

THEY JOIN TO BOOST OREGON

Development League and State Editors Hold a United Session.

FRAUGHT WITH PROMISE

All Are Imbued With the Spirit of Advertising the Resources of the State Throughout the Union.

With nearly 400 delegates in attendance, the largest convention of "boosters" ever assembled to advance the interests of the State of Oregon, was held yesterday morning in the main parlors of the Portland Commercial Club. Composed of members of the Oregon Press Association and representatives of the Oregon Development League, the convention, which will conclude its session this evening, is truly representative of the spirit which marks the beginning of a new era in the industrial and commercial development of the state.

Besides the editors and publishers, who compose about one-fourth of the delegates to the joint convention, there are in attendance business and professional men, farmers, stockraisers, fruitgrowers, millers and representatives of every other industry and coming from every nook and corner of Oregon. It is not only the largest but the most thoroughly representative body of citizens that has ever assembled in the state.

Fraught With Promise.
The convention is fraught with promise for the future of Oregon. It means that the long-looked-for day has arrived when sectional prejudices and local jealousies shall be laid aside and the people of the entire state shall unite for the advancement of their common interests. The joint convention, it is thought, will greatly aid to the power and effectiveness of the general work of the Development League.

Many Editors Attend.

That the press is thoroughly alive to the importance of the work that has been undertaken by the league is evidenced by the fact that 24 editors and publishers are attending the joint convention, nearly 50 per cent more than have ever been present at any former meeting of the Oregon Press Association, and the largest number held in this city during the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

The programme as published in The Oregonian was closely adhered to yesterday. The morning was devoted to a joint session of the two organizations, presided over by E. L. Smith, of Hood River, president of the Development League. The session was held in the main parlors of the club. In the afternoon the Press Association held a separate session in the tower-room of the Commercial Club, while the good-roads section and the commercial section of the Development League held meetings in the main parlors.

Owing to the lively interest taken in the meeting of the Press Association, the sessions of the dairy and good-roads sections were purely informal.

Tom Richardson's Opening Speech.

The opening speech of the joint session was made by Tom Richardson, secretary of the Development League, who told of the harmony existing between the 27 newspapers and commercial organizations composing the league and briefly reviewed the results accomplished by their joint efforts during the year to "Build up Oregon," a phrase which had become the slogan of the league.

President Smith then introduced Governor Chamberlain, who was greeted with loud applause. The Governor greeted the assembled delegates in the name of the state and then spoke briefly, dwelling on the need of united action. He spoke of the good the Lewis and Clark Fair had done in wiping out much of the sectionalism which had retarded the growth of the state, and by showing what could be accomplished by united effort. He urged united action for the improvement of Coos Bay, Government ownership of the locks at Oregon City, the opening of the Columbia River throughout its length and for all other public improvements designed to build up the state.

H. M. Calk, president of the Commercial Club, was the next speaker, being introduced as one of the most tireless workers for the establishment of Oregon's commercial and industrial supremacy. He welcomed the delegates to Portland in the name of the club and spoke at length concerning the new policy of united action and urging the expenditure of more money in advertising the natural resources of the state.

Responses by President Smith.

The addresses of welcome were responded to by President Smith on behalf of the Development League. He made a glowing prediction as to the future of Oregon.

Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, spoke as a representative of Eastern Oregon. He advocated the construction of a railroad bisecting the state from west to east and urged the advertising of the fact to the world that Oregon still contained large areas of tillable land lying idle on account of a lack of husbandmen.

John T. Whistler, an engineer of the United States Reclamation Service, read an interesting and valuable paper dealing with the progress of irrigation in the State of Oregon.

Talks for Coast Section.

J. M. Blake, who had "The Coast Section" as his subject, was the last speaker of the morning. He dwelt on the equable climate of the counties lying along the coast and the vast timber and mineral resources of that section.

This morning another joint session of the two organizations will be held in the main parlors of the Commercial Club, at which addresses will be made and reports from different subordinate organizations of the league read. The afternoon will be devoted to section work.

Reception in the Evening.

The closing event of the first day of the joint convention of the Oregon Development League and the Oregon Press Association was a reception given the delegates by the Portland Commercial Club. The spacious parlors, tastefully decorated with pink carnations and Oregon grape

foliage, were thrown open to the visiting delegates and their wives, who were made to feel perfectly at home for the evening. A string orchestra was stationed in the main parlor, and another in the ballroom, where dancing was indulged in until nearly midnight.

Light refreshments were served from the buffet during the evening.

WILL WORK ON BRIDGES

Construction, Says Ralph Modjeski, Will Begin in Two Weeks.

Ralph Modjeski, the noted engineer, who drew the plans for the north bank's bridge over the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, announced last night that actual work of construction would begin upon the bridge across the Columbia in about two weeks. A large force of men is now employed making the necessary preparations, most of the machinery is on the ground, and a large portion of the building material has been ordered.

A wharf is now being constructed on the site of the old railroad dock for the receiving of the material for the bridge-work. The orders for steel have been placed with the American Bridge Company, of New York City, and the Phoenix Bridge Company, of Phoenixville, Pa. The cement for the piers has also been contracted for with an Eastern firm. A large contract has also been let to the Washington & Oregon Lumber Company.

Mr. Modjeski states that the work upon the bridge will be pushed with all possible expediency. At all times as many men will be employed as can be used advantageously. At some times the number will reach 200, and at others it is probable that not more than 50 can be used upon the job.

Joseph Supple, of Portland, has contracted to furnish the company with 15 barges to carry the equipment.

Who Eats Fine Apples?

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(To the Editor.)—The display of apples in the window of Ode's, Wootman & King is very attractive and deserves special notice. However, as in company with fellow-admirers I was feasting my eyes upon the fine array of Oregon produce, I could not help comparing myself to Moses of old, who saw the promised land, but could not enter it.

I could gaze on these beautiful Baldwin's Golden Pippins, but I could not get any to eat. They are raised only for exhibition and to take prizes, not sold here. What apples are offered for sale in this city are wormy, rotten and scrubby, fit only for hog feed or for making vinegar, pure cider at 5 cents a glass.

If you do not care to publish this communication please have it placed in the window alongside the apples so that the fine fruit displayed will blush a deeper red for shame at the above truth. TILLAMUCK.

Mrs. Morris Able to Talk.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The condition of Mrs. Minor Morris, the principal of the recent White House episode, was so much improved today that she was able to answer inquiries over the telephone as to her health.

"All for All Oregon," Is the Theme

Oregon Development League Hears Speakers From Many Sections of the State and Variety of Policies Are Indorsed

It is no small object which will collect such an assemblage as the meeting at the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club. From all parts of Oregon the Development League has got its supporters together, and all are seemingly animated by one and the same purpose. Not only different districts, but various callings are here represented. The pioneer, and his descendants to the second generation, the Oregonian of 30 years standing, and the recent invader, are all present. Men who write, men who farm, men who ride the range still, men who grow big apples, men who own already or are trying to obtain water powers which Oregon is continuing to dispense to the first applicant, without money and without price, men from infant towns on the route of present prospective railroads, and men whose talk is of the ocean—of bays and jetties, bars and harbors—all are here. And each one is in amicable rivalry with his neighbors to be allowed to demonstrate that his section of the common country is the best, the most desirable to live, work and prosper in—and that the stream of incoming immigration should pour its riches there first. If it's development that we are after, it is surely here already, in the shape of a splendid growth of conviction that Oregon's attractions are full grown, and that multitudes can safely follow where we have entered in.

The first meeting or two of this Development League were devoted mainly to talk. Papers were read, it is true, but served chiefly as a basis for discussion. This meeting has gone to the other extreme. Careful papers have been prepared in advance, are read and then, if policies are indicated, a vote is taken that the meeting approves, it is carried, and then for the next. The truth is that the time is too short for both papers and discussion. The papers are undeniably more important. Let them be read then, and the form of discussion and vote be omitted.

For instance, Colonel John T. Whistler, of the United States Reclamation Service, read a long and very careful and interesting paper, based on Government irrigation. In it he referred to the bill on water powers and irrigation which was submitted to, but failed to be passed by, the last Legislature. Many of us remember that it failed of becoming law not so much for want of time to discuss and explain it as because various new departments in policy were proposed for which the state was not ready. And still more of us doubted the wisdom and the constitutionality of much of it. Yet, without any explanation, or opportunity for discussion, the approval of all that Mr. Whistler said and suggested was promptly voted by the Development League, and will be so recorded as adopted as their policy. In other details we welcomed Mr. Whistler's informing paper, but I, for one, deprecate the League's being committed to it wholesale and on bloc.

Mr. Blake's paper on Coos Bay, the resources of the district, the history and present condition of the harbor works, the reasons why Coos Bay should be adopted as the Western terminus of transcontinental railroads, the basis for the faith of himself and his people in the future of the bay, was very brief and cogent. His statement of reasons why all Oregon should stand behind Portland for the open river from mouth to ocean, and not Oregon only, but all other regions accessible to the great outlet to the commerce of the world, would well bear reprinting and comment

EDITORS HOLD BRIGHT SESSION

"All for All Oregon" Is Slogan Which the Newspapermen Adopt.

WITTY REMARKS ARE MADE

Features of the Convention of the Men Who Mold Public Opinion Throughout All Sections of the Commonwealth.

Editors from all over the state got together yesterday afternoon in the tower-room of the Commercial Club to talk shop. It was an adjourned meeting from the annual session of September 9 at the American Inn and the one idea was to talk over affairs of interest to the profession.

But there never was a mood that could hold the rearranged purposes of an Editorial Association meeting—especially of the Oregon Association. Technical matters cut no great amount of figure until the latter part of the meeting. The things of paramount interest to the state's welfare was what came in for the greatest share of attention. They talked Oregon by the yard and every editor of them seemed anxious to devise some method to boost the state.

How to Advance the State.

Recognizing the power of the country press as an influence for advancing Oregon's welfare, they discussed means of exerting this power to the very best advantage. There was, it is safe to say, not an editor who did not leave the meeting with the firm intention of devoting more energy and more space to exploiting Oregon henceforth. Just to show that their interest in state affairs does not intend to allow the smallest detail to escape, the association passed a resolution condemning the use of the word "webfoot" in referring to Oregon. It was estimated that this word alone had done more damage to Oregon by giving an erroneous impression in many directions regarding the climatic conditions existing here. By unanimous vote it was agreed to put the word in its grave for good and all.

As for the rest of the meeting it was taken up to a large extent with a most laudable discussion of higher professional ethics. The discussion of this subject brought out that the country editors of Oregon already possess a high development of such ethics. Such things as indiscriminate use of the columns for undesirable advertisements were centers of attention. Patent medicine advertising came in for particular attention, as did the write-ups accorded budding and full-blown politicians. There were those present who thought patent medicine ads should not be taken under any circumstances; that they were lies and swindles which inflict a great wrong on the credulous portion of humanity. After hearing the confessions of a reformed patent-medicine agent, a committee was named to decide upon a minimum rate of charge for patent medicine advertisement and political announcements. This committee consists of D. M. C. Gault, E. H. Flagg and C. L. Ireland, and its report on the subject referred to will be called for at today's session.

Meeting of the Editors.

The editors opened their meeting at 2 o'clock, after having been in attendance at the session of the Oregon Development League. George C. Brownell was on hand as the first speaker to talk about a bill which the editors are anxious to have put through the Legislature. This bill came before the State Senate last session as No. 144. It constitutes an act to provide for the publication of the general laws, together with local laws, such as relate to county affairs. Its passage would mean a good little advertising contract for a couple of papers in each county affected. The speaker said he expected to go back to the State Senate next session, whereupon he would work for the enactment of his bill. When Mr. Brownell had concluded his remarks President R. J. Hendricks, of the Association, proceeded most opportunely to read a paper prepared by Frank Davey upon "The Relation of the Editor to the Politician."

Gist of the Paper.

The paper sets out in part: "The editor is not supposed to know individual candidates for office, except insofar as their public acts have a public interest, and within the lines of party policy which his paper represents they must all look alike to him. He is to deal with policies and not with individuals; with principles, not with personalities. His only editorial interference with aspirants for party honors comes when the attributes of some individual candidate are notoriously repugnant to the idea of good government or dangerous to party success. Editors cannot be guided by the ambitions of individuals or use the editorial columns to boost any man to the exclusion of others."

Consideration of Politicians.

The paper concludes with the view that aspirants for political office should not be in attractive form from the business man who has wares to sell and wishes to advertise this fact. In this connection it said among other things: "The politician is of the temporary or transient class. He desires to test the community's desire to support his particular line

of business." He has certain wares to offer for public use; he wishes to present them in an attractive form, and he seeks the columns of the newspaper, either with display advertising or by reading notices, he is entitled to be given as favorable a rate as any other transient advertiser. The completion of this advertising contract does not carry with it editorial obligations of support nor is there any feature in the transaction that is reprehensible or leaves the inference that the editor is 'selling out his paper' any more than he is selling it out to the farmer who advertises a horse for sale."

Rinaldo Hall's Address.

Rinaldo Hall, of the O. R. & N. Co., was next introduced, and he gave a rousing talk on the advantages and possibilities of the state, urging all present to put their best efforts to the advancement of the state's interests. Mr. Hall was followed by Tom Richardson, who spoke along a similar vein, in reviewing the work of the Oregon Development League Mr. Richardson said that he could not raise 5 cents to advertise Portland, but that no trouble was experienced in raising \$50,000 among Portland business men for advertising Oregon. "Portland lives on Oregon," he said, "and if Oregon lives on Portland, it is a fair exchange. He promised to give further intelligence on the subject at the next meeting today."

Adjournment was then taken until dinner time, 5:30, when the members were banqueted by the Commercial Club. A fine menu was served and brief addresses were made informally. President Calk, of the club, complimented the editors on the meeting that had been held, and recognized the association highly. Brief remarks were made by President Hendricks and Mr. Flagg. Mr. Ireland got "stuck at the post," as the irrepressible Bennett declared, and asked to be excused from speaking.

Speaker of the Evening.

Mr. Bennett was then presented as the speaker of the evening and he helped himself to all the time he wanted. After 15 minutes of excellent and entertaining monologue, such as would put the ordinary vaudeville star to shame, Mr. Bennett waxed serious and discussed in eloquent words the duties of newspaper men. He closed with a tribute to the great newspaper men the world has known.

"The press has produced some wonderful men," said Mr. Bennett. "But the great men of the press have one by one been gathered into the fold of the grim reaper until today there are but two of them remaining. I refer to Henry Watterson, of Kentucky, and Harvey W. Scott, of Oregon—the grand old man of Oregon. How great Mr. Scott is was well possibly never appreciated until he has passed from our midst, for such is the tendency of the day. But I would rather put a laurel wreath upon the brow of a great man while he is yet alive than upon the whole barrel of tears over him when he is dead."

Guests of Honor at Reception.

Concluding the banquet, the members adjourned to the reception-rooms, where they were the guests of honor at a pleasant reception. The list of members of the association who were in attendance, together with the papers they represent, follows: Rader: Advance Express, Lebanon, Kirpatrick & Alexander, Agricultural and Rural News, Portland, Ira P. Phoebe, Chronicle, La Grande, D. L. Eckley, Chronicle, The Dalles, John Mitchell, Chronicle, Portland, P. Hansen, Courier, Grant's Pass, A. E. Voelckes, Courier, Oregon City, Catholic Sentinel, Portland, P. L. Sullivan, Chief, Enterprise, Ben Weather, Commercial Review, Portland, Leo Peterson, Democrat, Guntario, J. R. Greer, Democrat, Baker City, George B. Small, Democrat, Loomis, J. A. Burleigh, Drug Review, Portland, G. I. Ketchum, Enterprise, Independence, Lyle, Examiner, Lakeview, A. Y. Beach, Express, Klamath Falls, J. S. Taylor, Forward, Ontario, J. P. Kidd, Globe, Gold Beach, I. N. Mancy, Glacier, Hood River, A. D. Mae and wife, Graphic, Newberg, E. H. Woodward and wife, Globe, Condon, S. A. Pattison, Herald, Albany, F. P. Toers and G. A. Westgate, Historical Quarterly, Portland, George H. Himes, Independent, Hillsboro, D. W. Hall, Independent, Woodburn, H. L. Gill, Irrigator, Irrigon, A. Bennett, Holbrook, Journal, Grant's Pass, Arthur Conklin and wife;



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San Francisco, Jan. 12.—Henry T. Scott has been elected president of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company. The position carries a salary of \$3,000 a year. Since the death of John I. Babin there has been no president of the corporation.

Mr. Scott was formerly president of the Union Iron Works, of this city.

Rate Reduced to Suffrage Meeting.

Announcement is made by the Oregon State Suffrage Association, through Miss Laura Oregan, who is conducting the state campaign, that the railroads of the entire country have granted a concession of reduced rates to Baltimore to all attending the National American Woman Suffrage convention in that city February 7 to 14. Heretofore the Western roads have not been willing to make this concession, but this year they have come into line with the roads east of Chicago, so that it will be possible for all delegates or friends of the association who desire to attend to make the trip east for a rate of one and a third fares for the round trip. A ten-days' stop in Washington, D. C., is allowed on this reduced ticket.

Oil Fuel on Astoria Road.

Oil as fuel has proved so successful upon the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad that the management of the line has decided to put oil-burners in all of its locomotives. As an experiment, an oil-burner was installed in one of the locomotives several months ago, and since then two more have been equipped in the same way. Passenger engine No. 19 was the last of these, burning oil for the first time yesterday. The other six engines upon the line will be similarly equipped within the next few months.

A DREAM OF REALITY.

The opening of the Winter Garden pool and billiard hall tonight.

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FACES SEEN AT THE JOINT SESSION OF THE OREGON PRESS ASSOCIATION AND OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

