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COMMERCIAL CLUB DINNER

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remarks with some comeback shafts, but the keynote of his address was a brief review of the elegance of Commercial club quarters in every town visited, showing that La Grande is neither here nor there when it comes to public pride in a Commercial club house or quarters.

Leading Farmer Eloquent.

Fresh from the furrow where all day he had tramped behind the plow, worn out and tired from a strenuous day with the horny-handed sons of toil, C. D. Huffman, prominent rancher and granger, handled the theme, "Community Progress." He did it splendidly and his concise speech emphasized the fact that Union county's farmers have the ability to hold their own with the most brilliant city folks in dispensing of sober thought or funny joke at a big after-dinner program. He dwelt on the fact that many small efforts bring the big results, and brought home the truth that such a policy should be the aim of every community.

Bruce Dennis talked on "Publicity as the junketers saw it."

Dr. N. Mollitor was heard in a literary gem. Parabolically he told in a masterly way how, figuratively, the junketers had all died on the way south—throwing much fun into the demises—but coming to the south the splendid elixir of life which is commonly known as publicity, and which permeates the southern atmosphere, caused the resurrection of the dead ones, and with their awakening, each delivered a homily on his particular vocation in life. Masterly English and diction was shown. The doctor was the "life preserver" of the crowd and the toastmaster had fittingly assigned him such a topic.

William Miller uncovered some of the secrets pertaining to the good things in store for patrons of the 1912 chautauqua. He likened the local chautauqua to that of Ashland and stated that in his opinion it would be the chautauqua that would hold the state's attention to La Grande as the rose festival does Portland, the round-up Pendleton.

John Collier responded to "The Booster Boosted." He told some of the striking instances of spirit the visitors found in the south, all of which made it clear to La Grande that they are just a step behind.

Attorney George T. Cochran carried his hearers ten years into the future. In a short but snappy speech he pictured what "La Grande needed" in a recital of what she would undoubtedly boast of at the end of a decade.

E. S. Norris, another well known rancher, who stands at the head of the Farmers' unions, spoke of co-operation and without fear of offending, which his speech came far from doing, told many truths in a straightforward manner of what is needed to cement the city and the farming community. He went on record as opposed to bonding for better roads and told of what co-operation really is and what will accrue if co-operation is carried out.

New Commercial Club Discussed.

H. E. Coolidge, a member of the new board of directors, was well along on the program of speeches, but he sewed the ragged edges together, forming the nucleus of a new commercial club explaining the policy of the new board which in effect is that no one person is to be burdened financially in the upkeep of the institution but a one dollar a month charge from each member will be the policy hereafter. To do this requires a big membership, a membership which towns in Southern Oregon of a four or five thousand population boast of—500 and 600. He told of some of the things the club proposes to do during the coming year but his aim and purpose was primarily to bring to a focus and united front the drift of the speakers preceding him, and he did. Membership lists were signed freely at the conclusion of his address, and the board will continue the campaign for members on the \$1.00 a month plan. Mr. Coolidge went far in bridging the real or imaginative chasm between the city and the farmers by urging the farmers to join the Commercial club and warmly inviting them to appear before the club at any time they had any grievances and it is clearly the policy of the club to fulfill the admonitions of E. S. Norris, to wit, co-operate both ways.

Walter M. Pierce was the last num-

ber of the set speeches. He defended himself from the previous attacks growing out of incidents while on the trip and in his proverbial eloquence sent the crowd away with ringing oratory uppermost in their minds.

TELEGRAMS ARE CUTTING.

Entire United States Sends Shafts of Mirth at Banqueters.

From Salem to Washington covers territory represented by aerograms read by Toastmaster Knowles. Governor West reminded the diners that the banqueters were still out on parole and could easily be returned to their cells. E. Polack was struck by a message from Publicity Manager Schlosser of Roseburg, who wanted the grocerman to return to finish a solo dance commenced while the visitors were in Roseburg. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., got into the limelight by forwarding a message to Senator Walter M. Pierce asking for the cash terms demanded by Pierce if the latter would withdraw from the race; Congressman A. W. Lafferty was on the job and admonished George T. Cochran and Jerry Rusk to bring their wives along should both or either win the congressional election and go to Washington.

Anna Held Not Backward.

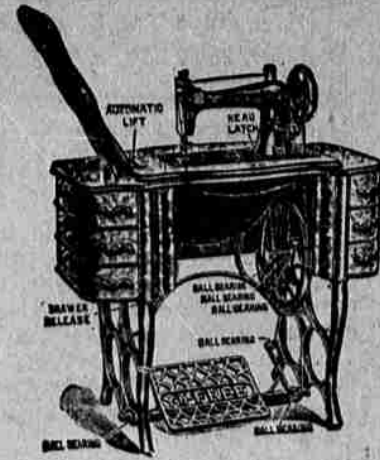
An event dating back to the Sunday evening that the pilgrims hit Portland was brought to the forefront by Anna Held from San Francisco. She regretted, in a message to George L. Cleaver, that he had not attended her performance in Portland but that she did enjoy Mr. Cleaver's tete a tete after the performance. Paraphrasing it might be said that Mr. Cleaver quit the bunch when the Heilig became their mecca. The pun was popular as the audience was "next" to the facts in the case. A sandwich man, John Jones, at Ashland, demanded that Sam Brooks return and pay over the nickel which Mr. Brooks beat him out of.

Joseph Fels Heard From.

Joseph Fels, the soap maker and single tax father, thanked Walter M. Pierce for his earnest efforts in behalf of the single tax and urged him to further work. In parenthesis let it be said that Mr. Pierce likes single tax like most people do snakes.

The Commercial club at Medford inquired by telegram if any of the visitors at Medford from La Grande had lost a portion of a speech apparently entitled, "The Crime of the Age." The

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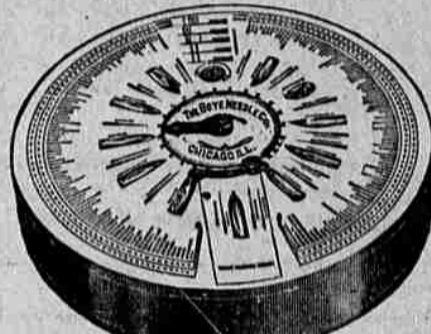
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