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being specifically mentioned.

The enforcement of the ordinances prohibiting minors in saloons.

The enforcement of the ordinance prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors.

The abolition of the redlight district. The wiping out of the questionable lodging houses.

Sunday closing of saloons.

These alleged immoralities Mr. Cates declared were making of Baker City a Sodom and Gomorrah.

He declared that many of the ordinances were not enforced and it was time to get some one who would enforce them.

"What does the council say," he demanded.

"We will listen to you, Mr. Cates," said Mayor Pollman, "and to what any one else has to say, but the council is not now on trial."

"I want to ask a question," said Rev. Finger, who was called following Mr. Cates. "I speak not as a radical nor as a reformer, but I ask this question in the name of common decency." The minister then alleged that girls under 18 years of age were allowed to loiter about the back doors of saloons and make "dates" there. "If our officers cannot see these things," he said, "then what in the name of God can they see?"

Mrs. John Palmer, who followed Mr. Finger, declared that she wanted to speak for the women who had no right to vote, had nothing to say in the management of the affairs of the city, but yet were taxpayers. She declared that it was her purpose to beautify Baker City from the inside. "I am ashamed of Baker City," she said: "It is noted all over for its wickedness. I write my friends, 'Don't ever set your foot in Baker City. It has no government to bring up a family.'" She declared that it was her desire to see something done to protect the boys and girls.

Many references were made during the discussion to the recent suicide of Mrs. Andrew Bird, and its revolting details. That the action taken against the questionable lodging houses following her death will be continued by the administration, was indicated by Mr. Pollman, in his reply to the visitors.

"There have been many raids upon these places," said the mayor in reply. "People have been taken out of these places before and they will be again. You can't keep a person from killing himself nor from going to the bad through a policeman. But I do believe that the city council of Baker City, together with the police are amply able to take care of our city."

BOISE CONGRESS

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attended one of their meetings, but he had been there but a short time when he became thoroughly imbued with the spirit and could not but help see great opportunities for Grande Ronde valley.

The objects of this association is to create interest and enthusiasm that will result in the changing of our state constitution and the passage of the proper legislation that will permit of forming railroad districts, that under proper restrictions certain areas can be bonded for the purpose of building and operating railroads. Mr. Miller cited the fact that if La Grande could form a district on the west side of the Grande Ronde valley, that it would be only a matter of organization of securing a railroad or trolley line from La Grande to Summerville, thence to Walla Walla.

The idea is identical with the formation of irrigation districts, under which great irrigation projects have been made possible in Oregon and Idaho. The next meeting will be held at Ontario on the 26th and 27th of this month, and in the latter part of April the congress will be held in La Grande. At that time the people of this vicinity should make it imperative to attend and become acquainted with the objects of this organization, of which Judge Lowell of Pendleton is president.

This was Mr. Miller's first visit to Boise. He was surprised at the enormous amount of paved streets and cement sidewalks that Boise has constructed. With no adjacent territory that is anywhere near as rich as La Grande's, Boise is able to build block after block of paved streets. The people want it and are willing to pay for it. The same is true of cement walks.



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