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FIRST STEP FOR A STATE ASSOCIATION

Local Cattlemen Prepare for Organization Which Will Embrace All the Cattle Interests in Oregon.

Plans set on foot by the executive committee of the Crook County Cattlemen's Association at a special meeting held last Saturday will result before many months in a state organization of all the county cattle associations and representative cattle owners in Oregon. The word has gone from the local association that such a move has been started, circular letters are being addressed to all the cattle organizations in the state and inside of a few weeks a date will be set for a meeting of various representatives from the different parts of the state for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization. That meeting will be held in this city either late in the coming summer or early in the fall.

In the meantime the following letter has been addressed to all the cattle associations in the state and such men interested in the betterment of stock conditions as it is believed will lend their assistance in bringing the prospective organization to a successful beginning:

Prineville, Oregon,
March 14, 1905.

Dear sir:—At a meeting held in this city by the executive committee of the Crook County Cattlemen's Association, steps were taken towards the perfecting of a state organization which shall embody all the local cattle associations and representative cattle growers, not members of any such organizations, in the state of Oregon. But we think that this larger organization should be composed so far as practicable of county organizations. In counties where cattle associations do not exist, we urge that they be formed at once in order to bring this greater body to a speedy and successful culmination.

This move has been inaugurated because it is felt that only through the power wielded by a state organization along the lines advanced by the executive committee of the Crook County Cattlemen's Association will it be possible in the future to exert any considerable and appreciable influence either in legislative halls or in the National Livestock Association. The need of such an organization, through which the needs of Oregon cattle interests could be voiced, was most strongly felt at the annual convention of the latter body held in Denver the first of the present year.

It is the intention of the Crook County Cattlemen's Association, therefore, to form into a solid unit all the cattle interests in this state, but the preliminary steps which have already been taken must first be broached to the cattle owners generally for the purpose of securing unbiased and advantageous opinions. If the answers sent to this association in response to these letters prove to be favorable, then arrangements will be made for a meeting of the representatives from the different sections of the state to be held in Prineville during the summer or fall, at which time a permanent organization will be effected.

We should like to have you talk this matter freely before all cattle growers in your vicinity and then write us as soon as possible the consensus of opinion prevailing, whether adverse or otherwise, and any suggestions which may come to mind. It is proposed to carry this matter through to an early success with the end in view of gaining for Oregon cattlemen and their interests a position of power proportionate to the magnitude of the industry in which they are engaged and the vast wealth which they represent. Both these should be more fully recognized in the future than they have in the

past. An immediate reply will be of resultant benefit not alone to you but to that vast brotherhood of cattle owners which in itself forms one of the state's greatest and most sustaining industries.

H. D. Dunham, President,
A. L. Wigle, Secretary,
Crook County Cattlemen's Association."

The foregoing letter, which clearly defines the position taken in the matter by the local association is the embodiment of the ideas given the executive committee last Saturday by A. L. Wigle. It will be remembered that the latter was elected a delegate to the Denver convention of the National Livestock Association, and upon his return here he immediately advised that the Crook county cattlemen join hands in taking the first steps toward organizing a state association through which some power could be wielded and some recognition of rights be obtained. Mr. Wigle drew some very forcible conclusions at the Denver convention where he saw the systematic working order of the representatives from such states that had well organized cattle associations. In the face of the influence and power which they exercised at that time it was next to impossible for delegates from local associations, such as he represented, to make any headway. Measures of vital importance to the whole stock region of Eastern Oregon were quietly laid on the shelf and other matters of more than passing benefit were pigeon-holed to the grave. In consequence, Mr. Wigle saw the need of an organization in this state which, if thoroughly organized, would be capable of exerting as much power as those in the states of Texas, Colorado and other districts where the cattle industry is among the first, and the ideas which he advanced to the Crook County Cattlemen's Association a few weeks ago and to the executive committee last week are embraced in the above quoted letter.

It is believed by the local cattlemen that the move which has been made will be of great benefit to every cattle owner in the state and the latter are as a result much elated over the prospects in view. It is not probable that the meeting to be held in this city for the purpose of permanently organizing a state association will be on the schedule before early fall. In other words the date will be fixed for such a time as will not interfere with the harvest season or the fall round-ups.

FARMERS FEAR WARM WEATHER

Fruit-growers fear another frost severe enough to hurt the 1905 crop and are anxiously watching the skies for signs of rain. The deficiency in the precipitation for the winter is about 12 inches.

The dry weather has prevailed over Oregon. The Willamette valley, southern Oregon and eastern Oregon have suffered from the freezing of wheat, and in some sections it is said that a large portion of the winter wheat area must be resown.

"In Umatilla county" said George A. Hartman of Pendleton, "immense areas of fall sown wheat lands are being replanted. Umatilla county however has one advantage over other sections. Often, when the winter wheat is frozen out, the farmers resow in the spring and harvest a better crop than is taken from the winter sown land."

The warm days of the past few weeks have brought out the buds on the fruit trees so that a heavy frost now would injure the orchards throughout-out the western part of the state. Inasmuch as the western part of Oregon has always a much heavier rainfall than has been experienced so far this season, it is believed that it is inevitable that the rainy season will extend farther than usual into the summer.

A year ago the colonist rates were made effective on April 1 and the rains were so heavy when the first home-seekers excursion arrived that sales of land were seriously interfered with.—Journal

NEW ROAD WAY UP THE GRADE

Business Men and County Will Build a Much Needed Improvement—To Cost About \$2500.

Active work on the construction of the long looked for roadway up the grade west of the city will begin soon and promise is given that the new road will be finished in a short time. The surveyors began locating the line of construction and setting the grade stakes Monday and will finish that work this week. Then a contract will be let for the excavating and building and the work pushed to an early completion.

The matter came up at a meeting held last week by some of the members of the Business League and it was decided then that steps should be taken at once towards making the much needed improvement. In consequence the county court was waited upon and decided that if the business men of the city would subscribe the necessary funds for surveying and building the road, the Court would agree to accept the work if satisfactory when completed and pay a sum not to exceed \$1500. On the strength of this agreement the Business League immediately donated the sum of \$100 to defray the surveying expenses and T. M. Baldwin and C. Sam Smith were delegated as a committee to look after the subscriptions. It is estimated that the entire cost of building the new roadway will reach a figure approximating \$2500, but three-fifths of this will be returned by the county.

The new road will follow a line of survey around the south side of the grade and will cross property owned by the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company and ranch property owned by Samuel Dingey. The latter has agreed to donate work while the road is being constructed and will also give right of way across his ranch provided the road is fenced after it is completed.

Mr. Elliott, who is the local agent of the wagon road company, stated that he did not believe any difficulty would be encountered in securing right of way from that company as they had always shown a willingness in the past to assist in public improvements in this vicinity, especially where their own property was indirectly benefited.

The work of surveying the road is in charge of T. H. Lafolett and W. R. McFarland and when completed this week probably an accurate estimate will be given as to the amount and cost of the excavations to be made.

COLONIST RUSH GROWS HEAVIER

It is estimated that more than 2,000 homeseekers have landed in Oregon during the last week on colonial rates over the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's lines and the Northern Pacific and as many more have been taken into Washington. Idaho and Wyoming and Montana have also secured a share of the colonists. A large number have brought household effects, farming implements, and even livestock.

There has been an average of about six tourist cars daily arriving in Portland over the O. R. & N. and a number over the Northern Pacific, besides many people riding in day coaches. It is said about one third of those who pass through Huntington, coming west, get off at points in Oregon before they reach Portland. A large share of those who come to this city turn southward to the Willamette, Rogue river and Umpqua valleys. A part of those who come over the O. R. & N. branch off to eastern

Washington, but the bulk of them remain in Oregon. Likewise, most of those who come over the Northern Pacific get off in Washington, but a share of them land in Portland and are distributed through this state. An immense benefit is being reaped by Oregon and Washington from the immigration movement, and it is a foretaste of what the cheap rates to the Lewis and Clark fair will be during the four and a half months of the exposition season.

The rush varies widely in volume from day to day. On some days there will be eight tourist cars filled with colonists, and other days half that number. It is expected that the travel will settle down to an average of four or five cars a day until the last two or three weeks of the period of low rates, when it will be largely increased by those who put off the move until they have disposed of property and made complete preparation for their change of residence.—Portland Journal.

BUSINESS LEAGUE ELECTS DELEGATES

The Citizens Business League of Prineville held a meeting at Athletic hall Friday evening and selected the following delegates to represent the League at the convention of the Oregon Development League which will be held in Portland April 4-5: C. M. Elkins, Will Wurzweiler, C. Sam Smith, J. F. Morris, M. E. Brink, C. Johnson and R. E. Simpson.

There are now fifty-one regularly organized bodies holding membership in the Oregon Development League, and this makes it the largest and best organized state body in the Union, there is no other state organization in the United States which can compare with it in completeness of representation.

The following towns, embracing every section of Oregon are represented in the State League by local organizations: Albany, Arlington, Ashland, Astoria, Baker City, Burns, Condon, Corvallis Cottage Grove, Dallas, Drain, Echo, Elgin, Enterprise, Estacada, Eugene, Fairview, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Harrisburg, Heppner, Hillsboro, Hood River, Huntington, Independence, Ione, Irrigon, Jefferson, Joseph, Junction City, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Lebanon, Marshfield, McMinnville, Medford, Myrtle Creek, Newberg, North Bend, North Yamhill, Oakland, Ontario Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Prineville, Roseburg, Salem, The Dalles, Union and Vale.

The general officers are as follows: President, E. L. Smith, Hood River; Secretary and treasurer, Tom Richardson, Portland; Vice Presidents, F. J. Blakely, Roseburg; A. Bennet, Irrigon; F. W. Waters, Salem; J. H. Aitkin, Huntington; J. Q. A. Bowlby, Astoria.

A reception will be tendered the League by the Portland Commercial Club. The railroad rate for the occasion will be announced later.

The active officers of the league are determined that this gathering shall result in a plan being decided upon that will insure all the different interests of Oregon being so represented on the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Exposition as to enable every visitor to get reliable data regarding any portion of this state upon any subject. Homeseekers are now visiting every part of Oregon and there will be many thousands coming here during the Fair, who will desire to investigate the different sections of the state, and it is the purpose of the League to be of assistance to such homeseekers.

The League meeting will continue in session for two days during which time all the methods of publicity known will be discussed and made applicable to different parts of the state. It is expected that the meeting will result in a material amount of good to those portions of Oregon into which immigration is pouring.

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