

items of tariff revision are to be should be removed as soon as possible.

[See current volume, page 1082.]



The Progressive Party in Illinois.

At a meeting of Progressive Party members-elect of the Illinois legislature, held at Chicago on the 16th, a committee was appointed to make overtures to the Democratic, Republican and Socialist members-elect on the basis of a declaration of—

intention to co-operate, without selfish purpose or for party advantage, with any and all right minded members of the legislature, regardless of party, to the end that the House and Senate may be organized along non-partisan lines by those who are in favor of good government.

To this end they favor—

reformed rules which will place in the hands of a majority of a quorum the power over legislation at any and all stages, including the right to withdraw a bill from committee at any time, . . . and desire to co-operate with all progressives, regardless of party, in the election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives; . . . the creation of a nonpartisan committee of Republicans, Democrats, Progressives and Socialists, which committee shall have the power formerly exercised by the Speaker of making up the list of standing committees, said committee or a similar committee to have the power throughout the session of appointing all select committees and joint and several commissions.

The purpose is to strip the Speaker of dictatorial power and to prevent an obstructive minority from hindering the work of the Assembly. [See current volume, page 1091.]



Bigelow and the Ohio Legislature.

Following a conference with Governor-elect Cox of Ohio, on the 12th, Herbert S. Bigelow announced his withdrawal as a candidate for Speaker. In this connection, Governor Cox explained:

I am sure I sense the public wish in the statement that the Governor will be expected to take charge of the task of platform fulfillment. So there is abundant justification for Executive interest in both the selection of the Speaker and the floor leader. Both of these officers must be in sympathy with our legislative program. Mr. Bigelow and I fought together for the adoption of a progressive Constitution, and it is my wish that he be so assigned that he can render the greatest possible assistance. There has been question as to whether he would be more useful as Speaker than as floor leader. My legislative experience tells me that the thing of first consideration is the selection of a man who can lead and maintain the fight on the floor; and no one in Ohio can better meet the requirements than Mr. Bigelow.

Charles L. Swain of Cincinnati, a supporter of Mr. Bigelow for the Speakership, is regarded as

Mr. Bigelow's successor in that candidacy. [See current volume, page 1090.]



Coming Singletax Campaign in Seattle.

A Singletax charter amendment was adopted on the 18th by the City Council of Seattle for submission to the people of that city at the municipal election on the 4th of next March. It was proposed by Councilman Oliver T. Erickson and provides for gradual exemption (over a period of four years) of real estate improvements and personal property from local taxation. [See current volume, page 295.]



The Labor War.

Mayor Lunn of Schenectady, N. Y., was sentenced at Herkimer on the 15th to pay \$50 or suffer 50 days' imprisonment for violating a city ordinance in speaking to a meeting of strikers on the street. In his defense he said:

I was not blocking traffic or causing congestion. I was about to address a peaceful assemblage and urge the men to use peaceful methods in their strike. I have always advised peaceful methods, and never a violent word has come from my mouth.

Refusing to pay the fine, Mayor Lunn gave bail pending appeal to the upper courts. [See current volume, pages 1020, 1045.]



Striking miners in the Cabin Creek district of West Virginia, and deputies aboard a passenger train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, exchanged shots on the 14th without fatalities.



Governor Carroll of Iowa notified the Des Moines authorities on the 13th that he would call out the State troops unless the police immediately dispersed crowds gathering in the streets of Des Moines as a consequence of the teamsters' strike.



A general strike has been declared by the factories and workshops in St. Petersburg, Russia, in protest against the recent sentencing to death of 17 sailors of the Black Sea fleet for instigating mutinies. Demonstrations on the 12th were stopped by the police and many arrests were made.



Immigration and Employment.

At the closing meeting of the second annual Conference of Immigration, Land and Labor Officials, on the 15th at Chicago, a system of protection for immigrants was recommended. Free employment agencies are called for in the several States and the resolutions conclude with a recommendation that—

the Department of Commerce and Labor of the