became insane. He was taken to the asylum at Salem last night.

HIS FAMILY GIVES BRYAN 17 VOTES

CARLYLE, Ill., Sept. 15.—Anthony Hubert, familiarly known as "Uncle Tony" Hubert, of this city, is the head of a family that will furnish 17 votes for William J. Bryan for president. He has never missed casting a ballot for a democratic candidate for president. "Uncle Tony" is the father of six children, and has 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One son, Supervisor Frank Hubert of Wade township, is the father of 16 children. In this family there are seven votes for Bryan.

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