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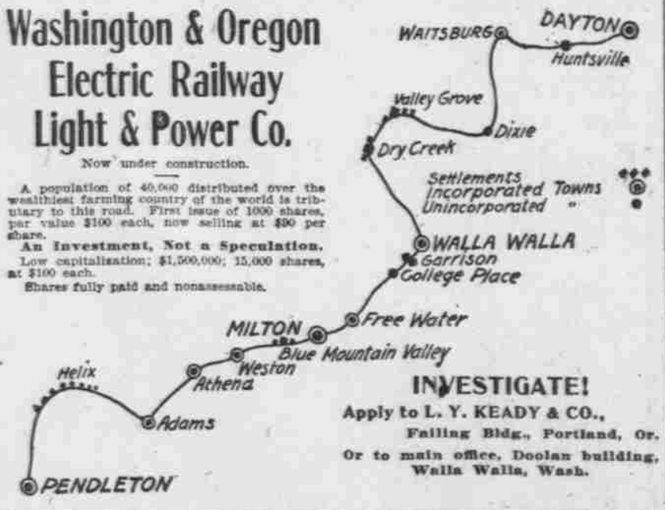

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NOT A CANDIDATE.

Beveridge Says He Is Not After Vice-Presidential Nomination.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 7.—Senator Albert J. Beveridge, who is in Indianapolis, was today asked about a Washington dispatch printed in a paper, stating that the Senator was being urged as a candidate for Vice-President in 1904. He said:

"I will under no circumstances become a candidate for Vice-President, and at no time have I been considering the matter. I am content with my work in the Senate."

Among the Senator's callers today was S. W. T. Penfield, solicitor of the State Department at Washington, in whose defense he caused the wrath of Senator Bailey.

PLEA FOR MERCY.

Surprise in the Bribery Case of Superintendent Ames at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 7.—After counsel for the defense had included in their arguments a plea for merciful consideration and the wife and the little boy of the defendant had been introduced on the scene with an evident attempt at dramatic effect, the bribery case of Police Superintendent Ames was tonight committed to the jury. After two hours, the panel informed Judge Simpson that no agreement had been reached, and the court announced that no report would be accepted until tomorrow morning. The plea for mercy was a surprise.

AT THE CITY PARK

Probable Location of the 1905 Fair.

SUB-COMMITTEE SO URGES

Why the East Side Is Not Considered Desirable.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Stockholders of Exposition Hold Annual Meeting and Re-elect Directors—President's and Secretary's Reports.

The City Park appears now to have the best chance to be selected as the site for the Lewis and Clark Fair and Centennial. The subcommittee on site has reported in its favor, and the report has been tentatively adopted by the executive committee, with the understanding that the entire matter shall go before the executive committee for consideration on its merits. The subcommittee rejects any East Side site—confining its discussion to Hawthorne Park—because of cost and comparative inaccessability; and it favors the City Park because of its central location, unique advantages for scenic beauty and sightly arrangement of buildings, and because improvements may become permanent possessions of the city.

The first definite step toward selection of an Exposition site for the Lewis and Clark celebration in 1905 was taken yesterday morning, when the report of the subcommittee to which the matter had been referred was presented to the executive committee of the Lewis and Clark Corporation. This subcommittee consisted of Messrs. Wessinger, Mills and Dresser. Its report discussed briefly the scope of the Lewis and Clark Exposition and its probable needs. It considered only two of the sites that have been mentioned in connection with the fair—the Hawthorne tract and the City Park—and its conclusions were in favor of the City Park. There was some discussion of the report before a vote on its adoption was taken, Messrs. Friede and Mallory being unwilling to take action that would amount to closing the question. With the understanding that the report should go formally before the Board of Directors, where there would be full opportunity for its consideration, the subcommittee's report was formally adopted by the executive committee. It now stands in the executive committee, and is expected to be reported to the board at its regular monthly meeting next Friday. The full report of the subcommittee is printed elsewhere in this paper.

The meeting of the executive committee was held half an hour before the time for the annual meeting of the stockholders. When 10 o'clock arrived the committee work had been disposed of and the stockholders were called to order by President Corbett. About 60 were present. A considerable number of proxies were on file, and all told there were represented at the meeting $200,000 of the capital of the corporation. President Corbett occupied the chair, and also served as inspector of election. His first report to the stockholders was presented, as follows:

President Corbett's Report.

To the Stockholders of the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair: The movement for an industrial exposition at Portland in 1905 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first and greatest of American exploring expeditions, inaugurated by the Oregon Historical Society at its annual meeting in 1900, took definite shape in the incorporation, October 12, 1901, of the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, with a capital of $500,000.

In submitting my first annual report to the stockholders it is a pleasure to congratulate the people of Portland upon their generous response to the call for subscriptions, and for establishing the corporation upon a solid basis. The effort called our latent energy into action, and few cities of our country have ever acquitted themselves so creditably as Portland did last Fall in promoting a public enterprise.

The formation of the company was promptly followed by an invitation to our citizens to co-operate with the corporators' committee for the purpose of placing the capital stock. A preliminary organization was formed, subscription committees were appointed, and after the plans had been carefully laid, the 25th day of November, 1901, was designated for beginning the canvass. At the suggestion of one of our most prominent business men, Mr. Adolphe Wolfe, now a member of our board of directors, it was decided to press the canvass and to complete it in two days, if practicable. The result has passed into history as one of Portland's energetic achievements. It was gratifying to those who from the very start had been the friends of the exposition project, and surprising to the few who had mistaken Portland's traditional conservatism for lack of public spirit. The two days' effort resulted, when all the returns were received, in subscriptions amounting to $349,000.

The capitalization limit fixed in the articles of incorporation having been passed, an increase became necessary, and at the special meeting of the stockholders held February 14, 1902, the new mark was placed at $500,000, to enable subscriptions to be taken outside of Portland.

The state political campaign, one of the most hotly contested in the history of Oregon, opened shortly afterward, and had the effect, for the time being, of making our exposition a secondary consideration in the minds of the people. The new stock has not been taken up as well as had been hoped, partly because the city was well canvassed last November, and outside the city little has been done, but there is good reason to hope that it will all be placed and in time be of use to us for the purpose of our exposition.

Total Subscriptions $355,012.

Subscriptions received to date aggregate 35,431.2 shares of the par value of $354,312, which, added to donations of $700, makes the grand total $355,012.

We have yet to hear from the transcontinental railroads, from which we expect in time to receive a substantial subscription. Steps have been taken to secure an appropriation from the State of Oregon, at the special session of the Legislature, if one shall be held. An early appropriation would show neighboring states our earnest purpose in the matter, and if not at such a session, at the regular session in January, 1903.

The matter of an appropriation by the National Government will be formally laid before Congress at its session in December next, and the Legislatures of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, California, Utah, Nevada, Missouri and other states, which will meet in January, 1903, will be asked to make appropriations for exhibits. As Congress and the Legislatures of the various states which we shall invite to participate in our exposition will be governed to a large extent by what we ourselves do, the early completion of our capitalization to $500,000 and a liberal appropriation by the State of Oregon are of the utmost importance. The measure of success which shall attend our undertaking is in a degree dependent upon these contingencies.

On January 13, 1902, the stockholders of the company held their first meeting and elected the following directors:

H. W. Corbett, H. W. Scott, Adolphe Wolfe, Paul Wessinger, A. H. Devers, Rufus Mallory, John F. O'Shea, Leo Friede, Charles E. Ladd, William D. Fenton, A. L. Mills, G. W. Bates, L. N. Fleischner, W. D. Wheelwright, F. Dresser.

On January 21, 1902, the directors completed the organization of the company by electing the following officers:

H. W. Corbett, president.
H. W. Scott, vice-president.
First National Bank, treasurer.
Henry E. Reed, secretary.

Only three of the committees provided for in the by-laws have been appointed: These are the executive committee, the ways and means committee and the advisory committee.

On February 14, 1902, the stockholders, at a special meeting called for the purpose, adopted by-laws.

The directors had hoped to be able to report to this meeting the location of the site where the fair of 1905 is to be held, but the problem, notwithstanding the large number of tenders made by property-owners, is not an easy one to solve. Seven sites, all more or less desirable and of varying acreage, have been offered, but the board has withheld its decision pending the receipt from Omaha, San Francisco and other cities where fairs have been held in recent years, of detailed information bearing upon the proximity of site to the trade center of the city, gate receipts, transportation, etc. The directors have deemed it wise to defer their decision on this all-important subject until they have received and carefully considered all the data obtainable. They are mindful that the amount of money which they will have at their disposal must be carefully considered, and that a false move on the question of site would be a costly one. The main consideration with regard to the site is its ability to attract attendance; in other words, to promote gate receipts. All other considerations dwindle before the item of gate receipts and the consequent increased value of concessions, etc., for the exposition will cost money, and revenue will be required to meet expenses, guard against deficiencies and insure success.

Advantages of the Celebration.

I shall now digress slightly from the routine of an annual report, to discuss briefly the advantages which we shall derive from the exposition of 1905.

First and foremost is the industrial

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TO DREDGE COOS BAY

People Request a Change in Plan of Harbor Work.

FOR NON-EXTENSION OF JETTY

Appropriation Insufficient to Advance Improvement, and Department Is Asked to Expend Money in Deepening Channel.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Senator Mitchell was today advised by wire by the commercial interests on Coos Bay that the $50,000 appropriated in the recent river and harbor bill for extnding the jetty at the bay entrance was not sufficient materially to advance that work, and asking if the money could not be used for dredging a channel instead. He laid the matter before the Chief of Engineers, and at his suggestion telegraphed Captain Langfitt, asking him to take this request into consideration. If it is found that there is authority for changing the project from that specified in the bill, and Captain Langfitt favors the dredging, the change will be authorized.

Senator Mitchell also urged expediton in carrying out the work on the Columbia River. He was told that this work would be pressed as rapidly as possible; that as soon as the special board's report and their action is approved, actual work will be begun.

ON ONE OF THE TERRACES AT THE CITY PARK.

NO SPECIAL ORDER ON PENSIONS.

Indian War Veterans' Claims Will Be Taken Up in Regular Order.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—It will be probably six months before the first pension is granted under the Indian War veterans' bill recently passed, as claims of this character will be considered in their order along with all others that recah the Pension Office, and cannot be made special, although the Oregon delegation requested that this be done. The attention to details in furnishing the evidence will largely determine the time in which allowances can be made. In speaking of these claims, a prominent official of the Pension Office said today:

"This office, in preparing application blanks for the Indian War veterans, has endeavored to make it very plain just what evidence will be required, and just what steps each claimant will have to pursue in order to secure an allowance. Except in rare cases, there will be no reason why veterans cannot make out and file their own claims. Probably the best thing for these veterans to do, after they make out their applications according to our instructions, and have their testimony sworn to, and the proper affidavits attached, will be to file their papers in the Pension Office, through their Senators or Representatives. The members of the delegation will be advised just what evidence is required, and if any applications submitted to them are found lacking, the attention of the claimant can at once be called to the fact and the deficiency supplied. Such cases as are found complete will then come to us for action, and will be duly considered. It may be necessary to appoint a few extra examiners to report upon claims from the Indian War Veterans benefited by the new law, but these appointments will only be temporary.

"In case any veteran finds himself unable to furnish the evidence required, or does not understand what is asked for, and cannot conveniently communicate with a Senator or Representative, it might be well for him to file his application through an attorney, but I do not anticipate that there will be much or any demand for this assistance. On the whole, unless a case involves some technicality, I believe the employment of attorneys will be an unnecessary expense to the veterans."

MILES' SPEECH TO GO UNNOTICED.

War Department Will Not Call General to Account.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The War Department and the Administration refuse to take any notice of the Fourth of July speech of General Miles, although the enemies of Miles have urged some action. The general impression is that Miles delivered the speech for no other purpose than to irritate the Administration. He has been severely criticised in some of the papers, which call attention to his misstatements regarding the Cubans and the Filipinos as allies of the United States. Secretary Root was questioned about the address, and replied that it seemed a very nice speech, and refused to be drawn into any controversy with the Commanding General on the subject. It has apparently been decided by the Administration that a let-alone policy will be pursued regarding Miles. He is absolutely ignored in the management of department affairs, and no attention will be paid to any act of his, unless it is pointedly a breach of military discipline.

Nominated for Congress.

WACO, Tex., July 7.—The Democratic Congressional convention for the Eleventh district today nominated L. R. Henry.

WHERE'S TRACY?

Outlaw Has Completely Vanished.

CHASE AT A STANDSTILL

Officers Can Make No Move Until Fugitive Shows Up.

NOT SEEN SINCE SATURDAY

No Trace of Anderson, His Unwilling Companion—Tug Ready to Leave Seattle With Bloodhounds When Convict Is Reported.

Tracy, the escaped Oregon convict, has completely slipped away from the Seattle officers. His whereabouts are a mystery, as are those of the man he made accompany him on starting out for a cruise about Puget Sound, Saturday.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 7.—Since Tracy, the escaped convict, left the Johnson home Saturday afternoon at Port Madison, with his unwilling companion, Anderson, the hired man, absolutely no real clew has been discovered as to his whereabouts. Forty Indians are watching for the murderer in Kitsap County. The coast of the whole Lower Puget Sound is being patrolled. Guards are lying in ambush on the approaches to Bothel. The authorities are waiting for the next appearance of the convict. They can make no move until he again shows hmself. For the time being Tracy has vanished as completely as if swallowed by the earth.

The bloodhounds from the Walla Walla penitentiary arrived tonight at 9 o'clock. They came to Seattle too late to be taken to Port Madison as at first intended. Unless the murderer bobs up again in Kitsap County, the hounds will not be taken across Puget Sound. The tug Sea Lion has been under steam all night, ready to leave at a moment's notice, with the animals on board. She was prepared to leave for any place on Puget Sound where the criminal may put in an appearance. Sheriff Cudihee will return from Port Madison in the morning, where he went this afternoon in a launch.

Investigation today showed that the reports of Tracy's presence in Kitsap County were unfounded. The man seen by the Indian women of the Port Madison reservation proved to be a crippled beachcomber. He carried a rifle, and in several ways bore a slight resemblance to the murderer. He has been on the beach for some time. The report that a woman was held up 10 miles beyond Sidney by a man resembling Tracy turned out to be

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