PLEDGE FAITH IN CITY'S FUTURE

Members of Chamber of Commerce Hold Annual Meeting, Election and Banquet.

ENTHUSIASM THE KEYNOTE

R. R. Hoge, Elected President, Delivers Inaugural Address-Many Stirring Speeches Are Made. Mayor Lane Talks.

...... NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS.

R. R. Hoge was elected president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held last night at 6 o'clock, succeeding W. D. Wheelwright. The other officers of the Chamber of Commerce elected last night are: Edward Newbegin, vice-president; E. C. Giltner, secretary; Philip Buehner, Edward Cook-ingham, A. Feidenheimer, Fletcher Linn, J. Couch Flanders and Jay Smith, trustees,

The retiring officers are: W. D. Wheelwright, president; R. R. Hoge, slee-president; E. C. Giltner, secretary: Edward Cookingham, J. Ernest Luidiaw, Hugh McGuire, Julius L. Meler, Jay Smith, Paul Wessinger, trustees, E. C. Giltner was reelected secretary, and Jay Smith and Edward Cookingham trustees.

It has been the custom of the Chamber of Commerce to elect the vice-president of the organization president at the annual elections, and if this precedent is followed Edward Newbegin will be the next president. meeting to be held Friday afternoon.

More than 250 loyal, enthusiastic and fletermined citizens gathered about the banquet board at the Commercial Club last night and celebrated the close of the, annual meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The objects of their enthusiasm and loyalty need not be speci-fied, but their determination was to boost Portland and to insure for it that giorious and splendid future of prosperity and progress that now seems certain,

There were no faint-hearts or doubters at the banquet, the kind who are prone to predict that perhaps Portland ome day will be among the very fore most cities of the United States. All the assembled business men were deter-mined that Portland should be a great city, and if any skeptic doubtful of the future was there he took precautions to conceal his opinions,

Although "a greater Portland and a greater Oregon" has been worked over-time ever since the series of excursions to neighboring cities was inaugurated, this slogan was the keynote of the meet-

sembled in Portland a more representative gathering of business men than that which sat down to the feast at the Commercial Club last night. There were

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND HEARS REPORT OF RETIRING PRESIDENT WHEELWRIGHT コインイルスペニ



able than the one held last night. All nant with sincerity and feeling, and his that every committeeman must be controlled about 30 preprint present, practically all of them men who have extensive business interests in Portland, but this number was less than half of the total members where the could not a series of applause which as failth and the design of a policy and growing organization. But they are not of the size of applause which as failth and the design of the size of applause which as fail that steering the size of the si about 250 persons present, practically all Chamber of Commerce, and from the of them men who have extensive business many expressions it could be seen that

present were proud to be members of the Chamber of Commerce, and from the many expressions it could be seen that

riendship and trade of Eastern Washington and Idaho, we cannot attain the ultimate of

passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon. The address in part is as follows:

Address by H. M. Cake.

"United Oregon" has become the slogan of the Portland business man. "United Oregon" is the hearty, whole-souled yall of the strong and vigorous college bogs. "United Oregon" is upon the banners of all Oregon" is upon the banners of all the development organizations throughout the state. The meetings of the different commercial organizations held by the Oregon Development League, the Willamette Valley League and the Southern Oregon League, and the conventions held in the Valley and in Eastern Oregon in the interest of irrigation, horticulture, good roads and open waterways, are all indicative of the aroused spirit, the new life that has come to us and which promises untold results in the development of our industrial, commercial and agricultural resources.

To he address Mr. Cake took several

In his address Mr. Cake took several "hot shots" at the railroads, commenting on poor roadbeds, poor rolling stock, etc., but Mr. Craig read the lines without flinching much, to the

merriment of those present, W. W. Cotton delivered an able and appropriate address, dealing with the Willamette Valley. He said the Willamette Valley could not raise wheat to advantage, such could not be expected from a "garden," but he said the possibilities for dairying, the development of water power, and the acyclopment of water power, and the building up of factories and other in-dustrial enterprises were unlimited. He said the Willamette Valley did not need the money of Portland, but wanted the assistance and co-operation of

Mayor Lane was among those who appeared on the programme. He talked mostly on Alaska, "scolding"— to use his own words—the people of this city for not reaching out and obtaining that which rightfully belongs to them. Mayor Lane is an enthusi-ast over Alaska and he predicted a growth for that section of the country that would be the wonder of the world. He said Portland could get part of the trade if only an effort

J. A. Filcher, Commissioner from California to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, made a short address in which he paid many glowing compil-ments to the Chamber of Commerce. to the retiring president of the or-ganization, W. D. Wheelwright, and President Hoge. He said he had been connected with commercial bodies for many years and that the Chamber of commerce was one of the best organ-

Commerce was one of the best organ-izations of its kind in the West.

President Hoge closed with a short address in which he asked every member to take an obligation upon himself in adding not less than one new name to the membership of the Chamber of Commerce. This sugges-tion met the approval of all present.

All of the speakers spoke of the good work that had been accomplished by Mr. Wheelwright and the retiring board of trustees, and President Hoge also received much praise. There were selections by the Boyer Quartet and J. W. Alexander. R. M. Dodson gave an impersonation of a farmer.

The annual election of officers was held in the regular quarters at 6 o'clock, before the banquet, which began about 8 o'clock.

All Elected Unanimously.

The elections were all unanimous and the reports of the various standing ommittees were all adopted, President Wheelwright then submitted his an-nual report which was listened to very attentively and incited no little favor-

Upon the conclusion of the address President Wheelwright was tendered a rousing ovation, being applauded for several minutes. The officers were then elected and President Hoge was es-corted to his chair. He said a few words and then called for a vote of words and then called for a voce of thanks to President Wheelwright and the retiring board of trustees which was passed amid considerable enthu-siasm. Following the reports from the committees the assemblage adjourned to the banquet rooms in the Commercial Club.

The transportation committee sub-

President Wheelwright Reviews Its Manifold Activities in Many Directions for the Good of City and State

of, as some persons are inclined to think, was the most important part of the report submitted by the irri-gation committee. It touched on the Umatilla project and then stated that it is still hoped that the Malheur pro-ject will be taken up and pushed

through. The report of the grain standard committee was necessarily short and contained little of importance. It reviewed in a very brief manner the work that had been undertaken and

accomplished during the past year. Secretary Giltner's Report.

Secretary E. C. Giltner submitted his annual report which showed that the Chamber of Commerce is in a flourishing condition. It showed that there was a balance of \$1154.12 in the bank. The report stated that 262 members had been elected during the past year, making a total of 553 new members.

The permanent exhibit committee sub-mitted its report in which it reviewed the work it had undertaken and accomplished.
This committee has charge of the exhibits at the Chamber of Commerce. The report states that many choice exhibits were ob-Attaces that many choice exhibits were ob-tained at the close of the Lewis and Chark Exposition, adding greatly to the display. Since the committee was organized more than 2000 persons have left their names on the register,

The report of the mining committee was

The report of the mining committee was devoted largely to the research in black sands by the United States Geological Survey at the Lewis and Clark Exposition last Summer. The report states that the research developed the fact that the so-called black sands of the Pacific Coast contain gold, magnetic iron, monazite, zircon, and in many cases, platinum. The report states that the experiments were discontinued because of the lack of funds, and that \$25.000 is necessary to complete the investigations. It says that the furnace and other apparatus are still in Partland, and if Congress makes the

the furnace and other apparatus are still in Portland, and if Congress makes the appropriation, which is very likely, the investigations will most probably be con-tinued in Portland.

SEALED VERDICT BY JURY

Decision Is Reached in Suit Against O. W. P. Company.

The damage suit of John A. Anderon against the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company was submitted to the jury by Judge George yesterday at 5 o'clock. At 16 o'clock, after five hours' deliberation, a scaled verdict was returned and it will be opened this morning.

The attorneys, W. T. Muir and Dan J. Malarkey, consumed the day in ar-guments. Mr. Anderson visited the Oaks last Summer, going there in his own private launch. He was refused exit without buying a ticket for 1) exit without buying a theat for in-cents for passage on one of the com-pany's boats, and when he protested he says he was beaten and choked by officers employed by the company.

FOOLED THE FOOTPADS

Charles Swanson Puts \$200 in His Sock and Is Held Up.

With \$300 placed in the bottom of his sock to save himself from being robbed by highwaymen, Charles Swanson was held up but not robbed by two masked men at East Third and Burnside streets at midnight. One of the highwaymen covered Swanson with a revolver, while his companion searched him,

Several valuable non-negotiable papers were taken from his pockets but were returned. The highwaymen thought not of the large amount of money in their victim's sock, and after cursing him for not carrying valuables, ordered him to go

Form New Steamship Company.

ONE YEAR'S WORK OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHAT THE CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE DID IN 1905.

Exploited the resources of Portland

and Oregon. Distributed between 80,000 and 85,-660 pieces of literature, answered 600 pieces of literature, answered thousands of letters, registered and entertained thousands of visitors.

Promoted eivic improvement of Portland. Aided in building State Portage

Bailroad. Advocated enlarging powers of Interstate Commerce Commission.
Led campaign for despening Co-

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annual report to the Chamber of

the attention of the body has been directed to many public matters. The Chamber of Commerce has been active on exploitation work, has taken up actively the deepening of the Colum-bia River bar and the building of the Cellio Canal, has aided in building the portage railway, and has also taken decisive stand in favor of President

Consolidation of Trade Bodies Fails.

President Wheelwright expressed regret that the movement to consolidate the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce falled. On this topic be

be induced to amaigamate with the Chamber, in the belief that the action of the strongest commercial body that it would be possible to form and to support could render more effective service to the community than would tion bureau has fulfilled a valuable amount of the possible to form and to support could render more effective service to the community than would

and laboring for the same results. It was believed, and I still believe, that unity of ac-

Before the opening of the Exposition, Port- Egypt,

RESIDENT WHEELWRIGHT'S annual report to the Chamber of Commerce is a record of activity in many lines of importance to Portland and Oregon. Mr. Wheelwright said in opening:

"It is certain that no interest of the state or city that has been brought to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce, directly or indirectly, has been neglected, that no enterprise in the way of enhancing those interests has failed to receive the support and encouragement of the Chamber, and that no citizen of the state has called on this institution for its influence and aid without being accorded every assistance within our power to grant. And the records of the year shows that the attention of the body has been directed to many public matters. The

and inboring for the same results. It was believed, and I still believe, that unity of action is better than division of effort, and it is unquestionable that an amaignmation would have resulted in more economical use of the money subscribed than had been or is now being made. But I regret to say that all efforis to bring about a consolidation failed, and we have had to resign ourselves to ketting along without the assistance of the members of the other institution.

Great Exploitation Work.

The Chamber of Commerce has alimed to scatter information exploiting city and state. This work was described by Mr. Wheelwright as follows:

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The permanent exhibit and information bureau are under the general management of the permanent exhibit committee, assisted by the workand office staff of the Chamber and by Dr. A. Le Rey and C. W. Miller. I am informed by Dr. Le Roy, who was connected with the original information bureau at the Union Depot, that the change has been benefited aligned quantities of the rear the bureau has received and answered many letters, has distributed large quantities of literature, has registered and entertained over 2000 visitors, and has located many families as permanent exhibit and information bureau are under the general management of the premanent exhibit and information bureau are under the general management of the premanent exhibit and information bureau are under the general management of the more committee, assisted by the workand information bureau are under the general management of the permanent exhibit and information bureau are under the general management of the more committee, assisted by the more are are under the general management of the premanent exhibit committee, assisted by the more are are under the general management of the premanent exhibit committee, assisted by the more are are under the general management of the permanent exhibit and information bureau are under the general management of the permanent exhibit and information bu try, including every state in the Union, and with residents of Canada. Great Britain, Egypt, India, China, the Philippine Islands Egypt. India, China, the Philippine Islands of the publishers of the World's Work, and Australia, as a result of which many families have estiled in the state. A great deal of time was occupied in moving the example and the work and it was not till after the close of the first that the County of the Fair that we were able to avail of the RESIDENT WHEELWRIGHTS

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To the Chamber of this visit, it was decided to devote the August have of the magazine to the Pacific Northwest, and a special train. As additions obtained from the Exposition, mainly by the courtesy of the State Commission, to the Pacific Northwest, and a special train. whom our thanks are due. The Chambur it-self, outside of this information bureau, has distributed between 80,000 and 85,000 pieces of literature, has answered thousands of letof literature, has answered thousands of let-ters asking for information about the state and city, and has posted a great many people with details as to locations for manufacturing and other plants.

Civic Improvement a Failure.

The civic improvement board organized by the Chamber of Commerce flourished for a time and then virtually falled. President Wheelwright said:

A good many meetings were held, and a great many of the residents of the city, including ladies, devoted much time to point ing out special cases requiring action and in sewithin our power to grains, eccords of the year shows that has been done during the year seconds of the post he post of the trying to induce the owners of property and those who had charge of it to remove unsight-ly objects and keep fences, vacant lots, etc., in

inhoring for the same results. It was specified as follows:

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The permanent exhibit and information buseline in the chamber carried the work in force, so that for the last two or three weeks nothing whatever has been done. Nor am I encouraged by my experience to recommend my successor to take up the cause of civic improvement as a part of his many duties.

Work for the Open River.

President Wheelwright gives the open-The open-river committee has done yeoman service in the direction of providing a water route from Lewiston to Portland (which means, of course, from Lewiscon to the sea), and with the Open River Association is to be credited with procuring the legislation that resulted in the building by the state of the Portage Railroad around Celifo Falls. This road was opened on Saturday, June 3, under the auspices of the Chamber (by reason of the modesty and politeness of the Open River Association), which, through the courtesy of the O. R. & N. Co., provided a special train the O. R. & N. Co., provided a special train from Portland for the occasion, in the presence of Governors, Senators, a large number of other distinguished guests from all parts of the country, numbering altogether about 2000 people. The importance of this event cannot be overestimated. It had the immediate effect of lowering railroad rates to and from the points that were thus opened to river traffic, and it is fair to presume that it will for all time have a regulating influence in that direction. Only one boat has been on the another is approaching completion, and the traffic obtainable from landings that are more convenient for steamboats than for railroads will support a line of large expacity. Work has begun on The Dalles-Celio Canal, for which the state Portage Railroad is a temporary the State Portage Railroad is a temporary make-shift, and it is hoped and believed that during the period of the construction the Government will remove the few obstacles

Mr. Wheelwright advocated President

Roosevelt's policy of establishing an ad-ministrative tribunal with power not to make up tariffs and schedules, but on

the president. Without any hostility to the railroads or to any one of them, it cannot but he seen that while they are really one of two contracting parties, the other being the communities through which they run, to which munities through to give good and responsible that the total appropriation is divided among clearly wrong that one of two parties to a contract shall have the sole power to decide not only what its own rights are, but also to pass upon the rights and limitations of the other, and the railroads ought not to com-plain of an impartial tribunal of a judicial character that shall bear complaints and take

channel, but because we believe that every dollar obtainable from Congress for the im-provement of the bar should be expended on make up tariffs and schedules, but on complaint of an inequitable rate to fix a maximum rate above which the railroads may not go.

Mr. Wheelwright spoke as follows on this topic:

This body has expressed itself more than once in favor of chiarging the powers of the internate Commission so that it will become just such a tribunal as that mentioned by the president. Without any hostility to the railroads or to any one of them, it cannot but sirable to get an appropriation now of \$6.000.000 that would guarantee prosecution of the present work with all possible dispatch, the building and employment of a suitable dredge and the construction of a north jetty, but such a programme is impossible, in view of the claims coming before the Congressional committee from all parts of the country; and, therefore, I counsel that we confine ourselves to requests that are reasonable and proper. When there is need of an emergency appropriation let us ask for it, as we are asking now, and we shall get it, as we are going to priation let us ask for it, as we are asking now, and we shall get it, as we are going to get it now. If it were proper for me to suggest a policy for the future. I should say that of the next appropriations all the money that can be expended advantageously should be spent on the present jetty until it is finished, leaving the balance of those appropriations for the upper river, then, that the greater part of the following appropriations should be expended on the upper river, leaving to the jetty only a sufficient sum for its maintenance in good condition, until such time as it shall be necessary to begin the construction of the north jetty.

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amply sufficient to supply all the moisture needed for intensive farming, if only it can be doled out as required during the dry season. This means a system of reservoirs in which the water, as the snow melts, can be held, and from which it can be distributed, in order to be drunk up by the thirsty land as its thirst appears. The problem is a simple one and often inexpensive.

Railroad Legislation Favored.

Mr. Wheelwright advocated President Roosevelt's policy of establishing one.

Thanks His Coadjutors.

Mr. Wheelwright concluded as follows: In concluding this very long report I have to thank you for your kind attention, for the cheerful and kindly manner in which you have treated my efforts to perform the duties of that office. My thanks are especi-ally due to the board of trustees for their unfaltering support during the last 12 months and to the secretary and assistant so for the eminently entisfactory way in they have performed their duties. earnest hope that improvement in and a development of the work of this grea

Civil Service Bar Up Again.

Having let down the naturalization bars long enough to permit Patrick Bruin to become a captain of detectives in the Police Department, the Municipal Civil Service Commission yesterday morning adopted a rule requir-ing all future applicants of foreign birth to furnish their final citizenship papers before becoming entitled to con-

sideration for positions.
Under section 2, of article 2, of the constitution of Oregon, any foreigner can vote after taking out his first pa-pers, providing he has been a resident of the state for more than six months It is estimated that a large percentage of the foreign-born local population has proceeded no further in the direc-tion of becoming citizens, under the erroneous impression that their declaration of intention makes them full-fledged subjects of Uncle Sam.

Reprieve for Mrs. Tolla.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 19 .- Mrs. Tolla, under sentence of death for murder, was today granted a reprieve of 30 days by rnor Stokes. Mr. Quackenboss, a York lawyer, appeared before the Board of Pardons in Mrs. Tolla's behalf. Mrs. Jesse B. Portion, of Cincinnati, was here with petitions containing 181,000 In June and July last the Chamber took a | names.