

OREGON DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS COMING TO LA GRANDE IN 1912

STATEHOOD TO BE REALIZED

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO TO GET SOME FORM

BELIEVED TAFT AND CONGRESS WILL REACH COMPROMISE

Scheme Now Is to Drop Recall Feature Which Taft Opposed and Rush a Bill Through That Satisfies the President—No Hope to Pass the Recall of Judiciary Over the Veto Opposition.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The house committee on territories today appointed a sub committee of five members to confer with the senate territories committee on the New Mexico-Arizona statehood situation with the view of forming a compromise bill which will pass both houses, and which Taft will sign. The majority of the house committee first favored the passage of the present bill, including the judiciary recall, over Taft's veto. A compromise was finally accepted to assure the territories of statehood this session.

The democratic senators are in caucus today to determine what action they will take on the cotton tariff bill and date for congress adjournment. Representative Underwood's compromise on the wool revising bill passed the senate last night, and went to the president this morning. His veto is expected Friday. It is believed the house will accept the free list bill as it passed in the senate.

TACOMA LIKES SINGLE TAX. County Commissioners Consider Plan to Adopt Henry George Law.

Tacoma, Aug. 16.—Tacoma may soon establish a Henry George system of taxation if the wishes of the city commissioners, who are all single taxers, are carried out. The commissioners claim that the tax system is directly responsible for the remarkable prosperity of Vancouver. B. C. Commissioner Pettit will introduce a resolution in the council, probably today, providing for the appointment of a committee to confer with city officials on the question with the view of taking further steps toward inaugurating the single tax system within the state.

Harvester Trust Under Study.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Should the resolution introduced in the house by Congressman Foster of Illinois yesterday, pass, a thorough investigation of the International Harvester company to determine whether it is a trust will be made.

The resolution calls for a special committee of nine with authority to fully investigate.

Papke After Winner.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—The probabilities are strong that Billy Papke will meet the winner of the Tony-Capont-Phil Schlossberg fight sometime in September. Papke has promised but no papers have been signed. Capont and Schlossberg fight Aug. 19.

Build Bridge for Miners. (Baker Herald.)

In order to permit the fulfillment of the Arkansas mine's contract with the Lewisohns for the shipment of 3000 tons of ore from that property to the big copper operators by the first of the year Baker county will have to erect a bridge over Herman creek between Ballard's Landing and Homestead. The bridge has been recommended by W. F. Hubbler, road supervisor of District No. 18, and accord-

ing to Judge Basche this morning, will be erected at once. It will be a 20-foot span bridge constructed of timber.

In addition the county will probably do considerable grading on the road between Ballard's and Homestead in order to assist in the work of transportation.

The first shipment of ore from the Arkansas, it is understood will consist of 200 tons, and the other shipments will follow rapidly until the 3,000 tons is delivered by the company.

ENORMOUS SUMS PAID OUT TO LOSERS IN SAN FRANCISCO SHAKEDOWN.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Practically all of the insurance arising from the earthquake and fire here of 1906 are now settled and the underwriters' reports just issued, show a total of \$163,713,330 paid out. Within the last few days a number of satisfactions of judgments have been filed and the calendar is nearly clean. Victims of wrenching companies, however, are not done. They have banded together to force such companies to pay their claims, or go out of business.

AN INDUSTRIAL WAR CERTAIN

SEERS AT CHICAGO FORECAST A STRUGGLE IN SIX MONTHS

Various Phases of Railroad Wage Controversy to Cause It.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—(Special)—Involving tens of thousands of employees of American railroads a great industrial struggle is almost certain to come within six months, say labor leaders here today, unless the managers of the railroad lines agree to a complete remodeling of conditions under which the men in all branches of the services labor. Representatives of the road do not deny that the outlook is grave and both sides admit that should such a struggle come the Pacific coast will witness the beginning of the struggle. The preparations for the battle are already under way.

The new combination of the industrial forces, gathered under the leadership of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor and known as the "system federation" was organized during the last six months. It has precipitated what railroad men and employes alike admit is a crisis.

Each "system federation" will represent a different railway system. For years the agreements between the railroads and various branches of the employes have been expiring on different dates of different years. In this way the railroads were protected from a general strike and when one of their department went on strike the work could be shifted to another department which was under contract not to strike until its agreement had expired. Under the system federation scheme, however, all unionists on any one system will make their agreements to expire on the same date and year. This will make general strikes possible and labor leaders predict will give opportunity for enforcement of their demands with a greater prospect of success.

Butterflies Darken Skies.

Redding, Cal., Aug. 16.—Butterflies, so thick that they obscure the sky, are infesting the forests between Burney and Montgomery creek. The insects which are about an inch in length are progressing southward. It is believed they are the product of a great host of army worms that descended on Sisson recently.

ANNUAL SESSION AT ASTORIA VOTES TO COME TO LA GRANDE FOLLOWING WARM INVITATION

Astoria, Aug. 16.—The Oregon Development League today re-elected Theodore Wilcox, of Portland, president and chose La Grande as the meeting place of the next convention. Among the vice presidents are Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Dan Smythe of Pendleton and William Bonanson, of Baker City, and on the executive committee, Resolution condemning the referendum against the state educational appropriations were adopted. The convention adjourns tonight. Today the delegates launched on a good roads campaign.

Astoria, Aug. 16.—(Special)—La Grande triumphed over a large list of opponents today and landed the 1912 convention of the Oregon Development league which will unquestionably bring such railroads as L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, and a galaxy of state boosters and northwest empire builders, to the Eastern Oregon metropolis at that time. The signal victory for La Grande came at the end of a speech of welcome by Bruce Dennis, editor of the La Grande Observer, who in a short but pointed address presented the development congress in session here with a warm invitation. Over a large list of other runners up for the same honor, the convention voted La Grande by a substantial margin.

The session of the Oregon Development league is invariably the signal for the gathering of a large coterie of prominent men, men not only prominent in Oregon, but in the northwest and the nation. This is the first year out of several annual sessions that Mr. Hill and Mr. Elliott have failed to present—oftentimes James J. Hill, the empire builder, makes it a point to be present and address the delegates. Such indeed may prove the case next year. Their absence this time was occasioned by unexpected business affairs.

The La Grande movement was first set on foot when Publicity Manager Slough of La Grande commenced a systematic series of letters to the delegates who were to attend the Astoria convention this year, and it came to a successful climax when Mr. Dennis of La Grande presented the verbal invitation.

That bringing the Development congress to La Grande next year means one of the biggest publicity assets La Grande has attained in many years is conceded by all, in view of the type of men who attend. Not only will Oregon send a big delegation on that occasion but the event will draw from railroad centers of the United States as it has always done.

DENNIS INVITES CONVENTION.

Warm Welcome Extended by La Grande Editor in Short Speech.

Astoria, Ore., Aug. 15.—(Special)—Appearing before the Oregon Development league here today, Bruce Dennis, editor of the La Grande Observer, pleaded for La Grande in her efforts to gain the next meeting of the congress. Mr. Dennis said in part:

"To meet on such an occasion as this by no means an often experienced pleasure, and today we owe this splendid city of Astoria a debt of gratitude which can only be paid by the swelling of the heart of the true westerner who always knows when he is well treated.

"It is refreshing to meet under these pleasant circumstances, the different men from over the state when Statement No. 1 is not thought of, when the initiative and referendum lie peacefully slumbering, when no one is trying to be governor, and when people are not worried over the possibility of single tax.

"I see before me many adherents of the Oregonian, a like number of thimble-cups of Jackson of the Journal, and a large sprinkling of Carroll admirers. And the nice feature is that we

are all here in a common cause: we are here to devise ways and means of helping thousands of people while at the same time we help the grand state in which we all take pride in claiming citizenship.

"I want to say that Dellinger, Gattke and John Day and the rest of the Astoria boys will be remembered by this assembly—oh, pardon me,—by this gathering for the good time they are showing all of us.

"But, candidly, it seems to me the mission of this league is far reaching, so much so that its permanency should never be questioned. We, as citizens of Oregon, have had entrusted to us by nature the great undeveloped area which is destined to become the nation's strong box, as it were; we are, in a way, custodians of the futures of thousands of people; for, by our direction, many young people of the east will take the old-time Horace Greeley advice and come west. They will come because we insist upon it. "This being true, there is a heavy responsibility upon each member of this league, and I would impress upon you the importance today of the Greater Oregon Development league for drawing down all sorts of fakes and demanding absolute truth in the literature issued by every community and every corporation.

"The result is never good if a man is attracted to Oregon by false statements; it is never good if a citizen comes here on advice that he can clear a thousand dollars an acre from some product, when such is not the truth; it is never a good policy to urge people to come to a state to engage in fancy farming, anyway. I mean by fancy farming that which requires a specialist to do successfully.

"What we need most of anything is, first, to adopt strict censorship upon all literature of get-rich-quick land companies and other companies that are here only to graft the public. Then we need to encourage the people of the east and middle west to come here and till the soil. Without the latter Oregon will continue to be looked upon by many as the mecca for the get-rich-quick swindlers.

"Instead of giving bonuses and franchises to corporations that in turn water their stocks heavily and unload them on an innocent public, it is our duty as Oregonians in this organization to throw our strong right arm under the man who has located on a piece of land and is doing his best to make good and raise his family.

"Make the surroundings of the small farmer and the homesteader as pleasant as possible; put in his mouth the sweet carroll of contentment, and you have made a big stride toward developing the state we all love so well. For he is the man who will make Oregon in the end; he is the man, when once on his feet, will assist in paying the tax, whereas the promoter who asks for special privileges will milk the great natural domain and then go to a foreign country to spend his money.

"It is said a young man came out to this country in search of a homestead. He got it and in writing home after having lived on it for some time, said: "An Oregon homestead is a great thing. Uncle Sam beats you 100 acres of land against \$14.25 that you will starve to death in less than five years."

"When we find an earnest homesteader the thing to do is to help him in every way possible. Instead of

taking stock in the wildcat corporation, bet a few dollars that the man who is wrestling with the virgin soil will make good.

"Now, gentlemen, I see before me many familiar faces and I believe that every man within the sound of my voice is anxious to see the next Development League meeting in Eastern Oregon, and I believe you want to see it meet in La Grande, the center of population and transportation of Eastern Oregon. I am authorized by my people to extend to you a most cordial welcome. Our sister cities, Baker on the south and Pendleton on the west,

will help us enter the bunch grass country, where the winds blow the softest, where the crops are largest, where the honey is the sweetest, where the cooling of the babies is the dearest and where the maiden's eye is the clearest.

"We want you because you will enjoy the freedom of our mountain country a half a mile in the air.

"We want you for it will blind the breach ever existing which teaches the Willamette valley is selfish and unkind of the great empire beyond the mountains.

"Why, friends, do you know what a

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CLEVER SCHEME FRUSTRATED

LONG AND ROUNDABOUT ROUTE TO GAIN CONFIDENCE.

Local Contractor Nips Clever Scheme to Be Fleeced in the End.

New wrinkles in the manner of gaining confidence of stranger and clever attempts to fleece the stranger out of \$33 are shown by the capers cut by a man named C. E. Sweet who came to La Grande this week from Nampa, where he left a bad reputation and some worthless checks. His scheme to get money by his wits came near being a success and was surely unique in all its phases.

Two days ago he approached George Waggoner claiming he had fallen heir to a little sum of money, that he had been located at Nampa but had been transferred to La Grande where he had a "passenger brakeman's run," that he desired a home and wanted Mr. Waggoner to quote prices on a plan sketched in pencil, which he carried with him. Mr. Waggoner became interested at once and for about two hours discussed plans and prices and in the end closed a contract for the construction of a house to cost \$2,350, on some lots on Adams avenue. The original sketch was discarded when Mr. Waggoner showed some samples of his own work and plans, and Mr. Sweet said he would adopt the new plans in preference to his own which his wife had O. K'd because she had lived in a similar house in Missouri. "My wife liked these old plans but I am sure she will prefer yours," said Sweet in his preliminary warmup. "We have decided to build us a little home while we are here and I can pay for the construction of the same with \$1,500 when the place is finished and the rest in rapid installments. I do business in a hurry so you better close up the contract and I will give you a check for \$200 to bind the deal." This was done after considerable discussion of the subject, and Mr. Waggoner, confident of a good piece of work in sight, drew up the contract. The two then started down town, with the understanding they were to meet this morning and agree on specifications. On the way Sweet carelessly drew out a check in his own favor issued by a Nampa firm on a Nampa bank. The \$200 check he had used to close the contract was also on a Nampa bank. Mr. Waggoner pondered the cashing business a moment, and decided it was not best to give the stranger the money. "Well, it is immaterial; I can either have Mr. Zuber cash it for me or take it to Pendleton where several know me. I have no friends here to identify me." However he did not approach Mr. Zuber with the check.

In the interim Mr. Waggoner discovered that the lots on which he was

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INFANTRY KILLS STRIKE RIOTERS

BLOODY SCENES ENACTED IN THE LIVERPOOL STRIKE

EXTRA SESSION OF COMMONS

FRAUGHT WITH EXCITEMENT

Laborites in House Scream at Home Secretary Churchill—Bloodshed Instigates Bitter Feeling—Women and Children Clubbed in Riots in Liverpool by Policemen—Labor Is Angered at Authorities.

FLOUR SUPPLY GONE.

Liverpool, Aug. 16.—Flour millers today notified the city authorities that they are unable to supply flour and bread as there is insufficient flour to last two more days. Coal and grain supplies are exhausted.

Liverpool, Aug. 16.—Today brought no cessation of the strike rioting here. Order was restored temporarily after the infantry troops had fired a volley. Then the cavalry charged. Two rioters were killed and the mob dispersed. Thousands of freight handlers are now awaiting orders to strike and the situation is growing worse.

Extra Sessions Talks Strikes.

London, Aug. 16.—Complying with requests of the board of trade, Premier Asquith today convened the cabinet in extraordinary session to discuss the strikes which are now racking all England. It was unofficially stated that the government will summon the royal engineers to operate the railroads if the cabinet does not succeed in avoiding a general strike.

The war office is preparing for vigorous action. The strike of amalgamated railway employes which will be up all the railroads, will be declared tonight, it is feared. In various strikes over 200,000 men are out in the various city of England.

Wild Scenes in Commons.

Pandemonium reigned in the house of commons today following the appearance of Home Secretary Churchill. Laborites shouted and demanded why the police was allowed to club women and children in the Liverpool riots. When Churchill said he could do nothing until order was restored George Lansbury shouted, "I don't know whether you want the people's blood but I never knew a more bloodthirsty lot than these policemen, who are beating down defenseless women and children in the streets."

Britton Seeking Match.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Jack Britton, a Chicago lightweight, and well recommended from the windy berg, is the latest possibility for fight promoters here. Britton went eight round to a draw with Paddy McFarland. He is now in San Francisco looking for a match.

Graft Cases Jolted.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—To consider the advisability of asking for a re-hearing of the trolley franchise graft cases before the supreme court, Judge William P. Lawler and District Attorney Fickert and Assistant District Attorney Berry today will hold a consultation.

The writ of mandamus granted by the district court of appeals directing Lawler to dismiss the indictments against Patrick Calhoun, Tiley Ford and other United Railway officials who are charged with bribery in connection with the overhead trolley franchise will be served today.

Judge Lawler claimed his delay in trying the cases was an exercise of good judgment which the appellate court held was meaningless. The trials were put over 56 times in 558 days.