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THE GATEWAY CONVENTION.

Tomorrow the city of Roseburg will be host to an enthusiastic assemblage of Oregonians, native sons and daughters, and daughters and sons by adoption. It will be one of the most typical meetings ever held in this state, or for that matter, in the entire land. We doubt whether another such convention could be held in any other state of the Union, and assembled as many prominent people at one time, for any such purpose as is contemplated here. They could not get enough people interested in an idea that proposed benefit to the individual, by securing state wide benefit to the whole commonwealth. It is fitting that Roseburg should have been selected as the organization point for this event, with the commanding position it holds for easy access from south and north, and with its enviable reputation as the chief city of the prize county of the whole state. The picturesqueness of its scenery, surrounded as it is with magnificent hills and fertile valleys, will be an inspiration for all who come.

But these are secondary considerations, unlike all other conventions to which a municipality gives greetings and welcome with gaily decorated streets and blatant noise, this is not a convention of some ancient and honorable fraternal society, nor is it the annual assembling of noted educational or religious bodies; it is not the celebration of some great event in state or nation where past achievements are recalled and silver-tongued orators relate in words of burning eloquence, deeds that have been done. None of these are the cause this is to be a heart to heart talk, a serious earnest business meeting of men and women who have the future welfare and development of this state in constant view. It is a meeting where plans are to be formulated and action to be taken, that will induce the passer through to stop and stay, that will attract and hold the attention of the home seeker to the possibilities of the soil and the climate of this empire state. To this end a great permanent exhibit of the various prolific products of all parts of the state is planned to be established on the very threshold to the south where those who have passed through may find the reality of what their expectations must have made them think was possible, and where the incoming ones will be met and have explained to them where each of the products are best produced, and under what conditions. That the traffic through the state and by this route, during the next five years will be unprecedented proportions, is not questioned, as is also the positive fact that among these travelers there will be many thousands who are seeking new homes, for business opportunity or for climatic reasons. From these we must expect and get an influx of population, and it is desired that this increase be more rural than urban. We need and want the settler in the fertile valleys and on the rolling prairies, we want them to till the soil, to cultivate the fields, to clear the vast timber stretches and to make homes. Oregon has all this in a wonderful degree, and now her citizens are going after the thing most needed, men and women to take up and till these opportunities. This convention has an earnest task ahead of it, it is no time for frivolities, for bluster or for brag. The facts should be set forth in the plainest words of our language, without hyperbole, subtlety or exaggeration. Oregon cannot afford to suffer people here to settle by misrepresentation or by chicanery, and she does not need to do so. One dissatisfied, discontented settler brought here by such means, will overthrow and destroy months of incessant work and advertising. To the leaders of this mass meeting, and those on whose shoulders will fall many of the responsibilities of carrying into effect the plans and decisions, The News offers its fervent support and help in every honorable way, and we are sure that we have the sentiment of every citizen of Oregon, in wishing unbounded success in this undertaking. There is no rivalry, no jealousy over the location of this exhibit at Ashland, for it is conceded from every side that there is the natural the only location, and when everything is ready, it will be found that old Douglas county, the blue ribbon prize winner of the state, will be there with her quota. Members of this mass convention, the city of Roseburg greets you and bids you welcome.

NOTICE.
The Presbyterian Ladies Aid will give a Cafeteria Dinner on Thursday, December 4th, from 12 to 2 o'clock in the basement of the Presbyterian church.
Menu.
Chicken Pie, Creamed Chicken, Roast Ham, Turnips, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Hot Biscuits, Butter, Cabbage Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad, Jelly, Pickles, Pumpkin Pie, Mince Pie, Apple Pie, Marshmallow Pudding, Cake, Coffee, Tea.

INDIAN CRAFT

Must Cease Says High Government Officials.

INDIANS MUST HAVE PROTECTION

No Longer Will Stockmen Be Able To Lease Grazing Lands at Reduction Price of \$3 An Acre.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The reign of graft in Indian affairs must end. That is the edict of Cato Sells, U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, business man, lawyer, banker, public office holder and above all a red-blooded, two-fisted fighting man.

Ruling over the affairs of a fast dying people, who own \$900,000,000 worth of the richest grazing, oil, mineral land of the West Sells has determined that the Indians shall no longer be the prey of a vast group in whom the spirit of graft was rampant—"carriers" he calls them. The heartless grasping of "attorneys" and "guardians" administering the estates of Indian children called most strikingly to Sells' attention the need of reform, and a quick one. While white children's estates are ordinarily settled at a cost of only three per cent, the average price on Indian children's estates has been 29 per cent. These children are the richest average children in the country; their properties often are \$50,000; and frequently this entire amount has been grafted by the unscrupulous.

"I am going to put a few of these men in the penitentiary as an object lesson," Sells declared today, "and I'll see that some more go if there is a continuance of this ruthless raiding of Indians."

He feels that Oklahoma has had graft stamped into its very nature. Now he is working toward a complete reorganization of the Indian affairs system, so that the 300,000 Indians may have a fair treatment, so that their lands—the only grazing lands—shall yield more cattle and more returns.

New leases of Indian lands to cattle kings, oil operators and miners will be at new figures. No more will the rich fields of the Osage go at \$2 an acre; hereafter they will command \$50 or more. This is only part of the ambitious program of this man who directs holdings vaster than the steel corporations. His is a constructive idea.

The defective cattle and sheep of the Western ranges, owned by Indians, are being wiped out and replaced by good stock under Sells' direction. He is opening up these lands to profitable investment instead of to grafters.

He is seeking to upbuild the strength and education of the remaining Indians. Thirty-four industrial schools for Indian children are now under his care, and they are likely to be more before his reign is ended. Irrigation lands, too, are opening rapidly. Many of the Indians are having their opportunity to cultivate these places, but heretofore they have been sent in without proper equipment. Sells proposes that this system shall end, and that the Indians shall have the same opportunity that the white men have.

The job of Indian Commissioner with him is a business proposition. He answered an altruistic call when he took the proposition, for he had retired from active business and had planned to settle down in Texas, the state he has lived in ever since he left Iowa after a brilliant career as a United States attorney.

Secretary Lane let it be known that he wanted a man of ability, not a job-seeker, a man of red-blood and purpose, not a weakling. He heard of Sells and his fight against revision grafters in the Middle West, and he found that Sells was indeed a regular fighting man, with ability, attraction, enthusiasm. And that's how today Secretary Lane has a man on the job of Indian Affairs fourteen hours a day, and that's why a new era is dawning in Oklahoma and the other Indian states.

SPECIAL TRAIN.

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declared today that this gathering should find a way to make more people stop in Oregon in 1915.

"We need more people here to till the soil," said Mr. Clarke, "and with this year's crop as an object lesson, all we have to do is to secure proper co-operation on the part of the commercial organizations to bring them. The proposed exhibit of agricultural products at Ashland while the San Francisco exposition is going on, would give the tourists a most convincing argument of what the state's capabilities are. We all know the power of first impressions. Ashland is an important gateway. The benefits of the scenery will take care of itself, but the man who is going to invest a new county is always favorably impressed when he finds people putting their best feet foremost."

"The exhibit at Ashland means a welcome—that we want people to stop with us, see our orchards, farms, forests, water powers, mines, ranches and other things that make a growing community."

Strong endorsement of the meeting at Roseburg this week was given today by A. H. Ayres. He hoped every benefit is possible from such a gathering and expressed hope that Portland's demonstration would be here. "We all feel that the people here are some that are interested in the products of Ashland will bring big returns. If a newcomer is interested at San Francisco, he will be convinced at Ashland. If we can have a validating station at Ashland, we

HAS GONE WEST

Tired of East He Seeks Western Atmosphere.

LONGS FOR HIS OUTDOOR LIFE

Strickland Gillilan Says The East Is No Place For the Man Who Loves Nature—Leaves Old Baltimore.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 3.—Strickland Gillilan has just moved to this city from Baltimore, Md., because he was tired of the East and "wanted to come back to the democratic, understandable middle West." The famous author of "Flannigan to Flannigan" says he was tired of "being dressed up."

"Why, I've gone weeks and weeks down East," he said "without having my shoes, coat, collar or tie off, except when I went to bed. I could not really go back to barefoot times, or I should accumulate far more blisters than bliss; I can not go back to the shirt-sleeved twilight; I can not go and arrange a turning pole, made from a dogwood hand-spike, laid in two convenient forks of an apple tree, and work at it in the twilight, or some one would see me and spread the glad tidings that I was a nitt."

"But there is the language and the life of the Middle West, where I was born, where I can understand and be understood. Some people don't belong East at all. I am one of them. I stayed down there because I am stubborn. I stayed in a city that didn't need me, and I lived the best part of it just to show what a Hoosier-trained Buckeye product could do if he darn pleased. "In all these years of sojourn in the wilderness I had a hard time picking out companions who had ever made lye soap with a hopper-shaped like an inverted pyramid; who had ever taught a calf to drink from a bucket; who had ever stopped the dogs; who had ever eaten in the kitchen; who had ever managed with one new stove suit every other year; who knew what it meant to get a stone bruise, ground itch or a stamped toe; who had ever bombarded bald hornets or battled with humblers; or had ever sat around a fireplace, with father's home-knit socks banging on the rung of a chair and the room far standing close by, with mother turning it now and then, so it would sour uniformly—how did I stand the loneliness? I didn't."

"How can such a man fit and content himself among a people bred to formality and finger bowls and beads and pseudo politeness and rancid and dem-tasses and Germans and hardwood floors and daily baths?"

Read the Antlers' program on another page of this paper. Then go and see the show.

CHRISTMAS

...GIVING...

When out selecting gifts remember that we have those things most useful and will be pleased to have you call and examine them

gifts for Parlor or Library
Den or Dining room
Kitchen or Pantry

Tools for general house use, such as saws hammers, planes, pliers, chisels, etc.

Yes, and wagons, sleds, velocpedes, games etc, for the "kiddies"

Churchill Hardware Company

Have You Used "Samoline, The Great"

people made to understand the opportunity they have for stop-overs, it will be wonderfully valuable in helping develop the state."

CHICKEN DINNER.

The ladies of St. Joseph's parish will serve a chicken dinner on December 4, in the building recently vacated by the First Trust & Savings Bank, at Jackson and Washington St., from 12 to 2 o'clock, and also serve supper from 5 to 7. Price 35c.

TO EXCHANGE.

3 acres 2 1/2 miles west of Wetsar, Idaho.

2 acres in alfalfa, one acre in family orchard and berries and fenced for chicken park. A good 3-room plastered house, front and rear porch screened in, pump on back porch, good outside cellar, barn and chicken house; fine soil; 1 1/2 miles from school; on R. F. D. Water for irrigating and title perfect. Value \$1,500. Owner wishes to exchange for 20 or more acres within six miles of Roseburg. They wish to farm a little

and raise chickens and turkeys. Inquire George Ritter, 311 Perkins Bldg. 3051-d5p

New crop walnuts, the first in town, at the Bee Hive (of course).

The funeral of the late Perry Edgar was held at the chapel of the Roseburg undertaking parlors at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment of the remains followed in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Services at the chapel were conducted by the local order of Moose, while at the grave the services were conducted by the Knights of Pythias.



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