

The Ontario Argus

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WHERE WERE THE OREGONIANS?

For weeks some of the biggest men, men of greatest influence in Idaho have been back in Washington to urge the need for the passage of the Mondell bill, and have been pressing the claims of their state for participation in its benefits.

The reports of their activities which have been appearing daily in the papers of Idaho must be inspiring to our neighbors. What a contrast there is between the interest shown by the Idahoans and that of the Oregonians.

No Commercial body in Oregon has sent a committee back to Washington to help our representatives present the claims of this state. Oregonians, in fact, are conspicuous by their absence. How different this all will be when the river and harbor appropriations are up for consideration. From Astoria and all the Columbia river and Willamette sloughs will go poets of opportunity to sing peans of praise for the possibilities of prosperity that result from the dredging of sluggish streams to make way for the leviathans of commerce.

The facts of the matter are that there will be no commerce for these leviathans, no need for throwing dollars into the streams unless the territory back of the Columbia river ports is developed. What is worrying Portland now is not the lack of ocean carriers, but the lack of cargoes. Given the development of the empire back of Portland in Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho and her prosperity as a port is safe and assured.

It may be that the Oregon delegation has sent out the word that it needs no support on the part of the commercial interests of the state to secure for Oregon a fair share of the development funds to be provided by the Mondell bill. Or it may be that the leaders of commercial bodies in Portland without that advice from Washington believe the delegation, especially with Representative N. J. Simmott as chairman of the reclamation committee, can go it alone.

If that is true, all well and good—but the history of previous sessions hardly justify so roseate a view. In the meantime we would like to know, over here in Eastern Oregon what the much heralded Oregon State Chamber of Commerce is doing about it?

MAKING THE FAIR VALUABLE

At the suggestion of Director E. B. Conklin, the Board of Directors of the Malheur County Fair have adopted a rule that the judges in each department shall on making awards deliver a lecture, giving exactly the reason for their decisions.

One is compelled to wonder why this rule was not promulgated when the first Fair was given ten years ago. It is only by such means as this that the men, women, boys and girls, who each year bring produce to the Fair can secure the maximum value for their efforts. They want, and have a right, to know on what basis their work or stock is judged. Also by having pointed out to them the defects of this year's display, they will profit thereby and not bring

in exhibits of a like nature next year.

The Argus believes that the majority of the exhibitors each year at the Fair do not care so much for the prizes that are offered but enjoy the spirit of friendly rivalry which has grown with the Fair. The ranchers in this section are of that progressive type that they want to learn all there is to be known about their particular line of endeavor. They want to be good judges of produce, not only for the advantage that it will give them, but for the satisfaction gained by the assurance of knowledge.

By the construction of an adequate judging ring, with tiers of benches on at least two sides so that those who desire can listen to the lecture of the Judges the Board this year will do more to make the Fair what it originally was intended to be, an educational institution, than by any other one thing.

"NO FLOWERS" REQUESTED

America has experienced ten days as a "dry" nation, and so far at least is apparently none the worse off for the experience. That the people, as a whole, are indeed better off is certain, for what was true in the case of Washington and Oregon is true in a larger measure for the nation.

There never was a good argument to advance for the American saloon. In time to come thinking people will wonder how their forefathers ever permitted it to exist, just as we wonder today how Romans enjoyed their gourmandizing feasts, and secured pleasure at seeing captives murdered in the arena.

The American saloon without a doubt claimed more lives than the Spanish inquisition. It was a degrading influence in public life. It was all that was bad. It had no redeeming feature. The American people have ruled that it shall exist no longer. At its obsequies, no flowers were necessary, for there was no real friends to mourn its departure.

There is no need to worry over the possible return of John Barleycorn. He is dead. And what is more, his victims of former years, after subduing their appetites will be the hardest workers against him should he ever try to stage a comeback. They know what his reappearance would mean to them.

Now that the State Engineers are here on the ground actually supervising work that the State Highway Commission is doing in co-operation with the county, what will some of those who always knocked that co-operation say?

The only satisfaction that the fight fans who departed with 60 iron men for the nine minute affair at Toledo, will have will be conversational. They certainly will have to do a lot of telling how it happened to play even.

Police officers along the Short Line apparently have a clever gang to deal with, but they ought to land them sooner or later. The sooner the better.

Better look over the garden patch to see just what you are going to exhibit at the Fair this fall.

Again there is a real champion of heavy-weights, and one William Harrison Dempsey is that man.

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White rainskin, 8 1/2 inch top, full Louis, wood-covered heel, all new stock, right up to date; all sizes and widths from 2 1/2 to 8. Regular price \$6.50. Sale price **\$5.45**

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White canvas English walking shoe with rubber soles and heels, all sizes from 2 1/2 to 6. Regular price \$5.00. Sale price **\$3.95**

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