

PORTLAND AFTER GROGERS MEET

Delegation Seeking National Convention—Railroad Companies Asked for Half Fare Rates to Seaside Resorts—New Affiliations with Development League

PORTLAND, Or., May 4.—A special delegation leaves Portland today for Boston, where the National Retail Grocers' Association will convene next Monday to invite that association to hold its 1909 session in Portland. Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of the White Temple, goes to Oklahoma City to attend the Northern Baptist convention the middle of this month. Rev. William Hiram Foulkes will go to Kansas City to participate in the general assembly of the Presbyterian church. Portland will indorse in the heartiest manner the invitation to be extended by Seattle for the 1909 convention of this body.

Half Fare Rates Asked.
The Commercial club of Walla Walla, Wash., has passed resolutions urging the railroad companies to grant a one-fare rate for the round trip, by continuous passage, between points in interior Washington and Oregon, and the seaside resorts of these two states. It is understood that the club also favors a higher rate when stopover privileges are allowed. The Walla Walla club has requested the commercial bodies of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, as well as the Commercial club of Portland, to pass similar resolutions. It is hoped that favorable action may be taken by all, as the people of the interior should be given the opportunity of visiting the coast, especially during the summer months, at the least possible cost.

Notes of Development.
The Mount Angel Commercial club is the latest affiliation with the Oregon Development league.

The Sumpter Valley railroad, comprising a length of 67 miles between Baker City and Austin, Or., runs through the Sumpter mining belt and is soon to double its mileage. Today 93 per cent of the freight of this road comes from timber, though it is not generally known that Baker City is a lumber center.

It will be the 15th of May before the new eight-story steel building of the Portland Commercial club will be ready for occupancy. The club will formally open its new quarters on June 12, the anniversary of the laying of its cornerstone. The cost of the building and its furnishing has been \$434,000.

Successful Horse Sale.
Hot Lake, Or., has become one of the most prosperous resorts between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific ocean. The lowest attendance for many months has been 130.

Last week witnessed the most successful sale of horses ever held in Portland. Breeders and buyers from Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, California and British Columbia were there, with a liberal sprinkling of Eastern owners. The average was \$240 each for every horse sold during one day of the sale.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN HOBO FROM CALIFORNIA

With hats awry and faces and dresses streaked with oil, two pretty "hobo girls" of San Francisco—Mrs. Roy M. Combs, trained nurse, and Miss Helen Dale, chorus girl—arrived on top of the water tank of the northbound Oregon express on their way from California to Terre Haute, Ind., a trip they are making by beating passenger trains, walking and begging their way. They claim to be 19 and 18 years of age, respectively.

When seen by a newspaper representative the girls told an amusing story of their adventures. Mrs. Combs has a grandmother, Mrs. Anna Robinson, in Terre Haute, and a husband in Grants Pass. The girls roomed together in San Francisco, and both being out of work, they decided to beat their way to Grants Pass and thence to Terre Haute.

Accordingly, armed with a revolver and an extra dress apiece, they walked from East Oakland to Richmond, where they passed the first night at a farm-

house. The next morning—Monday—they walked to Benicia, and on the road had their first experience. They met a Chinaman, who was quite taken up with them and wanted to walk along the railroad track, telling them they were "heap pretty gals." Mrs. Combs, as a last resort, shot at the Chinaman's feet and he ran for his life.

At Benicia the girls "grabbed" the blind luggage of a passenger train and came to Sacramento, where they boarded the northbound Oregon for Chico. They perched themselves on the water tank to the engine and had their second experience. A burly hobo wanted to come up and sit beside them, but, declared Mrs. Combs, "I held that hobo off for two hours at the point of my revolver."

Arriving in Chico, the girls expressed their intention of making the rest of the trip in male attire and the Southern Pacific depot men—they are an accommodating lot—soon had the desired apparel on hand. When the time came to make the change, however, the girls did not possess the courage, and despite their act that skirts retard clambering onto locomotive tenders, they decided to go on in female attire. In Grants Pass they purpose to secure khaki suits.

Provided Mr. Combs does not object when the girls arrive the two will work for a week and then continue their trip to Portland; thence east through Idaho, Montana and to Chicago, and then to Terre Haute.

HOBSON PICTURES WAR BETWEEN AMERICA AND JAPAN

Captain Richmond P. Hobson, who speaks in Medford this evening, contributes an article in the forthcoming (June) Cosmopolitan Magazine, giving an imaginative description of a possible war between Japan and the United States. Captain Hobson gives diagrams of probable naval engagements, showing the advantages the Japanese would have through the presence of the new Dreadnaughts, the Satsuna and the Oki. After lengthily detailing various naval and military movements, the "It is time patriotic Americans were considering the possibility of a war for our very existence. They should realize that everything would hinge upon the control of the sea in the Pacific. We must take no chances of having the permanent control of the sea in this ocean. If our fleet were on the Pacific coast at the outbreak of war and should remain on that coast, moving out no further than Hawaii, it would allow the Japanese to occupy the Philippines for the time.

"Except for cruises by our armored cruisers we should stand fast and proceed to build up a new fleet as big again as our present fleet, and in the meantime should undertake no offensive movement except to gain complete control of the Hawaiian Islands and establish a great naval base there.

"Of course, Japan would proceed to build new ships also, but we could not ask better than a race in building ships. We could so move that the Japanese fleet could get in action only by crossing the ocean."

HOPKINS REPORTS SMALL DAMAGE BY FROSTS

(Portland Journal.)
A heavy frost in the vicinity of Medford was believed to have done serious damage to fruit buds, but later investigation leads to a different conclusion. F. H. Hopkins, proprietor of the famous Snowy Butte pear orchards near Central Point, came to Portland yesterday on business and said there will be a big crop of fruits in the Rogue River valley.

"While there was some damage to pears, the buds show that there is a large percentage of the fruit unharmed, and that the pear crop will be ample. The frost did not hurt apples at all, and there is no occasion for alarm about the Rogue river valley apple crop."

Similar reports of frost damage to Eastern Oregon wheat are proved to be unfounded. A. A. Morse, freight agent of the Harriman lines, has just returned from a trip through the wheat country inland, and he said the crop there this year will equal the big yield recorded in 1907.

Wise Talks By the Office Boy



Pa says a rose by any other name would be just as expensive back east this time of year. I sometimes think he pines for the piney woods in old Penobscot, Frappe County, Maine, where he was raised—but that's one thing yours truly never years for. The good mountains and the good old ocean a d nice old Oregon atmosphere are good enough for m. But it's all in how you were raised. Pa likes clam chowder and corn on the cob, and harvest apples and a lot of things that a kid who was born this side of the snow sheds hasn't had much chance to get acquainted with. Those who have lived on both sides of this great country and lived long enough to know what's what can get all those things just as nice one place as another, if you know where to buy. We've got clam chowder from Boston that is just as nice as any you ever ate on the sand, and lots of other things that have that "Down East" taste.

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