

Salem Welfare League Libels Roseburg

A BIG EXHIBIT

Of Douglas County Products At Land Show.

SKINNER & SONS CONTRIBUTE

Land Show Promises to Far Surpass All Former Events of Its Kind - Claimed That Representative Should Be Present.

The Douglas County exhibit to be shown at the Chicago Land Show was increased today by six boxes of fruit, two of them being sent in by Skinner & Sons, the Winston growers, and four boxes of extraordinary fine prunes furnished by the Drager Fruit company.

The space at the United States Land Show allotted to Oregon is not quite as large as the space occupied by the Douglas County exhibit at the Salem State fair.

In view of the fact that Douglas County will have such an excellent showing at the Oregon State Exhibit there should be a representative at the Land Show to point out the various Douglas County products and to answer questions relative to the county itself.

The secretary of the Commercial club has already received from a number of other secretaries the notification that they will attend the Land Show, informing him as to the route they will take and inviting him to select the same route.

If the Umpqua Valley is to be represented, it should be so decided promptly, in order that proper advertising matter be prepared and full arrangements made.

With the advantage of a principal portion of the State exhibit coming from Douglas County, and the fact that the Umpqua Valley representative can wear on his bosom the blue ribbon won in the State contest, it seems almost criminal negligence not to take advantage of the best advertising opportunity that has ever been presented to Douglas County in its history.

If the other communities of the state can afford a representative with all the advantages held by Douglas County it seems that this county should be represented, whether or not other localities are, but in view of the fact that every section of Oregon, other than the Umpqua Valley will have representatives at the show, there should be no delay relative to the decision whether or not Douglas County is to be represented.

THEVES ENTER BOXCAR AND OPEN CASE OF GOODS CON-SIGNED TO DRUG COMPANY

Nothing of Value Is Taken, According to Report of Detective Burns.

Some time late last night thieves entered a boxcar in the local Southern Pacific railroad yards, and after forcing open a crate consigned to the Marsters Drug Company, ransacked its contents.

LOSES PASSENGER.

Somewhere between Portland and Glendale train No. 13 lost a pajama-clad passenger Monday night or early Tuesday. The conductor reported this morning finding the berth empty with the occupant's grip and clothes. The name of the passenger is unknown.—Medford Tribune.

morning, and Detective Burns of the Southern Pacific company was notified. After a careful examination it was found that the thieves had appropriated nothing of value. It is presumed that the robbery was engineered by hoboes. No trace of the men responsible for the would-be theft had been found late today. The car, in which the robbery occurred, was stationed at the freight house early last evening, but was later moved through a mistake to some remote part of the yards. This gave the thieves an excellent opportunity to carry on their search for valuables unmolested.

LADIES OF CATHOLIC CHURCH ENTERTAIN AT THE PARISH HOUSE LAST EVENING

Evening Is Spent Playing Games, Indulging in Social Converse and Other Pleasantries.

A very delightful evening was spent at the Parish House, of the local Catholic church yesterday, when the young ladies of the congregation entertained in a most befitting manner.

The evening was spent in playing games, indulging in social converse and other pleasantries. No formal program, either literary or musical was rendered. A delicious luncheon, served by the young ladies proved a feature of the evening.

The Parish House was beautifully decorated for the occasion, miniature pumpkins and other Halloween effects predominating. A typical fortune teller was kept busy during the evening relating the past and predicting the future of those present.

The committee in charge of the event was composed of Margaret McCallen, Clara Rebenauer, Marie Walsh, Viola Willett, Mabel Bryan, Gertrude and Elizabeth Dolan, Mrs. Morris Wilkey, Misses Rhiens and Miss Lillian Krogel.

ROSEBURG TRADING CHECKS.

50 Merchants Organize Stamp Company to Compete With Green Stamps.

The Roseburg Stamp Company is the name that has been adopted by an incorporation to do business in this city. Fifty merchants will give away the checks issued by this company. One of Roseburg's prominent business men in an interview with The News this morning said:

"In view of the fact that several of the local merchants have been using foreign trading stamps, the remaining merchants, fifty in number, have formed a company known as the Roseburg Stamp Company, incorporated, and on and after Saturday, November 1st, each of these fifty stores will issue trading checks which will be interchangeable with the same as cash at any of the stores holding a membership, and in addition may be used for the purchase of premiums at the company's premium parlors. The Roseburg Stamp Company was organized by local merchants in the belief that it would be for the best interest of the community to keep the money expended for stamps at home and in circulation, rather than to send it away to any big outside corporation."

The stores issuing these stamps, and other details in connection with their use will, it is announced, appear later in the advertisements of the members.

Lee Kennedy, who has been spending the past few days in Roseburg left for Coos county this morning. His wife went to Wilbur today where she will visit with her parents pending the return of her husband.

WET FORCES IN SALEM MIS-REPRESENT ROSEBURG FINANCES

Ridicule Roseburg Because it Lacks a Park System and Public Library

SAYS ROSEBURG IS HOPELESSLY IN DEBT

Welfare League Says that Prohibition has Caused Citizens of Roseburg to Seek Redress in Another Bond Issue to Pay Obligations --- The News Exposes Hand of Brewery League

On November 4th the city of Salem is going to vote on the question of whether or not the saloons shall be banished and a dry city established in their place.

The liquor and brewery forces have been driven to the ropes by an aroused people who are anxious to throw off the fetters of saloon rule with its attendant misery, poverty and waste.

The liquor people, the brewery and saloon element have organized what they call the Salem Welfare League and this league which has ostensibly the best business interests of Salem at heart is conducting the campaign for the wet forces. The league is spending large sums of money in advertising to influence people to vote for a wet Salem and the same old business arguments are used. The argument is advanced that a dry town is a bankrupt town. They say that a municipality can not run successfully without the revenue of the saloon and liquor licenses and the money that is spent over the bar.

But this Salem Welfare League goes a step farther. It holds up another city to shame. It flaunts before the people the statement that the city referred to has been gradually going backward since it went dry and that today the city cannot meet its obligations and that at this time the officers are considering the advisability of asking the citizens to vote a further bonded indebtedness to make up and pay off the deficit.

This has all been said by the Salem Welfare League—and many other things besides. And the city that the Salem Welfare League thus holds up to derision because it is dry is Roseburg. In glaring headlines in a Salem paper appears the words "Roseburg's Financial Condition after Five Years of Prohibition". The News prints the entire article which takes up about a third of a page and is printed in heavy black type. The article follows:

"Roseburg, after five years of prohibition, finds herself in a very much distressed financial condition. She has reached the legal limit of ten mills for city purposes, and has defaulted on current expense accounts for some time, and at this time her officials are discussing the advisability of asking them to vote a further bonded indebtedness to make up the existing deficiency, which, at the last trial balance showed at \$29,463.23, or within a few hundred dollars of the tax revenues for one year.

The present bonded indebtedness totals for general purposes \$199,000, in three series, which were issued

in 1909 (\$25,000), in 1910 (\$40,000), in 1912 (\$12,000) and the bonded indebtedness for paving improvements an additional \$178,955.08. This indebtedness of bonds and uncanceled current account warrants is against an assessed valuation of \$2,454,325.

Note that it has all been created under a prohibition regime.

And with all of this created since the advent of prohibition in the conduct of civic affairs. It has caused the property owners to go to debating as to what the future holds for them. The condition as these features present it, however, is not the only financial exaction that is made of the people who own property and do business there. Last year they paid an occupation tax of \$6,987.06.

This character of taxing business and professional men is considered to be the most objectionable species, and few municipalities employ it, which are seeking the presence of new enterprises and businesses in their limits. Then, too, Roseburg's financial budget of today discloses that it has

"No paid fire department.
No public library.
No city park system.

The absence of these factors in their civic being takes from comparative expenditures a heavy percentage that is not by other cities.

The insurance rate is very high. "Made so by the fact that it is not possible to maintain the equipment that other cities have whose revenues have not been impaired by political action."

The News denies that prohibition has caused any or all of these things. And following these so-called facts related by the Salem Welfare League The News wants to present the true facts, the uncontroverted facts, facts that every one who has eyes can see and read, facts that show up the Salem Welfare League in its true aspect—that of perverting the truth in the cause of the saloon, the grog shop, the brewery and the liquor dealer. The Salem Welfare League has no high-minded purposes in view—it does not look with altruistic vision on the best interests of Salem—its sole reason for existence is to defeat prohibition in that city and to perpetuate the saloon and the brewery in the capital city of Oregon.

Real Facts. The real situation is that Roseburg is better off, more prosperous, more sanitary, cleaner and more progressive than at any other time in its history and that the era of prosper-

ity dates to the time that Douglas county shook loose the fetters of the saloon and went over into the dry ranks.

On June 1st, 1908, the citizens of Douglas county voted by a substantial majority to eliminate the saloon from within its borders. Remember the date. It has an important bearing on what follows.

For several years the city council and the people had been debating the question of paving the business streets of Roseburg. On June 18th the city council of Roseburg held a special meeting and started matters so that paving on Jackson, Cass, Douglas, Washington, Oak, Main and Sheridan streets would be assured. The Umpqua Valley News of June 22nd, 1908, had the following to say about that council meeting. "The members of the city council convened in an adjourned session at their rooms in the city hall last Thursday evening, and during the few hours allotted to the consideration of actual business, placed the pavement project in fair position to reach a speedy realization. Unlike at many previous meetings held by this body, all was harmony, the several members forgetting the minor differences of the past, and all uniting in one grand effort to make Roseburg a bright and more attractive municipality."

That was the first time in the history of Roseburg that the paving proposal received a fair hearing. And so unusual was it that a newspaper article written at that time had to comment on the fact that harmony prevailed in the meeting and that the members of the council had decided "to make Roseburg a bright and more attractive municipality."

That council had the right idea, it wanted to brighten things up a little bit. It decided to do it at the time that the saloons were swept out of the city.

Since that time about 13 miles of pavement have been laid in Roseburg. The bonded indebtedness against the paving is charged up to each individual property owner and not to the city, as our Salem Welfare League would have the good people of that city believe. The property is worth twenty times what the paving amounts to.

Roseburg has a bonded indebtedness of \$109,990, just as the Salem Welfare League says, but it wouldn't hurt Roseburg if it had a bonded debt of \$599,990. The property here to stand such a valuation. A city doesn't get very far with progress unless it does have a bonded indebtedness. It is easier to make improvements with money obtained through the sale of bonds than it is to tax the citizens for the entire amount of the improvement in one year. As a matter of fact Roseburg would not today have the beautiful stretch of paved streets if each property owner would have to pay the entire cost when the paving was completed and accepted by the city. That is the benevolent aspect of a bond. It gives the people a chance to progress at a little expenditure every so often. It sets on the public like the installment houses. Their patrons are able to buy good substantial goods by paying a small amount down, and the balance in easy payments.

Some years before, the city of Roseburg went dry the city was in debt, on current expenses about \$40,609.96. This amount has gradually decreased till on January 1st of this year the outstanding warrants amounted to \$29,463.23. City Treasurer Houser this morning said that the outstanding warrants now amount to \$15,556.32. The county treasurer has on hand now certain money which has been received from the collection of the October taxes. This amounts to about \$3,000.00 and has not yet been turned over to the city treasurer. There are still two months of this year. At the end of the fiscal year—December 31st—it will be shown that the outstanding warrants will amount to about \$4,500.00 less than on the first of the year, and this in spite of the fact that Roseburg has not received a dollar this year from the so-called beer resorts.

On July 15th, 1908, there were three banks in the city of Roseburg.

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A GREAT FEAST

Served by Canyonville Rebekeh's Yesterday.

DISTRICT CONVENTION IS HELD

Mrs. Charlotte Wooden, State President, Delivers An Excellent Address—Banquet Proves Feature of Occasion.

With over 100 persons in attendance the annual district convention of the Rebekeh Assembly was held at Canyonville yesterday, and from reports the guests were entertained even more royally than had been anticipated.

The Roseburg delegation, which consisted of twenty-four members of the Roseburg Rebekeh lodge left here on yesterday morning's southbound train and were met at Riddle by a delegation of Canyonville Rebekeh's. The trip from Riddle to Canyonville was made by private conveyance, and proved one of the features of the occasion. The vehicles were comfortable and many of the guests were given their first opportunity to view the splendid country lying between the two towns.

Arriving at Canyonville shortly after the noon hour the guests partook of luncheon, after which the business session was called in the auditorium of the lodge hall. The business session was in charge of Mrs. Charlotte Wooden, of Portland, state president of the Rebekeh assembly. Mrs. Wooden, who is an able talker delivered a most interesting address in which she told of the rapid growth of the Rebekeh lodge throughout the United States, and Oregon in particular. Mrs. Wooden also touched upon the good that was being accomplished by the order, and of how its charity has extended to the most remote points of the land. Mrs. Wooden was frequently interrupted by applause at the hands of her listeners. One of the features of the business session was the exemplification of degree work by the Rebekeh degree team of this city. The Roseburg Rebekeh's have long been famous throughout Southern Oregon for their efficiency in handling the work of the lodge, and last night's exemplification of the several degrees was no exception.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

- Chairman—Mrs. Minola Strong, Myrtle Creek.
Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Sarah Bald, Riddle.
Secretary—Mrs. Belle Stephenson, Roseburg.
Marshal—Clara Cawfield, Roseburg.
Chaplain—Mrs. Kimmell, Canyonville.
Conductor—Mrs. J. A. Buchanan, Roseburg.
Inside Guard—Mrs. Anlauf, Myrtle Creek.
Outside Guard—Mrs. Stelzler, Myrtle Creek.

Upon vote of the convention it was decided to hold the next convention at Myrtle Creek. The date of the meeting will be announced by Mrs. Wooden, the state president, later.

Following the business session the guests repaired to the banquet hall where they partook of one of the most elaborate feasts ever prepared on a similar occasion in this district. The menu included roast chicken, mashed potatoes, salads, bread and butter, coffee, cheese, pickles, pumpkin pie, and other delicacies too numerous to mention. It is estimated that more than 100 persons were present to partake of this feast.

The Roseburg delegation returned here late last night and are high in praise of the entertainment afforded by the Canyonville Rebekeh's. The program was complete and the work of the day was carried out without an unpleasant incident. When it comes to entertaining, local Rebekeh's are of the opinion that the Canyonville sisters are equal to any occasion that may arise.