A Man of Tact.

Bessie—I gave Charlie on Christmas a beautiful necktie of my own make.

Tessie—Was he pleased?

Bessie—Immensely. He said its beauty shall be for no other eyes but his own. Wasn't that lovely of him?—Brooklyn Life.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

What It Stands For—About the Convention Next Month.

DELAND, FLA., Dec. 21, '09.

EDITOR DELAND NEWS:—In your last issue we read your article on the coming tenth annual convention of the Florida Department of the American Federation of Labor, and bespeaking for it the hearty co-operation of the citizens of DeLand, and urging the local trades unions to "get busy." Well, Mr. Editor, we thank you for your kind words, and the interest that you have always shown in the working people of our town, and we propose with the help of yourself, and other patriotic citizens, to make the coming convention a most decided success, so far as lies in our power to do so.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, some of our people are not quite so familiar with the aim and object of the convention, and why DeLand was chosen as the Convention City, as they would like to be, so we would be glad to sketch in as few words as possible, what we stand for.

The Florida State Federation of Labor is composed of the members of all trades and occupations, who have enrolled themselves in trades unions, for the purpose of bettering the condition, both socially and financially, of those who toil.

There are twenty-five or more different trades now affiliated with it in this State, of which the carpenters are one. Each local union is entitled to send one delegate for each one hundred members enrolled, to the annual convention.

DeLand Carpenters were represented at the convention held in Palatka last January. When the question of deciding where the next convention should be held, with the able assistance of a former Volusia County woman—Mrs. Goddard of Tampa—DeLand captured the coveted honor, nothwithstanding the fact that some strenuous work and very flattering offers were made by the cities of Pensacola, Miami and Sanford. We expect from seventy-five to one hundred delegates, representing about 10,000 organized working people. The convention will continue in session about four days, and when it is known that these delegates take back to their local unions their reports, it is easily seen how extensively DeLand will be spoken of.

Now, as to the aims of the Federation: At the Palatka convention, resolutions were passed asking the State Legislature to enact laws for the protection of children and women in stores and factories; a compulsory school law; the publishing and selling by the State, at cost, of all text books used in the public schools of the State, and that the leasing of convicts is inhuman and barbarous and a disgrace to the State. To carry out the will of the convention, a legislative committee was sent to Tallahassee, and maintained there, during the last session of the Legislature, to procure, if possible, laws in harmony with the convention's resolutions. I understand that this committee had the support and influence of our own "Jim Alex," who is, I believe, chairman of the Committee on Labor.

As I said in the beginning of this article Mrs. Goddard of Tampa, helped to bring this convention to DeLand, and some may wish to know why women are in our ranks. Many of your readers already know about the "Consumer's League," of our Northern cities, and an advance on that is our "Womens Union Label League," in which each member is pledged to demand the Union Label on all of her purchases, thus aiding, in a very praticcal way, the cause of organized labor, besides giving a knock-out blow to the terrible tenement sweat-shop system.

The sessions of the Federation are public, and it is to be hoped that the intelligent people of DeLand will avail themselves of this opportunity to learn, at first hand, what this great movement of the American Federation of Labor, with its more than 2,000,000 members, stands for.

W. C. KEOWN.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

Reports Made by Delegates to the State Convention.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held their "Echo" meeting at the Parish rooms last Thursday evening. Their friends were out in crowds to hear reports from the delegates to the Plant City Convention. Mrs. McCrory, president, gave an earnest talk; Mrs. Patton spoke of only two departments of work, and Mrs. Sheddan covered the ground generally. Mrs. Dean summed up the work in a beautiful manner, and left not a doubt on the minds of the audience that the occasion being reported was of vast interest from start to finish.

A chorus of girls sang several Temperance songs; and a quartette, composed of Miss Harrison, soprano, Mrs. Barron, alto, Mr. Ferran, tenor, Mr. Stults, bass, gave two numbers.

Mrs. Barron and Miss Harrison represented the teachers of our schools. The latter has not been long in DeLand and is making friends by her pleasing personality.

Rev. Ferran of the Presbyterian church sang a solo entitled, "Hold thou my hand," in good voice and impressive manner.

Mrs. Allie C. Wilson accompanied the singers, with good effect on the organ.

One of the numbers sung by the quartette was written by Mrs. Oltrogge, of Jacksonville, and dedicated to Miss Minnie E. Neal, State president.

A social hour followed, and cocoa and cake were enjoyed.

Rah for Taylor!

Taylor county produces its own corn, meat, lard, potatoes, syrup and whiskey, and raises enough cotton to buy pumps to get the "chasers."—Perry Herald.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST AT STETSON UNIVERSITY

On Friday evening, a very interesting declamatory contest was held in the auditorium under the auspices of the Oratorical Association of the university. A large and thoroughly representative audience was out to witness this contest. President Roy Sellars, a student of the law school, presided over the exercises and in the name of the Oratorical Association, presented a gold medal to Miss Helen P. Boor of Sandusky, Ohio. At the opening of the program Mr. Sellars reviewed the history of the Oratorical Association and told of its reorganization last year under a new constitution. In the course of his remarks he made references to the fact that Doyle Carlton, who took his academy and college training at Stetson, and who two or three years ago won a gold medal in an oratorical contest here, has recently won the distinction of a place on the University of Chicago debating team. In addition to other privileges and honors, this place on the debating team carries with it an annual scholarship at the Chicago University, and a gold medal. The large audience in the university chapel Friday night joined in enthusiastic applause when the announcement was made. Mr. Carlton is a Florida boy, who will win for himself a name far beyond her borders. He is not only one of the most genial and lovable young men the institution has ever enrolled, but he is possessed of a brilliant mind and a capacity for good, hard work.

The contest held here under the auspices of the Oratorical Association was the first of a series which will be held this year. This was a young ladies' declamatory contest, in which there were two entries from the Eusophian (the college of liberal arts) Literary Society, two from the Kent club (the debating society of the college of law), and two from the Stetson Academic Literary Society.

The three new ministers of DeLand, Rev. C. A. Owens of the Baptist church, Rev. Ferran of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Daniel Stewart of the Christian church, served as judges.

Following is the published program, which was closely followed:

Organ. Festival March (Kinder), Miss Eva Baker.

Pro Patria (Ada Ammerman), Miss Willie Wells.

The Old South and the New (Henry W. Grady) Miss Gertrude Purdon.

Vocal solo. The Swallows (Cowen), Miss Marion Gardner.

Bobby Shaftoe (Homer Greene), Miss Nina Philips.

Address (Robert Emmett), Miss Dorcas Broward.

Quartet, Loch Lomond (Old Scotch), Misses Conkling, Hulley, Murch and Mrs. Phillips.

Address, Patrick Henry, Miss Helen P. Boor.

Memorial address on Henry Grady (John Temple Graves), Miss E. Young Douglas.

Organ, Overture to Stradella (Buck), Miss Eva Baker.

The music numbers were greatly enjoyed. The new Stetson quartet (ladies') made a splendid impression, as did Miss Marion Gardner in solo work, and Miss Eva Baker at the organ.

A YOUTHFUL SUICIDE.

Martha Clifton, of Dannia, Takes Strychnine While Temporarily Insane.

Miami, Dec. 20.—Without any apparent cause for the act, Martha Clifton, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clifton, of Dania, killed herself Friday by swallowing strychnine.

She was taken ill by the poison about 10 o'clock and lived about half an hour, dying in the agony that strychnine brings on. The tragedy caused great excitement in the little town. Everybody knew the child and she was a favorite, though possessed of a brooding disposition. It is said that she had previously attempted to take her life. It was not known where she procured the poison. She attempted to get it at the drug store, but the clerk refused to sell it to her.

The neighbors say that there were times when the Clifton child did not appear normal, and it is believed that the deplorable deed was accomplished during a fit of this kind.

When she was seized with the poison illness Friday shortly after 10 o'clock, there was no doubt as to the cause when an empty strychnine bottle fell from her bosom, where she had concealed it.