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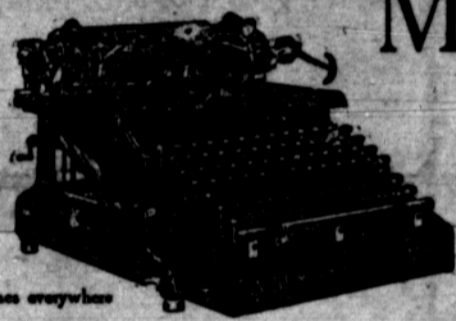


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MEETINGS OF THE COURTS.  
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ADDRESS OF  
**Hon. I. N. Muncy**  
President of  
THE STATE MINERS' ASSOCIATION  
Delivered in Portland Or., May 31, 1911

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
It is with a degree of pleasure seldom enjoyed by your humble speaker that I have in appearing before you—not alone because I have the privilege of talking about the mining prospects of the great State of Oregon, but because of the audience I have before me, coming as they do from so many of the great mining states of our country. True it seems to me that I am a little out of place, after listening to so many able speakers as you have. But, nevertheless, I have something to say and something to talk about and that something is Curry county and her future. Curry county has been abused and oppressed as no other county in the State of Oregon, nor, as far as that, as for no other county in any state in the Union. Her commercial interests wiped out, held up as a highwayman holds up the stage and robs the occupants of their wealth, because of their weakness or lack of population. But the day is not far distant when she will have a greater population and twice the wealth of even Multnomah today.

And that is not all. Seven-tenths of the county has been covered with a forest reserve, thereby keeping settlers out and away from one of the finest climates on the Pacific Coast, and when I say that, I would say in the United States. Besides this, we have as fine water and timber as can be found anywhere. Our water power is simply unlimited, and our timber equal to any to be found; also a river with a salmon industry second to none, save the Columbia, in the West. Excepting only as she is throttled by men and laws, think of it, the wealth in money and food she might produce. It seems to me that there is no thought within the range of human conception that could make men feel more despicable than when depriving a man, men, State, County, Nation, or the world of such wealth, and not only this and by which our mining and every other industry is badly crippled. If I should even offer a prayer from the very depth of my heart, it would be God Almighty pity and pardon the oppressors and have mercy on the oppressed. For such things are only making law-breakers, for as it is we cannot get a salmon to eat without being a law-breaker.

Think of the wealth in this alone and it will all but stagger one, yet this is small when we know of her mineral wealth in copper, iron, tin, gold, silver, platinum, iridium, cobalt, nickel, coal,

building stone, fire clay, asbestos, lead and chrome. Much of these in seemingly endless quantities. I have been in nearly all of the mining camps in the United States from Lake Superior west except some of the newer camps and I can say without fear of successful contradiction that Curry county has larger and richer ore bodies than any place I have ever seen, and yet they are lying idle because of lack of transportation, and from lack of proper recognition by the State, as well as by the United States.

If we had a jetty at the mouth of the Rogue River, we would have a harbor equal or better than many used now extensively on our Coast. If we had this recognition, our lumbering interests would be great, as well as to cause development of our mineral resources. If we had the harbor—they might kill our fishing at present, our only commercial interests of any magnitude—we would soon develop one of the greatest wealth-producing districts in our great country. This I have taken up with our representatives in Congress and our senators, with a great prospect of something being done, and when this is accomplished you will hear of a county being developed with a rapidity never before heard of.

Because of our climate, water powers, timber and mineral resources and our proximity to the Pacific Ocean, where by having the cheapest transportation known to man, our county puts me in mind of the story of Daniel Webster, who was banished from home, the reason why, I need not state today, only that he was banished, and went into the mountains, aided by a friend. He went to delving into the mines of lore and soon developed into one of our greatest men. Methinks I can see his brother-in-law upon his bended knees, begging forgiveness while the tears were streaming down his cheeks. So, like Webster, we will go into the mountains and there develop the greatest county in the State of Oregon, which is yet to become the greatest state in the Union, then our oppressors will come to their knees in humble contrition begging forgiveness.

When we have ships leaving our harbor daily, laden with copper, iron, tin, coal, lumber and other precious metals, we will then come into our own and receive the recognition due us. Then will the people of Oregon wonder why they never heeded the pleadings of your humble speaker and others who know the wealth of our county. Yes, then they will stand aghast with mouths wide open, but speechless for lack of words to express their surprise; yes, just like the people of the earth upon the completion of the Panama Canal, when they see Oregon growing as no other country has ever grown. Why? Because here will be the commercial center of the earth as well as of civilization, and over and above all, the great financial center of the world, as James G. Blaine once said. When this thing comes, the people will see such colossal pyramids of wealth go up as the civilized nations of the earth never heard or dreamed of.

Then will it not only become the center of civilization, but the money center of the world. Why? Let me repeat, because when the commerce of three-fourths of the earth's population begins to move upon the Pacific Coast, our trains will not come West empty to meet the incoming freight, but will carry everything raised or manufactured in the East to our shores. Then you will see wealth piled up as never witnessed in any country on the face of the earth. Again, why? Because of our location, our climatic conditions, health, water and air unsurpassed by any spot on the earth's surface. Then will Curry County, with her mineral wealth, her timber, building material, her climate and her harbor of refuge on the Pacific Ocean, for this is the grandest country on the globe, and located at Port Orford in Curry County, which it will be, we shall sing the miner's glad refrain, no notes for his work to the world is gain.

The miner's trade is one of all wealth; he gives the money to pay for health; he's partner with all men and earth; he comforts by the wayside and heath; he furnishes coin for the high and low; he gives that for which all nations bow; he's partner with the meek and the bold, because he gives the world all his gold.

True, it will be a long time before Curry County will even be well prospected; slow because of the heavy timber and brush, like all our Coast localities. We have a dense undergrowth, so much so that one might pass within a few feet of an outcrop and not see it. Then again, much of our ore is a sulphide; therefore, soon oxidizes, and one not accustomed might walk right over it and not even see or notice the change wrought by the mixing of the minerals in the dirt. Then again, our ores are different in appearance, when compared with any I ever saw in other districts. Should I wish to show you Curry County as I see it looking down through the dim vista of the future, I should want to be able to paint a picture something like this, and to do it I should have to be able to erect a mighty edifice or temple whose eastern base should be washed by the turbid waters of the Atlantic, while its western base should be bathed with the placid waters of the Pacific and bound on the north by the eternal snow, and on the south by the Gulf Stream.

Then building it onward and upward, erecting its massive columns of the precious jasper found in Curry, and when completed crown it with the Star Spangled Banner; then draw the map of

Curry and Coos counties on its beautiful walls, inserting the same with the precious stones found there, the agate, chalcedony and sardonyx; then sweep a few sections of our coal; and then alongside of this place a township of our finest timber; then open wide one of our mountains filled with rich ore.

Then I should wish for the power to increase the vision of the people of the earth that they might all see. Then I would say, Look, behold the fuel that all the nations can use; the iron to belt the world with railroads; the copper for wire; the platinum for the incandescent lights; the gold and silver for our exchange; the finest timber in the world for our temples, and all surrounded and intermingled with the finest water and air to be found anywhere. Now in this do you not see the beauty and grandeur, the sublime, yes, all that imagination can give to make this the most beautiful picture the world has ever produced, the sublime, the beautiful, the grandeur, health, wealth and all to make it perfect?

Now, I might ask the question. What would happen to our country should our mines all stop? The smoke would disappear from the chimneys of your factories, the fire would die out in your furnaces, railroads cease to operate, the wheels of commerce would stand still, the merchant would close his store, the lawyer would shut up his office, the doctor would close up his office, and your cities would become waste places and barren deserts. Then, kind audience, may I ask in God's name how can the people of Portland appear so indifferent as to the mining interest when so much depends upon our mines, and Oregon as rich as she is in all kinds of minerals? I cannot answer, but I predict that in the near future Portland will awaken to her interests, and we begin to cry a greater Portland, situated as she is in a land that is to become the great center of civilization, as well as the money center of the entire world.

I once had a man ask me, "Are you sure that you are not a dreamer?" I replied, "I wish that I were," for dreamers are the architects of greatness. True, their visions lie within their souls; such men never see the mirror of reality. Why? Because they peer beyond the veils and mists of doubt and pierce the walls of unborn time. Don't you wish that someone would call you a dreamer? I believe you do. Even though Herbert Caughman, I believe it was, once said, "The world has acceded them with leers and sneers and jibes, for the world is full of little men, who take but never give, who share but never spare, who begrudge a grudge and grudge a cheer, and for this reason the paths of progress have been marked with blood dropped from broken hearts." But the builders of empires have been dreamers who fought for bigger things than crowns and higher seats than thrones.

Great or small, the right to rule or the will to lead were not the fires which wrought their "resolution into steel. Grief may streak their hair with silver but it never greys their hopes; for they are the argonauts, the Lochinvars who seek the precious fescue—the truth. Through all ages they have heard the voices of destiny calling to them from the unknown and abysmal vasts. It is they who have dared uncharted seas, because they are the makers of the charts. It is they whose brains have wrought all human miracles. With beautifully carved staves they have built spires that stab the old world's skies and with their golden crosses pierce the clouds which hide the sun. The belted wheel, the trail of steel the turning screw are but shuttles in the loom of time, on which they weave their magic tapestries, by the realization of which your city is being made great, and so more wondrous, as a flash it may be in the night.

Leaping leagues of billowy seas, crying from shore to shore for help, but for one man's dreams would have been. Their tunnels plow the river bed and chain the islands to the motherland; their wings of canvas beat the air and add the highways of the world to the human path. A God-blessed wheel, the trail of steel the turning screw are but shuttles in the loom of time, on which they weave their magic tapestries, by the realization of which your city is being made great, and so more wondrous, as a flash it may be in the night.

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DENNIS GUNNIFF, JR.,  
Rep. U. S. Mineral Surveyor  
Surveyor for the District of Oregon  
Gold Beach, Oregon

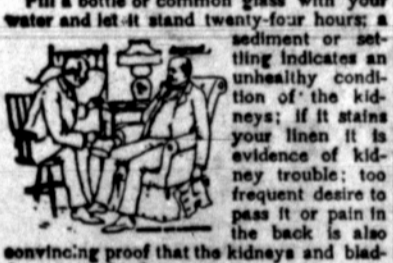
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