

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

Organized This Afternoon by Southern Or. Editors.

FIRST MEETING HELD IN GRANTS PASS

Committee Appointed to Draft Constitution and By-Laws—Will Boost For State Editorial Association.

Southern Oregon Editors took advantage of the booster meeting here today and took the preliminary steps to the formation of a Southern Oregon Editorial Association.

An invitation was extended by A. E. Voorhies, of the Rogue River Courier, to make Grants Pass the next meeting point and the invitation was accepted.

The association will meet and discuss the many vital issues that come up in the newspaper field and will aim to further increase the membership and influence of the Oregon State Editorial Association.

Those present today were Elbert Bede, of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, A. E. Voorhies, of the Rogue River Courier, W. R. Brower, of the Rogue River Argus, J. K. Coe, of the Glendale News, Bert Greer, of the Ashland Tidings and Lee Wimberly, of the Sutherland Sun, expected to be present, but was detained in Sutherland on account of a prior business engagement.

STORY OF BANK ROBBERY AT MYRTLE POINT RECENTLY

Cool Bay Times Explains Methods Employed By Rogguens.

The Cool Bay Times, in recent issue, has the following complete report of the recent robbery of the bank of Myrtle Point:

Bank robbers looted the bank of Myrtle Point and made a safe getaway with about \$12,000 in gold and currency. The robbery was not discovered until this morning and whether it occurred last night or Saturday night is uncertain, but it is believed to have occurred Sunday night.

There is no clue as to the identity of the robbers or how many participated in the daring theft.

President Benson and Cashier Backleff have sent outside for detectives to come here and take up the case. Pending their arrival nothing is being disturbed so that any finger prints or other evidence that may have been left behind will not be disturbed until the detectives have an opportunity to examine it.

Entrance was gained through the second story. The burglars made their way into the law offices of Louis Roberts and moved the bookcase and cut a hole through the floor. The hole was about a foot and a half square, just large enough for a man to get through. Then a hole was cut through the brick wall that formed

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the roof of the vault. The wall was comparatively thin and easily cut through. Then the burglars must have lowered themselves into the vault.

The safe was an old-fashioned one, but had been equipped with a fine time lock. It is presumed that the combination was knocked off with a heavy sledge and the dynamite or nitro-glycerine used on the inner doors. A fuse twelve or fourteen inches long was used in setting off the charge.

Cashier Ed. Backleff said that he thought there must have been two charges used in blowing open the safe. There was no indication of the safe having been drilled.

As to whether dynamite or nitro-glycerine was used he was not certain, but when he opened the vault door this morning there was an awful stench of powder.

The safe blowers must have been experts in their line, as it took the charges closely. It was necessary for them to lower themselves into the vault and arrange the charge and light it and then get out through the top, back into Roberts' law offices or elsewhere while the explosion occurred. They could not remain in the vault or they would have been killed by the explosion.

Cashier Backleff said today that they were not certain just how much had been taken as they had not unlocked the vault after the robbery was discovered. He decided to leave it just as it was so that any finger prints or other marks that might aid in identifying the robbers could be secured by the detectives as soon as they arrived.

He said that the interior of the vault was covered with debris and some silver was in evidence on the floor. Until the vault is gone through and everything is checked up, it will be impossible to ascertain the exact amount.

Mr. Backleff said that the bank carried about \$12,000 cash, keeping on hand a larger amount recently on account of the railroad work and other demands for it in that section. Most of this was in gold, in fact, a larger percentage of it. There was some currency in bills of various denominations and considerable small change.

Most of the gold was in sacks but some was loose in the money drawers of the safe.

The bank did not carry any burglar insurance, and so the loss will fall on the institution. However, the bank's stock is held by about twenty-four of the leading men of the upper Coquille valley, so that the institution will not be involved in the slightest degree by the loss. The bank had a surplus of \$5,000, which can be applied on the bond and balance will be immediately made up by the stockholders.

Neither Cashier Backleff nor President Benson visited the bank yesterday, no one having entered it since the closing hour Saturday night. Even if they had there were no outward appearances outside the vault that would have indicated the robbery. The bank room is kept lighted during the night and the burglars evidently thought it safer not to attempt to work from the bank

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ANNUL ELECTION

Mexican Congress May Confirm Concession.

FEDERALS ARE THREATENING TAMPICO

Rebel Leader Finds No Opposition as His Army Moves Southward on Chihuahua—Teamsters Strike Weakening.

(Special to The Evening News.) MEXICO CITY, Dec. 4.—It is believed that congress will this afternoon take up the matter of annulling the recent presidential election. Some are of the opinion that it will also ratify the concession of a Belgium Co. which proposes to build 5,000 miles of railroad in Mexico.

Tampico Threatens. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 4.—Fighting between the fifteen federals who constitute the defense for Tampico, and three thousand rebels is threatened. The German war ship Bremen left Vera Cruz under a full head of steam for Tampico.

Vila's March Successful. ELPASO, Dec. 4.—General Vila has wired that he and his followers were meeting with no opposition in their march on Chihuahua City. The rebel army has left Montezuma and were 115 miles south of that city this morning, and expects to reach its destination tonight.

Teamsters Strike Weakening. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—Representatives of the Employers Association suggested that the teamsters' strike is practically broken. Strike leaders would not admit this fact, or that any men were returning to work. Business was resumed on a considerable scale this morning, and as the day progressed grew heavier. There was no trouble here this afternoon.

TRAINS ARRIVE

Non-Resident Delegation Arrived Here at Noon Today.

RECEPTION COMMITTEES ARE ON HAND

Central Point and University Bands Furnish Music for the Occasion—Eugene Radiators Make a Hit in Nobby Uniforms.

Transported by a special train of five coaches the Southern Oregon delegation to the development convention, held here this afternoon, arrived in Roseburg at 11:55 o'clock, followed five minutes later by the Northern delegation, also travelling by special train.

The trains were met at the depot by the reception committees of seventy persons among whom were twenty-five or more ladies with baskets of roses. As fast as the delegates alighted from the trains they were greeted by members of the commercial club and ladies of the auxiliary. Each delegate was given a Douglas county rose.

Forming in line near the corner of Cass and Sheridan streets the excursionists marched east on Cass street to Jackson, where they turned north and proceeded to the corner of Oak street, where ranks were broken. The procession was headed by the University band, of Eugene, followed by the "Radiators" in full dress. The Radiators were attired in their nobby uniforms and new winter hats and presented a most attractive appearance. Here and there along the line of march they executed rare and amusing stunts which provoked considerable applause at the hands of those who watched.

Following the Radiators came the Eugene "Privates," followed by the Cottage Grove contingent. Among the northern delegates were also people from Springfield, Creswell, Oakland, Sutherland and other points.

Next in line came the Central Point band, followed by delegates from Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Central Point, Myrtle Creek, Kiddle, Glendale and other towns along the line. In every instance the visitors wore badges with lettering appropriate to the occasion.

The badges of the Eugene, Ashland and Cottage Grove visitors were worthy of special comment. On the Ashland badges, many of which were worn by the Grants Pass delegates, was inscribed, "Ashland the Gateway." These badges were yellow, and were artistically lettered. The Cottage Grove contingent wore purple badges, bearing the name of their town. The parade was a most inspiring one, and was made up of men influential in the business and commercial affairs of Oregon. Enthusiasm was rife from the time the parade left the depot until it disbanded, and fully attested the spirit of progress and development that at present thrills the average Oregonian.

Local restaurants and hotels made special arrangements to feed the visiting delegations and all who came were well cared for.

The special train from Eugene brought about 200 delegates, while the Ashland special carried a like number.

Sutherland Sends Fifty.

The little town of Sutherland did herself proud today in sending fifty delegates to Roseburg to attend the development congress. Of these many were business and professional men who are greatly interested in the future development of this locality.

Many of the Sutherland delegates arrived on the regular morning south-bound train, while others followed on the special train arriving here just prior to noon. They are a jolly and enthusiastic bunch, and attracted considerable attention as they paraded the streets during the morning hours. The Sutherland delegates wore badges, on which was a large red apple. Above the apple, in attractive letters, was the word "Sutherland."

Included in the Sutherland delegation were the following well known residents of that city:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Vonelophe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Raiston, Mrs. and Mrs. A. E. Shira, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Luse, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Franz, the Misses Franz, Mrs. H. I. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thruwacher, Mrs. W. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. C. R. Larimer, C. C. Thompson, Ab. Hodel, J. P. O'Hara, P. J. Norton, Mr. and T. A. E. Lyman, H. H. Strong, Geo. Glynn, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. French, Mr. French, Mrs. M. G. Bennette, Mark N. Tiedale, T. J. Ardray, Peter Dietz, J. F. Mahoney, Mrs. D. F. Richardson, Mayor Phillip, A. H. Johannes, G. M. Shaffer, D. F. Richardson, Mrs. Karl, Miss Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cooper, G. A. Patton, H. M. Mellan, Rev. Gammons, Miss Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. St. John, Mrs. Postman.

Informal Reception Tonight. As a fitting climax to the development convention held here today, the members of the Roseburg Commercial club and ladies auxiliary have arranged for a reception which will be held at the club rooms this evening. The reception will be strictly

informal in character, and will no doubt be attended by many of the visiting delegates as well as by people of this city. There will be no fixed program, and all who attend are promised a delightful evening. Delegations from Sutherland, Oakland and other cities who are able to reach their homes on the late trains should remain here for the reception.

Automobiles in Evidence. Noting under orders of a special committee not less than 50 automobiles were at the disposal of the visiting delegates during the day. During the morning many of the guests took advantage of the opportunity and spent an hour or more looking over the city. In every instance they were pleased with the progress and development so evident in this vicinity. Roseburg's metropolitan business structures and its vast amount of pavement brought forth considerable comment, and especially by those who had not visited the town for years.

Old Warhorse Here. Among the men of National prominence in Roseburg today was Judge Reeder, of Ashland. Judge Reeder was for many years congressman from the famous sixth congressional district of Kansas. For nine years he was a member of the national irrigation committee. Judge Reeder's record as a politician and statesman is recorded in the history of the nation's capital. As a politician he was clean and unapproachable and his name appears prominently in many of the more important legislative acts of congress. Like his companions Judge Reeder was an enthusiastic attendant at today's development congress, and expressed himself freely on the several questions brought up for discussion.

Fred Lockley Here. Fred Lockley, special writer for the Portland Journal and one of the best known newspapermen in the entire West, arrived here this morning and reported the development convention for his paper. Mr. Lockley is an extensive traveler and is in position to observe conditions as they exist in the various sections of the country. Mr. Lockley says Roseburg is one of the best towns in the state of Oregon, and that the Umpqua Valley is entitled to its full quota of immigration. "You have excellent land," said Mr. Lockley this morning, "and your climatic conditions are unsurpassed by any other section of the state. Your town has a metropolitan appearance, and your improvements are of a permanent nature. There is no reason why Roseburg should not some day be one of the most prosperous commercial centers of the entire state."

Portland Delegates Arrive. The Portland delegation, including 20 of the leading and most influential business and professional men of that thriving city, arrived in the city at five o'clock this morning. The delegation occupied two private cars, which were parked near the depot during the day.

The Portland boosters were aroused from their slumbers by one of the local reception committees shortly after seven o'clock this morning, and after an exchange of greetings were escorted to the Umpqua hotel.

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SENDS REGARDS

C. C. Chapman, at Chicago, Pens Lengthy Telegram.

"ADVERTISE ORE." SAYS PUBLICITY MAN

Corn From Booth's Ranch is Given Wide Publicity by Portland Booster at the Chicago Land Show.

Passing in the midst of a great meeting, held at the Chicago land show this morning, C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Portland Commercial Club, penned the following telegram which was received here at noon today by Publicity Manager George Schlosser, of the Roseburg Commercial Club, and read at this afternoon's session of the development congress.

The telegram follows: "Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4. "Roseburg Commercial Club, "Roseburg, Oregon.

"In the midst of a meeting, ushering and talking to thousands of visitors at the Chicago land show my thoughts turn to the great Oregon development meeting at Roseburg. Hopes of the Oregon delegation live center on the action of your meeting. Slogan, 'Buy your turkey only at Portland' is under the great Chile Squash from Douglas county. Corn roof on state exhibit from the J. H. Booth farm bears the Douglas county label and wins steady compliments for quality of corn. Farmers here who apparently thought it impossible to grow corn in Oregon, are amazed at the quality and size of the yield. Many say it is better than Ohio and Wisconsin corn. Every county of Oregon is represented in the exhibit. Lane county clover, Linn county vetch, Benton county onions, Josephine county grasses, Jackson county

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Of Booster Meeting is Filled With Enthusiasm.

A STRONG RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

Antlers Theatre is Packed to the Doors—Delegates Are Stirred With Splendid Talks on Oregon's Future.

Never before in the history of Roseburg has there been such a wonderful demonstration of enthusiasm for the great state of Oregon as was manifested at the booster meeting held in the Antlers theatre this afternoon. Long before the time for the formal opening of the meeting the spacious and beautiful Antlers theatre was packed to the doors and not a seat was left for the hundred or so who came late.

The Eugene Radiators, attired in their distinctive uniforms, occupied the left side seats, and they began to make things lively by singing songs favorable to Roseburg in particular and Oregon in general. Then the Grants City band played several favorite airs after which Judge Colvig, of Medford, the chairman of the meeting, arose to introduce the object of the day. He eloquently told of the initial meeting held in Medford some time ago and stated how the movement launched there has grown and how step by step it has moved the entire state of Oregon to the splendid meeting of today. He then introduced Mayor Napoleon Rice, who in a few brief remarks welcomed, on behalf of the citizens of Roseburg, the delegates to the booster meeting and then turned over to them the keys of the city.

Mayor Rice was followed by George Neuner who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Commercial Club of Roseburg. A. Devers, of the Portland Commercial Club, was introduced and spoke briefly on the advantages to be derived from closer co-operation of the various communities of the state.

Tom Richardson, the man who is responsible for the organization of the booster meeting throughout the state was then called to the floor and stirred the delegates to enthusiasm with his remarks. Mr. Richardson is a man who drives home facts and arguments with sledge hammer blows and impresses upon his listeners the vital necessity of the one thing he is advocating. He told what Oregon needed in the way of advertising and he told how to get it. He stated that in the past month the Oregon Development League had sent out one million and a half personal letters to the people in the East and that before the exposition gates open in San Francisco in 1915 that more than sixty million such letters will have been sent out. He urged each community to send letters, personal letters to friends in the east asking them to ask for stop-over privileges in Oregon. He told in a few words of the benefit of the exhibit which is planned at Ashland, the Gateway city of Oregon to the Panama Exposition and urged each county and community in the state to co-operate in this exhibit.

Charles Phoe, Passenger Traffic Manager of the Southern Pacific Company, was called upon to address the delegates and his remarks were both pleasing to the delegates and forceful. They showed a strong feeling on the part of the S. P. Co. to do all within its power to help this booster plan along. When he said that stop-over privileges would be included in all tickets routed over the Shasta route, the delegates went wild with enthusiasm. Mr. Phoe showed by his remarks that he has a wide grasp of the needs of the state of Oregon and that the Southern Pacific was willing to go to great expense to help in the movement for more population for this state and the entire Pacific Coast. He complimented the delegates on their

pears, and one farm exhibit from Ashland excite peculiar individual interest in the district representing the Roseburg convention. Had luncheon today at the Chicago Association Commerce. Mr. address here before four hundred business men at the Hotel LaSalle dwell mainly on the 1915 slogan, and proposed an Oregon exhibit at Ashland. My credentials were an enormous sheet of oats, and stocks of Booth Corn. The showing of these products evoked thunderous applause. The Oregon exhibit is by far the greatest feature of the land show. Word has gone the rounds and everybody hunts it up. Quality of products shown by Canada, New York, Ohio, and the northwest, everywhere except Idaho, Washington, California is pathetic compared with Oregon. Twelve years away from the east caused me to forget how poor this country is in comparison with Oregon. It is like comparing poverty with riches, soot with sunshine, and desolation with paradise. Everything here cramped, tiny, and bitter cold. Wishing I was at Roseburg. C. C. CHAPMAN."

RICHARDSON HERE. Tom Richardson, father of the greater Oregon movement, and one of the best known boosters in the entire Northwest, was among the Portland delegates in attendance at today's development congress. The name, Tom Richardson, is known everywhere—and most especially in the West where the movement toward future development is the most marked. Mr. Richardson assumed an important part in today's convention. He leaves for his home at 11 o'clock tonight.

mented the movement for an exhibit at Ashland and urged its early erection. He said that the time to interest people in Oregon is now, not two years from now. "Begin to send out personal letters at once. By doing it now you will create a desire on the part of the people of the east to stop over and visit your inland communities."

At the conclusion of Mr. Phoe's remarks, Mr. Duryea, secretary of the Eugene Commercial Club offered a strong resolution which was unanimously adopted by the delegates.

At the time of going to press the booster meeting was still in session. The resolution adopted follows:

Resolution Adopted. WHEREAS, The year 1915 will bring to the Pacific Coast the largest travel in a generation, creating unmatched opportunity for securing new settlers and capital, and WHEREAS, The travelling public jumps from one large city to another without stopping to learn anything of the resources of the country sections, and this condition is aggravated in Oregon through the fact that ninety per cent of all the through travel stops only in Portland, and

WHEREAS, the Ashland Gateway is the scene of great travel, is the place where trains make the longest stop upon the Pacific coast for the examination of equipment before and after a long mountain climb. Giving ample opportunity to inspect an exhibit of the products and resources of all Oregon. To decide upon stop-overs at such points as desired. Enabling the home-seeker, at least expense and greatest convenience, to find what he wants. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this convention assembled in Roseburg, Thursday, December 4th, 1913, with delegates present representing communities which aggregate more than 50 per cent of the population of the state, having for its purpose the development of the state of Oregon. Urges the agricultural, financial, industrial, commercial and other organizations of the state having an interest in the development of the entire commonwealth, to unite in the installation and sustenance of an exhibit at Ashland, Oregon, during the year 1915, which will adequately present the products and resources of all the state. It being understood that the determination of this convention is that this exhibit not only be state wide in the showing of products, but also state wide in spirit.

That the newspapers are urged to give their cooperation and support to this movement until such time as public opinion throughout the state endorses it as a practical common sense, result getting undertaking. That universal public sentiment throughout the state is necessary before the money will be advanced early in 1914 by individuals, corporations and others, with the full assurance that this advance of cash, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 necessary to make the exhibit a success, be reimbursed through an early appropriation by the legislature in 1915, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we ask the cooperation and assistance of the railroads in helping the public spirited people of Oregon to actually get people upon the farms, ranches, orchards and to invest capital in the development of our waterways, mines, timber resources and other enterprises that will make Oregon a greater state.

That should it be proven advantageous to have a validating office at Ashland that such office be established. Though it be a temporary inconvenience during the heavy travel of 1915, that the railroads urge, through their instructions to agents, conductors and employees generally, that it be their earnest desire that stop-overs at various points not only be granted but that it be the policy of the transportation companies to insist upon urging such stop-overs. That we cannot have a prosperous state and a really great Pacific Coast if the bulk of the people live in the cities.

CITY NEWS.

H. A. Heavens, of Green, came up this afternoon to look after business matters.

Attorney G. P. Cashlow and wife have gone to Portland where they will spend a few days with friends. Prof. Turner, superintendent of the schools at Grants Pass, was among the Grants Pass residents who arrived here this morning to attend the development congress.