

GOOD NEWS STRONG ALBANY

Development League Delegates Have Big Plans for State Improvement.

BRIM FULL OF ENERGY

Speakers' Wits Are Sharpened by Flow of Eloquence of Their Fellowes and Facts Are Sandwiched With Gentle Persiflage.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Coming from all sections of Western Oregon, with a spirit of unity and harmonious determination that progress development for the state, delegates to the sixth convention of the Willamette Valley Development League assembled in this city today and began work on schedule time.

Delegates began arriving in Albany on the early morning train. When President B. Hofer opened the table with his guest at 2 o'clock this afternoon the Circuit Court room was filled to its capacity with ribbon-decked, energetic representatives of the successful business interests of Western Oregon, armed with plans for developing their state.

The meeting is noteworthy for the good feeling manifested. It was pronounced in the paper of every speaker and permeated the very atmosphere. While each speaker was assigned a subject to be discussed from a local viewpoint, the necessity for concealed, harmonious effort for a unified Oregon was urged in every instance as the only means of securing local development.

Speakers Show Their Wits.

Speakers were witty enough to keep the audience in a good humor, and the entire convention was earnest enough to give consideration to the needs of the state and the plans offered for remedying them. An evidence of this is the motion picture of K. H. Ellis, president of the Albany Commercial Club, for the appointment of a committee to consider and report steps to be taken to open the Willamette River, particularly to secure state or Federal ownership of the locks at Oregon City, which was the subject of the afternoon's discussion. The committee appointed on this subject Henry S. Westbrook of Portland; G. A. Westgate, of Albany; and W. S. McFadden, of Corvallis. These have investigated the subject and presented papers on it today. This committee will report tomorrow morning.

The convention is the most largely attended meeting the league has yet held, and the business men are beginning to see the fruition of their work, are more determined than ever that their efforts shall not cease until the resources of the state are given opportunity for development. Nor is the North, situated in the Willamette Valley, Portland, the Columbia River, Coast harbors and rail connection for the interior of the state are insisted upon.

Announcement of the Farmers' and Shippers' Congress and Good Roads Convention to be held at Silverton, February 21 and 22, and the North, situated in the Willamette Valley, Portland, the Columbia River, Coast harbors and rail connection for the interior of the state are insisted upon.

Address by the President.

President Hofer, in calling the convention to order, delivered an address of some length touching on the development of the state, and urging friendly co-operation between the people of every section. He called attention to the mountain of steel rails piled up at the eastern terminus of the Drinn & Coos Bay Railroad, and the line that is being surveyed across the Klamath country to Ontario.

The president cited the fact that the development of the Galveston harbor, in Texas, made Kansas a rich state, and urged that the Columbia River and every harbor on the coast be opened, because the richness of every portion of the state would be increased.

Benefit of the Beneficiaries.

A novel recommendation looking to the increase in population was that married men be exempted from poll tax, that a tax or penalty be placed on all men who refused to marry, and that tract of public land be given to every man who would marry, live on the land and raise children.

Dr. M. H. Ellis, president of the Albany Commercial Club, welcomed the visitors in a happy manner, stating that there are no longer any dead towns who would marry, live on the land and raise children.

Figures With Joke Attachments.

Henry S. Westbrook, of the Oregon City Transportation Company, of Portland, spoke on "Free Locks and an Open Willamette River." Convinced figures showing the relation of the locks to traffic rates were submitted, and the audience made uproarious by stories at the expense of his fellow traffic agents.

G. A. Westgate, of the Albany Herald, handling the topic, "Albany's Interest in an Open River," stated that the river is the safety-valve of transportation in the valley, and asked for free locks at Corvallis. "The valley has stood in with Portland for development of the Columbia River," he said, "and now wants help in return."

Judge McFadden, of Corvallis, under the topic, "Albany's Open River," stated that the building of the locks, and of the most opportunity to secure them by the Legislature. He closed by urging the people to elect no more of the "sick-head, nothing-syrup" kind, who accomplish nothing.

Needs of Valley Towns.

"What One Bright Valley Town Is Doing," was portrayed by F. F. Senn, of Silverton. He called attention to the water power at Silverton, its great hop industry, and said they needed closer commercial relations with other towns, and particularly an electric road to Salem.

Professor F. B. Young, of the University of Oregon, and President H. M. Crooks, of Albany College, delivered addresses, urging that the schools and development leagues should work together. Figures were submitted showing that the best educated community is the most productive. Four-year high school courses dovetailing with college and normal school, then with the State University, were urged.

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Ask Franchise for Valley Line.

On the opening of the evening session of the league the following resolution was introduced and adopted unanimously and great enthusiasm and the secretary was ordered to write it to President Hofer, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce:

Whereas, There is pending before the Portland City Council a franchise for the Willamette Valley Electric Railway to enter the city.

Resolved, That we request favorable action upon said franchise or any franchise giving a complete line entrance to your city.

Resolved, That any additional means of transportation in this valley, and particularly an electric road to Salem.

After a song by the Albany male quartet "The Corvallis & Eastern Railroad and Tugboat Bay" was discussed at some length by the speaker.

The speaker gave a history of the building of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad and stated that Oregon must have three railroads, one east and west for its development.

Value of the Pay-Roll.

F. J. Miller, of Albany, delivered an able address on "The Value of a Pay-Roll." The time has come, he said, for cities of the Willamette Valley to assess factories.

Charles Grimes, of McMinnville, handled the subject "City Improvement and Who Gets the Bargain." He pleaded for aesthetic development, for beautifying the cities and towns of Oregon.

An informal reception was tendered visiting delegates at the close of the meeting, the Alco Club being host.

Plenty of Names on Petitions.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—"We will have a great many more than the required number of names to our petition asking the Legislature to levy taxes on the gross earnings of various corporations," says William G. Gerdthwaite, Mr. Gerdthwaite is president of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce.

The laws that are being petitioned for ask that a tax of 2 per cent in one case and 3 per cent in the other be levied on the gross earnings of telegraph, telephone and express companies and sleepers, and on the gross earnings of all companies. These petitions are being circulated in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, Linn, Lane, Benton, Marion, Polk, Coos, Sherman, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties.

Davis Case Is Dragging.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The case of the State of Oregon vs. Davis dragged today. All the witnesses who testified yesterday were recalled and the testimony revealed nothing new or startling in the case. Sheriff Taylor occupied the stand for two hours this afternoon, during which he was given a rigid examination. By his own testimony it was shown that the books of the Sheriff's office had not been regularly inspected, and that the records have been left to the responsibility of ex-Sheriff Davis, the defendant.

The trial does not expect to complete taking testimony until Friday and as the defense will present a number of witnesses it is believed that the trial will continue at least ten days.

Troubles of the Mills Family.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The Mills divorce case, which created quite a sensation at the county seat, and subsequent appeal to the Supreme Court, promise to have another turning in the local circuit court. When the case was first tried Judge J. H. Williams granted a divorce to either party. William Mills appealed to the Supreme Court and secured a decree and also the custody of the minor child, who is aged 4 years.

Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Snow went in the home of Lena Mills, in Pine, to secure the child, on an order of the court. The mother refused to turn it over to the officer, and when he took it she said she would not let it go, and today is trying to get into court again to obtain the custody of the girl.

Freshman Banner Torn Down.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Members of the freshman class went to the campus early this morning and flew their flag from the top of Deady Hall. They lacked organization, however, and failed to guard their flag from the hands of the sophomores, when a band of eager sophomores tore the flag down shortly before 9 o'clock.

The first time the freshmen and sophomores have actually clashed since the college year began. General sentiment is against class rushes, however, and the episode owes its occurrence more to a few reckless spirits than to a concerted action by the class of '06.

New Zealand for an Example.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Spencer Clapham, a traveler, lecturer and journalist from New Zealand, addressed the student-body at assembly this morning at the University. Mr. Clapham's address concerned the historical, physical and social features of New Zealand.

Just before closing the speaker laid particular stress on the friendship and interest which the people of New Zealand take in America, and pointed out that America is required to undergo the same social revolution which the New Zealanders experienced during the period extending from 1850 to 1860, when the island took on a social form of government.

Shoots Tramp at the Dailies.

THE DAILIES, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—City Marshal Wood today shot a tramp who, with five companions, had broken into an O. R. N. boxcar. The well-bred freight had no sooner pulled into the depot than the tramps were making for the boxcars. O. R. N. Detective Fitzgerald and City Marshal Wood, who were lying in wait, called upon them to surrender. The tramps refused and one shot, wounding one in the neck, but not fatally. One other was captured and four escaped. In the melee Detective Fitzgerald was struck on the head with an iron pin and dazed for a few minutes.

Wants Divorce and Land.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Amy B. Oakes, who was married to F. P. Oakes at Baker City in 1889, today brought suit for divorce in the Clackamas County Circuit Court. She asks the court to declare the defendant from asserting any right to certain real estate, and to award her claims to be sole owner, in Bourne, Union County.

Death Claim Is Settled.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—County Judge Ryan has authorized the acceptance of \$50 by the estate of the late John Goebel from the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, in full settlement of the claim of the estate, Goebel, who was the sole support of his aged father, was struck by a falling rock while working for the company at Cascade last month.

Heavy Snowfall at Klamath.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—This is the severest winter Klamath County has experienced in several years. The snow now lies two feet deep in this city. The snow in the mountains is from six to eight feet, and in places in the county it reaches the depth of ten and twelve feet and is still falling. It has snowed almost every day this winter. The snow has delayed traffic into and out of the county.

TOTAL IS DOUBLED

Values in Oregon Taxable Property Grow Very Fast.

BIG JUMP LAST YEAR

Schedule Shows the Most Marked Advances in Tillable Land, Town Lots, Merchandise and Money in Bank.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The total increase in the value of taxable property in Oregon has increased from \$11,000,000 to \$20,000,000 in the last five years, or an increase of over 80 per cent. The greater part of this increase occurred within the past year, when an effort was made in several counties to bring assessments a little more nearly up to actual market values. As every one knows, the assessed valuation is still far short of actual values in several counties, and probably in all of them.

The greatest gain has been in the assessed value of city lots, which show a gain of \$5,000,000 upon a valuation of \$20,000,000 five years ago. Tillable lands show an increase of \$1,000,000; non-tillable lands, \$2,000,000; improvements on deeded lands, \$3,000,000; improvements on town and city lots, \$2,000,000; railroad bed, \$5,000,000; merchandise, \$1,000,000, and money, notes and bonds, \$1,000,000.

UNITED STATES MINISTER TO SANTO DOMINGO.

Thomas C. Dawson.

Mr. Dawson is United States Minister to Santo Domingo, and as such is charged with the difficult task of keeping order among the turbulent politicians of the black republic.

and accounts, \$1,000,000. The remainder of the gain is made up by small advances on various classes of property. The value of each class is as follows:

	1901.	1906.
Tillable lands, \$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000
Non-tillable lands, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Improvements on deeded lands, \$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$5,000,000
Improvements on town and city lots, \$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Railroad bed, \$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Merchandise, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Money, notes and bonds, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Household furniture, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Personal property, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Stock in trade, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Real estate, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Manufactures, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Transportation, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Communication, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Public utilities, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Professional, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Other, \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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must proclaim these companies dissolved. Any company desiring reinstatement may do so by paying such sum as the Governor may fix, not less than the amount delinquent and not more than double the amount.

For a number of years there was no law forbidding two corporations taking the same name, and hence the records show a number of instances in which the same name appears twice. It is also probable that in some cases a corporation has been dissolved, while another concern with exactly the same name remains in good standing.

This fact must be borne in mind by those who read over the list. If any one wishes to know more definitely what corporation has been dissolved, he can ascertain by referring to the number, no two corporations having the same number. Any inquiries addressed to the Governor or the Secretary of State concerning these companies should give the number as well as the name of the company concerning which information is desired.

Street-Car Line for Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Forest Grove will soon have an electric street-car line connecting the depot with the business part of town as soon as it can be built. The last dollar of capital stock was subscribed yesterday and the articles of incorporation prepared and forwarded to Salem for filing. The entire amount required for building was subscribed by local people, so it will be distinctly a home enterprise.

JURY IN WARM ARGUMENT

EIGHT WOULD ACQUIT DORA JENNINGS OF MURDER.

At Nine o'clock in the Morning They Begin Deliberations and Talk Is Fast and Furious.

BY W. G. MACRAE.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 24.—(Staff Correspondence.)—Since 9 o'clock this morning the 12 men who heard the evidence in the trial of Dora Jennings, on trial for the murder of her father, Norman Jennings, have been struggling to reach a verdict.

When court convened this morning, Judge Hanna delivered his instructions, which were considered by the state and the defendant's attorneys as being extremely fair and impartial. Then the jury began its deliberations and save for the short time consumed at the noonday for a hasty meal, these men have been trying to reach a verdict, and up to a late hour have failed to agree.

That some of the jurors failed to be convinced by the brilliant arguments made by District Attorney Roames was quickly apparent for some jurors had the jury retired to their room than a heated discussion of the evidence could be heard emitting from the room in which they had retired. The debate among the jurors was at times furious, and so loud did some of them talk that they could be plainly heard on the street. There were times when it seemed as if every member of the jury took part in the discussion and when the stormy talk was heard by those who had followed the trial from the beginning, it was evident that a disagreement would follow.

Late this afternoon, and while the jurors were trying to reach a conclusion, Attorney Norton presented his argument for an appeal and arrest of judgment in behalf of Jasper Jennings. Attorney Norton was answered by Mr. Roames and Judge Hanna, after which the attorneys had to say, "I have nothing more to say."

It is now expected that the jury will render a decision tomorrow and everything indicates that he will not sustain the appeal. If this should be the case Jasper will be sentenced tomorrow.

At a late hour this evening the jury is still at loggerheads. Eight are for acquittal and four are for conviction and unless these four can be won over, it will result in a hung jury. This will mean that Dora Jennings' case will not come up again until the Fall term of court.

PIONEER IN MISSIONARY WORK

Mrs. Persis W. Chandler Lived to a Great Age.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Persis W. Chandler, widow of a pioneer missionary and educator of Oregon, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Chandler, in Grants Pass, at the age of 92.

Her husband, Rev. J. H. Chandler, was born in England, and was married to Rev. W. Chandler and moved to Indiana, where he remained until 1840, when he joined the Western migration to Oregon. He remained in Oregon until 1852, when he came to Forest Grove as pastor of the Baptist Church, but after two years of the climate, he was stricken with paralysis and remained practically helpless until his death in 1853.

Mrs. Chandler always retained her home here. She leaves three daughters and two sons, viz: Mrs. J. H. Chandler, of Grants Pass; Mrs. J. C. Clark and Mrs. W. R. Hill, of Berkeley, Cal.; Dr. E. K. Chandler, of Ottawa, Kan.; and A. C. Chandler, Newport, Or.

Hiram Chadbourn Shores.

CHEHALIS, Jan. 24.—Hiram Chadbourn Shores, one of the pioneers of Lewis County, died at his home at Newaukum, January 17. He was born at Littlefield, the Littlefield Academy, and was chosen a member of the class of 1850. He was a member of the class of 1850, and was a member of the class of 1850. He was a member of the class of 1850, and was a member of the class of 1850.

Mrs. Mary Neely.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Neely, of Spokane, Wash., died tonight at the hospital, aged 82 years. She leaves five sons and three daughters. She crossed the plains in 1870, and was a member of the class of 1870. She was a member of the class of 1870, and was a member of the class of 1870.

DISMISSING CORPORATIONS.

Explanation of Some Features of the Governor's Proclamation.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain today sent out for publication his proclamation dissolving some 800 corporations that have not complied with the corporation tax law of 1902. To those not familiar with the provisions of the law, the proclamation may be misleading.

Prior to 1905, there was no law for the involuntary dissolution of corporations, and the result was that in the course of time a large number of concerns had gone out of business and ceased to exist for all practical purposes, but they had given the Secretary of State no notice of their dissolution, and they remained upon the records. In order to clear the records, the Legislature of 1905 passed an act making it the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish the Governor a list of all corporations that have failed to comply with the corporation tax law for two years, which list must be furnished at the end of the year.

In January of each year the Governor

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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BODY MAKES RATES

Insurance Companies Charged With Violation of Law.

LICENSES ARE IN DANGER

Agreement of the Eighty Representatives in Washington Is Alleged to Be a Voluntary One, and to Be Legal.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Charged with violating the anti-compact law of this state, passed in 1897, by their participation in the formation of the Washington Insurance Association for the control of fire-insurance rates in Washington, the Elma Insurance Company, the Norwich Fire Insurance Society and the Royal Insurance Company are now on trial in the insurance department of the office of the Secretary of State.

That the Washington Insurance Association is a rate-making body, composed of representatives of over 80 companies doing business in this state, was conclusively shown and was readily admitted by the association officers. It is apparent, however, that the association relies on the assertion that the rates so fixed are not binding upon the company, and that there

is no signed agreement placing a penalty for violating the schedule.