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NEW MARK ESTABLISHED

BANQUET HALL FILLED TO OVERFLOWING WITH INTERESTED GUEST OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

ELOQUENCE, WIT AND HUMOR PLAY BIG PART OF EVENING.

From seven until eleven banquet hall is filled with local citizens and guests from out of town—Toast list crammed full of intensely interesting portrayals of things real and proposed.

Pictures of existing realities of methods of rapid development that yet have not come forth from the realm of possibilities, touches of pathos, flittings of wit and humor, outbursts of impounded enthusiasm, skillfully and earnestly worded prayers for municipal and educational expansion, ever and anon a mingling of flights of eloquence and fancies from one, of unpolished but impressive statement of facts from another, and through all an atmosphere permeated to the greatest possible density with the Oregon malady called "boosting"—all these things and more, reigned supreme and unfettered at the Commercial Club banquet last night when nearly 300 men assembled around the festal board with Gov. Frank W. Benson as the guest of honor. True, greater orators have sometimes been assembled in one chamber here, but never has there been as many messages of truth as did these men and never in the history of united boosting in La Grande has there been so representative a concourse of business men, professional men and laboring men, as there on this occasion. From 7 o'clock, when orchestral music beckoned the guests tableward, until at 11:30, that proverbial La Grande harmony was at the apex of its career. No sooner had that craving from inner man been appeased than F. S. Ivanhoe rapped to order. In his characteristic manner he introduced the speakers, among which were men who never before had attempted such a task and men who were adepts in their line. The first to respond was Governor Benson:

Governor Benson

The erroneous impression prevailing until the present visit into Eastern Oregon that Gov. Benson was not an orator, but his address delivered before the Lincoln Day Banquet at Baker City last Saturday night, and his remarks on "Our State and Commercial Clubs" last night were of such a character as to place him right before our people. He reviewed the vast amount of energy that the various commercial organizations of the state are doing in advertising this great commonwealth and to show his interest in this work he referred to his official recommendations wherein he suggested that the state get out a general descriptive pamphlet bearing the official stamp of the state, and according to his idea would give the statements more weight than those issued by individual localities.

The honor of having the governor present was appreciated by our people and the Governor expressed his pleasure not only in words but by actions.

F. L. Meyers

"The Banking Interests" was assigned to Cashier F. L. Meyers. The first few moments of his address were humorous and brought forth frequent applause, showing how the banking interest worked in perfect harmony with the Commercial Club

that after the Club had induced the stronger to locate among us and the real estate people had secured their commission the banks stood ready to take the balance of the tenderfoot's cash. He then reviewed the mission of true banking of whom he man is better qualified to speak regarding the conditions of Union county, wherein the banks in the past had always done their part and stood ready to aid and encourage every legitimate and conservative development.

Mayor Hall

"Civic Improvement."—Every citizen who has watched his two year's administration as executive of the city well knows his position on civic improvement and he once more voiced his sentiments regarding improved sanitary conditions, street improvements and the necessity of a sewerage system, citing what the city had done and was laying the foundation to do in the future.

F. S. Bramwell

"The Sugar Factory and Grande Ronde Reservoir"—Mr. Bramwell realized his topic was of such vital interest to his county that he could barely touch more than a very few of the many things that could and should be presented in the time allotted to him. The Sugar Factory in no small measure was the beginning of a new order of things for Grande Ronde valley. It not only raised land values but demonstrated what, under proper conditions small tracts could produce.

Beet culture brought practical demonstration of the need of irrigation and after viewing what the Grande Ronde Irrigation Company had accomplished and proposed to accomplish, he set forth that until water was diverted to the valley lands, little could be expected in the way of subdividing the present large holdings. Mr. Bramwell knows by experience what water will do for this valley and is constantly boosting for its accomplishment.

F. H. Green

"The Dairy Interests"—Mr. Green, secretary of the Blue Mountain Creamery, while not here in the early development of the creamery industry, had often had his attention called to the helpful assistance in years past rendered by the La Grande Commercial Club. To show the profits in this county to the dairymen he cited the fact that last month with the price of alfalfa hay at \$14 to \$15 per ton to the stack, one patron from nine cows, feeding nothing but alfalfa, received a check of \$99.46. When it is understood that three tons will winter a dairy cow, with irrigation it can readily be seen that the dairy business, which is now one of the big revenue producers of the valley, is really only in its infancy.

J. J. Carr

"The Merchants Association"—Mr. Carr is president of this organization and after citing the fact that it was the result of the efforts of the Commercial Club, men proceeded to tell of the objects of the organization which had been generally misunderstood: that it was not for the purpose of raising prices, but for the sole purpose of reducing the losses through irrational credits: That the plan was successful: That Nampa had sent their secretary to install the system there; Also showing how not a few men were holding position today and paying out honorably that would not have been possible under the old system, when the first man scared things by getting out a garnishment, the balance losing and the victim losing his position. Its workings demonstrate its success, and as it continues will be appreciated by all who desire to pay their bills.

William Miller

"The \$100,000 Fund"—This topic appearing on the program was one of the speculative features. Few, if any, knew what to expect. However, Mr. Miller soon demonstrated that he was no visionary but had a practical boosting plan that would be a new step in the west, briefly it was to raise a guarantee fund of \$100,000

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CHILDREN GIVEN MOTHER

SENATOR AND MRS. TILLMAN LOOSE SUIT TO RETAIN THEIR GRANDCHILDREN FROM MOTHER

WIFE OF SENATOR'S SON IS GIVEN CUSTODY AGAIN.

Fitchfork first refuses to give up son's children who is admitted to be intestate, but supreme court returns them to mother—Wife instigated a suit for an absolute divorce

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 15.—The children of Ben Tillman, Jr. were today ordered withdrawn from the custody of their grandfather, Senator Tillman, and awarded to the care of their mother, who is seeking separation from the Senator's son. The decision was made by the State Supreme Court based on Habeas Corpus proceedings instituted by attorneys for Mrs. Tillman.

Back of the trouble in the Tillman families lies the love of all concerned for the children of Ben Tillman, Jr. After denying every allegation of the wife that he is unfit to care for the children but admitting the allegations of intemperance, he gave the little ones in the care of Senator Tillman and the Senator's wife.

When court proceedings were instituted by the mother to regain the children, Senator Tillman filed a lengthy and earnest affidavit. He said the present instance was the first time in which he had appeared in court either as plaintiff or defendant and that he would not have been present that time but for the fact that he was dragged into the case.

The elder Tillman declared the wife was not a proper person to care for the children.

He declared the children would have a good home with himself and Mrs. Tillman and that unless directed to do so by the courts, would not surrender them on the previous charge.

Foor Lo Has Paper

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 15.—Degwanus Acheeta, which is Injun for Farm and Fireside or words to that effect, is the latest addition in Oklahoma journalism. The paper is to make its first appearance today, and will be printed throughout in Indian languages, as a weekly.

There will be no politics in the paper. Its purpose will be to educate the Indian in the duties of citizenship and remove from his mind the stubborn prejudice against the white man.

Dispute With Venezuela

The Hague, Feb. 15.—Arbitrators selected by the United States and Venezuela to adjust the Orinoco steamship claim, are expected to appoint a third arbitrator today and the tribunal will meet here May 15 for a trial of the case. August Bernaert represents Venezuela and Gonzola de Quesada the United States.

The steamship company, a New Jersey concern, filed a claim for something over \$1,000,000 for the alleged arbitrary repudiation of certain concessions by the Castro government.

Miss Anthony's Birthday

New York, Feb. 15.—Suffragists in this and many other cities will observe the birthday of the late Susan B. Anthony today. Tomorrow evening at Carnegie Hall, this city, the suffragettes will hold a meeting at which Miss Anthony will be eulogized by them.

COMMONS IN SESSION AGAIN

SCANT ENCOURAGEMENTS MEET EITHER OF THREE LEADING ELEMENTS IN THE CHAMBER

PREMIER ASQUITH ENTERS FROM UNDERGROUND PASSAGE

Great greeting extended to Lloyd George who is closely guarded by the police—Real opening does not take place until next Monday—Swear in new members during the next four days

London, Feb. 15.—Members of the new house of commons, recently elected, met today, and between now and Saturday will be occupied with swearing in new members and other preliminaries, to the formal opening of Parliament, which has been officially set for the coming Monday. It will be somewhat of a "blue Monday" for both government and opposition as the results of the elections will be so close as to furnish scant encouragement to either Liberals or Unionists. The former are dependent for a majority on the Laborites and Irish party.

It is rumored in political circles that neither Mr. Asquith the prime minister, nor Sir Edward Gray, the secretary for foreign affairs, will accept office under the new government. It is further stated that Earl Crew will become viceroy of India in succession to Earl Minto and that Lord Carrington will be appointed governor-general in Canada.

The Globe asserts that however unfounded these rumors may be, there is not the least doubt that dissentions are already showing themselves in the cabinet over the question of the rights of the house of Lords.

Although the houses did not convene until 2 o'clock, the doors opened as usual at midnight and all through the early hours of the forenoon there was the usual customary rush of the 670 members of the commons for the 500 best seats in their chamber.

Notable politicians eagerly looked for Exchequer Chancellor Lloyd George who was so eagerly greeted that it took a strong guard of policemen to get him safely from his official residence.

Prime Minister Asquith, more apprehensive concerning the suffragettes, who was prominently in evidence, took no such risks as the Chancellor, but went across from his official residence by way of an underground passage provided for such emergencies.

England Helps Her Idle

London, Feb. 15.—One hundred exchanges for the unemployed were opened today as a preliminary step in dealing with the problem of the workless men and women. Their object is neither charity or relief, but only to serve to bring men desiring to work into touch with employers wanting labor. Winston Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, is responsible for the innovation. One hundred and fifty more exchanges will be opened in the next six months.

Remember the Maine

Washington, Feb. 15.—"Remember the Maine!" was again the battlecry in Washington today, the Spanish War veterans joining with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Army and Navy League and other patriotic organizations in observing the 12th anniversary of the destruction of the battleship in Havana harbor.

ROSS MUST SERVE TERM

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New Postal Rule

Washington, Feb. 15.—Under a new rule put into effect today by the postoffice department, carriers on rural routes hereafter will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes. Complaints against the practice have been numerous, the carriers declaring that it results in great delay in the collection and delivery of mail.

Women beat men easily in the census examinations, says Supervisor Beach. And as a rule the women will beat the men in doing the work too.

Coughs

Are not all of the same character and have different causes. No one remedy can therefore be had that will be certain to cure every case. But ordinary coughs due to an irritated condition of the membranes of the air passages induced by a recent cold, are quite sure to be promptly and thoroughly cured by

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TRANSFORMER IN TROUBLE

Arc lights will be slow in making appearance tonight. Due to a breakdown in the transformer of the arc lights, the Electric Light Company will not be able to turn on the lights at the customary hour tonight. This will not affect the residence lights.