

"THE UNITED LABOR PARTY."

HENRY GEORGE'S FOLLOWERS EFFECT PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The United Labor Party, as the leaders of Henry George's supporters have finally determined to call themselves, has been furnished with a constitution and by-laws by its Executive Committee. At a meeting of the latter, held on Wednesday evening, at No. 141 Eighth-street, it was decided that the constitution should remain in force until Jan. 5, 1887, though in the latter it is stated that the General Committee of the party shall alone have the power to amend or alter it. The preamble to the constitution is as follows:

"We, the representatives of the United Labor Party of the city and county of New-York, believing that Governmental corruptions and injustices spring from neglect of the self-evident truth that all men are created equal; that the advantages arising from social growth and improvement belong, of right, to society at large; that in the drawing of Grand Jurors there shall be no distinction of class; that the property qualification for trial jurors should be abolished; that equal pay for equal work should in public employment be accorded without distinction of sex; that police interference with peaceful assemblages should cease; that our elective methods should be reformed; that the people of New-York should have full control of their own local affairs; that the procedure of our courts should be simplified; that the laws for the safety and sanitary inspection of buildings should be enforced; that all laws which bear unjustly on labor should be abolished; that in public work all labor should be directly employed; that all taxes on buildings and improvements should be abolished; that all taxes should be levied on land values which arise from and are due solely to increase of population; that existing means of transit should no longer be left in the hands of corporations, but should by lawful process be assumed by the city and operated for the public benefit; and that the true purpose of Government is the maintenance of that sacred right of property which secures to every man the fruits of his own labor."

The preamble has a Knight of Labor as well as a Henry George flavor, and the organization of the party is fashioned closely upon that of the Knights. The organization is to consist of a County General Committee, a County Executive Committee, Assembly district organizations, Executive Committees of the same, and election district organizations. The highest authority is vested in the General Committee, the officers of which consist of Chairman, Recording and Financial Secretaries, and Treasurer, to be elected for one year.

For every 200 votes or a majority fraction of that number cast by an Assembly district at the previous election for candidates of the party it shall elect a delegate to the General Committee. Regular meetings of the committee will be held on the first Thursday in each month. The County Executive Committee will consist of one member from each district Assembly delegation on the General Committee. The County Executive Committee will meet at least once in two weeks. It shall have the right to levy a regular or special tax on the members of Assembly district organizations, subject to the approval of the General Committee. It will make arrangements for Congressional and other conventions, shall fix the representation thereto, shall select the Chairmen of such conventions, and allow the conventions to choose their Vice-Presidents and Secretaries and nominate candidates.

Assembly district organizations shall consist of citizens who have cut loose from "other existing parties," and those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, and who subscribe to the platform of the United Labor Party. The Assembly district organizations may elect as many standing and special committees as they deem proper. All officers shall be elected at the first meeting in January. Notice of the contemplated election of the General or County Executive Committees shall be printed in "such public papers as are declared to be the official organs of this party."

The regular dues of members of Assembly district organizations shall be not less than 10 cents per month. Members may be excused from payment "for a certain stated period." In addition to the transaction of political business Assembly district organizations shall provide "mental food and enjoyment" for their members. All members of an Assembly district shall be members of their respective election districts. The latter organizations will be expected to make "house to house canvasses during the campaign and to cause worthy citizens to join the organization."