

# STATE FEDERATION TO DISCUSS HINDU

## Labor Organization About to Hold Annual Meeting at Tacoma

TACOMA, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The seventh annual convention of the State Federation of Labor will meet here next Wednesday, lasting four days.

The subject to take up the most of the time of the convention is that of cheap Oriental labor. A decidedly new phase has been given to this matter since the convention last met by the



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advent of the Hindus. These are a factor around which hinges a great deal of uncertainty in organized labor circles of the Northwest.

There are no exclusion laws against the incoming of the Hindus, and as they are British subjects labor men here believe that no such law can be enacted by the government without a great risk of making trouble with England and endangering the friendly relations of the two countries.

Resolutions have already been framed, according to statements made here, which the convention will be asked to indorse on the labor question.

About 300 delegates will be present at the convention. Efforts are making to secure the noted English labor leader, Ben Tillett, secretary of the London Dockworkers' Union, to be present during the convention and make several addresses. He was due to arrive in San Francisco yesterday.

Frank W. Cotterill, of Seattle, is president of the state federation, and George Humphrey, of this city, secretary-treasurer.