

GEORGE FAITH IN CIVIL'S FUTURE

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

ENTHUSIASM THE KEYNOTE

R. R. Hoge, Elected President, De-livers Inaugural Address—Many Stirling 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 Newbigin, vice-president; E. C. Giltner, secretary; Philip Buehner, Edward Cookingham, A. Feldenheimer, Fletcher Linn, J. Couch Flinders and Jay Smith, trustees.

More than 250 loyal, enthusiastic and determined 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.

There were no faint-hearted or doubters at the banquet, the kind who are prone to predict a gloomy future for the city, and if any skeptic doubtful of the future was there he took precautions to conceal his opinions.

Rarely, if ever, has there been assembled in Portland a more representative gathering of business men than that which sat down to the feast at the Commercial Club last night.

able than the one held last night. All present were proud to be members of the Chamber of Commerce, and from the many expressions it could be seen that they looked back upon their work with a feeling of satisfaction.

President Hoge's Speech. In accepting the honor you have conferred upon me I find myself in a position of embarrassment. Behind me is the administration of a great president, before me, the needs of a greater Portland.

friendship and trade of Eastern Washington and Idaho, we cannot attain the ultimate of our greatness. The St. Paul is building; the Northwest and Western Pacific are coming to the Pacific Northwest and we want to see to it not only that they come to Portland, but that when they get here they can do business with the Orient and the islands of the sea as well.

What the Chamber of Commerce did in 1905. Exploited the resources of Portland and Oregon. Distributed between \$0,000 and \$5,000 pieces of literature, answered thousands of letters, registered and entertained thousands of visitors.

President 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."

Consolidation of Trade Bodies Falls. President Wheelwright expressed regret that the movement to consolidate the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce failed. On this topic he said: "It was hoped that the Board of Trade would be induced to amalgamate with the Chamber of Commerce."

Permanent Exhibit and Information Bureau. The permanent exhibit and information bureau has fulfilled a valuable mission. This is described as follows: The permanent exhibit and information bureau are under the general management of the permanent exhibit committee, assisted by the secretary and office staff of the Chamber and by Dr. A. Le Roy and C. W. Miller.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND HEARS REPORT OF RETIRING PRESIDENT WHEELWRIGHT



passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon. The address in part is as follows: "United Oregon" has become the slogan of the Portland business man. "United Oregon" is the hearty, whole-souled yell of the strong and vigorous college boys. "United Oregon" is upon the banners of all the development organizations throughout the state.

President Hoge's address was one of the most stirring and inspiring ever delivered in the Chamber of Commerce. He spoke of the city's future and the need for unity and cooperation among its citizens.

Major Lane was among those who appeared on the programme. He talked mostly on Alaska, "gold-mining" and the words "the people of this city for not reaching out and obtaining that which rightfully belongs to them."

All Elected Unanimously. The elections were all unanimous, and the reports of the various standing committees were all adopted. President Wheelwright then submitted his annual report which was listened to very attentively and incited no little favorable comment.

President Wheelwright Reviews Its Manifold Activities in Many Directions for the Good of City and State. The transportation committee submitted a lengthy report which was confined to the question of railroad rate regulation. The report states that the committee would prefer to indicate such a bill as will give the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to designate a proper rate in case complaint should be made.

Work for the Open River. President Wheelwright gives the open-river committee credit for efficient work. The open-river committee has done yeoman service in the direction of providing a waterway to the city of Portland.

Civil Improvement a Failure. The Civic Improvement board organized by the Chamber of Commerce flourished for a time and then virtually failed. 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 pointing out special cases requiring action and in trying to induce the owners of property and those who had charge of it to remove unsightly objects and keep fences, vacant lots, etc., in repair and proper condition."

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

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 252 members had been elected during the past year, making a total of 553 new members.

The permanent exhibit committee submitted 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 obtained at the close of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, adding greatly to the display.

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.

SEALED VERDICT BY JURY. Decision is Reached in Suit Against O. W. P. Company. The damage suit of John A. Anderson against the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company was submitted to the jury by Judge George yesterday at 5 o'clock. At 10 o'clock, after five hours' deliberation, a sealed verdict was returned and it will be opened this morning.

FOOLED THE FOOTPADS. Charles Swanson Puts \$200 in His Sock and is Held Up. With \$200 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.

Form New Steamship Company. Incorporation articles of the Independent Steamship Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by Harry Young, W. H. Patterson and R. H. Hume. Capital stock \$1000. The company connects the city with the coast by buying and selling, owning and operating, steam, sailing and other vessels, to engage in buying and selling for other parties, etc.

More Boiler-makers Out. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Yesterday's activities of the striking boiler-makers brought the number of men out to 500. The strike is for an increase in wages from 35 to 25 cents an hour, and a nine-hour day. The men also demand an eight-hour day on housework with nine hours' pay. The demands were first made a month ago.

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 honor imposed in permitting me to occupy the important post of president of the Chamber of Commerce for one year, and for the cheerful and kindly manner in which you have treated my efforts to perform the duties of that office. There are especially due to the board of trustees for their unflinching support during the last 12 months."

Civil Service Bar Up Again. Having led 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 requiring all future applicants of foreign birth to furnish their final citizenship papers before becoming entitled to consideration for positions.

Chinese Exclusion. The stand of the Chamber of Commerce on Chinese exclusion was briefly reviewed. In June and July last the Chamber took a

ONE YEAR'S WORK OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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